

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014

SAT 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00st6q)

FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter

Episode 5

Juliet Stevenson reads F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and unsought love affair. Today the newlyweds return to Dedmayne but the path of true love does not run smooth.

The Reader is Juliet Stevenson

Abridger Sally Marmion

Producer Di Speirs

FM Mayor's masterful novel, The Rector's Daughter, is a rare thing - a novel with a deceptively small canvas, set in the backwaters of a dull East Anglia a century ago, but still as fresh as ever. Much loved by those who have discovered it, it now comes to Radio 4 as one of the Open Book listeners' Neglected Classics.

At the heart of the novel lie the fortunes of Mary Jocelyn, a dutiful and devoted daughter content to live out her destiny under the leaden East Anglian skies she loves, to find solace in a robin's song and in the rare moments of warmth from her aged and formidable father. But on losing the one soul who really loved and needed her, Mary finds herself unbearably lonely, and for the first time open to new horizons.

With deft precision, FM Mayor captures the emotions stirring in Mary's heart and the pain of thwarted middle aged desire.

With her unerring eye, she reveals both the bitterness and strengths of a happy marriage. The Rector's Daughter is acerbic and poignant and much deserves its loyal fans and its place within Radio 4's Neglected Classics season.

SAT 00:15 Sport and the British (b01bm2s)

Exporting Football

Clare Balding charts how Britain spread the passion for football around the world. She particularly looks at South America where the game is central to their way of life. The FIFA World Cup has been staged 19 times and on 9 of those occasions, it has been won by either Brazil, Argentina or Uruguay.

Professor Tony Mason from De Montfort University explains that unlike cricket and rugby which was spread by soldiers, civil servants and settlers in British colonies, football took a different route. It was taken around the world by those who had made Britain the greatest trading nation in the world, by managers, engineers and teachers.

Readers, Nyasha Hatendi, Sean Baker and Jane Lawrence

Producer: Garth Brameld.

SAT 00:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007q9p)

Episode 10

As he and Blackie help her recovery, Richardson must face up to what love for Lydia really means. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith.

SAT 00:45 Book of the Week (b00lxjn)

Martin Stannard - Muriel Spark: The Biography

Episode 5

Hannah Gordon reads from Martin Stannard's biography of the acclaimed Scottish novelist, written with full access to her letters and papers.

Despite finding companionable happiness in Italy, the vexations of Spark's family life continued to intrude long into her old age. Abridged by Rosemary Goring.

SAT 01:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00kj9yv)

Series 2

Episode 4

John Lloyd invites Oliver James, John Hodgman and Charlotte Uhlenbroek to submit exhibits. With Sean Lock. From May 2009.

SAT 01:30 How Tickled Am I? (b007jp9)

Series 1

Jimmy James

Mark Radcliffe profiles the comedians' comedian, Jimmy James - a teetotaler revered for his stage act of playing a drunk. But his one vice as a love of gambling...

Last of a six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.

Producer: Bernadette McConnell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 02:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jl8w)

The Smithfield Murders

5. A Passion for Hunting Something

With big business involved, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield finds herself trapped with hired killers underneath Smithfield meat market...

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Stephen Temple Gavin Muir

Alex Wild Deborah Berlin

Joey Jones Don McCorkindale

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Sally Jane Whittenshaw

Rachel Jones Jilly Bond

Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead

Henry Sinclair John Turner

Johnson Jonathan Keeble

Gordon Richards David Timson

Voice 1 David Collings

Voice 2 John Hartley

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 02:30 Stone Age Sound (b007635r)

Can sound solve the mysteries of the 5000-year-old Neolithic grave at Newgrange in Ireland? With Joanna Pincock. From July 2001.

SAT 03:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss

Marjoribanks (b00615I)

3. Lucilla's Luck

Mrs Mortimer is surrounded by a mystery which Lucilla can't unravel. Archdeacon Beverley seems to be involved but who else? Lucilla is determined to give advice, but Mr Cavendish may not want to hear it...

Starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher

Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon

Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield

Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud

Colonel Chiley Garard Green

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor

Mrs Mortimer Kate Binchy

Edward David Holt

Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield

Mr Lake Eric Allan

Rosie Lake Joanna Myers

Mr Woodburn Christopher Scott

Archdeacon Beverley Paul Daneman

Tom Marjoribanks Nicholas Murchie

General Travers John Webb

Music by Malcolm McKee.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 04:00 Mr Ossie's Rolled-Gold Fish and Chip Shop (b00bwjq)

Behind the counter at Mr Ossie's fish and chip shop was a glass display case full of gold-capped fountain pens. Desperate to see an Everton football match, a boy turns to him for help...

Written by Vincent McInerney.

Read by Richard Tate.

Producer: Michael Earley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SAT 04:15 The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k2s0q)

Series 1

Tears of the Giraffe

Precious Ramotswe gets a surprise, while her case of the missing American has yet to be solved. Stars Claire Benedict.

SAT 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00nwhs4)

Series 1

Pregnancy

A pregnancy scare sparks Bartholomew family chaos. Who is expecting and where will the baby sleep? Stars Duncan Preston. From August 2003.

SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dz7yc)

Series 4

Episode 2

A poetry competition sounds like an easy event to organise...until you take into account the egos of the poets involved...

When Rosie sets out to organise a poetry competition, it's hard to tell fact from fiction.

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

Morgan Dean Lorelei King

Geoff Stabb Bill Wallis

Amateur Poets Bruce Alexander

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

SAT 06:00 Eve Brook - The Secret Parts (b007k22b)

Discovering a colleague dead, councillor Helena Kerr soon suspects who the killer is. Witty murder mystery starring Celia Imrie.

SAT 07:30 The House I Grew Up In (b007wwtj)

Series 1

Jackie Kay

Recalling a childhood in Glasgow which inspired her to write, the poet takes Wendy Robbins to meet her mum and dad. From August 2007.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b0499kgt)

The Anniversary Anniversary

4 Extra Debut. Dominic Sandbrook ponders the compelling appeal of anniversaries. How often is our attention enticed by them? From October 2009.

SAT 09:00 Not The World Cup in Brazil (b0499kgw)

The media is full of stories about Premiership footballers, the highest earners who command attention on and off the field. But for most players and fans, football isn't about glamour. It's the stuff of everyday life.

Like the supporter who has seen his team play every match,

home and away for 40 years and the 75 year old who loves the game so much he still ventures out in all weathers three times a week just to score a goal. These people are the beating heart and soul of football, the men and women who are often forgotten as the media keeps its focus on the top players and clubs.

The 6 Music DJ Steve Lamacq co-presents the programme. As a lifelong Colchester United supporter he knows only too well the hardships football can bring, a cycle that regularly breaks the hearts of its loyal band of fans. Inexpert analysis comes from the comedian and football sceptic Robin Ince. Can Steve persuade Robin that football should become part of his life? The programme features the best from the BBC archives, including John Motson. He takes a vry look at Ample Arthur Cartwright, a player whose career was blighted by a love of palaeontology while The Likely Lads Bob and Terry spend a desperate day trying to avoid hearing the result of a game until the highlights are shown on TV later in the evening.

We follow the fortunes of a parks team, hear from the woman who regularly turned out for all male sides and travel to Robben Island in South Africa to meet the men who used football as a way of fighting apartheid.

Not The World Cup In Brazil, which was made in 2014, is a millionaire player and club owner free zone and hears from the ordinary people who believe football is a sport not a balance sheet.

SAT 12:00 Armistead Maupin - Tales of the City (Omnibus) (b0499kgy)

Further Tales of the City

Landlady Anna Madrigal's tenants must negotiate love, work and fun in a new era - the 80s. Stars Laurel Lefkowitz and Kate Harper. From July 2014.

SAT 13:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b0499kh0)

Nicola Horlick

Nicola Horlick, the financier dubbed 'superwoman' talks about coping with family illness. With Dr Anthony Clare. From 1998. Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with prominent people from different walks of life.

Born in Dublin, author Anthony held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle. In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred to TV. Series highlights include conversations with Bob Monkhouse, Cecil Parkinson and Gerry Adams.

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.

SAT 14:00 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)

III Met by Goonlight

Neddie Seagoon is sent to capture the German general who commands the island of Crete. Stars Spike Milligan. From March 1957.

SAT 14:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jzky)

Brian Allington

The common image of the breed of actors as selfish, chameleonic and unreliable is almost always quite unjustified. After all, to be realistic, what sort of professional future could someone like that possibly expect to have?

The doyen of British show business, J Kingston Platt shares reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.

Performed and written by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1986.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b0499kgt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Eve Brook - The Secret Parts (b007k22b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 A Bit of Fry and Laurie (b048vwpq)

Episode 2

A crazy shopping spree, and eating Greek in Stevenage.

