

SATURDAY 19 JULY 2014

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:15 Sport and the British (b01by91b)

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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 00:45 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.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 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 Lorcan 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b01946wd)

The Mumbai Chuzzlewitz

Episode 2

By Ayesha Menon

Sony award-winning writer Ayesha 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 Chuzzlewitzs, 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 ...

Ayesha 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 Ayesha Menon

Anthony Sohrab 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.

SAT 04:00 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 Minshall.

SAT 04:15 Kings (b007jgwf)

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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Don Taylor - Underworld (b008wd17)

Harry is out of work. Myra is worried about money and Ted is worried about Socialism. Harry decides to retreat to his study, to translate Virgil book six, the famous visit to the Underworld. But then the broom cupboard opens and 17th century poet John Milton appears, to take him on a very particular journey...

Don Taylor's inventive drama stars Stephen Moore as Harry, Sara Kestelman as Myra, Jack Shepherd as Ted, Michael Pennington as Milton, Oliver Ford Davies as Philosopher, Paul Daneman as the Chairman, David King as Virgil, Cathy Sara as

Chloe, Walter Sparrow as Dad, Neville Jason as Mark and Tom Bevan as John.

Producer: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b00sydkp)

Series 1

In the Shadow of the Post

John Rawling relives the 1973 Grand National at Aintree, when Red Rum snatched victory from Crisp with just yards left to race.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b049xldv)

Boy, Oh Boy, He's Going Down

Sean Street examines those moments where Radio forgets itself, when laughter, alcohol or sheer emotion well up.

Traditionally the wireless has been somewhat formal, but occasionally reporters have been overwhelmed by what they're witnessing, contributors so passionate in argument and commentators overcome by mirth - or drink - that the conventions are dropped.

Then communication comes pure, direct and unselfconscious: a Battle of Britain dogfight sounds like sport, sport like war, a naval fleet becomes fairytale, the author of a fairytale about rabbits attacks another guest.

Hear the moments when Radio reveals far more than what is said.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b00cpqcs)

John Shuttleworth

During a day trip to London, Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth takes control of the studios whilst Ken goes down to the BBC vaults in search of his favourite comedies. Mary pops in too. But in reality, they'd all rather be watching Billy Elliot The Musical, but the tickets were too pricey.

Featuring comedy from the sisters (Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes) living with their difficult father (Geoffrey Whitehead); Alison and Maud (03/01/2003); Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent and Emma Thompson and special guest Phyllida Law in Saturday Night Fry (28/05/1988); Mark Thomas presents the story of the American double act Bob and Ray in We Interrupt This Programme (03/08/2004); the social worker and her colleagues celebrate Christmas in Clare In The Community (25/12/2006); there's a trip to the garden centre in The Shuttleworths (12/07/1995); Hovis Presley makes the most of John Shuttleworth's Open House (26/09/1996). Plus American shock jock Roy D Mercer makes a few disruptive phone calls.

SAT 12:00 Babycakes Omnibus (b049xlzv)

Made for 4 Extra. Omnibus of the dramatisation of Armistead Maupin's fourth Tales of the City novel.

SAT 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04bw4sd)

Chris Froome

Chris Froome shares his Inheritance Tracks - 'All You Need Is Love' by the Beatles and 'Scatterlings of Africa' by Johnny Clegg.

SAT 13:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b049xlzx)

Hanif Kureishi

The novelist and playwright tells Anthony Clare about trying to make sense of his real self through his work. From October 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 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 Caldicot

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.

SAT 14:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rqb19)

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 Caldicot and April Walker.
Music from Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra – with Roy Marsden, Sue Adams and The Serananders.
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.
SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b049xldv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Don Taylor - Underworld (b008wd17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b049516m)
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 Wilcox and Leea 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.
SAT 18:00 Saturday Drama (b016k89p)
Something Wicked This Way Comes
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By Ray Bradbury
Dramatised by Diana Griffiths
Composer David Paul Jones
Sound Paul Cargill
Produced/Directed by Pauline Harris
Set in 1960's Illinois this gem of modern Gothic literature is the memorable story of two boys, James Nightshade and William Hallows, and the evil that grips their small Midwestern town with the arrival of a "dark carnival" one Autumn midnight. These two innocents, both aged 13, (Will is born one minute before Halloween, and Jim one minute after) save the souls of the town (as well as their own). This is a vivid variation on the eternal theme of the fight between Good and Evil. A thrilling, chilling, richly kaleidoscopic sound world ensues; a shimmering mirror maze that reflects your older or younger self, depending on your desires, and a magic carousel that plays Chopin's Funeral March forwards - with each rotation you gain a year, and rotating backwards - you get younger.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b00cpgcs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvrg)
Series 1
Budapest and Warsaw
Kicking off his comedy travelogues in the capital of Hungary, the stand-up comic then takes the train to Poland.
As well as entertaining the locals with his unique brand of stand-up, Ross Noble chats to the Mayor of Warsaw about furry hats, uncovers the truth about suicidal Hungarian monks and even shares a curry with Poland's only comedian...
Producer: Danny Wallace
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.
SAT 22:30 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0081sw3)
Man or Monkey
A look at how so many of the things we imagine to be human characteristics are really just animal ones.
Plus a glimpse at where evolution might take the human race next.
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 23:00 The Nick Revell Show (b00ct94s)
Series 2
The Promised Land
As writer Nick gets a lucky Hollywood break, his geraniums are terrorised by an old foe.
A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.
With:
Alistair McGowan
Doon MacKichan
Brian Bowles
Alison Sterling
John Guerrasio
Producer: Ioan Magnusson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.
SAT 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jq3n)

