

SATURDAY 02 AUGUST 2014

SAT 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jylh)
Episode 10

As the trial of Dr Aziz approaches, Mrs Moore refuses to offer Adela Quested any words of comfort. Read by Samuel West.

SAT 00:15 Sport and the British (b01cvt8l)

Sport for All

Clare Balding asks why and when did the British government get involved in sport. How did sport become part of politics, in a country which had always prided itself on keeping them apart?

The Nazis threw immense resources behind the German team for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, while the British Foreign Office still thought sport should be, 'a private affair between private individuals' free of government interference. However by the 1950's post war politicians began to think that physical recreation and games might be a cure for the general apathy and discontent of British youth as exemplified by the teddy boys, mods and rockers of the era.

Professor Tony Mason of The International Centre for Sport Culture and History at De Montfort University explains the importance of the 1957 Wolfenden Committee's report in broadening access to sporting facilities for all sectors of society. Technical presentation: John Benton

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

SAT 00:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnp4)
Episode 15

Lydia finds a body. Headmistress Sarah Burton must make some decisions. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

SAT 00:45 Michael Holroyd - A Strange Eventful History (b015r2bd)

Episode 5

Suffering a stroke on stage, Henry Irving dies, but Ellen Terry battles on. Eleanor Bron concludes Michael Holroyd's biography.

SAT 01:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00ry105)

Series 2

Episode 1

Arthur Smith invites us into his Balham flat in south London for comedy, music and entertainment.

With his guests: John Hegley, Barbara Nice, Andrew Lawrence and Scouting For Girls.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010

SAT 01:30 Fry's English Delight (b00d8p82)

Series 1

Cliche

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

Stephen looks at how cliche operates for both good and bad. A cliche crisis affected the writing of Flaubert, Joyce and Eliot and helped shape modern language and culture.

SAT 02:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b0081lqq)

Episode 1

Simon Brett's thespian sleuth returns in a dramatisation by Jeremy Front.

A murder occurs backstage in a West End production.

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Alex Danny Webb

Maurice Jon Glover

Lucy Jemima Rooper

Val Liza Sadovy

Paula Lexington Rachel Bavidge

Mal Benson Nitin Ganatra

Juliet Tilly Gaunt

Miles/Intercom Voice Thomas Arnold

Mugger/Fireman Jot Davies

Directed by Sally Avens.

SAT 02:30 When Harry Met Sooty (b00759y9)

Comedian Jack Dee presents the rags-to-riches story of Britain's most famous glove puppet, created by Harry Corbett.

Featuring Harry's wife Muriel and his brother Les.

With Sara Parker.

Producer: Sukey Firth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

SAT 03:00 Edith Wharton - Madame de Treymes (b0089brw)

John Durham's fight for the woman he loves sparks a confrontation with a powerful and devious French family.

Anna Massey as Christiane de Treymes in Edith Wharton's novella dramatised by John Peacock.

John Durham Philip Voss

Narrator Valerie Sarruf

Fanny GwenHumble

Mrs Humble Auriol Smith

Nanny Jane Whittenshaw

Katey Tara Dominick

Bessie Boykin Elizabeth Kelly

Elmer Boykin James Greene

Director: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 04:00 Four Stories by F Scott Fitzgerald (b0076f5l)

Three Hours Between Planes

Donald reunites with his childhood love Nancy and old emotions stir. However, memories can deceive. Read by John Sharian.

SAT 04:15 Ashes to Antarctica (b01pj11l)

Antarctica: Setting off to scatter her husband's ashes, a widow discovers more than she bargained for. Stars Carolyn Pickles.

SAT 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00p8fk7)

Series 1

New House

Patrick and Stella find their dream house, but will the children scupper their move? Stars Duncan Preston. From September 2003.

SAT 05:30 Smelling of Roses (b00fd63v)

Series 4

Episode 5

Rosie had always thought the expression 'Celebrity Gardener' was a contradiction in terms...until she met Bernadette Gittings...

Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...

Rosie Burns Prunella Scales

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Brad Colin Stinton

Bernadette Gittings Suzanne Jameson

Crispin Garnett George Leyton

Mrs Thompson Mary Wimbush

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

SAT 06:00 James Baldwin 90th Anniversary: No Complaints (b04cfdhm)

If he had lived James Baldwin would have celebrated his 90th birthday today, 2nd August 2014. He died in 1987 aged 63.

The American novelist, playwright, poet and polemicist came to prominence during the 1950s and 60s, decades torn by the struggle for civil rights in America. Born into relative poverty in Harlem in 1924, Baldwin was a trailblazing explorer of race, class and sexuality in America in novels like *Go Tell It On The Mountain* (1953), *Giovanni's Room* (1956), *Another Country* (1962) and *Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone* (1968). After first visiting Paris in 1948, Baldwin eventually made his home in France. In 1984 Caryl Phillips - the future prize winning British novelist - met James Baldwin at his French home. Baldwin had become a mentor to the young writer and he allowed him to record an extraordinary interview with him - just three years before his death. It ranged from Baldwin's childhood and the realisation of his homosexuality, to his struggle against naked racism in America. Baldwin said whatever he had endured he had 'no complaints' - giving the programme its title - *No Complaints* - when it was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

To mark the 90th anniversary Caryl Phillips returns to that interview, to record his thoughts and feelings about James Baldwin's legacy, and to introduce his own 2004 Radio 4 play: *A Kind of Home - James Baldwin in Paris*. A play inspired by Baldwin's fateful journey to Paris as a young, penniless, black, homosexual writer struggling to survive.

It was a struggle that helped create one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century.

Made for 4 Extra. The producer was Peter McHugh.

SAT 07:45 Centurions (b007jxd8)

Joseph Conrad - Heart of Darkness

Owen Knowles, Dr Robert Hampson and John Milius discuss paradox and moral ambiguity in the modernist classic, published in 1902.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b04cfdhr)

The British on Top of the World

Fellow climber Stephen Venables recalls Sir Chris Bonington's fraught but successful 1975 expedition to Everest. From 2005, mountaineering is a harsh, unforgiving but ultimately rewarding pursuit - Chris Bonington's 1975 excursion up the South West face of Everest was marred by two deaths, but captured the public's imagination. With significantly less technological advantages than present-day climbers, Chris Bonington's team were faced with numerous personal and environmental challenges. He kept an audio diary which helps piece together the team's progress.

Also a writer, photographer and engineer, Sir Chris Bonington has written 17 books and finally reached the summit of Everest in 1985 with a Norwegian expedition. He has been mountaineering since 1951, when he was 16 years old, and continues to this day.

SAT 09:00 James Follett's Men, Martians and Machines (b007jp32)

Novelist, playwright and screenwriter James Follett is nothing if not prolific - many of his dramas graced BBC Radio's schedules throughout the 1980s and 90s - most notably the *Destruction Factor*, *The Light of a Thousand Suns* and *Earthsearch*. According to his website, he's one of the few English language authors published in China. Over 25 novels have made him one of the most borrowed authors in British libraries.