On their journey to international stardom, Cambridge Footlights graduates Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie wrote and starred together in a pilot followed by four acclaimed TV series of 'A Bit of Fry & Laurie' from 1989 to 1995.

Stephen Fry introduces the second of two audio collections of choice comedy morsels culled from the BBC TV soundtracks. Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.

SAT 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Kaleidoscope (b049915n)

The crew aboard shape ship 'Venturer' blast off from Cape Canaveral, but disaster awaits them in deep space along with some hard decisions...

Ray Bradbury's own adaptation of his short story from 'The Illustrated Man'.

Hollis Tom Watson

Applegate Finaly Welsh

Stone Rebecca Hawking

Stimson John Yule

Lespere Stuart McQuarrie

Barklay Neil Shackleton

Woode John Adam Baker

Houston Control Lynn Baines

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

SAT 18:45 HG Wells (b01mmrhh)

The First Men in the Moon

Episode 5

Intrepid explorers Bedford and Cavor's first mission to the moon comes to a surprising and unexpected conclusion. First published in 1901, HG Wells' novel abridged by Neville Teller.

Concluded by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Producer: David Roper

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

SAT 19:00 Not The World Cup in Brazil (b0499kgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Mark Steel Solution (b007k1j1)

Series 3

Immigration

The radical comedian proposes deportation for everyone born in England. From August 1995.

SAT 22:30 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0081cbz)

Science and Progress

Humans like to think that even if evolution has dealt them a neat hand, they have made their own luck through their mastery of science and technology.

But many things, including penicillin and the light bulb, have been discovered accidentally.

A spoof exploration of the fascinating subject of human evolution.

Starring Chris Addison.

With Professor Austin Herring (aka Geoffrey McGovern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Written by Chris Addison and Carl Cooper.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04c3148)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Arthur Smith chats to Mark Dolan.

SAT 23:00 The Nick Revell Show (b00cq58b)

Series 2

Health and Fitness

When his geraniums laugh at his puny physique, the writer overdoes his new fitness regime.

A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.

With:

Alistair McGowan

Doon MacKichan

Brian Bowles

Charles McKeown

Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993

SAT 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jq14)

Series 2

The Jousting Mastersons

The 15th century Masterson family struggles to survive in an overcrowded castle.

The award-winning improvised historical family saga based entirely on audience suggestions.

Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Jim Sweeney, Lee Simpson, Phelim McDermott and Caroline Quentin.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b0499kgt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Armistead Maupin - Tales of the City (Omnibus) (b0499kgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b0499kh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Eve Brook - The Secret Parts (b007k22b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 A Bit of Fry and Laurie (b048vwqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia Omnibus (b007qpx9)

Episode 2

After the death of his friend, Richardson cuts himself off from the group and their familiar surroundings. But while out walking one day he comes across a figure he recognises.

Stars Tim Pigott-Smith as Older Richardson, Jordan Frieda as Richardson, Juliet Aubrey as Lydia, Jamie Bamber as Tom. Clare Corbett as Nancy and Tom Mannion as McKechnie.

HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel (published in 1952) dramatised by Vivienne Allen.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SUN 07:15 A Week at the Pitt Rivers (b0499mvm)

The Novelist

The Novelist: PD James wrote of a Fijian whale tooth necklace in 'The Children of Men'. She learns more about it at the Oxford museum. From April 1999.

SUN 07:30 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)

Series 6

The Crush

Clare decides to focus on her son, sparking a chance meeting at Toddler Tunes that could change the course of her life.

Meanwhile, Brian's admiration for Nali grows when she visits his school and tames Year 9. All this plus Clare and Libby both interview for the Team Leader post.

Clare Barker is the self-absorbed social worker who has the right jargon for every problem she comes across, though never a practical solution. But there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Ray Richard Lumdsden

Helen Liza Tarbuck

Megan Nina Conti

Libby Jess Robinson

Clerk Alex Tregear

Howard Paterson Joseph

Other parts played by the cast.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.

SUN 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (b00wfv23)

From 01/07/1960

Kenneth Horne meets the BBC's chief programme planner and The Archers, American-style. With Kenneth Williams. From July 1960.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b0499n3t)

Office Secrets

David Bliss gets entangled in the secretive love life of his secretary.

George Cole stars in Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor, David Alexander Bliss.

David Bliss George Cole

Ann Diana Churchill

Tony Colin Gordon

Psyche the Dog ... Percy Edwards

Jennifer Eleanor Summerfield

Mr Hood Barry K. Barnes

Donald Hood Desmond Carrington

Six series of 118 episodes of A Life of Bliss ran on the BBC Home Service from 1953. It moved to BBC TV for a run of six episodes in 1969.

Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement George Cole went to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.

SUN 09:00 Mary Wesley - Haphazard House (b0499ph0)

Episode 2

The Fullers and friends move into their new abode and soon find it a source of joy and ominous mystery. Stars James Nickerson.

SUN 09:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00cncdx)

Series 1

Method Acting

In the second of three programmes in which Lenny Henry challenges the iconic status of things we often take as read, Lenny Henry goes to New York to question the mystique that surrounds the 'Method' school of acting.

In New York, on still only part-gentrified West 44th Street, stands an old converted redbrick chapel. Just a small plaque indicates that this is the inner sanctum, the private home of The Method. It's the legendary Actors' Studio, the space created in 1947 by Lee Strasberg and others to provide a safe place for some of the world's greatest actors - often the biggest Hollywood stars of their generation - to come and practise their art. Here came Marlon Brando, James Dean, Dustin Hoffman, Lee J Cobb, Jane Fonda, Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, Rod Steiger, Cissy Spacek, Robert de Niro, Shelley Winters and dozens of others and here they listened and rehearsed and criticised and supported their fellow actors and directors. They were all devotees of The Method, a training discipline evolved by Strasberg from the teachings of the great Russian actor and teacher Stanislavski. For many, though, The Method has come to signify 'mumbling and scratching', a sort of slightly inarticulate style of performance that in seeking to be internalised and 'real' ends up just being dull. British actors reputedly despised it and Laurence Olivier is famously said to have told Dustin Hoffman to stop trying to find an interior motivation in his character 'and just ACT, dear boy!'

Seeking enlightenment from stars like Ellen Burstyn and experts and aficionados, Lenny tests his reservations about The Method and finds that when he actually has a go it's not quite so unconvincing as he at first thought...

PRODUCER: SIMON ELMES

(repeat).

SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b0499pwg)

TV-AM

4 Extra Debut. Sue MacGregor reunites some of the men from ITV's first breakfast service. With Peter Jay, Nick Owen and Greg Dyke. From September 2006.

SUN 10:45 Afternoon Reading (b00s0cxw)

Helen Simpson - In-Flight Entertainment

In-Flight Entertainment

Three short stories taken from Helen Simpson's new collection,

In-Flight Entertainment.

Alan, on a transatlantic flight, is delighted by an unusual upgrade to a first class seat, but is to find his journey disturbed by portents of doom.

Reader: David Shaw-Parker.

Abridged and Produced by Joanna Green.

This is a Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 11:00 This American Life (b0499wl6)

Where Words Fail

One reason we tell stories is to explain things to ourselves that cannot, in the end, always be explained. When someone we're close to dies, we struggle for a way to get our minds around the fact of their absence. And often-the stories we invent aren't quite up to the job. In this week's show, people struggle to invent words adequate to cope with death. US public radio show from 1999.

Weaving interviews, stories, and music, This American Life takes us on an intense weekly journey into the lives of ordinary and extraordinary people and situations.

One of the great speech radio successes of recent years from Ira Glass and his team at Chicago Public Media.

SUN 12:00 HE Bates - Love for Lydia Omnibus (b007qpx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 A Week at the Pitt Rivers (b0499mvm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Jerome K. Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b007k2b8)

J. Harris and George holiday on the Thames. Stars Kenneth Horne, Leslie Phillips and Hubert Gregg. 1962 musical adaptation.

SUN 15:00 Beyond Our Ken (b00wfv23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 A Life of Bliss (b0499n3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b0499wv9)

Mel presents a veritable Smorgasbord of highlights, including a trip inside the Hoover Dam, the piano playing elephant and a champion sheepdog handler.

SUN 17:00 Mary Wesley - Haphazard House (b0499ph0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00cncdx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Ghost Zone (b007k31r)

Episode 1

As Jill Logan telephones her ex-husband Dan at the Highland village of Inchbrae, she hears a devastating explosion behind his anguished voice...

In this sci-fi thriller - specially-written for the BBC by Marty Ross - an alien archaeologist takes over a Scottish village and examines the past lives of its inhabitants by 'unpeeling' layers of time.