Series 2
The Gangrene of the Mastersons
The Masterson's epic Crimean War struggle of carnage, carnality and cad.
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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SUN 03:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04bw4sd)
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SUN 03:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b049xlzx)
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SUN 04:00 Don Taylor - Underworld (b008wd17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b049516m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Winifred Holby - South Riding Omnibus (b007jrn7)
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, Anmarie Hosell and Maya Foa.
The first of a three-part omnibus dramatised by Gill Adams.
Director: Melanie Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
SUN 07:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04cb4nj)
Graham Fellows
Graham Fellows - aka John Shuttleworth - shares his Inheritance Tracks.
SUN 07:15 A Week at the Pitt Rivers (b049xyjh)
The Historian
Five views of Oxford's Aladdin's cave, the Pitt Rivers Museum.
Historian Christina Hardymont on medieval long bows. From April 1999.
SUN 07:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007779x)
Series 2
Barrister
The surreal comedian tackles an expert role each week, with no ability whatsoever. With Tom Goodman-Hill. From May 2007.
SUN 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (b01jtn1)
From 15/07/1960
All is revealed in 'The Kenneth Horne Story' and producer Jacques Brown gets a surprise. With Kenneth Williams. From July 1960.
SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)
Maxine
Shy David Bliss needs courage to pursue Maxine, while his brother-in-law Tony battles to win a contract.
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
Maxine Sarah Lawson
TC Rowland Hugh Manning
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 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 (b049y7my)
Episode 3
The Fullers and friends are imperilled and beguiled in equal measure, as well as adrift in time. Stars James Nickerson.
SUN 09:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00cq7p8)
Series 1
Life Coaches
Lenny Henry questions the iconic status of life coaches. He investigates the work of personal gurus and asks why so many people appear to rely on them.
Are they personal trainers or mind gurus? Do they help you double your salary or just sort out your wardrobe? They proliferate on the internet, with legions of testimonials and personal messages of endorsement downloadable from

YouTube. But are they any good? Are they about to take you for an expensive financial ride while filling your mind with guff? Are they psychologists or shrinks, moneymen or designer divas? Plenty of big firms seem to think they are the bees' knees as they spend small fortunes offering 'executive coaching' to their senior managers. But Lenny doesn't get it, and in this programme he sets out to get to the bottom of what they do, how they do it, and - not least - how much they are going to charge you for the privilege.
SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b00776dk)
The Last Debutantes, 1958
The end of a British institution - the Debutantes. Sue MacGregor reunites society girls, now in their 60s and 70s. From April 2007.
SUN 10:45 Afternoon Reading (b00s0cxy)
Helen Simpson - In-Flight Entertainment
Homework
Three short stories taken from Helen Simpson's new collection, In-Flight Entertainment.
A boy contemplates a parallel life after asking his mother for help with his creative writing homework. But how much is fact and how much is fiction?
Reader: Juliet Aubrey.
Abridged and Produced by Joanna Green.
This is a Pier production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 11:00 This American Life (b049y8cl)
Held Hostage
Criminals, paperwork and, in one man's case, his own body - all of these can hold us captive. US Public Radio Show from 2010.
SUN 12:00 Winifred Holby - South Riding Omnibus (b007jrn7)
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SUN 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04cb4nj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 today]
SUN 13:15 A Week at the Pitt Rivers (b049xyjh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 13:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jzm1)
The Return from Mars
Captain Jet Morgan and the crew of the spaceship Discovery return to Earth, thinking they've been away six years - only to discover they've somehow been transported into the 21st century...
1981 sequel to Charles Chilton's hugely successful 20 part epic series of The Red Planet and The World in Peril - first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in the 1950s.
Stars John Pullen as Jet Morgan, Anthony Hall as Lemmy, Ed Bishop as Doc and Nigel Graham as Mitch.
Script by Charles Chilton.
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.
SUN 15:00 Beyond Our Ken (b01jtn1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 15:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b049y8c3)
Mel picks some of the highlights of the week's shows.
SUN 17:00 Mary Wesley - Haphazard House (b049y7my)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 17:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00cq7p8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Ghost Zone (b007jztr)
Episode 2
After the mysterious explosion in the Scottish Highlands, the small advance party of rescuers face a hostile reception from locals on arrival at the devastated village of Inchbrae.
Can they unearth what's caused the massive cloud of radioactive dust?
Sci-fi thriller written by Marty Ross.
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, Finlay McLean as PC McBain/Driver and Stevie Hannan as Lt Hopridge/Jamie/Voice-off.
Producer: Bruce Young
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
SUN 18:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0y9)
4. Distraction
Earth's last living man, Robert Neville, edges towards a cure, but then he gets distracted.
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 (b049y8cl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Beyond Our Ken (b01jtn1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b00776dk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 Afternoon Reading (b00s0cxy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007779x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007ynnmg)

Series 1

Episode 4

After getting a job at a supermarket, Tom finally proposes to Sadie, but first he must ask her father for permission. Tom's "imaginary" band get in on the act. Will it all end with a song and a dance?

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

Suggests Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Mika Simmons Sadie

Phil Cornwell Bouche

Michael Roberts Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty De Vere

Emma Clarke Melody

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggests

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquill MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04crskm)

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

SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b01211y4)

Series 2

Me Talk Pretty One Day: It's Catching

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a series of audience readings. This week the perils of an American learning French in Paris in "Me Talk Pretty One Day" and an essay dealing with a friend's concern for cleanliness; "It's Catching".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k32y)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 2

Boothby stays the night in a haunted Scottish castle.

More guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs from Boothby Graffoe.

With Stephen Frost, Vivienne Soan, Big Al and Kevin Eldon.

Special guest: singer-songwriter Robyn Hitchcock.

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

MONDAY 21 JULY 2014**MON 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007jtzr)**

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MON 06:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b04b20j7)

6. The Opening

Patrick O'Neill has almost realised his dream.

The opening of his new hotel is in sight, but Kate Ryan's compensation case is looming and Kerry's gambling has further estranged father and son.

Starring David Soul as Patrick O'Neill

Conclusion of 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

Costello - John Keegan

Bar Man - John Hewitt

Kevin Kennedy - Trevor Moore

Sergeant Sheean - Paddy Scully

Old Walters - Anthony Finigan

Eddie - Ken Farmer

With Helen Norton, Marie Jones, Ray McBride, Ian McElhinney, Gordon Fulton

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.

MON 06:30 Peter and the Wolf (b0076vxx)

4 Extra Debut. Pianist and entertainer Rainer Hersch assesses the classic children's musical. With Terry Wogan and Angela Rippon. From December 2005.

MON 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qcsv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Tamsyn and Jago's smuggling exploits are to be chronicled at close quarters by a group of fly-on-the-wall balladeers. They get some exciting material as Jago's up before an unusually hard-line judge - and it seems there's no escape from the noose...

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bove as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Mark Perry as Judge Pettiforth and Michael Fenton Stevens as Anthony the Balladeer.