Over 3 hours, James introduces some of his own BBC radio highlights:

* *The Devil to Pay*

A car crash on a hot deserted road. A camper on hand to drag the driver from the wreckage. What's the story? Stars Derek Seaton. From 1979.

* *The Man Who Invented Yesterday*

Scientist, Sir Max is delighted when his experiments come to fruition. His most recent, however, takes him slightly by surprise... Stars Alan Rowe. From 1979.

* *Destruction Factor* - episode 1

Can a corporation's new plant strain mutation bring relief to famine stricken countries? Stars Paul Copley and Rosalind Adams. From 1978.

* *Earthsearch I*

Episode 2/10 First Footprint City

Heading for a home they've never known, the crew of starship Challenger must come to terms with shock news. Stars Sean Arnold. From 1981

* *Earthsearch I*

Episode 10/10 Earthfall

The crew locate an Earth-like planet, but the Angels are not beaten yet. Stars Sean Arnold, Sonia Fraser and Gordon Reid. From 1981

* *Earthsearch II*

Episode 1/10 Return

The Challenger crew's settled life on planet 'Paradise' is soon to be shattered. Stars Sean Arnold and Amanda Murray.

* *The Bionic Blob*

A "thing" from outer space helps a hapless private eye on Earth. Stars Sandra Dickinson and Ed Bishop. From 1979.

Producer: Martin Dempsey

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

SAT 12:00 Queens of Noise - Omnibus (b04cfft4)
Get It On

It's 1989. All-girl band Velvetene are high on champagne and excitement as they sign their first record deal. Are they on the road to be wannabe flops or Top of the Pops?

In 2012, BBC Radio 2 broadcast a pilot music drama 'Shout to the Top', the brainchild of Jeff Smith with music industry veterans Louise Wener (Sleeper) and Roy Boulter (The Farm) drawing on their own experiences.

And so were born Velvetene, an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.

Migrating to BBC Radio 4, this series picks up the story as the band signs to a major record company. Now sharing a flat and with only pennies in their pockets, the three young members of the band embark on a roller coaster ride on the road to who-knows-where. Calling the shots is their new manager, Sam Shephurst.

Omnibus of five episodes.

Sylvie Samantha Robinson

Beth Anneika Rose

Rain Hannah Arterton

Sam Joe Absalom

Christy Clare Corbett

Alec Damian Lynch

Richard Matthew Watson

Music directors Brian Rawling and Marky Bates

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

SAT 13:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b04cfft6)

Ed McBain

Crime novelist Ed McBain tells Anthony Clare about his childhood and an intense lifelong commitment to writing. 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 (b00cghns)

Series 8

The Junk Affair

Neddie combs the world for junk, hoping to corner the market and make a packet. Stars Harry Secombe. From October 1957.

SAT 14:30 Dad's Army (b007jrnv)

Series 3

Ten Seconds From Now

The Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon is set to take part in a secret worldwide radio broadcast.

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 Snood 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

Private Walker Larry Martyn

BBC Producer Frank Thornton

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b04cfdhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 James Baldwin 90th Anniversary: No Complaints (b04cfdhm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:45 Centurions (b007jxd8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:45 today]

SAT 18:00 Mike Walker - Omega (b007j175)

Building what is destined to be the world's tallest tower, civil engineer John Stone comes to question his very existence. Mike Walker's fascinating vision of the near future.

John Stone.....David Calder
Kate.....Penelope Wilton

Louise.....Helen Longworth

Brandt.....Philip Voss

Dr Mary Brown.....Sarah Jane-Holm

Harry.....Karl Prekopp

Music composed and played by David Chiltern
Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 2002.

SAT 19:00 James Follett's Men, Martians and Machines (b007jp32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Vivian Stanshall's Radio Flashes (b04cfqgq)

Episode 1

Bozo Dog Doo-Dah Band singer Vivian Stanshall took to the

airwaves of BBC Radio 1 on Saturday 14th August 1971.

Over 2 hours, re-live Vivian's mix of zany comedy and music -

including his take on Dick Barton's radio serial "Breath from

the Pit". Featuring drummer Keith Moon from The Who.

Vivian has previously featured on 4 Extra - thanks to his solo

comedy 'Sir Henry at Rawlinson End', which originated as

sessions for the John Peel Show on BBC Radio 1 in the

mid-1970s.

With Chris Bowler. Produced by John Walters.

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SUN 00:00 Mike Walker - Omega (b007j175)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b04cfdhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Queens of Noise - Omnibus (b04cff14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b04cftf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 James Baldwin 90th Anniversary: No

Complaints (b04cfdhm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:45 Centurions (b007jxd8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:45 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Winifred Holtby - South Riding Omnibus

(b007jrtn)

Episode 3

Sarah Burton encounters the bitter taste of loss and the joy of

achievement, as the headmistress of Kiplington High School.

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, Anmarie Hosell and Maya Foa.

Dramatised by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SUN 07:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pn4)

Crotchets and Quavers

4 Extra Debut. What are the drawbacks and advantages of

taking up the piano in later life? With Richard Ingrams. From

November 1999.

SUN 07:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007gyxy)

Series 2

Jockey

The surreal comedian's latest challenge is to be a jockey, with

no ability whatsoever. With Tom Goodman-Hill. From May

2007.

SUN 08:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04cfmy9)

From 26/09/1941

Could Mayor Tommy Handley be about to lose his post in high

office?

With Jack Train, Horace Percival, Sydney Keith, Dino Galvani,

Fred Yule, Dorothy Summers, Kay Cavendish, Clarence Wright

and Paula Green.

It's That Man Again - ITMA made a radio superstar of Tommy

Handley (1894-1949) and had more than 20 million devoted

listeners to the BBC Home Service each week - with millions

more around the world. The show's title came from a newspaper

headline used in stories about Adolf Hitler in the lead up to the

Second World War.

Catchphrases like "TTFN - Ta-Ta for now" and "Can I Do You

Now, Sir?" coupled with a frenetic, topical approach made it

utterly distinctive.

From 1939 to 1949, over 310 episodes were broadcast,

breaking away from existing comedy and music hall

conventions with an anarchic and irreverent style - created by

its writer Ted Kavanagh.

Producer: Francis Worsley.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1941.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b04cfpy2)

The Flat

David prepares to move back into his flat, but with warnings

from Tony ringing in his ears.

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

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 Just William - Live! (b01pfrre)

Series 3

William Holds the Stage

Last May, as part of Winchester's Best of British Festival in

celebration of the Jubilee, Martin Jarvis performed the first of

two of Richmal Crompton's comic classics, live on-stage.