Stars Simon Tait as Dan Collins, Gayanne Potter as Jill Logan, Joanna Tope as Dr Beth Granger, Sandy Neilson as Captain Cairns, Lesley Hart as Heather Logan, Stevie Hannan as Soldier/Pilot/Jamie and John Paul Hurley as the Technician.

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2004.

SUN 18:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0wz)

3. Vampires

Tortured by memories, Robert Neville, Earth's last living man, steps up his fight against the vampires.

Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.

Read by Angus McInnes.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.

SUN 19:00 This American Life (b0499wl6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Beyond Our Ken (b00wfv23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 A Life of Bliss (b0499n3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b0499pwg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Afternoon Reading (b00s0cxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007xvrp)

Series 1

Episode 3

Tom gets a job as an international courier and has to deliver a package to a contact in Spain.

However, after his "imaginary" band spark mayhem on the plane, Tom and Sadie find themselves caught up in a world of death and deception.

Still, if a good song won't cheer them all up, nothing will.

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggs Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Mika Simmons Sadie

Phil Cornwell Bouche

Michael Roberts Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty DeVere
 Emma Clarke Air Stewardess
 Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs
 Director: ChrisNeill
 Producers: Torquill MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04c3153)
 For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Arthur Smith chats to Mark Dolan.
SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b011tzmn)
 Series 2
 The Incomplete Quad, The Squirrel and the Chipmunk
 The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a second series of audience readings. This week a memoir of one nefarious summer while studying at college: "The Incomplete Quad" and a modern take on the anthropomorphic fable in: "The Squirrel & The Chipmunk".
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k2ww)
 Series 2: The Big Booth Too
 Episode 1
 Boothby Graffoe returns with a series of guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs.
 From the Peasance Cabaret Bar at the Edinburgh Festival.
 With Stephen Frost, Kevin Eldon, Big Al, Vivienne Soan and Antonio Forcione.
 Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.
 Producer: Julia McKenzie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

MONDAY 14 JULY 2014

MON 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007k31r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
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MON 05:00 Mary Wesley - Haphazard House (b0499ph0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00cendx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jq4)
 1. The Arrival
 Mountfern is a quiet Irish village until the arrival of an ambitious American called Patrick O'Neill.
 Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill
 Novel by Maeve Binchy, dramatised in six episodes by Jane Cassidy
 Kate Ryan Anna Healy
 John Ryan Lorcan Cranitch
 Fergus Dan Gordon
 Kerry O'Neill Luke Griffin
 Grace O'Neill Melissa Smith
 Dr White Denys Hawthorne
 Marion Stella McCusker
 Mrs White: Helen Norton
 Judy Farrell Fleming
 Shelia Marie Jones
 Jack Coyne Ray McBride
 Mr Murphy Maurice Cehoe
 Matt Foley Fergal McElherron
 Mrs Doyle Brenda Winter
 Dara Audrey Dempsey
 Michael Brendan Lennon
 Eddie Ken Farmer
 Declan Paul Fitzpatrick
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Music Composed by Jane Cassidy.
 Music performed by Rod McVey (piano) and Kate O'Brien (violin)
 Director: Pam Brighton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.
MON 06:30 The Man Who Made Mock Turtle Soup (b0076pxb)
 Alexis Soyer was Britain's first celebrity chef, 150 years before Jamie Oliver.
 He opened England first public restaurant, wrote bestselling cookery books and created relishes that his friends, Msrs Crosse and Blackwell, marketed. He invented the soup kitchen as a means of alleviating the Irish Potato Famine and revolutionised army catering.
 Michel Roux tries out one of Alexis Soyer's most famous recipes while Ruth Brandon, Martin Jarvis and AN Wilson tell his remarkable story.

Producer: Bill Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.
MON 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007nchq)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Sly barmaid Tamsyn Trelawny and her band of smugglers battle to try and outwit local customs officer, Captain Marriott.
 18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.
 Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriott, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Julia Deakin as Edna, Mark Felgate as Dewey and Phil Nice as Roy.
 Producer: Jan Ravens.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b048jmyh)
 Series 61
 Episode 2
 The 61st series of Radio 4's multi award-winning antidote to panel games promises more homespun wireless entertainment for the young at heart. This week the programme pays a return visit to the Theatre Royal in Norwich. Regulars Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor are once again joined on the panel by Susan Calman with Jack Dee in the chair. At the piano - Colin Sell.
 Producer - Jon Naismith.
MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jztn)
 The TV Spectacular - A Contradiction in Terms
 The veteran of many parts recounts the woeful tale of a 'Gala Night in Venice'.
 It's a story that will confirm the truth of a lot of what you'd always suspected, and the place in showbiz history of the liver sausage sandwich.
 The doyen of British show business, J Kingston Platt shares reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.
 Performed and written by Peter Jones.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1986.
MON 08:30 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)
 Avoiding Redundancy
 Pertwee is aghast to discover an oversight may end his naval career aboard HMS Troutbridge.
 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
 Mrs Povey Heather Chasen
 LS Goldstein Tenniel Evans
 The Padre Michael Bates
 AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
 Written by Lawrie Wyman.
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1968.
MON 09:00 The Personality Test (b00kmfn)
 Series 1
 John Sergeant
 Former BBC and ITN chief political correspondent John Sergeant quizzes a panel about himself.
 Sue Perkins, Alan Carr and Lucy Porter battle with queries based on John's life, whims and interests
 Series in which a fresh host every episode quizzes a comedy panel about themselves.
 Script by Richard Turner
 Devised & produced by Aled Evans.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
MON 09:30 Boyle's Law (b00n12rr)
 Pilot for a new comedy by Suk Pannu about tough-talking cop Inspector Vincent Boyle, head of data storage. Banned from doing any actual detecting nowadays, he saves his 'catlike' instincts for reading difficult situations among workmates and acting as a father figure to the community support officers.
 Boyle Sanjeev Bhaskar
 Fox Anna Chancellor
 Adams Meredith MacNeill
 Commander Norris Nicholas Farrell
 Shankar Nitin Ganatra
 Waitres Kate Layden.
MON 10:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b0074dw)
 4. The Battle Lost and Won
 Ten years have passed and Lucilla worries that she might have "gone off".
 When the MP for Carlingford dies, it seems that the two contenders, Mr Ashburton and Mr Cavendish are not of that opinion.
 Conclusion of Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.
 Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher
 Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon
 Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs
 Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel
 Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield

Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud
 Colonel Chiley Garard Green
 Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel
 Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor
 Edward David Holt
 Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield
 Mr Holden Eric Allan
 Rosie Lake Joanna Myers
 Mr Ashburton Christopher Scott
 Tom Marjoribanks Nicholas Murchie
 Mr Black John Webb
 Maria Brown Melanie Hudson
 Mr Centum Peter Penry-Jones
 Lady Richmond Jill Graham
 Nancy Joanna Wake
 Mr Bury John Fleming
 Major Brown Jonathan Adams
 Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.
 Music by Malcolm McKee.
 Producer: Sue Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
MON 11:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0170czj)
 The Gifts of War
 Two worlds collide over a mother's birthday present for her son. Written in 1970 and read by Julia Ford and Kirsty Oswald.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b0495dt5)
 Clive Anderson, Nick Broomfield, Viv Groskop, Charles Hazelwood, James Henage, Emma Freud, Ibibio Sound Machine, Sam Brookes
 Clive's tuning up with conductor Charles Hazlewood, who talks about his forthcoming production (with Kneehigh Theatre) of Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood) with members of the Philharmonia Orchestra. This spectacular fully staged opera, with a cast of hundreds will be followed by a summer party.
 Clive heckles journalist and broadcaster Viv Groskop who always wanted to be a stand-up comedian. So when she was fed up, recession-scarred and pushing forty, Viv attempted 100 comedy gigs in 100 consecutive nights, from Atlanta, USA, to a biker bar in Truro. The hilarious result is her book I Laughed, I Cried: How One Woman Took on Stand-Up and (Almost) Ruined Her Life'.
 Emma Freud talks to His Big White Self, filmmaker Nick Broomfield, who has been making iconoclastic, award-winning documentaries since the mid-1970s. His previous work includes 'Kurt & Courtney' and 'The Leader, His Driver and the Driver's Wife'. His new film, 'Tales of the Grim Sleeper' examines the apartheid and class system in the US.
 Clive's embroiled in The Battle For Byzantium with former bookshop boss and author James Henage. 'The Towers of Samarcand' is a powerful historical novel full of lively characters and enthralling scenes of battle, wealth, beliefs and trade in a part of the world torn by the clash of empires.
 Music from Ibibio Sound Machine who perform 'I'm Running (Nya Fehe)' from their self-titled album and from Sam Brookes, who performs 'This Is The Place' from his album 'Kairos'.
 Producer: Sukey Firth.
MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jztn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jq4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Man Who Made Mock Turtle Soup (b0076pxb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1q6)
 FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter
 Episode 6
 Juliet Stevenson reads F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and unsought love affair. Today, an uncontrolled moment of passion. After an increasingly unhappy time at home, Kathy abandons Robert for the Riviera, leaving him to ponder their marriage - and dream of what might have been with Mary.
 The Reader is Juliet Stevenson
 Abridger Sally Marmion
 Producer Di Speirs
 F M Mayor's masterful novel, The Rector's Daughter, is a rare thing - a novel with a deceptively small canvas, set in the backwaters of a dull East Anglia a century ago, but still as fresh as ever. Much loved by those who have discovered it, it now comes to Radio 4 as one of the Open Book listeners' Neglected Classics.
MON 14:15 Sport and the British (b01bwfyd)
 Rugby's Great Split
 As Clare Balding continues to explore the unique relationship Britain has had with sport, in today's programme she tells a tale of lies, witch hunts, bigotry and the north/south divide. This isn't the story of a battle-torn country, but of a civil-war within a sport with rugby becoming a symbol of class division and splitting in two.
 From the home of The Wigan Wanderers, Professor Tony Collins of The International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University explains the birth of Rugby League.
 It happened in the late 19th century, a clash between those who