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04969b3)

Series 61

Episode 3

The nation's favourite wireless entertainment pays a visit to the Assembly Hall in Worthing. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Harry Hill, with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell provides piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)

Dick Turpin

The veteran of many parts recounts the story of a scheme to make a fortune from flops which puts "the Producers" to shame.

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 (b04b24nq)

Have Been Masquerading

A mix-up at the dry-cleaners leads to an unexpected promotion for Sub Lieutenant Phillips 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 Caldicot

Heather Heather Chasen

The Admiral Tenniel Evans

Rear Admiral 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 (b00m16xm)

Series 1

Greg Dyke

The BBC's former Director-General Greg Dykes quizzes a panel about himself.

Sue Perkins, Alan Carr and Lucy Porter battle with queries based on Greg'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 My First Planet (b04b261q)

Series 2

Sample of Terror

A sitcom set in a hapless Space Colony.

It's Day 30 on the colony and Brian has to win the Tour De France to save the contents of Lillian's freezer. Meanwhile, Mason discovers that a nuclear core is not the best venue for some role-play.

The return of the hit sitcom starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Vicki Pepperdine ("Getting On") set on a shiny new planet. Welcome to the colony. We're aware that, having been in deep cryosleep for 73 years, you may be in need of some supplementary information.

Personnel:

Unfortunately, Burrows the leader of the colony has died on the voyage so his Number 2, Brian (Nicholas Lyndhurst), is now in charge. He's a nice enough chap, but no alpha male, and his desire to sort things out with a nice friendly meeting infuriates the colony's Chief Physician Lillian (Vicki Pepperdine), who'd really rather everyone was walking round in tight colour-coded tunics and saluting each other. She's also in charge of Project Adam, the plan to conceive and give birth to the first colony-born baby. Unfortunately, the two people hand-picked for this

purpose - Carol and Richard - were rather fibbing about being a couple, just to get on the trip.

Add in an entirely unscrupulous Chief Scientist, Mason and also Archer, an idiot maintenance man who believes he's an "empath" rather than a plumber, and you're all set to answer the question - if humankind were to colonise space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.)

Written by Phil Whelans

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b019f6k4)

The Mumbai Chuzzlewits

Episode 3

By Ayesha Menon

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 (Karqn Pandit), an observer into the world of the Chuzzlewits, this is a fast-paced drama full of intrigue, romance, suspense and murder... Mickey returns to India determined to show his grandfather he is a changed man and to marry Mary, the love of his life. But, in his absence, things have changed; the old man now appears to be under the control of the scheming Pinto who will not let Mickey near him. And Thomas has fallen in love with Mary... Meanwhile the hapless Joseph loses all his money in a Ponzi scheme. With his debtors closing in, murder seems to be the only way out...

Ayesha 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 (Shumdog 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 Ayesha Menon

Anthony Sohrab 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.

MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00sjc6v)

Michele Roberts - Mud: Stories of Sex and Love

The Lay of Bee Wolf

Michele Roberts explores the old myth of Beowulf from a new perspective, offering a take on the story which puts the wife and daughters of the legendary hero centre stage. With the monster Gren Dell sporting a name tape lovingly sewn on by his mother, Ms Dell, and a tragic misunderstanding leading to all the bloodshed, the old story takes on an enjoyably feminist, if no less heroic turn. The story is taken from Michele Roberts new collection, Mud: Stories of Love and Sex.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b049xbz)

Nikki Bedi, Adrian Dunbar, Mark Watson, Natalie Young,

Richard Thompson, Clara Amfo, Sara Cox, Los Campesinos!

Nikki Mocks The Week with comedian and author Mark Watson. His fifth novel 'Hotel Alpha' tells the story of the charismatic Howard York, who, three decades ago created the finest hotel in London. Here, guests

are provided with everything they could wish for. And when Howard is in the room, there is a sense that anything is possible. Nikki gets skin deep with Radio 1 Xtra DJ Clara Amfo, who's new documentary investigates why so many young black people are bleaching their skin. In 'Deeper Than Skin', Clara asks whether there's a connection between skin colour and identity and what drives some young black people to risk their health for lighter skin.

Nikki's in the Line of Duty with actor, screenwriter and director Adrian Dunbar, who's appeared in such notable films as 'My Left Foot' and 'The Crying Game'. Adrian is directing a one-act play by Beckett dedicated to the Czech playwright Vaclav Havel, and originally performed when he was imprisoned as a dissident. 'Catastrophe' forms part of Happy Days: the 3rd International Beckett Festival in Enniskillen.

Sara Cox cooks up a storm with former Times journalist Natalie Young, whose latest novel 'Season to Taste' tells the tale of Lizzie, an unhappily married housewife, who, overcome by desperation kills her husband, chops him into 16 bits, freezes him, then over the course of the narrative cooks and eats parts of his body.

With music from legendary folk artist Richard Thompson, who performs 'One Door Opens' from his album 'Acoustic Classics' and from Los Campesinos! who play 'What Death Leaves Behind' from their album 'No Blues'.

Producer: Debbie Kilbride.

MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Maeve Binchy - Firefly Summer (b04b20j7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Peter and the Wolf (b0076vxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy5h)

Episode 1

Dr Aziz and Mrs Moore's mosque encounter sparks an epic tale of divisions under colonial British rule. Read by Samuel West.

MON 14:15 Sport and the British (b01c7lkd)

Cricket and the English Hero

Clare Balding continues her investigation into how sport shaped Britain and Britain shaped sport.

In this weeks programmes she looks at how sport unites us all when we get behind out national teams and no more so, than when the character of that team can be personified by one person.

If there's one sport that embodies Englishness, it's cricket and in this programme she looks at how and why W.G. Grace, in the nineteenth century and Jack Hobbs, in the twentieth, became the epitome of a national sporting hero. Clare visits Lords Cricket ground and the Oval to discover more.

She also talks to Professor Richard Holt from The International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University, Simon Rae, a biographer of W.G. Grace and broadcaster David Rayvern Allen. The readers are: Jo Munro and Brian Bowles.

The programme is produced in Birmingham by Garth Brameld.

MON 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnjo)

Episode 6

Headmistress of Kiplington High School, Sarah Burton decides Lydia mustn't be allowed to lose a scholarship.

Winifred Holtby'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 by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 14:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9d5c)

Episode 1

Recalling his frenetic 1980s, Michael Palin tells of Monty Python, challenging railway journeys and his daughter starting school.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b019f6k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04b2lxx)

Mel Giedroyc looks forward to the Commonwealth Games, but also heads off to famous inventor James Watt's workshop, inspired by our story: Malorie Blackman's Operation Gadgetman!

MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx69)

Series 2

Youth and Consequences

Bill's new young image leaves Faith feeling old on her birthday. Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyschott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Belinda Lang as Liza, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Rebecca Front as Rachel and Ian Targett as Gideon.

Series two of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

MON 17:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qcsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 The Personality Test (b00m16xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04b2m7q)

Tony Bullimore and Sophie Hannah

Tom Sutcliffe, Tony Bullimore and Sophie Hannah discuss Iris Murdoch, Primo Levi and Patrick O'Brian. From 1998

The Black Prince by Iris Murdoch

Publisher: Penguin Books

The Periodic Table by Primo Levi

Publisher: Abacus

Post Captain by Patrick O'Brian

Publisher: Harper Collins.

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MON 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00sjc6v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b049xbzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04969b3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 My First Planet (b04b261q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04crsnb)

For seven nights a week, the Comedy Club offers two hours of comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth chats to Dan Schreiber.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b04b2r24)

Series 11

Episode 7

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig, with regular panellist Jeremy Hardy and guest panellists David Mitchell and Rebecca Front.

MON 23:45 Creme de la Crime (b008f8hc)

Series 3

This Carriage for Justice

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore probe a murder and false accusations. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From April 2003.

TUESDAY 22 JULY 2014

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TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b019f6k4)

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TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b049xbzz)

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TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b007jx69)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qcsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Falco (b008kkch)

Shadows in Bronze

1. Vipers

Following a plot to depose the Emperor Vespasian, Falco sets out to clear up a few loose ends, only to uncover a nest of vipers.

Starring Anton Lesser.

Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco is back patrolling the streets of 1st-century Rome.

Falco Anton Lesser

Petronius / Chamberlain Ben Crowe

Tullia Fiona Clarke

Helena Justina Anna Madeley

Vespasian / Milo Michael Tudor Barnes

Gordianus Christian Rodska

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

TUE 06:30 Custodians of the Word (b0076g3d)

Martin Wainwright asks who guards literary reputations after a writer dies? With Andrew Motion. From July 2003.

TUE 07:00 Safety Catch (b00vkzy1)

Series 3

Better the Devil You Know

Reluctant arms dealer Simon McGrath finally has the opportunity to leave his dubious line of employment when an American company puts in a takeover bid.

Series three of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality sees Simon going to some bizarre lengths to excuse his profession.

Simon is a generally nice chap who just fell into arms dealing and he needs to pay his mortgage just like everyone else. His

real love is electronic music so this is just a stop gap until he finds the perfect outlet for it. Okay the gap has lasted five years, but that's not the point.

His personal life with Anna is as unsatisfactory as his work life...

Simon McGrath Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg Joanna Page

Boris Kemal Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull Rachel Atkins

Charles John Schwab

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

TUE 07:30 Beauty of Britain (b010mryx)

Series 2

The Delegate

Karen of the Featherdown agency sends Beauty to the 'End of Life' care conference on her behalf.

Beauty struggles to understand the peculiar behaviour of the British at a conference and their obsessions with name tags and lanyards, as well as why she is the only carer in attendance. This must be why the keynote speaker, Professor Smythe takes a shine to her?

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

Jenny Pippa Hayward

Rob Tony Gardner

Mrs Grace Phyllida Law

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen/Keely Nicola Sanderson

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 (b00cb8ls)

Series 8

Spon

A certain brown terror awaits Dick Emery, who is filling Harry Secombe's shoes, but not his trousers. From September 1957.

TUE 08:30 The Al Read Show (b01rlngp)

Episode 5

A look at the fire brigade and the morning after the night before.

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 (b04b2r24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hancock's Half Hour (b0117r67)

Welcome to London 1958

To entertain athletes on their way home from the 6th British Empire & Commonwealth Games in Cardiff during July 1958, the BBC staged a gala at the London Coliseum.

Part of the evening features this rediscovered sketch written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Master of ceremonies Kenneth Home introduces Tony Hancock, Sid James and Bill Kerr on stage

The audio was recovered from the extraordinary archive of the late Bob Monkhouse.

First broadcast by the BBC Light Programme on 3rd August 1958.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b007j79g)

Henry Fielding - Tom Jones

Episode 1

One night wealthy Squire Allworthy steps into bed and finds to his surprise an infant wrapped between his sheets.

Henry Fielding's epic comic adventure with one of the most sparkling heroes in English literature. Dramatised in three-parts by Stephen Wyatt.

Starring Simon Russell Beale as the author Henry Fielding, and Michael Legge as Tom Jones.

With Adrian Scarborough as Bifil, Trevor Peacock as Squire Western, Margaret Tyzack as Miss Western, James Laurensen as Squire Allworthy, Sam Dale as Black George and Clare Corbett as Sophia.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00sjc6x)

Michele Roberts - Mud: Stories of Sex and Love

Tristram and Isolde

The second of Michele Roberts' stories from her newly published collection, Mud: Stories of Love and Sex, is very much concerned with both these themes. Inspired by the famous love story of Tristram and Isolde, it describes the passion of a girl for her lover, the delight in his company when the rest of the world has been banished, and the desire to keep him to herself for ever. But there's an unexpected twist to this love story that plays on some very deep, and potentially disturbing, emotions. The reader is Siobhan Redmond.

TUE 11:15 Kings (b007jqwr)

Abishag, the Virgin

The monarch is dying. Bathsheba and his new wife attend him.