In William Holds the Stage, when an old boy of the school gives

a lecture on Hamlet, William gets a somewhat confused idea

that Shakespeare's plays were written by a man called Ham, and

that Shakespeare poisoned Ham, and stole the plays and

pretended he had written them. Then a man called Bacon got

involved and possibly someone called Eggs as well.

When it's announced that the class will perform a scene from

Hamlet in front of a live audience, William decides that, despite

being cast as an attendant, he'd prefer to play the leading role

himself. But things don't go entirely to plan.

A packed house at the Theatre Royal rocks with laughter as

Jarvis performs William's hilariously inventive version of

Shakespeare's masterpiece. Just William as 'stand-up'.

Performed by Martin Jarvis

Director: Rosalind Ayres

A Jarvis and Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 09:30 Rosemary Sutcliff - Brother Dusty Feet

(b01c1p6)

Episode 2

by Rosemary Sutcliff, dramatised by Shaun McKenna

More magical happenings await Hugh, as he journeys through

England with the Strolling Players. But as Christmas

approaches, Argos has an adventure of his own and cannot be

found....

Hugh Josef Lindsay

Narrator Adjoa Andoh

Tobias Pennyfeather Allan Corduner

Jonathan Whiteleaf Peter Hamilton Dyer

Nicky Bodkin/Walter Raleigh Gwilym Lee

Benjamin Bunsell Carl Prekopp

Pilgrim James Lailey

Producer/Director Marion Nancarrow.

SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b04cfw5h)

Edinburgh Fringe Founders 1960

4 Extra Debut. Sue MacGregor reunites some of the founders

and leading performers from the Edinburgh Fringe, including

Arnold Brown. From September 2005.

SUN 10:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jt6)

Eyes in the Dark

Galway was no ordinary Labrador. He wanted to be a sheep.

And then there was that business when he died. Read by the

author.

SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016c22y)

Series 7

Episode 1

Originally cinecast to US cinemas, the American funny man

welcomes singers Joe Ely and Sara Watkins to Minnesota. From

October 2010.

SUN 12:00 Winifred Holtby - South Riding Omnibus

(b007jrtn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pn4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Joseph Conrad - Heart of Darkness (b04cg0px)

4 Extra Debut. Sea captain Marlow is ordered to sail up the

Congo to find the mysterious ivory trader, Mr Kurtz. Stars

David Calder.

SUN 15:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04cfmy9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 A Life of Bliss (b04cfpy2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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

(b04cfy13)

Mel Giedroyc has the best of this week's shows from the

Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

SUN 17:00 Just William - Live! (b01pfrre)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Rosemary Sutcliff - Brother Dusty Feet

(b01c1p6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3m)

Episode 4

The purpose of the alien's presence in Inchbrae is revealed after

Jill and Beth witness more moments from the past.

Sci-fi thriller written by Marty Ross.

Stars Simon Tait as Dan Collins, Gayanne Potter as Jill Logan,

Joanna Tope as Dr Beth Granger, Lesley Hart as Heather

Logan, John Paul Hurley as Dominic Clayton, Finlay McLean

as Reverend Thornley, Sandy Neilson as Captain

Cairns/Minister/Tannoy and Stevie Hannan as Lt Hopridge.

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

SUN 18:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k10v)

6. Shock

Crushed by his dog's death, Robert's vampire quest continues,

with a shock in store.

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 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016c22y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04cfmy9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 A Life of Bliss (b04cfpy2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b04cfw5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jt6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007gyxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Giles Wemmbley Hogg Goes Off (b00fnfnq)

Series 1

China

The naive gap year student lands in Beijing for his Duke of

Edinburgh Award challenge. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From

July 2002.

SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b0129bpk)

Series 2

Us and Them and selected diary extracts

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and

charm to BBC Radio 4 for a series of audience readings. This

week, we learn no two families are ever alike in "Us and Them"

and we get a peep into the caustic mind of the author when he

reads selections from his extensive diaries.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k3g2)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 4

Boothby and friends share scary tales of the railway and dramas

at sea.

More guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs from Boothby

Graffoe.

With Stephen Frost, Vivienne Soan, Big Al, io Forcione, Jim

Sweeney and Neil Innes.

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

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MON 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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Mal Benson Nitin Ganatra
George Birkett Simon Treves
Directed by Sally Avens.

MON 06:30 The Strange Case of Lafcadio Hearn (b0075htl)
Journalist Richard Dowden traces his mysterious ancestor, writer Lafcadio Hearn, who's a household name in Japan. From 1999.

MON 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007r4mg)
Series 1
Episode 5
Tamsyn's had enough of doing all the smuggling and getting none of the credit so is determined to quit.
But when she discovers there's a new charismatic smuggler in town, emergency measures are called for!
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 Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Imelda Staunton as Courageous Kate and Mark Perry as Hobbs.
Producer: Jan Ravens.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04bn28f)
Series 61
Episode 5
The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to Bradford's St George's Hall. Old-timers Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Andy Hamilton, with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano.
Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)
The Rich Brothers
The veteran of many parts recalls a slapstick act, and reveals all on showbiz clichés.
British show business doyen, 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 July 1986.

MON 08:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
Bunging Up
A lost toothbrush sparks chaos amongst the crew aboard HMS Troutbridge.
Tenniel Evans as the Admiral, Michael Bates as the Commander and Lawrie Wyman as AS Tiddy.
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
The Commander Michael Bates
AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
Written by Lawrie Wyman.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

MON 09:00 The Personality Test (b00mb13k)
Series 1
Jennie Bond
Former BBC Royal Correspondent Jennie Bond quizzes a panel about herself.
Sue Perkins, Alan Carr and Lucy Porter battle with queries based on Jenny'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 August 2006.

MON 09:30 My First Planet (b04ck1nv)
Series 2
They Came To Test Our Brains!
A pub quiz and a talking yam spell disaster for Brian when he accidentally discovers his IQ. Oh - and that's what Archer's lungs look like. Thank you Lillian.
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 and Directed by David Tyler.