could afford to be gentlemen amateurs and those who couldn't. This story goes to the heart of how important class was and is in Britain, it illustrates that sport is just as capable of dividing people as uniting them.

It also shows that sport isn't just a leisure activity - it's about who you play with and how you play.

Readers, Brian Bowles, Stuart McLoughlin and Sean Baker
Producer : Sara Conkey.

MON 14:30 Winifred Holby - South Riding (b007jndp)
Episode 1

Headmistress Sarah Burton returns to 1930s Yorkshire for a challenging new post.

Winifred Holby's (1898-1935) most famous novel "South Riding" was published posthumously in 1936. It's a rich and memorable evocation of the characters of Yorkshire's South Riding, their lives, loves and sorrows.

Starring Sarah Lancashire as Sarah Burton, Philip Glenister as Robert Carne and Carole Boyd as Mrs Beddows.

With Susan Cookson, Maggie Tagney, Donald McBride, Lucy Beaumont, Annmarie Hosell and Maya Foa.

Dramatised in 15-parts by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n46wt)

Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years

The Holy Grail

The Monty Python star recalls the making of their first film, 'The Holy Grail'.

Michael Palin reads five scintillating extracts from his diaries - as the success of the influential comedy troupe Monty Python escalates during the 1970s.

Producer: Louise Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

MON 15:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss

Marjoribanks (b00174dw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b049bbnc)

Featuring a fairy story by Hans Christian Andersen. Mel Giedroyc presents.

MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx5j)

Series 2

Rebel Without a Pause

Faith and teenage son Joe fall out, but is Bill the cause or the cure?

Bill and Faith are two middle-aged divorcees, from very different backgrounds, trying to get it together. However, Bill's ex and Faith's two teenage children are doing their utmost to prevent it.

Based on the real-life relationship of writers Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

CAST:

Bill James Bolam

Faith Lynda Bellingham

Liza Belinda Lang

Hilary Celia Imrie

Hannah Kelda Holmes

Joe Mark Denham

Jill Moir Leslie

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

MON 17:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007nchq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 The Personality Test (b00kmfn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b049bbfh)

Lisa Jardine and Dr Peter Jones

Tom Sutcliffe, Dr Peter Jones and Professor Lisa Jardine discuss Greek epigrams, Joseph Conrad and Michele Roberts. From 1998.

Under Western Eyes by Joseph Conrad

Publisher: OUP

Daughters of the House by Michele Roberts

Publisher: Virago

The Greek Anthology edited by Peter Jay

Publisher: Penguin Classics.

MON 19:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook

(b007jztn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jnq4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Man Who Made Mock Turtle Soup

(b0076pxb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0170czj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b0495dt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b048jmyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Boyle's Law (b00n12rr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b049bblj)

Series 11

Episode 6

An extended satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig, with Jeremy Hardy and guest panellists Andy Hamilton, Hugo Rifkind and Lucy Porter.

MON 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076dcq)

For You the War is Over

Has Sean's hobby of historical re-enactment gone too far? With Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March 2003.

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

TUE 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Sport and the British (b01bwfyd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Winifred Holby - South Riding (b007jndp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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TUE 01:00 The Personality Test (b00kmfn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 A Good Read (b049bbfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b007jnq4)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007nchq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)

2. The Plans

An American, Patrick O'Neill, has arrived in Mountfern - the Irish village that his impoverished grandfather emigrated from many years before.

O'Neill has bought the ruins of Fernscourt, the big house, and plans to rebuild it as a hotel, but how will the locals feel?

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised by Jane Cassidy.

Kate Ryan Anna Healy

John Ryan Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel Susan Slot

Fergus Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill Melissa Smith

Porter John Keegan

Father Minchan John Hewitt

Rev Williams Trevor Moore

Sheila Whelan Marie Jones

Jack Coyne Ray McBride

Mr Murphy Maurice Kehoe

Brian Doyle Conleth Hill

With Audrey Dempsey, Brendan Lennon, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer

Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

TUE 06:30 Chekhov's Death: Fact and Fiction (b0076m1t)

4 Extra Debut. Julian Evans investigates the blend of fact and fiction surrounding writer Anton Chekhov's demise on July 15 1904. From June 2004.

TUE 07:00 Snap (b013fct0)

Series 3

Episode 6

Molly's surprise pregnancy makes Doug to do something neither of them ever expected...

Conclusion of Paul Mendelson's sitcom about a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after divorce.

Starring Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Robin Weaver as Dawn, Jonathan Tafler as Raymond and Richard Firth as Ansel.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

TUE 07:30 Beauty of Britain (b010dq6w)

Series 2

The Little Black Shorts

Beauty starts a romance with the handsome but somewhat immature Leon. She also deals with a relationship at the other end of life's journey when she is sent by her agency to look after a warring elderly couple.

Starring Jocelyn Jee Esien.

Beauty's adventures continue as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for the elderly.

Beauty's Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. She sees Britain at its best and its worst

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty ... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Frank ... Geoffrey Palmer

Joan ... Phyllida Law

Leon ... Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Gupte ... Indira Joshi

Anil ... Paul Sharma

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jpps)

Series 7

The Histories of Pliny the Elder

The Romans hit Britain, but Neddie Seagoon, Eccles and

Bluebottle are off to the Colosseum in Rome! .

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan and Larry Stephens.

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: Pat Dixon

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1957..

TUE 08:30 The Al Read Show (b008zdfh)

Episode 4

Hospitals, the Post Office and noisy neighbours.

A compilation of the legendary Northern comic's 1950s monologues.

Originally produced at BBC North by Ronnie Taylor

Compilation produced by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1998.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b049bblj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076dcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b016kj6w)

Elizabeth Bowen - The Heat of the Day

Episode 1

Adapted by Tristram Powell and Honor Borwick.

Elizabeth Bowen's wartime novel of betrayal adapted from a screenplay by Harold Pinter. Part love story, part spy thriller, in which the beautiful Stella's allegiances are tested.

Stella discovers that her lover, Robert, who works for British Intelligence, is suspected of selling classified information to the enemy. Harrison, the man who has tracked Robert down, wants Stella herself as the price for his silence. Caught between these two men, not sure whom to believe, Stella finds her world crumbling as she learns how little we can truly know of those around us.

First published in 1949, The Heat of the Day was Bowen's most successful novel. In it she draws heavily on her affair with Charles Ritchie, a Canadian diplomat, to whom the book is dedicated. The tortuous nature of their affair is reflected in the doubts and uncertainties of Stella's relationship with Robert. Robert and Stella share the same ages (and age difference) as Bowen and Ritchie.

Bowen's preoccupation with the cracks below the surface and the psychology of hurt and betrayal is echoed in Harold Pinter's work. Pinter's style and Bowen's dialogue find a perfect marriage in this adaptation.

Directed by Tristram Powell

Cast:

Screenwriter Henry Goodman

Harrison Matthew Marsh

Stella Anna Chancellor

Robert Tom Goodman-Hill

Louie/ Anne Teresa Gallagher

Roderick Daniel Weyman

Ernestine Honeysuckle Weeks

Mrs Kelway/ Mrs Tringsby Tina Gray

Cousin Francis/ Blythe Nigel Anthony

Nettie Gemma Jones

Peter Ben Baker

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 11:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0170mty)

A Success Story

A night out leaves a playwright contemplating relationships and success. Written in 1972 and read by Tracy Wiles.

TUE 11:15 Kings (b007jgvc)

True Anointed

Sebastian Baczkiewicz's tales of biblical King David's reign.