Tales from the reign of biblical King David. Stars Alison Pettitt.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 The Al Read Show (b01rlngp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Falco (b008kkch)
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TUE 13:30 Custodians of the Word (b0076g3d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy6r)
 Episode 2
 As Adela Quested yearns for the real India, she and Mrs Moore attend a bridge party to meet the locals. Read by Samuel West.
TUE 14:15 Sport and the British (b01c7rh1)
 Welsh Rugby and Its National Heroes
 Clare Balding's at Cardiff Arms Park for this edition of the series that explores how sport made Britain and Britain made sport. Here she looks at the vital role rugby has played in shaping Welsh identity; the stadium was built to be an emblem of national pride, a fortress for Welsh sport in its capital city. She talks to the legendary Welsh captain and scrum half, Gareth Edwards about Wales' glory days of the sixties and seventies and the impact the introduction of professionalism had on the national side. She also talks to Professor Tony Collins from The International Centre for Sports History and Culture, De Montfort University
 The reader is Alun Raglan.
 Producer : Lucy Lunt.
TUE 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnjk)
 Episode 7
 When measles confines Midge to school, her father makes a confession. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.
TUE 14:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9qr8)
 Episode 2
 The actor recalls bedroom frolics in The Missionary and confusion at an ear specialist, where life reflected comic art.
TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b007j79g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04b3n4c)
 Mel wishes actor Daniel Radcliffe happy birthday and investigates the mystery of the 400 false legs found under the floor of an ordinary suburban house.
TUE 17:00 Huddwinks (b00941jx)
 Series 1
 Henry The Vee
 His Majesty fights the French at Agincourt, but will the Bard or Barbara Cartland win the day? Stars Roy Hudd. From July 1986.
TUE 17:30 Safety Catch (b00vkyz1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:00 We've Been Here Before (b007r3dd)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.
 Gyles Brandreth and Jimmy Carr battle it out against John O'Farrell and David Quantick.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.
TUE 18:30 Musical Genes (b00h9cx9)
 Series 2
 Margaret Bennett
 Tom Morton talks to folklorist Margaret Bennett about life with her son Martyn - piper, fiddler and music producer.
 Series searching for the true story behind some of our best loved musicians.
 Producer: Mike Walker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in February 2009.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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TUE 21:15 Kings (b007jqwr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b010mryx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Concrete Cow (b0076k1x)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Meet Thomas Hardy's agent, the theft of Hitler's family jewels, the world's first man and email problems in ancient Rome. Sketch show 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 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00p3380)
 Series 3
 Lives Lost, Ruined, Wrecked and Redeemed
 Pip and Ripely find themselves facing a vast and evil undead army.

England has only one hope - that Miss Sweetly Delightful can melt Mr Benevolent's cruel, undead heart.
 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
 Harry Biscuit James Bachman
 Bishop Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead
 Ripely Bin Sarah Hadland
 Miss Sweetly Delightful Raquel Cassidy
 The Duke of Chelsea Mark Evans
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009
TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007v213)
 Series 1
 Mike's House
 The sketch show team take the audience to Mike's house, but they get lost. Plus a phone-in on problems with phones...
 Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandeyck.
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1990

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WED 06:00 Falco (b008kkch)
 Shadows in Bronze
 2. Resort
 Probing the murder of a conspirator against the Emperor, Roman sleuth Falco is sent to a fashionable resort.
 Starring Anton Lesser.
 Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.
 Falco Anton Lesser
 Petronius Ben Crowe
 Vespasian Michael Tudor Barnes
 Silvia Sara Poyzer
 Larius Christopher Kelham
 Caprenius Marcellus Paul Webster
 Helena Justina Anna Madeley
 Dramatised by Mary Cutler.
 Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.
WED 06:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)
 How a prisoner of war diary found on a beach in Japan in 1945, was returned to the daughter of the writer 45 years later.
 Mary Kiehn talks about the diary written by her father Noel Good.
 Narrated by Derek Jacobi.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
WED 07:00 Absolute Power (b007ys7m)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Roguish Martin enters the Lords as Charles takes on a Big Brother 'star'.
 A swipe at the cults of celebrity and spin, Absolute Power centres around the PR agency, Prentiss McCabe, a company set up by a couple of ex-BBC, long-term staffers. The partners spin news stories to benefit their invariably loathsome clients.
 CAST:
 Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry
 Martin McCabe John Bird
 Sir Archibald Sullivan Tony Gardner
 Maurice David Timson
 with Lisa Coleman, James Vaughan and Beth Chalmers
 Written by Mark Tavener.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
WED 07:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0499dlr)
 Series 1

Episode 2
 Policeman turned stand-up comedian Alfie Moore swears his audience in and takes them through a real life scenario to see what sort of officers they would have made.
WED 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)
 Series 3
 Discover Gravity the Burkiss Way
 Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett refuse to mention the unsavoury Eric Pode of Croydon.
 Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.
 Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
 Producer: John Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.
WED 08:30 Albert and Me (b04b6bds)
 Series 2
 High Society
 Single dad Bryan attends a garden fete and impresses the guest of honour.
 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 King
 Vera Marica Warren
 Edward Gordon Kaye
 Lady Samantha Sarah Berger
 Vicar Michael Bilton
 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 (b00n80b1)
 Series 4
 Episode 3
 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 Arthur Smith, Phill Jupitus, Tony Hawks and Graeme Garden.
WED 09:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jvth)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 All set for divorce and a new home, ad man Ken Handley gets a surprise at the agency.
 Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising
 Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
 Sandy Christopher Godwin
 Freddie Lockwood West
 Deborah Rosalind Ayres
 Ambrose Paul Jesson
 Angus Michael Jenner
 Receptionist Stacey Tendeter
 Mr Cheater James Griffiths
 With Joss Ackland, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.
WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b007lkzg)
 Henry Fielding - Tom Jones
 Episode 2
 A hero banished from the only home he has ever known. A heroine who loves him, shut up in her room by her father. Stars Michael Legge.
WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00sjc6z)
 Michele Roberts - Mud: Stories of Sex and Love
 Vegetarian in France
 Michele Roberts writes enticingly about France, and equally enticingly about food, and this story from her newly published collection brings two of her favourite subjects together in a tongue-in-cheek cautionary tale about the dangers of being fussy about food in a country that regards vegetarians with the scorn reserved for a lesser species. It was not easy, being a vegetarian in France, Larry found, when he and his wife Nicolette finally settled there in their retirement. Their hunting, fishing, butchering, gutting, stuffing and pickling neighbours tried to understand, but their sympathies were all with Nicolette. Larry didn't stand a chance. The reader is Siobhan Redmond.
WED 11:15 Gillian Tindall - The Night House (b04b6fy8)
 When a young bride moves into a former school, she starts sensing that tragic events happened there in the past. Stars Susie Fugle.
WED 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Albert and Me (b04b6bds)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Falco (b008kkch)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy80)
 Episode 3
 Tensions remain as Principal Fielding invites East and West to tea, sparking an ill-considered offer. Read by Samuel West.
WED 14:15 Sport and the British (b01c7sn1)
 Ireland, Politics on the Pitch