MON 10:00 Steve Walker - Habakkuk of Ice (b0087495)
The extraordinary story of a battleship - made entirely of ice - designed for use in the Second World War.
It was left to dissolve in a lonely Canadian lake in Northern Alberta - and its eccentric English inventor, Professor Geoffrey Pyke is one of the great unsung geniuses of the 20th Century.
Steve Walker's drama stars Tim McInerney as Geoffrey Pyke, Dermot Crowley as JD Bernal, Melanie Hudson as Pamela Pleens, Chris Emmett as Winston Churchill and David Holt as Lord Mountbatten.
Director: Andy Jordan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)
The Horse
Angela does her homework, as her mother hosts a drinks party for some intellectual friends. Read by Emma Fielding.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04c9kys)
Nikki Bedi, Kevin Eldon, Julian Ovenden, Jon Culshaw, Louise Wener, Arthur Smith, Slow Club, Samantha Crain
Nikki's aboard the Big Train with comedy actor Kevin Eldon, whose book 'My Prefect Cousin' charts the rollercoaster ride of cousin Paul Hamilton's life dedicated to verse.
Former Sleeper front woman Louise Wener tells Nikki about channelling her experience of the music industry into Radio 4 drama series 'Queens of Noise'. It tells the story of Velvetens, an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.
Arthur Smith meets Tony Blair and Obi-Wan Kenobi...or, more accurately, impressionist Jon Culshaw, back on Radio 4's 'Dead Ringers' with a new cast of characters. No one's safe from the merciless parodies, as the show takes down every programme, institution and politician we hold dear.
Julian Ovenden takes a break from playing aristocrat Charles Blake in 'Downton Abbey' to star in 'My Night With Reg'; a funny and bittersweet comedy, set in the summer of 1985 against the backdrop of the mounting AIDS crisis.
With music from Slow Club, who perform 'The Pieces' from their album 'Complete Surrender' and Samantha Crain who plays 'For The Miner' from her album 'Kid Face'
Producer: Sukey Firth.

MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b0082g3r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Strange Case of Lafcadio Hearn (b0075htl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyp6)
Episode 11
Across a tense and crowded courtroom, Adela Quested begins her testimony against Dr Aziz. Read by Samuel West.

MON 14:15 Sport and the British (b01civr3s)
Golden Girls
In the final week of her series exploring how sport made Britain and Britain made sport, Clare Balding looks at the female British athletes of the 1960's who finally took centre stage on the podium and in the press.
She visits the home of the Birchfield Harriers in Birmingham, one of the country's leading athletics clubs. There she meets Norma Blaine who'd been coaching young women athletes since 1951. Norma remembers when women were unable to compete in any distance race over two hundred metres. Her friend, Diane Leather ran a five minute mile, (breaking the women's world record), the same week as Bannister broke the male world record but Diane's achievement was never acknowledged.
Clare explores the legacy of Anita Lonsborough, Dorothy Hyman, Anne Packer, Mary Rand and Lillian Board and asks if this golden age of female athletes can ever be repeated.
The series has been made with The International Centre for Sport History and Culture at De Montfort University in Leicester.
Technical presentation: John Benton
Producer: Lucy Lunt.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfk31)
David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs
Episode 1
Comedy by David and Caroline Stafford about manners, morals, accidental chaos and heavy-duty childcare. The story follows the fortunes of two au pairs, Alvy from Ireland and Dorkia from Hungary, who bond over their mutual condemnation of modern parenting.
Dorika Anna Maxwell Martin
Alvy Sharon Gavin
Directed by Marc Beeby.

MON 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsnr)
Sadie Jones - The Outcast
Homecomings
In 1957 a 19-year-old boy is released from jail. Emma Fielding

reads Sadie Jones's novel about transgression and redemption.

MON 15:00 Steve Walker - Habakkuk of Ice (b0087495)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03j8l19)
EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick joins Mel Giedroyc to read Sally Gardner's award-winning Maggot Moon. Plus, Dick and Dom begin their science series How Dangerous Is Your School?
MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfv)
Series 2
Maybe, Baby
Broody Faith fancies starting a second family - but does Bill? 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, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Norman Bird as Mr Burrows and Deborah Rowbottom as the Police Officer.
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 (b007r4mg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 The Personality Test (b00mb13k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04ck4kb)
John Bird and Professor Susan Greenfield
Tom Sutcliffe, Susan Greenfield and John Bird discuss books by Gitta Sereny, Jerzy Kosinski and Guisepp Tomasi di Lampedusa. From 1998.
Into That Darkness by Gitta Sereny
Publisher: Pimlico/Andre Deutsch
Being There by Jerzy Kosinski
Publisher: Black Swan
The Leopard by Guisepp Tomasi di Lampedusa
Publisher: Harvill Press.

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MON 21:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b0076lzm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b04c9kys)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04bn28f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 My First Planet (b04ck1nv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00w0d8p)
Series 6
Edith
Satan strikes a bizarre bargain with an eminent historian.
Devilish sitcom starring Andy Hamilton and Annette Crosbie.
From September 2007.

MON 23:30 World of Pub (b007jpyb)
Series 2
Episode 1
Dodgy Phil comes up with another scheme to fill Barry and Garry's East End boozer with punters.
Tony Roche's comedy about the world's worst pub in London's East End.
Dodgy Phil John Thomson
Barry Phil Cornwall
Garry Alistair McGowan
With Debra Stephenson and Simon Greenall.
Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.
Music: Bill Bailey
Producer: Jane Bethoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

TUESDAY 05 AUGUST 2014

TUE 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyp6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007r4mg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b0084ldq)

Episode 3

Simon Brett's thespian sleuth returns in a dramatisation by Jeremy Front.

Can Charles prove his friend Alex innocent of murder and at the same time stop himself being made homeless?

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Lucy Jemima Rooper

Val Liza Sadovy

Paula Lexington/SM Rachel Bavidge

Mal Benson Nitin Ganatra

Dr Blythe Simon Treves

Madeleine Jasmin Callan

Georgina Banks Miranda Colchester

Miles/Newsreader Thomas Arnold

Juliet/Journalist Tilly Gaunt

Directed by Sally Avens.

TUE 06:30 Modern Piperacks and Interesting Umbrella Stands (b00766z9)

Phill Jupitus looks at the heyday of Hobbies Weekly magazine and at a vanished era when men had fun with fretsaws. From March 2002.

TUE 07:00 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)

Series 3

Uncomfortably Numb

Simon is appalled that his boss thinks it's inappropriate for him to empathise with the world's persecuted and oppressed and stop worrying.

But when his family generally agree that worrying gets you nowhere he sets out to give himself compassion fatigue so that he can he can stop worrying and not feel guilty about all the bloodshed in the world. Unfortunately his new outlook doesn't seem to change Anna's parents view of him when they come to visit.

Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.

Simon McGrath 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 stopgap until he finds the perfect outlet for it. Okay the gap has lasted five years, but that's not the point.

Simon McGrath Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg Joanna Page

Boris Kemal Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull Rachel Atkins

Glenys Di Botcher

Hugh Mike Hayward

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

TUE 07:30 Beauty of Britain (b010y0sh)

Series 2

Life in the UK

Beauty Oolonga's UK work visa is about to run out.

Will she pass her citizenship test and be granted indefinite leave to remain - and will the handsome, mature Ade be her saviour? 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

Liz Rita May

Helen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Jodie Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Waiter/Receptionist Christopher Douglas

Ade Paterson Joseph

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jp3m)

Series 8

The Burning Embassy

Peking's British embassy catches fire, so fireman Seagoon posts off parcels of water. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1957.