King Saul's staff chief seeks a shepherd boy. Stars David

Calder.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jpps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Al Read Show (b008zdfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Chekhov's Death: Fact and Fiction (b0076m1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1q9)

FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter

Episode 7

Juliet Stevenson reads F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and

unsought love affair. Today Mary flees Dedmayne, in turmoil after a single passionate embrace with Mr Herbert. Kathy, meanwhile, has made plans to escape the Herberts' unhappy marriage - but all will not go to plan.
 The Reader is Juliet Stevenson
 Abridger Sally Marmion
 Producer Di Speirs
 F M Mayor's masterful novel, *The Rector's Daughter*, is a rare thing - a novel with a deceptively small canvas, set in the backwaters of a dull East Anglia a century ago, but still as fresh as ever. Much loved by those who have discovered it, it now comes to Radio 4 as one of the Open Book listeners' Neglected Classics.
TUE 14:15 Sport and the British (b01bwmwd)
 Tennis and Golf in Suburbia
 Clare Balding continues to explore the history of sport in Britain and in today's programme visits one of the oldest tennis clubs in the country in Leamington Spa. In Victorian Britain, lawn tennis took off thanks to the growing numbers of a whole new strata of society - the middle class. Living in suburbia with clean air, space and leisure time, tennis and golf became increasingly popular pastimes. There were 250 clubs in the Lawn Tennis Association by 1900 rising to 3000 by the 1930's and 5000 by the 50's. The middle class had grasped hold of a sport that seemed perfectly designed for polite society. It didn't involve getting dirty or even particularly sweaty and the same could be said for golf. Clare also visits Kenilworth Golf Club where Professor Richard Holt of the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University explains that these clubs were as much about social division as they were about inclusion.
 Readers, Nyasha Hatendi and Sean Baker
 Producer: Sara Conkey.
TUE 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnf6)
 Episode 2
 Back home in Yorkshire, new headmistress Sarah Burton has much to tackle at her rundown school. Stars Sarah Lancashire.
TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n4907)
 Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years
 Branching Out
 The actor and travel writer recalls the Monty Python team's success in America, their break-up and the start of his solo projects. From October 2006.
TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b016kj6w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b049dqq8)
 Sir Derek Jacobi reads the funny and clever Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen and we say happy birthday to comedian David Mitchell.
TUE 17:00 Huddwinks (b0092n42)
 Series 1
 Over the Top
 The Smollett family attempt to make a man of their son Compton, a self-employed train spotter.
 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 1986.
TUE 17:30 Snap (b013fct0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:00 Act Your Age (b00g47nm)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From January 2009.
TUE 18:30 Musical Genes (b00h33zj)
 Series 2
 Deana Martin
 Tom Morton meets Deana Martin, daughter of legendary Rat-Pack singer Dean Martin.
 Series searching for the true story behind some of our best loved musicians.
 Producer: Deirdre Waldie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in January 2009.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jpd0s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 The Al Read Show (b008zdfh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dm9k)
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TUE 21:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0170mty)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 21:15 Kings (b007jqvc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b010dq6w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jz1)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 Dr Watson battles Sherlock Holmes at Cluedo, Chambers, Collins and Roget play scrabble, a 2,000 year old mummy goes to the wrong address and a woman has odd dreams.

Starring Olivia Colman, Sally Hawkins, Steven Kynman, Chris Pavlo and Robert Webb.
 Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd, Jon Holmes and Adam Bromley.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04bw4lj)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Diane Morgan chats to comedian and filmmaker, Lee Kern.
TUE 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00nyy8s)
 Series 3
 An Evil Life Sort of Explained
 Pip Bin, Harry Biscuit and Gently Benevolent find themselves trapped in the vast emptiness of space.
 As their doom looks increasingly inevitable, Mr Benevolent finally explains just why it is that he is so very very evil.
 Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.
 Sir Philip Richard Johnson
 Young Pip Bin Tom Allen
 Gently Benevolent Anthony Head
 Lovely Benevolent Jane Asher
 Harry Biscuit James Bachman
 Hardthraher/Sternbeater/Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead
 Miss Christmasham Sarah Hadland
 Miss Sweetly Delightful Raquel Cassidy.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009
TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jmn1)
 Series 1
 Intercity
 The sketch show team takes the audience to Margate and asks 'Whose Pencil Line is it Anyway?'
 Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandayck.
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990
WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014
WED 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1q9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
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WED 05:30 Snap (b013fct0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dzvr)
 3. The Diggers
 A year has passed since O'Neill arrived in the Irish village of Mountfern with plans to build a hotel.
 The ruins of old Ferncourt House have finally been demolished.
 On the day that Patrick's friend Rachel arrives, Kate Ryan wanders into the path of one of the diggers.
 Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill
 Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised by Jane Cassidy.
 Kate Ryan Anna Healy
 John Ryan Lorcan Cranitch
 Rachel Susan Slot
 Fergus Dan Gordon
 Kerry O'Neill Luke Griffin
 Grace O'Neill Melissa Smith
 Dr White Denys Hawthorne
 Mary Donnelly Helen Norton
 Sheila Whelan Marie Jones
 Jack Coyne Ray McBride
 Brian Doyle Conleth Hill
 Nurse Susie Kelly
 Sister Brenda Winter
 Doctor Seamus Fox
 With Audrey, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer, Paul Fitzpatrick
 Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod McVey and Kate O'Brien
 Director: Pam Brighton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.
WED 06:30 Terry Nutkins: In the Ring of Bright Water (b00n5td6)
 Episode 1

Following the sad death of Terry Nutkins, we revisit two documentaries he made about his unusual childhood spent with the author, Gavin Maxwell, in the remote west highlands.
 When Terry Nutkins was 13 he moved from London to the isolated west highlands to live with Maxwell, whose most famous book is 'Ring of Bright Water'. In 2009 - forty years after Maxwell's death - Terry told the remarkable story of his life with this mercurial man and his famous otters, Edal and Teko.
 'Ring of Bright Water' is, arguably, the finest book ever written about a man's relationship with landscape and wildlife.
 Published in 1960, it tells the story of Maxwell's life in the now almost mythical setting of Camusfearna. His poetic observations of otter behaviour and the detailed sketches and photographs in the book helped to change - on a worldwide basis - the reputation of these animals which were widely persecuted at the time.
 Terry Nutkins had a boy's own adventure in a uniquely beautiful landscape. But he also found himself living a peculiar existence, in virtual isolation, with a man who was as charming as he was difficult, and whose depression led to severe mood swings. As Terry said, he had to grow up quickly.
 Producer: Karen Gregor.
WED 07:00 Absolute Power (b007xwmc)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Can Prentiss and McCabe's medicine help the government to sort out the NHS?
 Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire.
 Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the world of government and media relations.
 Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry
 Martin McCabe John Bird
 Sir Archibald Sullivan Tony Gardner
 Sandy Siobhan Hayes
 Clive Tom George
 Maurice David Timson
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
WED 07:30 It's a Fair Cop (b048nk4d)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Alfie Moore spent eighteen years on the Humber police force before turning to stand up comedy. In this, his first series for Radio 4, he swears his audience in and takes them through a real life scenario to see what sort of officers they'd have made. Along the way he tells tales from the coppering front line as well as instructing us on the niceties of British law as it applies to each scenario.
 This is a three-part series, each edition uses a scenario based on a real life case, and each time the audience is asked to decide how they would have acted in the circumstances. The three episodes deal with the right to protest, theft and drink driving.
 Alfie Moore has had two acclaimed Edinburgh shows.
 Writer Alfie Moore
 Script Editor Will Ing
 Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)
 Series 6
 The Impersonator
 When he hears his sound-alike in a TV commercial, the lad heads straight to court.
 Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Peter Goodwright, Ann Lancaster, Jerry Stovin, Jack Watson, Ronald Wilson and Wilfrid Babbage.
 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 December 1959.
WED 08:30 Albert and Me (b049f20x)
 Series 2
 File Under Trouble
 Single dad Bryan takes a temporary admin job and chases a missing file.
 Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.
 The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.
 Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay
 Mum/Albert Pat Coombs
 Mrs Willis Diana Gordon
 Vera Marica Warren
 Edward Gorden Kaye
 Mr Charlesworth Bernard Gallagher
 Mrs Charlesworth Lynda Baron
 Sandra and Doreen Wendy Murray
 Written by Jim Eldridge.
 Incidental music by Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.
WED 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00n510l)
 Series 4
 Episode 2
 David Mitchell hosts the game show in which panellists are encouraged to tell lies and compete to see how many items of truth they are able to smuggle past their opponents.
 With Clive Anderson, Dom Joly, Fi Glover and Henning Wehn.
WED 09:30 King of Bath (b049f20z)
 The Clockwork Man

Beau Nash turns detective to track down a highwayman, but all the clues point back at him.