Clare Balding visits Croke Park in Dublin, to discover the story behind the formation of the Gaelic Athletic Association and it's founder Michael Cusack. All this week in Sport and the British Clare has been exploring how sport defined and gave an independence to the nations of the British Isles, nowhere is this more evident and vocal than in Ireland. The GAA defined what it was to be Irish - meaning how far removed that is from being English and hurling and Irish football were a way of exemplifying that. Clare talks to Dr Paul Rouse of University College Dublin and Professor Michael Cronin of Boston College Ireland about the history and future of the GAA. The reader is Jonathan Forbes

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

WED 14:30 Winifred Holby - South Riding (b007jnk2)
Episode 8

As the school gossips about Midge, headmistress Sarah feels for Lydia. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

WED 14:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9sjj)

Episode 3

Michael's mum making it big in America, grappling with a pig in 'A Private Function' and a crucial meeting with George Harrison.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b0071kzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04b6nkl)

Mel is in conversation with author Anthony Horowitz and, as the Commonwealth Games start in Glasgow, she hears from a World Champion hurdler: Trinidad and Tobago's Jehue Gordon.

WED 17:00 The Code of the Woosters (b007jzz6)

The Course of True Love

Bertie Wooster comes a cropper while trying to rescue Gussie Fink-Nottle's notebook.

PG Wodehouse romp adapted by Chris Miller.

Starring Michael Hordern as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie Wooster, Patrick Cargill as Sir Watkyn Bassett, Miriam Margolyes as Stiffy Byng, Rex Garner as Gussie Fink-Nottle, James Villiers as Roderick Spode and Bridget Armstrong as Madeline Bassett.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.

WED 17:30 Absolute Power (b007ys7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00n80b1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b04b6nkg)

Absence

Journalist Emma Brockes joins Welsh poet Gwyneth Lewis and novelist Jay Basu to discuss gaps with Matthew Parris.

Each week 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.

WED 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Albert and Me (b04b6dbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Falco (b008klh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00s6c6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Gillian Tindall - The Night House (b04b6fy8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (b0499dlr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01s5d66)

2099

The year that time ran backwards.

Recorded in August 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Hugh Dennis host a retrospective on 2099.

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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04cerspp)

For seven nights a week, the Comedy Club offers two hours of comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth chats to Dan Schreiber.

WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b00ckyjg)

Series 3

Episode 2

Handy hints on body language, sewing corner and three cheers for Swanky Beaumont!

More nostalgic fun in the spoof of boys' adventure story papers. 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 (b012rf47)

Series 2

Episode 5

Prince Charles ends up helping his driver move a sideboard. Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

THURSDAY 24 JULY 2014

THU 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 Sport and the British (b01c7sn1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Winifred Holby - South Riding (b007jnk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9sjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00n80b1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Off the Page (b04b6nkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Falco (b008klh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Classic Serial (b0071kzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00s6c6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Gillian Tindall - The Night House (b04b6fy8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Code of the Woosters (b007jzz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Absolute Power (b007ys7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Falco (b008kmgp)

Shadows in Bronze

3. Friends

At the villa of Helena's former father-in-law, Falco meets some old friends of the senator's daughter.

Starring Anton Lesser.

Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.

Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Anna Madeley

Larius Christopher Kelham

Caprenius Marcellus Paul Webster

Aemilius Rufus Timothy Watson

Aenelia Jaimi Barbakoff

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

THU 06:30 Poets Don't Drive (b0076wz1)

4 Extra Debut. Poet Ian McMillan investigates why poets do not seem to like driving. With Simon Armitage and Wendy Cope.

From February 2006.

THU 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b01cjcmp)

Series 2

Food

Prose and sketches about Pam's world of food, from childhood to the present day. With Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey

Whitehead. From April 2006.

THU 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01h667d)

Series 8

Keeping the Flame Alive

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week,

complete with his trusty companion, Elgar, and his never-ending capacity for scripping and scrapping at whatever scraps

his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together.

With the Olympics looming Stan spies a golden opportunity -

renting out Ed's flat for the duration of the games at the princely sum of £3,000 a week. So Ed has to pack up his

newspaper collection, sift through his takeaway trays and leave

the place he's called home for the last years. But where will he

go?

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrl4)

Series 3

Is There Honey Still for Tea?

Private Godfrey's humble abode, Cherry Tree Cottage, is

threatened with demolition to make way for a new aerodrome...

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 Driver John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Cissie Godfrey Joan Cooper

Colonel/Sir Charles Fraser Kerr

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b0180fds)

From 21/02/1956

Can Ron pull off his starring stage role in 'The Glums'? - and

the adventure of the Scarlet Pimper!

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June

Whitfield, Alma Cogan and Wallace Eton.

Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra with

Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: David Dunhill

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1956.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00qcjwq)

Series 12

Irvine Welsh

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness. Team captains John Walsh and Lynne Truss are

joined by Jane Thynne and Christopher Brookmyre. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Irvine Welsh, and the

reader is Beth Chalmers.

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008f86w)

Series 2

Lassie Go Home

Wendy adopts a dog which adores her, but hates Robin. Stars

Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From June 2003.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b007mpgj)

Henry Fielding - Tom Jones

Episode 3

Tom follows Sophia to the cesspit of immorality that is London

and is invited to a masked ball. Stars Simon Russell Beale.

THU 11:00 Come Away, Come Away! (b00s6t4m)

Peanut Butter and Cello, by Geraldine McCaughrean

A young girl from the favela carries an unexpected burden on a

cross-city journey.

Melody Grove reads 'Peanut Butter and Cello' by Geraldine

McCaughrean.

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.

To mark 150 years since J M Barrie's birth, three leading

writers for young people contribute new stories inspired by a

chapter title from 'Peter Pan'. The authors have been set the

task of exploring the joys and the terrors of childhood without

sentimentality, much as Barrie did in his original text.

Geraldine McCaughrean has been awarded the Carnegie Medal,

the Whitbread Prize and the Guardian Fiction Award for her

books written for all ages. In 2004 she fought off fierce

competition to be selected by the Trustees of Great Ormond

Street Hospital to write an official sequel to 'Peter Pan'. Her

novel, 'Peter Pan In Scarlet', was published to critical acclaim in

2006.

THU 11:15 Rachel Joyce - To Be a Pilgrim (b008m75s)

After six months of retirement, tired Harold opens a letter and

everything changes. Stars Anna Massey and Anton Rodgers.