TUE 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007jsxl)

Digs

Student medic Simon Sparrow gets saddled with vampish landlady, Mrs Robinson.

The misadventures of student doctor Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's novel 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast

as Taffy Evans, Norma Ronald as Vera and Ann Murray as Mrs Robinson.

Producer: David Hatch

Recorded at the BBC Paris studio in London.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

TUE 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00kfwbs)

Series 2

Episode 1

Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of those who made it into the history books - and those who only enjoyed 15 minutes of fame...

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego with guests Polly Toynbee and Miles Kington.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 09:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b00bx21n)

Series 2

21 July 1799

Dorothy is worried about William's impending marriage. Iris bangs bolsters. Samuel Taylor Cholerick falls from grace. And Thomas de Quinace arrives....

An everyday story of towering genius in Sue Limb's six-part soap opera, set in and around the Lake District at the turn of the 18th century.

Stars Geoffrey Whitehead as William Wordsmith, Denise Coffey as Dorothy Wordsmith, Simon Callow as Samuel Taylor Cholerick, Nickolas Grace as Thomas de Quinace, Miriam Margolyes as Stinking Iris and Chris Emmett as the Leechpedlar.

Music by Stephen Oliver and performed by Cantabile.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

TUE 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r7bhr)

Episode 1

Stolen from an Indian deity, a huge diamond is given to Rachel Verinder as she turns 18, but it disappears. Stars Eleanor Bron.

TUE 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007rsyx)

Miss King

A penny is the source of much discord between Emma Bury and Milly Young. Read by Emma Fielding.

TUE 11:15 Peter Tinniswood - On the Whole It's Been Jolly Good (b007jqrr)

Maurice Denham is former MP Sir Plympton Makepeace reflecting on 60 glorious years in power. Peter Tinniswood's comic monologue.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jp3m)

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TUE 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007jsxl)

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TUE 13:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b0084ldq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Modern Piperacks and Interesting Umbrella Stands (b00766z9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyqf)

Episode 12

The people of India have cause for great celebration, but sad news arrives from England. Read by Samuel West.

TUE 14:15 Sport and the British (b01cw7kv)

Rugby's Big Bang

Clare Balding explores why Rugby Union tried to stand firm against the encroaching tide of professionalism and in August 1995, lost.

One by one the old bastions of the sporting gentleman had fallen in the 1960s and 1970s. Cricket, tennis and athletics had all abandoned the Victorian distinction between amateurs and professionals. The word 'amateur' had almost become an insult.

But of all the major sports, only one continued to uphold the banner - rugby union. It had introduced strict amateur rules into the game in 1886 and ever since had been determined to uphold them. Prof Tony Collins explains that when the Thatcher era did away with the old school tie mentality and money became an acceptable topic of conversation there was only one way rugby could go.

This series was made in partnership with The International Centre for Sport History and Culture.

Technical presentation: John Benton

Producer: Sara Conkey.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfk2v)

David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs

Episode 2

Comedy by David and Caroline Stafford about manners, morals, accidental chaos and heavy-duty childcare. The story follows the fortunes of two au pairs, Alvy from Ireland and Dorkia from Hungary, who bond over their mutual condemnation of modern parenting.

Alvy and Dorkia have a night off. And that's just their first mistake.

Dorkia Anna Maxwell Martin

Alvy Sharon Gavin

Directed by Marc Beeby.

TUE 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsny)

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

The River

It is 1947 and, home from prep school, Lewis's idyllic summer is set to come to a sudden and shocking end. Read by Emma Fielding.

TUE 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r7bhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03j9g8f)

EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick continues his reading of Sally Gardner's award-winning Maggot Moon, and Dick and Dom investigate the world of bugs and germs.

TUE 17:00 Huddwinks (b009kh0z)

Series 1

Railway '86 - The Movie!

British Rail's new 'Silver Bullet' train ends up as a runaway express to Aberdeen. Stars Roy Hudd. From August 1986.

TUE 17:30 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Who Goes There? (b00kfwbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 18:30 Musical Genes (b00hlddk)

Series 2

Woody Guthrie

Woody Guthrie wrote hundreds of songs charting life in America including 'This Land is Our Land'.

Tom Morton hears about the man and his music from his eldest son Arlo Guthrie, an acclaimed singer songwriter in his own right who wrote 'Alice's Restaurant' and has recently performed at Celtic Connection.

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.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04ckhq3)

2014

Episode 1

4 Extra Debut. Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.

TUE 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b010y0sh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0105vtt)

Series 4

Magical Mister Murgatroyd

The hit Radio 4 series 'Fags, Mags & Bags' returns with a 4th series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.

Written by and starring Donald McLeary and Sanjeev Kohli.

'Fags, Mags & Bags' has proved a hit with the Radio 4 audience with the show also collecting a Sony nomination and a Writers' Guild award in 2008. This brand new series sees a crop of new shop regulars, and some guest appearances along the way from the likes of Mina Anwar and Kevin Eldon.

In this episode Alok announces his sudden engagement to Siddiqua, the daughter of the local Pennywise empire and shop rival to Ramesh. So is it love that is driving Alok, or the promise of a gadget filled backshop?

So join the staff of 'Fags, Mags and Bags' in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of 30 years, and is a firmly entrenched feature of the local area. Ramesh loves the art of the 'shop'.

However, he does apply the 'low return' rules of the shop to all other aspects of his life. Ramesh is ably assisted by his shop sidekick Dave, a forty-something underachiever who shares Ramesh's love of the art of shopkeeping, even if he is treated like a slave.

Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business, and Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them whether they like it or not!

Cast:

Ramesh Sanjeev Kohli

Dave Donald McLeary

Sanjay Omar Raza

Alok Susheel Kumar

Mrs Beggs Marjory Hogarth

Keith Futures Greg McHugh

Siddiqua Debbie Welsh

Shahid Mirza Mani Sumal

Producer/Director: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00crds8)

Series 1

Episode 2

Deputy curator Rod holds a press conference and Walter makes a move.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
 Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern
 Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
 Rod's Mum Liza Sadovy
 Mark Patterson Ben Moor
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.
TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007w56x)
 Series 1
 Fairground
 The sketch show team take their audience to the fair for Will's birthday – and England's World Cup clichés...
 Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck.
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1990

WEDNESDAY 06 AUGUST 2014

WED 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyqf)

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WED 05:30 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)

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WED 06:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b00856hy)

Episode 4

Simon Brett's thespian sleuth returns in a dramatisation by Jeremy Front.

Has Charles time to solve a murder, win Frances' heart and make it on stage by the time the curtain goes up?

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice/Bufet Captain Jon Glover

Lucy Jemima Rooper

Val Liza Sadovy

Paula Lexington/SM/Sat Nav Rachel Bavidge

Alex/PR Danny Webb

Juliet Tilly Gaunt

Directed by Sally Avens.