Conclusion of the comedy drama series by Arnold Evans casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.

Beau Nash David Bamber
Daniel Brewster Simon Ludders
Ned Stephen Thorne
Annie Eiry Thomas
Sir Percy Andrew Wincott
Sophia Claire Cage
Composer: John Hardy

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b016w0nc)

Elizabeth Bowen - The Heat of the Day
Episode 2

Elizabeth Bowen's wartime novel of betrayal adapted from a screenplay by Harold Pinter. Part love story, part spy thriller, in which the beautiful Stella's allegiances are tested.

Stella has discovered that her lover, Robert, who works for British Intelligence, is suspected of selling classified information to the enemy. Harrison, the man who has tracked Robert down, wants Stella herself as the price for his silence. Caught between these two men, not sure whom to believe, Stella finds her world crumbling as she learns how little we can truly know of those around us.

First published in 1949, The Heat of the Day was Bowen's most successful novel. In it she draws heavily on her affair with Charles Ritchie, a Canadian diplomat, to whom the book is dedicated. The tortuous nature of their affair is reflected in the doubts and uncertainties of Stella's relationship with Robert. Robert and Stella share the same ages (and age difference) as Bowen and Ritchie.

Bowen's preoccupation with the cracks below the surface and the psychology of hurt and betrayal is echoed in Harold Pinter's work. Pinter's style and Bowen's dialogue find a perfect marriage in this adaptation.

The Heat of the Day is directed by Tristram Powell and adapted for radio by Tristram Powell and Honor Borwick.

Cast:
Screenwriter Henry Goodman

Harrison Matthew Marsh
Stella Anna Chancellor
Robert Tom Goodman-Hill
Louie/ Anne/ Mary/Waitress Teresa Gallagher
Roderick Daniel Weyman
Ernestine Honeyuckle Weeks
Mrs Kelway Tina Gray
Donovan Nigel Anthony
Producer: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0175j83)

A Voyage to Cythera

A chance encounter on a train leads a lonely woman to a romantic fantasy. Written in 1967 and read by Lucy Akhurst.

WED 11:15 Kings (b007jqvs)

Hazar's Chicken

Bone is an unlikely chicken killer and a far from plausible spy. Tales from the reign of biblical King David. Stars Ewan Bailey.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)

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WED 13:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049dzvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Terry Nutkins: In the Ring of Bright Water (b00n5td6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1qc)

FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter

Episode 8

Juliet Stevenson reads F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and unsought love affair. Today Kathy returns from the Riviera, her beauty damaged but her marriage strengthened. And Mary befriends her erstwhile rival.

The Reader is Juliet Stevenson

Abridger Sally Marmion

Producer Di Speirs

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WED 14:15 Sport and the British (b01by7c8)

Fighting Back

Clare Balding looks at the relationship between boxing and Britain's ethnic minorities. Through the centuries, immigrants have had to literally fight for recognition in Britain and that means with their fists.

As Clare continues to explore how sport made Britain and Britain made sport, she visits the Lynn Boxing Club in South London. Founded in 1892, it's the oldest continuing amateur boxing club in the country. It was around the time that bare knuckle boxing was starting to decline and amateur boxing, with gloves, took over. As Professor Tony Collins from the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University explains, the history of Boxing is intertwined with the history of black immigrants and the struggle of Jewish sportsmen to find acceptance.

Readers, Brian Bowles and Stuart McLoughlin

Producer: Garth Brameld.

Producer Lucy Lunt, Sara Conkey, Garth Brameld.

WED 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jfnr)

Episode 3

Headmistress Sarah Burton is determined to make a success of her first event in the community. Stars Sarah Lancashire.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n4ffh)

Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years

My Father

The comic actor and travel writer shares more poignant memories from the 70s, reflecting on his relationship with his ailing father. From October 2006.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b016w0nc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b049f47g)

Penelope Wilton reads The Wild Swans by Hans Christian Andersen and Mel meets a man who wears nettle underpants. Plus, the Inheritance Tracks of boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard.

WED 17:00 The Code of the Woosters (b007jw62)

Strange Behaviour of a Curate

Bertie and Jeeves find themselves on top of a wardrobe. PG

Wodehouse adventure with Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers.

WED 17:30 Absolute Power (b007xwmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00n5101)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b049f6jz)

Masculinity

Writers Nick Walker, Lindsey Davis and Neil Rollinson join Matthew Parris to discuss what makes a man's man.

Matthew Parris introduces a group 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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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01s259p)

2025

Foreseeing ego transplants and the USA invading Narnia...

Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins, Nigel Planer and Ken Livingstone recall 2025 - a year that was yet to happen.

Everything you wanted to know then, about the 21st century.

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on Radio 4 in August 1994.

WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b00cgrsm)

Series 3

Episode 1

Is your journey really necessary? Do you know your submarines? Are you bored with your biscuits? And above all - are you German?

The Empire's favourite is back with a special wartime edition of the nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure magazines

Performed by Alistair McGowan, Peter Baynham, Susie Brann, Mary Elliot-Nelson and Julian Dutton.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1994.

WED 23:30 The Secret World (b012mzvm)

Series 2

Episode 4

Alan Titchmarsh reveals a dark side when his career is at risk.

Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014

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THU 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049j1sm)

4. The Repercussions

Patrick O'Neill has arrived from America with big plans for his ancestral village of Mountfern in Ireland.

However, things have turned sour since Kate Ryan suffered a severe accident on the site of his hotel.

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Maeve Binchy novel dramatisation by Jane Cassidy

Kate Ryan Anna Healy

John Ryan Lorcan Cranitch

Rachel Susan Slot

Fergus Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill Melissa Smith

Loretta Julia Deardon

Mary Donnelly Helen Norton

Brian Doyle Conleith Hill

Mrs Meagher Trudy Kelly

With Audrey Dempsey, Sean McKenna, Ken Farmer, Paul

Fitzpatrick

Music composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

THU 06:30 Terry Nutkins: In the Ring of Bright Water (b00n911h)

Episode 2

Following the sad death of Terry Nutkins, we revisit two documentaries he made about his unusual childhood spent with the author, Gavin Maxwell, in the remote west highlands.

When Terry Nutkins was 13 he moved from London to the isolated west highlands to live with Maxwell, whose most famous book is 'Ring of Bright Water'. Forty years after Maxwell's death (in 2009) Terry told the remarkable story of his life with this mercurial man and his famous otters, Edal and Teko.

Part 2:

The romantic setting of Camusfearna has become almost mythical since Ring of Bright Water was published in 1960; it's now a place of pilgrimage for people who love the otters, the landscape and the wildlife described in the book. But, according to Terry, the purity of this little white cottage in pristine surroundings was sullied after Maxwell made his money from the book: the cottage was extended, pools were constructed and Maxwell himself became a reluctant celebrity, under constant pressure to live up to the reputation he had established. Maxwell, a homosexual, entered into an unhappy marriage; the otters began a series of savage attacks and a fire devastated Sandaig House. In this programme Terry spoke exclusively to Gavin Maxwell's former wife, Lavinia Hankinson; to the naturalist and writer, Sir John Lister Kaye who knew Maxwell shortly before his death, and to Maxwell's biographer, Douglas Botting.

'Ring of Bright Water' is, arguably, the finest book ever written about a man's relationship with landscape and wildlife. Maxwell's poetic observations of otter behaviour and the detailed sketches and photographs in the book helped to change - on a worldwide basis - the reputation of these animals which were widely persecuted at the time.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

THU 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b01c6s6k)

Series 2

The Old Days

Pam Ayres uses poetry and sketches to illustrate fond memories. With Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey Whitehead.

From April 2006.

THU 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01gvq3l)

Series 8

Rosicrucian Armageddon 2

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week, complete with his trusty companion, Elgar, and his never-ending capacity for scrimping and scrapping at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together.