THU 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrl4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b0180fds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Falco (b008kmgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Poets Don't Drive (b0076wz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy80)

Episode 4

Adela makes a decision about her future with Ronny, but fate

intervenes on the Marabar Road. Read by Samuel West.

Episode 4 of 15.

THU 14:15 Sport and the British (b01c7wxb)

Ireland, North of the Border

While sport is endlessly talked of as a force for unity, in today's

edition of Sport and the British, Clare Balding's in Belfast on

the Falls Road, where it's clear that here sport was just another

arena to reinforce divisions that rent the community in two.

In Northern Ireland the sporting choices for people were, for so

long, based on their religious and political backgrounds. In

soccer there was one team for the Catholics, Belfast Celtic,

Linfield for the Protestants. Clare hears about the violent

clashes that always ensued when these two teams met, finally

leading to the disbandment of Celtic. Boxer, Barry McGuigan

talks about how he tried to be identified with neither side and

we hear about the only sporting hero that did manage to straddle

the divide, uniting both sides, George Best

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

THU 14:30 Winifred Holby - South Riding (b008747v)

Episode 9

Headmistress Sarah Burton befriends the father of one of her

pupils. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

THU 14:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9wg2)

Episode 4

Recalling the 1980s, Michael Palin shares fond recollections of

his sister Angela and the germ of A Fish Called Wanda.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b007mpgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04b9gg1)

Mel finds out if church bells can be heard underwater, two of

author Robert Muchamore's favourite books and the part

Morris Minors played in the Manchester Commonwealth

Series 1
George Eliot
Ex-parliamentary standards commissioner Elizabeth Filkin on the novelist George Eliot. With Humphrey Carpenter. From 2002.
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?
THU 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jr14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b0180rds)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Falco (b008kmgp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Poets Don't Drive (b0076wz1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Come Away, Come Away! (b00s6t4m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Rachel Joyce - To Be a Pilgrim (b008m75s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b01h667d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bz9zn)

Series 1
Episode 1
Meet a reluctant beekeeper, two feuding librarians and a man determined to strike a deal with Santa.
Perrier 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 January 2007.
THU 23:00 Hard to Tell (b015zpdv)
Series 1
Episode 2
One of those parties that starts out as a great way to get to know each other better, but promptly gets taken over by fake tans, jerk chicken, insomniac parents and berets.
Hard To Tell is a four part relationship comedy by Jonny Sweet (Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2009). It 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 Dave Podmore (b007jyjh)
Dave Podmore's Cricket Night
Episode 1
For cricket's most unremarkable medium-paced trundler, every problem is an opportunity.
So Pod turns his 140 hours of community service, teaching the basics of the game to kids, into a novel way of promoting his testimonial dinner.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Pod Christopher Douglas
Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds
With Nick Newman, Chris Pavlo, Mark Perry and Nichola Sanderson.
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014

FRI 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy9b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:15 Sport and the British (b01c7wxb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b008747v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 00:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9wg2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 The Write Stuff (b00qcjwq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b04b9gfy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Falco (b008kmgp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Poets Don't Drive (b0076wz1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b007npgj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Come Away, Come Away! (b00s6t4m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:15 Rachel Joyce - To Be a Pilgrim (b008m75s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxg2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Ayres on the Air (b01cjemp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Falco (b008ktyq)
Shadows in Bronze
4. Party
Falco heads to a party thrown by the wealthy and influential Crispus.
Helena gets shocking news and the Roman sleuth receives a nasty surprise.
Starring Anton Lesser.
Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.
Falco Anton Lesser
Helena Justina Anna Madeley
Aufidius Crispus Bertie Carvel
Petronius Ben Crowe
Silvia Sara Poyzer
Aemilius Rufus Timothy Watson
Aenelia Jaimi Barbakoff
Aufidius Crispus Bertie Carvel
Atius Pertinax Sean Connolly
Dramatised by Bryn Cutler.
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
FRI 06:30 My Wizard (b0076xpc)
John Aizlewood examines the oft derided genre of Progressive Rock, a catch all term for a variety of bands from Pink Floyd to Yes to Hawkwind to Jethro Tull. He talks to Floyd's David Gilmour, Rick Wakeman of Yes and Keith Emerson, and ponders the subtle difference between 'Prog' and 'Progressive', before asking the difficult question - was any of it any good?
FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00f86x3)
Series 4
Episode 4
Rosie Burns and company find themselves involved in the relaunch of a radio station...and of an old disc jockey's career.
Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...
Rosie Prunella Scales
Jo Rebecca Callard
Bob Duncan Preston
Tess Annette Badland
Brad Marshall Colin Stinton
Kenny Truman Chris Emmett
Valerie Pilkington Sheila Mitchell
Written and produced by Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.
FRI 07:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b049xyhy)
Series 1
Heaven 17
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 Chris and Dave, Heaven 17, Toyah Wilcox and Leece 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.
This week John is in a fluster as Kirsty the scottie dog has eaten the tape with all John's jingles on it - so he's having to play them all live and is worried they may all go wrong.
Mary has been complaining that the music is too loud - although she doesn't seem to mind when Heaven 17 are playing. And is that a lemon drizzle cake she's brought for them?
As Glenn and Martyn settle down to play one of their songs, Come Live With Me, Joan Chitty arrives and quite likes the sound of the title. So while John is fretting that the maths in the song lyrics are all wrong, Joan asks if the boys can give her a massage to ease her sciatica.
All this, along with Tina Charles telling John how to sing very high in Top Tips on the Telephone, leaves time short for Ken in the Conservatory - will it happen?
Written and Performed by Graham Fellows with special guests Heaven 17 and Tina Charles.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rsgrq)
Series 2
Episode 2
Eric and Ern get the bird from Percy Edwards, and Nelson gets a phone call from Lady Hamilton.
Written by Eddie Braben.
With Salena Jones and Percy Edwards.
Music from Peter Knight and his Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.
FRI 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jykd)
Series 3
The Leak
Author Gerald becomes obsessed with his wife Diana's sense of smell.
The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.
With Edward Kelsey.
Written by Basil Boothroyd.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1979.
FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00ksvt5)
Series 2
Episode 6
John Lloyd and Sean Lock invite guests Tim Minchin, Philip Pullman and Clive James to add to the collection. From June 2009.
FRI 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mzslp)
Series 2
Episode 6
The sports agent's vain French football star client throws a party and wishes he hadn't. Stars Neil Pearson. From January 2006.
FRI 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jtd1)
Persuasion
Old Friends and New Meetings
It's 1814 in the village of Uppercross in Somersetshire. Sir Walter Elliot of Kellynch Hall has long since given up any hope of his daughter making a favourable marriage.
But Anne did fall in love, eight years ago, with Frederick Wentworth, a young man with no fortune and no family connections. She was persuaded to give him up - and he's not forgiven her...
Starring Juliet Stevenson and Sorcha Cusack
First published in 1817, Jane Austen's novel dramatised in three parts by Michelene Wandor.
Anne Elliot Juliet Stevenson
Jane Austen Sorcha Cusack
Captain Wentworth Tim Brierley
Sir Walter Elliot Roger Hume
Elizabeth Elliot Claire Faulconbridge
Mr Elliot Peter Harlowe
Mary Musgrove Kathryn Hurlbutt
Charles Musgrove Alistair Cameron
Little Charles John Abell
Henrietta Musgrove Alison Dowling
Louisa Musgrove Jayne Dowell
Mrs Musgrove Sheila Grant
Lady Russell Patricia Gallimore
Admiral Croft Jeffery Dench
Sophia Croft Tina Gray
Mrs Clay Hedli Niklaus
Mrs Smith Carole Boyd
Mr Shepherd Stephen Hancock
Charles Hayter Clive Marlowe
Captain Harville Paul Alexander
Captain Benwick Tony Turner
Square piano (William Rolfé and Sons c 1810) played by Kenneth Mobbs
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Vanessa Whitburn.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.
FRI 10:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04cb4nj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 on Sunday]
FRI 11:00 Come Away, Come Away! (b00s6t4p)
Daredevil, by Michael Morpurgo
A reckless challenge leads to a dark discovery in a tale of nature and brotherhood.
James Bryce reads 'Daredevil' by Michael Morpurgo.
Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.
To mark 150 years since author J M Barrie was born, birth, three leading writers for young people contribute stories inspired by a chapter title from 'Peter Pan'. The authors have been set the task of exploring the joys and the terrors of childhood without sentimentality, much as Barrie did in his original text.
Award-winning author and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo has written over 100 books including 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. The stage production of his 2007 novel, 'War Horse' has just transferred to the West End after an award-winning run at the National Theatre.
FRI 11:15 Roger McGough - Summer With Monika (b00bws4x)
Dramatisation of poet Roger McGough's iconic, magical tale of love in the 1960s. Stars Mark McGann and Katy Carmichael.
FRI 11:50 Roger McGough - Postscript: Summer With Monika (b00bwsdj)
Talking about the enigmatic music for his 1960s magical poem of love, Roger McGough reveals who Monika really was.
FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rsgrq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jykd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Falco (b008ktyq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 My Wizard (b0076xpc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jy bq)