WED 06:30 Arch Rivals (b0076qjk)

Felicity Finch balances the claims of rival ballet shoe makers who are striving to keep dancers 'on pointe'. From February 2005.

WED 07:00 Absolute Power (b00805kb)

Series 3

Episode 5

Spin doctors Prentiss and McCabe are challenged to boost public opinion about men. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From January 2002.

WED 07:30 Dead Ringers (b04brr99)

Series 12

Episode 1

After a rest of 7 years, the classic, award winning impressions show is back with a new cast of characters.

No one will be safe from the merciless parodies, as the show takes down every programme, institution and politician you hold dear.

Starring Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Duncan Wisbey, Lewis MacLeod, Debra Stevenson.

Producer: Bill Dare.

WED 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqv4)

Series 3

How to Succeed in Business The Burkiss Way "It's That Script Again!" with fast-talking old-time radio comedy fun - and at the Council Planning Committee, will Satan eat a cucumber or offer a million pound bribe?

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.

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 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

Series 1

Episode 1

Quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies in the debut show.

Written and performed by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall, Bill Oddie and Anthony Buffery. Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Bill, Graeme and Tim went on to become BBC TV's The Goodies and John Cleese helped found Monty Python's Flying Circus. David Hatch went on to be a producer, Controller and then Managing Director of BBC Radio. Jo Kendall later featured in The Burkiss Way.

Songs by Bill Oddie and Hugh Macdonald.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1964.

WED 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00nk0g7)

Series 4

Episode 5

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 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv2q)

Series 2

Episode 3

A seven foot squirrel drives ad man Ken Handley nuts, but can some face cream help?

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

Leo Gale Glyn Owen

Christina Jo Manning Wilson

Receptionist Maggie McCarthy

George Peter Tuddenham

With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.

WED 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r7ml6)

Episode 2

Is Rosanna hiding something and why is Rachel Verinder refusing to speak to Sergeant Cuff? Tragedy looms. Stars Kenneth Cranham.

WED 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007s9rk)

The River

A flood causes catastrophe for river-loving William and his young daughter Frankie. Emma Fielding reads Margaret Bonham's story.

WED 11:15 RD Wingfield (b0089kpv)

Daylight Robbery

'Elderly lady living alone in remote house, willing to take in paying guests.'

When Miss Pickering puts this ad in the newspaper, she has an ulterior motive.

So have the four gentlemen who reply...

Monica Grey stars in RD Wingfield's crime drama.

Miss Pickering Monica Grey

Colonel Fryatt Norman Shelley

Dr Brown Jonathan Scott

Harris Peter Woodthorpe

Wakeson Howard Goorney

Bank Manager Lewis Stringer

Woman in Telephone Kiosk Daisy Bell

Jones Brian Gear

Woman in Crowd Elizabeth Havelock

Constable Douglas Leach

Car Driver David Ponting

Other parts played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Bristol by John Cardy.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.

WED 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b00856hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Arch Rivals (b0076qjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyqr)

Episode 13

Despite his own good news, Dr Aziz is preoccupied with thoughts of Cyril Fielding. Read by Samuel West.

WED 14:15 Sport and the British (b01cwszw)

Globalisation

Clare Balding explores the way global television has changed our relationship with sport forever. It's no longer seasonal and is bankrolled by TV income and it bows to TV's needs.

This series was made in partnership with The International Centre for Sport History and Culture.

Technical presentation: John Benton

Producer: Sara Conkey.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfk2x)

David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs

Episode 3

Comedy by David and Caroline Stafford about manners, morals, accidental chaos and heavy-duty childcare. The story follows the fortunes of two au pairs, Alvy from Ireland and Dorkia from Hungary, who bond over their mutual condemnation of modern parenting.

It is Louis' birthday. The cake is prepared and the games are organised - what could possibly go wrong?

Dorika Anna Maxwell Martin

Alvy Sharon Gavin

Directed by Marc Beeby.

WED 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsp4)

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

The Introduction

Lewis is still raw with grief when Gilbert asks him to meet the woman he has asked to be his second wife. Read by Emma Fielding.

WED 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r7ml6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03j9swh)

EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick continues his reading of Sally Gardner's Maggot Moon, and Dick and Dom continue their fun science series 'How Dangerous is Your School?'

WED 17:00 Bristow (b007r031)

Series 2

When Melancholy Autumn Comes to Chester-Perry

The promise of a Christmas bonus lifts Bristow's spirits - for once, his generosity knows no bounds... But then he takes matters into his own hands when it becomes clear that a bonus for Chester Perry staff isn't forthcoming.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Jonathan Quartly Bernard Cribbins

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brennan

Molly Sheila Reid

Rupert Clement Royce Mills

Miss Summan Katy Odey

Richard Blobb Norman Bird

Miss Golightly Lucy Akhurst

Postboy Simon Schatzberger

Receptionist Zeena Eate

Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

WED 17:30 Absolute Power (b00805kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00nk0g7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b04cnqz1)

Countryside

Rock critic Neil McCormick, poet Dorothea Smartt and writer Andy Miller share their love and fear of rural Britain.

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 (b007jqv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Charles Paris - Murder Unprompted (b00856hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Arch Rivals (b0076qjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04cryj0)

2014

Episode 2

Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.

WED 22:00 Dead Ringers (b04brr99)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00n8n9k)

Series 2

Oh Carolina

Adam finally goes out on a date, but is the lady in question quite what she appears? Starring Lenny Henry. From October 2009.

WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b00cq60w)

Series 3

Episode 4

Howdee y'all! A special star-spangled American issue of the nostalgic 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 March 1994.

WED 23:30 Sarah at the Stand (b01425t6)

Episode 1

Sarah Millican is in Edinburgh with stand-up and backstage featuring Mark Nelson, Alun Cochrane and Reginald D Hunter.

From October 2010.

WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00shngl)

Episode 1

The first of Poet Paul Hamilton's poetry magazine programmes. Paul hears some classic poetry from Derek Harricot, and inspires an unusual person to try poetry for the very first time. Poetry spoof by Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee. With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz. Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

THURSDAY 07 AUGUST 2014**THU 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jypr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 Sport and the British (b01cwszw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfk2x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspa)

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THU 03:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r7ml6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007s9rk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 RD Wingfield (b0089kpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Bristow (b007r031)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Absolute Power (b00805kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Tom Stoppard - Where Are They Now? (b01kbhws)

An Old Boys reunion dinner inevitably invites echoes from the past. Stars Carleton Hobbs, Lockwood West and Timothy West.
THU 06:30 Sampledelica! The History of the Mellotron (b0076ylh)
Mark Radcliffe charts the history of the unwieldy Mellotron, a bizarre, tape-driven instrument that dominated the soundscape of the late 60s and 70s and featured on records by The Beatles, The Moody Blues, King Crimson and Tangerine Dream, to name a few.