Ed joins the modern gaming fraternity when he meets Graham

Pearson - the man who gave the world 'Rosicrucian Armageddon' - and is hired to add some authentic 'oldenspeak' to its sequel - 'Rosicrucian Armageddon 2'. Whilst he tries to get to grips with NPC's, orbs and the Quest for the Graal his daughter unexpectedly arrives complete with son, Smile, Japanese tea infuser, dream catcher and native American chants to purge Ed's flat.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrh8)

Series 3

The Two and a Half Feathers

Corporal Jones fights back - as a new Home Guard platoon recruit rakes up their military past.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mr Clarke Michael Bates

Edna Avril Angers

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b017pqr4)

From 02/06/1955

Ron Glum marries Eth at last, at least in prehistoric times. 1955 is another matter. Stars June Whitfield. From June 1955.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00q3lcy)

Series 12

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness. Team captains John Walsh and Lynne Truss are joined by Mark Billingham and John O'Farrell. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)

Series 2

Entertaining Mr Stone

Robin surprisingly brings a friend home, but he isn't all he seems. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From May 2003.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b018w867)

The Mumbai Chuzzlewits

Episode 1

By Ayeesha Menon

Sony award-winning writer Ayeesha Menon reworks Charles Dickens 'Martin Chuzzlewit' and sets it amongst the Catholic community in modern-day Mumbai, India. Convinced his relatives are after his money, miserly old recluse Martin Chuzzlewit (Roshan Seth), adopts orphan girl, Mary (Nimrat Kaur), to be his carer. As she will inherit nothing upon his death, he believes she will do her utmost to keep him in good health. But when his grandson Mickey (Zafar Karachiwala) falls in love with her, Martin's plans are thrown into disarray. Disinheriting him, Martin triggers a complex web of deceit, betrayal and manipulation as the extended family and hangers-on close in, in pursuit of his fortune.

Told from the point of view of orphan Thomas (Karan Pandit), an observer into the world of the Chuzzlewits, this is a fast-paced drama full of intrigue, romance, suspense and murder... Thomas, an orphan, is apprentice to the scheming architect Pinto, a cousin to miserly old Martin Chuzzlewit, the richest landlord in Bandra. Drawn into the world of the Chuzzlewits, he forms a close friendship with the spirited Mickey, grandson of Martin and heir to the family fortune. When old Martin gets ill, Thomas witnesses attempts by family members to worm their way into his life and secure his fortune, while Mickey gives up everything in pursuit of love...

Ayeesha Menon is an award-winning writer who works extensively in film and radio. For BBC Radio 4 she has written several outstanding adaptations including: Q & A (Slumdog Millionaire) which won Gold for Best Drama at the Sony Radio Academy Awards; THE Cairo Trilogy, starring Omar Sharif, which won a Bronze at the Sony Awards; My Name is Red from the novel by Orhan Pamuk; and Six Suspects from the novel by Vikas Swarup.

Cast:

Martin Roshan Seth

Thomas Karan Pandit

Mickey Zafar Karachiwala

Pinto Rajit Kapur

Mercy Preetika Chawla

Charity Ayeesha Menon

Anthony Sohrah Ardesheri

Joseph Nadir Khan

Mary Nimrat Kaur

Mrs. Gomes Radhika Mital

Louis Rohit Malkani

Doctor Shernaz Patel

Monty Arghya Lahiri

Manek Vivek Madan

Young Mickey Zaal Madon

Young Thomas Nominath Ginsburg

Sound Recordist: Ayush Ahuja

Sound Design: David Chilton

Music: Sacha Putnam

Producer and Casting: Nadir Khan

Producer: John Dryden

A Goldhawk Essential Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0175mgk)

Hassan's Tower

Kenneth reaches a new understanding on his honeymoon in foreign parts. Written in 1966 and read by Carl Prekopp.

THU 11:15 Kings (b007jqw4)

The Loved One

Anat refuses to leave her home as the Israelites approach. Tales from the reign of biblical King David. Stars David Calder.

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THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1xv)

FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter

Episode 9

Juliet Stevenson reads F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and unsought love affair. Today Mary's loyalty and love are betrayed yet again while a marriage matures.

The Reader is Juliet Stevenson

Abridger Sally Marmion

Producer Di Speirs

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THU 14:15 Sport and the British (b01by8n7)

Women Between the Wars

Clare Balding discovers how working women finally got their sporting chance, through the leisure activities offered by many major employers, at the turn of the twentieth century. The number of female workers in factories, large retailers and service industries was growing hugely and the employers decided to provide them with sports facilities and equipment. Clare visits Bournville, home of Cadbury's, who, like the Lyons company, famous for their tea shops, or Boots in Nottingham, gave access to all their employees to tennis courts, hockey fields, football pitches, lacrosse fields and athletics equipment. She talks to Fiona Skillen from the University of Central Lancashire about the women's football teams of that period, like the Dick Kerr Ladies, that had the power to attract crowds of over twenty thousand spectators but were later banned by the Football Association.

Readers, Jane Lawrence and Sean Baker

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

THU 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jngb)

Episode 4

Headmistress Sarah Burton develops a soft spot for a married school governor. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n51g1)

Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years

Saturday Night Live

The comic author shares his surreal experience of guest hosting a big American TV show and going to a party at New York's Studio 54. From October 2006.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b018w867)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b049jj6k)

Mel hears about a cloak made from the silk of a million spiders. Plus, tunnelling under the Berlin Wall and David Tennant reads The Brave Tin Soldier by Hans Christian Andersen.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxf4)

Series 2

Going Through the Roof

A rainy day leads to some unexpected drama for the school's staff. Starring Carolyn Pickles and Marlene Sidaway. From June 2003.

THU 17:30 Ayres on the Air (b01c6s6k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 The Write Stuff (b00q3lcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b049j117)

Series 1

Sir Donald Wolfitt

Humphrey Carpenter invites the famous to discuss deceased heroes. This week Ned Sherrin on Sir Donald Wolfitt.

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? From 2002.

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THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bw01s)

Series 2

Episode 2

Divorcee Carol has a fruit surplus and Adrian is asked to be a Bond girl.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon.

With additional material by Stephen Carlin, Ben Moor and Charlie Miller.

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Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04bw4lr)

The best in contemporary comedy. Diane Morgan chats to comedian and filmmaker, Lee Kern.

THU 23:00 Hard to Tell (b015p5g6)

Series 1

Episode 1

Thanks to a bike accident that's landed him in A&E, Tom Sheffield is about to go for a pizza with Ellen, a woman with the most noble of foreheads and - it turns out - the most attentive of dads.

Hard To Tell is a four part relationship comedy by Jonny Sweet (Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2009). He conjures up characters depicting every relationship from father and daughter to the mirror in the bathroom and the feller hiding at a party; from the stalker and the stalked to dog owners and their dogs; and from lifelong friends to long term partners and their dearly departed.

The series revolves around Tom Sheffield (played by Jonny himself), his immediate family (Getting On's Vicki Pepperdine, The Thick Of It's Alex MacQueen and Not Going Out's Katy Wix), and Tom's longed-for-and-lusted-after new girlfriend, Ellen (played by Charlotte Ritchie), her best friend Hermione (Him & Her's Sarah Solemani) and Ellen's zealously protective father (Simon Greenall).

Tim Key and Tom Basden both make deliciously awkward cameo appearances.

Recorded on location, Hard To Tell's naturalistic, contemporary and conversational style brings new meaning to pub toilets, themed parties, early morning phone calls and Christmas Editions of Jonathan Creek.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

A Tiger Aspect production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01jt0z0)

Series 3

Making Cuts

When is a pay cut not a pay cut? When Unthinkable Solutions have to sell it to the staff. Their diplomatic skills are tested to breaking point.

James Carey's sitcom about a clueless bunch of management consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up their clients' businesses.

Starring:

Marcus Brigstocke

Robin Ince

Catherine Shepherd

Beth Chalmers

With Ewan Bailey, Tilly Gaunt, Simon Greenall and Neil Edmond.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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FRI 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mt8r)

5. The Legacy

After 18 months in New York, Rachel Fine has been summoned back to Ireland by Patrick O'Neill to oversee the decoration of his new hotel.

Rachel has become a close friend of Kate Ryan, who is now in a wheelchair as a result of an accident on the site of the hotel, over three years ago

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Novel by Maeve Binchy dramatised by Jane Cassidy

Kate Ryan Anna Healy

John Ryan Lorecan Cranitch

Rachel Susan Slot

Fergus Dan Gordon

Kerry O'Neill Luke Griffin

Grace O'Neill Melissa Smith

Dr White Denys Hawthorne

Costello John Keegan

Loretta Julia Deardon

Jack Coyne Ray McBride

Brian Doyle Conleth Hill

Dennis Hill Gordon Fulton

Dara Audrey Dempsey

Music Composed by Jane Cassidy and performed by Rod

McVey and Kate O'Brien

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

FRI 06:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

Europe's only Indian brass band is booked to make a huge Sikh wedding celebration pulsate with wild and heart-stopping music. With roots in the Punjab, this British/Asian fusion proceeds to Barking Town Hall in East London.

Soprano saxophone player Joe Cohen gives a guide to the history and performance of this unique musical collaboration.

Producer: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00f405t)

Series 4

Episode 3

An environmental conference sounds just the sort of job for Rosie Burns, but are her own company's green credentials good enough?