Episode 5

A remarkable gesture cements the friendship between Dr Aziz and British principal, Cyril Fielding. Read by Samuel West. Episode 5 of 15.

FRI 14:15 Sport and the British (b01cjm4t)

War Games

Week five of the series that explores how sport made Britain and Britain made sport. In this episode Clare Balding visits The Imperial War Museum to discover the vital role sport has played, both on the battle field and on the home front, during both World Wars. She starts in the Hall of Remembrance in front of John Singer Sargent's, Gassed, an oil painting more than twenty feet long, depicting the aftermath of a mustard gas attack during the First World War, with a line of wounded soldiers walking towards a dressing station. Yet in the background there are groups of men playing football. As Prof. Tony Collins of De Montfort University explains, sport became an essential part of army life, alleviating the boredom and the terror, by 1916 there was a football ground in each brigade area of the Western Front.

During the Second World War, Prof Tony Mason explains the importance of sport to those captured and detained in German prisoner of war camps, with football, in particular being used as a way of providing entertainment for troops overseas.

The series was made in partnership with The International Centre for Sport History and Culture at De Montfort University, Leicester.

The Reader is Alun Raglan

Technical presentation: John Benton

Producer: Garth Brameld.

FRI 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jn10)

Episode 10

When tragedy strikes pupil Lydia, headmistress Sarah Burton takes action. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

FRI 14:45 Michael Palin Diaries: Halfway to Hollywood (b01q9z11)

Episode 5

Lots of kissing, the rushes look good, and a career swerve into world travel beckons. Michael Palin concludes his memoirs.

FRI 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jtd1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 15:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04cb4nj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 on Sunday]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04b5zz0)

Mel hears from a man who tastes words and an investigator who tracks down missing moon rocks.

FRI 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00p4yp8)

Series 1

The Older Man

Patrick is delighted with Alison's new boyfriend, but what about the rest of the family? Stars Duncan Preston. From September 2003.

FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f86x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00ksvt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b00d6jfx)

Series 1

Quotation

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

Stephen examines the thought processes of those who compile quotation dictionaries as well as those who use and abuse them. Such compilers can wield unsuspected power, conferring greatness on the most insignificant text.

FRI 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01rsgrq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jykd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Falco (b008ktyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 My Wizard (b0076xpc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Come Away, Come Away! (b00s6t4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Roger McGough - Summer With Monika (b00bws4x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 21:50 Roger McGough - Postscript: Summer With Monika (b00bwsdj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

FRI 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b049xyhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Party (b011vg9k)

Series 2

Prison Ain't All That Bad

The student politicians of the new political Party use prison-based TV shows as inspiration for forming their policy on crime and punishment.

Second series of Tom Basden's satirical comedy.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Ann Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04dbvqb)

For seven nights a week, the Comedy Club offers two hours of comedy. Arthur smith chats to Tierman Douieb.

FRI 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b010mv50)

Series 1

Tony Beckton

British comedy legend and star of The Fast Show, Down the Line and Bellamy's People, Simon Day debuts his own Radio 4 character comedy show.

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 back stage and front of house goings on at the theatre itself.

Episode 2 of 6: Tony Beckton. Reformed violent criminal Tony Beckton visits the Mallard Theatre to read from his memoirs as part of his rehabilitation.

Tony Beckton / Peter Simon Day

Catherine Catherine Shepherd

Goose Felix Dexter

Ron Bone Simon Greenall

Stacey Susan Harrison

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007v2y5)

Series 2

The Future

What is the future and why is it kept hidden from us? - when if we knew what it was we'd at least know if we needed to take a change of pants?

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.