THU 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)

Series 1

The Agony and the Ecstasy

Italian exchange student Gian Paolo meets the Conroy family. Eddie's trying not to lose his patience - or his fare to Gay Pride. Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy-drama series following the lives of the Conroys, a family living in Stockport.
Jason Dominic Monaghan
Gian-Paulo Stefan Escreet
Eddie John McArdle
Gran Ann Rye
Father Ryan Chris Pavlo
Maureen Beverley Callard
Michael Jason Done
Debbie Jo-Anne Knowles
Music: Big George
Producer: Neil Mossey
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

THU 07:30 Listen Against (b016x3gn)

Series 4

Episode 2

A week of radio that never happened.

Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes

Written and created by Jon Holmes

Listen Against is the comedy that takes the back off your radio and television, fiddles round with the programmes inside and then puts them all back the wrong way round.

With:

Kevin Eldon

Justin Edwards

Sarah Hadland

James Bachman

Kim Wall

David Mara

Producer: Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

THU 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cnsqs)

Series 2

Pass the Parcel

Bert's parcel mix-up at the station's Left Luggage Office sparks havoc

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as

Percy/Bradshaw/Rev, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and Douglas Blackwell as the Brigadier.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for

generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalman, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1973.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)

From 24/04/1957

Inventors Corner - and can Pa stop Ron and Eth marrying in a court of law in 'The Glums'?

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June Whitfield and Wallace Eton.

Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra with Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1957.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00qpq1x)

Series 12

Nancy Mitford

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

joined by John O'Farrell and Mark Billingham. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Nancy Mitford, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008h4qy)

Series 2

About Some Boys

Robin is soaking. Derek is excited. Maureen is furious.

Whatever next? Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From June 2003.

THU 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r80rw)

Episode 3

No clues for Sergeant Cuff. In London, Lady Verinder's poor relation, Miss Clack, takes up Rachel's story. Stars Marcia Warren.

THU 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007sygh)

The Two Mrs Reeds

Two women with the same name convalesce in a maternity ward. Emma Fielding reads Margaret Bonham's story.

THU 11:15 David Pownall - Barbara Allen (b00hp7mw)

The mystery of love's compelling power, explored in a drama based on one of the best-loved folk songs of all time. The story of high-born Jenny Grove's unrequited obsession with beautiful artisan girl, Barbara Allen.

Stars Keith Barron as John, Benedict Sandiford as Jenny, Honeysuckle Weeks as Barbara Allen, Adam Godley as Silas and Natasha Pyne as Mrs Allen.

Written by David Pownall.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cnsqs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Tom Stoppard - Where Are They Now? (b01kbhws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Sampledelica! The History of the Mellotron (b0076ylh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jysz)

Episode 14

Two years after their last meeting, Dr Aziz once again comes face-to-face with Cyril Fielding. Read by Samuel West.

THU 14:15 Sport and the British (b01cwpv9)

The State of Play

Clare Balding with Professors Richard Holt, Tony Collins and Mike Cronin explores the cultural importance of the great

triviality that is sport.

The series was made in partnership with The International Centre for Sports History and Culture at de Montfort University.

Producer: Lucy Lunt

Executive Editor: Ian Bent.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfkgz)

David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs

Episode 4

Comedy by David and Caroline Stafford about manners, morals, accidental chaos and heavy-duty childcare. The story follows the fortunes of two au pairs, Alvy from Ireland and Dorkia from Hungary, who bond over their mutual

condemnation of modern parenting.

Alvy and Dorika go to the zoo. Lock up your children.

Dorika Anna Maxwell Martin

Alvy Sharon Gavin

Directed by Marc Beeby.

THU 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspb)

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

Soho

Unwelcome at home, Lewis finds his anger and hurt hard to control. An explosive moment ends in flight. Read by Emma Fielding.

THU 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r80rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03j9xb6)

Mel Giedroyc presents Sally Gardner's award-winning Maggot Moon, read exclusively by EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick. Plus, Dick and Dom investigate sport in 'How Dangerous'.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxhx)

Series 2

Love All

Safety on the roads, romance in the air and a painful little problem for Mr Long. With Carolyn Pickles. From July 2003.

THU 17:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 The Write Stuff (b00qpq1x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04cp5dc)

Series 1

Viscount Slim

Lord Carrington and Lord John Slim discuss military leader, Field-Marshal Viscount Slim. With Humphrey Carpenter. From 2002.

Each week Humphrey Carpenter invites famous people to nominate great lives for discussion.

Margaret Thatcher's Foreign Secretary and former Secretary General of NATO, Lord Carrington chooses the overlooked

Second World War military leader, Field-Marshal Viscount Slim, who he first met in the Australia of the 1950s.

Slim's son John explains how his father was known as 'Uncle Bill' to the men of the 14th Army during the arduous Burma Campaign.

THU 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cnsqs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b007k438)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Tom Stoppard - Where Are They Now? (b01kbhws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Sampledelica! The History of the Mellotron (b0076ylh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04crzdz)

2014

Episode 3

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THU 22:00 Listen Against (b016x3gn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00c5xtr)

Series 2

Episode 5

An attic full of peas, switching from Girl Guide to sumo wrestler and dull geological holidays.

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

With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

THU 23:00 Hard to Tell (b016ldt6)

Series 1

Episode 4

Hard To Tell is a four part relationship comedy by Jonny Sweet (Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2009), who 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.

In episode 4, Tom's loyalty is tested to the full when he's forced to choose between supporting Ellen as a bridesmaid or indulging in an uninterrupted TV marathon of Jonathan Creek, season 2.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

A Tiger Aspect production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007wzpz)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 3

There's uproar when a Russian billionaire turns Pod's cricket ground into a supermarket, leaving Pod with divided loyalties.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Pod Christopher Douglas

Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds

With Nick Newman, Nichola Sanderson, Ewan Bailey and Chris Pavlo.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