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

Patrick James Ellis

Frankie Alison Skilbeck

Kelly Victoria Donovan

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

FRI 07:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b0495t6m)

Series 1

Chas & Dave

Since the mid-1980s, aspiring singer/songwriter, John Shuttleworth has been posting audio cassettes of his 'finest songs to date' to pop stars throughout the land, in the hope that someone would record his material. But all to no avail.

However, the BBC has very kindly given John a series and asked him to invite pop stars to bring their music to his Sheffield home. So it is that Chas & Dave, Heaven 17, Toyah Willcox and Leelee John find themselves in John's lounge having tea with wife Mary, being flirted with by Mary's friend Joan and hassled by John's agent Ken Worthington, as they try and perform not only one their greatest hits but more importantly, one of John's.

In the first show John welcomes Chas Hodges from Chas & Dave into the lounge. But where's Dave? Has he heard that Mary won't allow jellied eels in the house or didn't he want to come?

Whatever the reason, Chas will have to perform on his own using John's trusty keyboard although, as he's been influenced by Jerry Lee Lewis, John warns him that he won't tolerate any feet on the keyboard.

Written and Performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rqb9)

Series 2

Episode 1

Eric's got a surprise for Ernie's birthday – and guest Gayle Hunnicutt is desperate to be in one of Ernie's plays what he

wrote.

Written and adapted by Eddie Braben.

With Richard Caldico and April Walker.

Music from Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra – with Roy

Marsden, Sue Adams and The Seranaders.

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.

FRI 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jy9h)

Series 2

The Day

Author Gerald tries to make amends when he upsets his wife Diana.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife.

With Jo Manning Wilson and Michael McClain.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1977.

FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00knwyq)

Series 2

Episode 5

John Lloyd and Sean Lock invite guests Jon Richardson, Roger Law and Kate Adie to increase the collection. From June 2009.

FRI 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00m1v5)

Series 2

Episode 5

The sports agent tries to persuade a veteran rugby player with cauliflower ears to quit. Stars Neil Pearson. From December 2005.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b01946wd)

The Mumbai Chuzzlewits

Episode 2

By Ayeesha Menon

Sony award-winning writer Ayeesha Menon reworks Charles Dickens' Martin Chuzzlewit and sets it amongst the Catholic community in modern-day Mumbai, India.

Convinced his relatives are after his money, miserly old recluse Martin Chuzzlewit (Roshan Seth), adopts orphan girl, Mary (Nimrat Kaur), to be his carer. As she will inherit nothing upon his death, he believes she will do her utmost to keep him in good health. But when his grandson Mickey (Zafar Karachiwala) falls in love with her, Martin's plans are thrown into disarray. Disinheriting him, Martin triggers a complex web of deceit, betrayal and manipulation as the extended family and hangers-on close in, in pursuit of his fortune.

Told from the point of view of orphan Thomas (Karan Pandit), an observer into the world of the Chuzzlewits, this is a fast-paced drama full of intrigue, romance, suspense and murder... Disinherited by his grandfather, Mickey Chuzzlewit escapes India and tries to make his fortune in Dubai. In his absence, the scheming Pinto and murderous Joseph join forces in an attempt to get hold of the old man's fortune. And while Thomas's feelings grow for Mickey's fiancé, Mary, a mysterious lodger with a terrible secret moves in next door...

Ayeesha Menon is an award-winning writer who works extensively in film and radio. For BBC Radio 4 she has written several outstanding adaptations including: Q & A (Slumdog Millionaire) which won Gold for Best Drama at the Sony Radio Academy Awards; The Cairo Trilogy, starring Omar Sharif, which won a Bronze at the Sony Awards; My Nane Is Red from the novel by Orhan Pamuk; and Six Suspects from the novel by Vikas Swarup.

Cast:

Martin Roshan Seth

Thomas Karan Pandit

Mickey Zafar Karachiwala

Pinto Rajit Kapur

Mercy Preetika Chawla

Charity Ayeesha Menon

Anthony Sohrah Ardeshir

Joseph Nadir Khan

Mary Nimrat Kaur

Mrs. Gomes Radhika Mital

Louis Rohit Malkani

Doctor Shernaz Patel

Monty Arghya Lahiri

Manek Vivek Madan

Young Mickey Zaal Madon

Young Thomas Nominath Ginsburg

Sound Recordist: Ayush Ahuja

Sound Design: David Chilton

Music: Sacha Puttnam

Producer and Casting: Nadir Khan

Producer: John Dryden

A Goldhawk Essential Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0176nbj)

Faithful Lovers

An idle decision to return to an old stomping ground, and its echoes of love, leads to an unexpected and unsettling encounter.

Faithful Lovers was written in 1968 and appears in A Day in the Life of a Smiling Woman: The Collected Stories by Margaret Drabble.

Read by Adjoa Andoh.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Produced by Duncan Minshull.

FRI 11:15 Kings (b007jqw4)

Michal, Saul's Daughter

In the monarch's harem, three wives fight their case. Tales from the reign of biblical King David. Stars Caroline Langrishe.

FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rqb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jy9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mt8r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00sx1w7)

FM Mayor - The Rector's Daughter

Episode 10

Juliet Stevenson reads the concluding episode of F M Mayor's unfairly Neglected Classic, the story of a plain, reliable parson's daughter whose life of duty and service is thrown into confusion by an unexpected and unsought love affair. Today Mary finds solace in a robin's song and Mr Herbert finally reveals his heart.

Reader is Juliet Stevenson

Abridger Sally Marmion

Producer Di Speirs

F M Mayor's masterful novel, The Rector's Daughter, is a rare thing - a novel with a deceptively small canvas, set in the backwaters of a dull East Anglia a century ago, but still as fresh as ever. Much loved by those who have discovered it, it now comes to Radio 4 as one of the Open Book listeners' Neglected Classics.

FRI 14:15 Sport and the British (b01by9lh)

A Bit of a Flutter

Clare Balding looks at the role gambling has played in our relationship with sport as she continues her exploration into how Britain made sport and sport made Britain.

Betting has played a crucial role in the way games developed, it gave incentive to competition which in turn necessitated clear rules. Establishing who's won and who's lost is crucial but who managed to have a flutter and where was a matter riven with class distinctions as Clare discovers.

Reader, Sean Baker

Producer: Sara Conkey.

FRI 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jngw)

Episode 5

Headmistress Sarah Burton sparks upset when she takes her girls on an educational walk in the snow. Stars Sarah Lancashire.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n58dd)

Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years

The Life of Brian

The actor and writer recalls how the influential comedy group reconvened in 1977 to make their most controversial film. From October 2006.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b01946wd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b049n3fb)

On Nelson Mandela Day, Mel hears about the song which became South Africa's national anthem. Plus, Sir Derek Jacobi reads The Nightingale by Hans Christian Andersen.

FRI 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00p2hb4)

Series 1

Car Boot

Stella tries to de-junk the house. Everything useless must go, including her grown-up kids. Stars Penny Downie. From August 2003.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f405t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00knwyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b00d3q63)

Series 1

Metaphor

Stephen Fry explores the highways and byways of the English language.

Britain's high coastline/population ratio helps to explain how maritime metaphor shaped the English language. But the sea, and the way it shapes the land, has a special metaphorical meaning. Stephen suggests that language is shaped, like a coastline, by a flow of metaphors, which erode, break down and eventually become part of everyday speech and writing.

FRI 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rqb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jy9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b049mt8r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Five Stories by Margaret Drabble (b0176nbj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Kings (b007jqw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b0495t6m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Party (b011pkqg)

Series 2

It's Technology, Stupid

The young aspiring politicians of the new political party get to

grips with technology and whether it is making people stupid. Meanwhile, they launch a recruiting campaign on the internet. Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a political party run by young idealists.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Ann Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Jared's Mum Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04crsj9)

For seven nights a week, the Comedy Club offers two hours of comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Rebecca Front.

FRI 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b010dw09)

Series 1

Geoffrey Allerton

Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's characters come to perform at The Mallard and we hear the highlights of that night's show along with the backstage and front-of-house goings on at the theatre itself.

In show one the theatre is visited by acclaimed Yorkshire poet, Geoffrey Allerton (Simon Day). Geoffrey reads poems and excerpts from his recent memoir "Marking Time" and struggles to get a hot meal from sound and lighting technician, Goose (Felix Dexter). Meanwhile in the bar two local mums are getting to know each other over several bottles of wine.

Cast list:

Geoffrey Allerton Simon Day

Anna / Claire Catherine Shepherd

Sarah Arabella Weir

Goose Felix Dexter

Ron Bone Simon Greenall

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007tm8f)

Series 2

Magic

Did witches really fly with broomsticks between their legs or did they just get a bit overexcited?

Series two of the cult comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.

Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

With:

Rebecca Front

Armando Iannucci

And the voice of Tom Baker.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.