FRIDAY 08 AUGUST 2014**FRI 00:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jysz)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfkgz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 The Write Stuff (b00qp1x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b04cp5dc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Tom Stoppard - Where Are They Now? (b01kbhws)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Sampledelica! The History of the Mellotron (b0076yhb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r80rw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007sygh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:15 David Pownall - Barbara Allen (b00hp7mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Nick Warburton - Paradise (b04cp174)
 4 Extra Debut. Antonia swaps her City job for life in the country, but why is the cottage she wants so cheap? Stars Amanda Root and Liz Smith.
FRI 06:30 Up A Gum Tree (b0075kfc)
 It's a health-giving, circulation-boosting, teeth-preserving, breath-freshening, digestion-aiding, brain-clearing, chest-developing, nerve-settling national pastime. Love it or hate it, chewing gum is here to stay. But it turns out it's not only today's teenagers who munch on gum. The ancient remains of a gum buried with a stone-age teenager have also been discovered. So just how long has chewing gum been around? Pete McCarthy takes you on a whirlwind tour of the bubblegum years.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
FRI 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00fh6w1)
 Series 4
 Episode 6
 For Rosie Burns, life offers a fashion show, a potential romantic interest...and a parting of the ways. A final assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...
 Rosie Burns Prunella Scales
 Jo Rebecca Callard
 Bob Duncan Preston
 Tess Annette Badland
 Brad Colin Stinton
 Henry Benjamin Whitrow
 Reggie Rowland Davies
 Written and produced by Simon Brett.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.
FRI 07:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b04c9xd3)
 Series 1
 Lee John of Imagination
 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 and Dave, Heaven 17, Toyah Willcox and Lee John find themselves in John's lounge having tea with wife Mary, being flirited 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.
 It's the last show in the series this week but John is feeling a little stressed despite the fact all the jingles are recorded. John's final guest is Lee John from Imagination who's a very busy man involved with charity work, singing, acting and making a documentary - and John is worried that Lee is doing too much and should take things a bit easy. Maybe they could take a trip to the reservoir to check the levels as that's a very relaxing thing to do?
 But Lee has been working since the age of 13 and is still full of energy so he's ready to sing one of John's songs, and indeed one of his own. As Lee prepares to sing Body Talk, John settles down to listen and by the end of it feels quite relaxed. But things get tense once more as Ken tries one last desperate attempt to woo a star to his stable. Will Lee be interested? And will Ken finally get to present the item Ken in the Konservatory?
 Also, there are top tips on the telephone from Anita Harris.
 Written and Performed by Graham Fellows with special guests Lee John and Anita Harris.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01s5crm)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Money talks when the duo visit their bank manager and Ernie shows off his court skills in a game of tennis.
 Written by Eddie Braben.
 With Allan Cuthbertson.
 Music from Syd Lawrence 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 (b007jz1f)
 Series 3
 The Escape
 Author Gerald and his wife Diana feel jaded and start planning a break.
 The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.
 With Betty Huntley-Wright and Michael McClain.
 Written by Basil Boothroyd.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.
FRI 09:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s0hn9)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Arthur Smith invites us into his Balham flat in south London for comedy, music and entertainment.
 With his guests: Paloma Faith, Miles Jupp and Tom Wrigglesworth.
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010
FRI 09:30 Rent (b04crvzb)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Now they've got students Paul and Ruby as lodgers, Maria and Richard are finding out they're not as young and groovy as they'd thought...
 House share comedy about taking in lodgers written by Lucy Flannery.
 Maria Barbara Flynn
 Richard Patrick Barlow
 Amy Linda Polan
 Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan
 Paul Toby Longworth
 Producer: Liz Anstee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
FRI 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r81tv)
 Episode 4
 Determined to solve the mystery of the diamond, Blake makes a shocking discovery and sets up a re-enactment. Stars Paul Rhys.
FRI 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007tzqb)
 The Professor's Daughter
 Four-year-old Britta and her fearful imagination cause social embarrassment for Miss Jenner. Read by Emma Fielding.
FRI 11:15 John Pilkington - Apostle of Light (b00161j)
 Blinded in an accident in the early 19th century, Louis Braille aspires to improve the status of blind people. Stars Adam Godley.
FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01s5crm)
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FRI 13:00 Nick Warburton - Paradise (b04cp174)
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FRI 13:30 Up A Gum Tree (b0075kfc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 EM Forster - A Passage to India (b007jyv9)
 Episode 15
 As Dr Aziz makes his mind up about Cyril Fielding, he finds himself thinking about the late Mrs Moore. Read by Samuel West.
FRI 14:15 Centurions (b007jzjp)
 Albert Camus: The Outsider
 Ray Davison and Oliver Todd discuss the impact of the author's pioneering novel on post-war European thought and literature.
FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00mfkd2)
 David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs
 Episode 5
 Comedy by David and Caroline Stafford about manners, morals, accidental chaos and heavy-duty childcare. The story follows the fortunes of two au pairs, Alvy from Ireland and Dorkia from Hungary, who bond over their mutual condemnation of modern parenting.
 Major life changes beckon. If only Alvy and Dorika can get that vase off Louis' head.
 Dorika Anna Maxwell Martin
 Alvy Sharon Gavin
 Directed by Marc Beeby.
FRI 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspj)
 Sadie Jones - The Outcast
 Desecration
 Increasingly alone and at odds with the world, self-loathing Lewis makes a dramatic gesture of despair. Read by Emma Fielding.
FRI 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b01r81tv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b03j9z1j)
 EastEnders actor Jamie Borthwick reads the final episode of Sally Gardner's Maggot Moon and Dick and Dom do mind-bending experiments at London's Cardinal Wiseman School.
FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007k280)
 Series 2
 Memory Games
 'Mother, you are doing it again. You are defining us. And what's more, you are wrong. Henry was lovely and endearing, but he

wasn't practical. He couldn't organise himself out of a paper bag'.
 Daughter Clare's trivia quiz helps Sarah with all her memories of late husband Henry.
 Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
 Sarah Prunella Scales
 Eleanor Joan Sanderson
 Russell Benjamin Whitrow
 Clare Gerry Cowper
 Miles David Quilter
 Quizmaster Graham Blockey
 Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
 Producer: Pete Atkin.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.
FRI 17:30 Smelling of Roses (b00fh6w1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s0hn9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b001v1ln)
 Series 2
 So Wrong It's Right
 Stephen Fry explores the highways and byways of the English language.
 Stephen examines how 'wrong' English can become right English. For example, nowadays, more people use the word 'wireless' in a computer context than in a radio one. With help from a lexicographer, an educationalist, a Times sub-editor and a judge, Stephen examines the way in which usage changes language.
 He applauds the council leader who claimed the services provided by her local authority should be seen as strawberry-flavoured and castigates attempts at banning government jargon like step change and synergy. Banning words is fruitless; he favours blue sky thinking, and strawberry flavouring.
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FRI 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b04c9xd3)
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FRI 22:30 Father Figure (b02x9c95)
 Pilot
 A new Belfast house-husband has a dog of a first day, as he embraces his change of lifestyle. Stars Jason Byrne. From April 2010.
FRI 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b010y312)
 Series 1
 Billy Bleach
 With no headliner at The Mallard, newcomer Billy Bleach is asked to extend his stand-up set. With Simon Greenall. From May 2011.
FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtpd)
 Series 2
 The Sea
 Why did Turner paint the sea so often? Was it its timeless majesty, or because he couldn't draw hands properly?
 From Liverpool University - this is the cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.
 Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.
 With Carla Mendonca, Armando Iannucci and the voice of Tom Baker.
 Producer: Sarah Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.