

with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfield
Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' with the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. First broadcast years before the first moon landing, this fired the imagination of millions. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart - television!
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
SAT 18:30 Ben Moor - Undone (b007jwq5)
Series 2
Unaccompanied
Edna tries to make sense of a reality without Undone. Are the gaps closed?
Starring Alex Tregear and Ben Moor.
Series 2 of Ben Moor's comic sci-fi saga about a magazine editor called Edna Turner who enters a parallel world where her version of London is replaced with the city of Undone.
Edna Turner Alex Tregear
Tankerton Slopes Ben Moor
Billy Duncan Wisbey
Voodoo Electrician Nitin Ganatra
Grant Tim Key
Other parts played by the cast.
Producer: Colin Anderson
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Radio Comedy and first broadcast in January 2008.
SAT 19:00 The BBC Tour (b04d0kl7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Vivian Stanshall's Radio Flashes (b04d0ksp)
Episode 2
Music, comedy and Keith Moon, courtesy of Britain's greatest eccentric. Including more from Colonel Knutt.
Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band singer Vivian Stanshall took to the airwaves of BBC Radio 1 on Saturday 21 August 1971.
Over two hours, relive 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.

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2014

SUN 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmb4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:30 Ben Moor - Undone (b007jwq5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b04d0kl5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b04d0kl9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:10 Inheritance Tracks (b04dq55n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]
SUN 03:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b04d0klc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Emlyn Williams - The Corn Is Green (b04d0kl1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:15 Alex Shearer - Play Chopsticks for Me (b04d0kl3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b04c9xd3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs Omnibus (b04d0n5g)
4 Extra Debut. Manners, morals and heavy-duty healthcare, as Alvy and Dorika take on parenting. Stars Anna Maxwell Martin. From September 2009.
SUN 07:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pt2)
The Essential Key
Jeremy Nicholas finds out what learning the piano means to 15-year-old Nicholas, who is autistic. From November 1999.
SUN 07:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)
Series 2
Mayor of London
The surreal comedian's latest challenge is to be London's Mayor, with no ability whatsoever. With Dave Lamb. From May 2007.
SUN 08:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04d0n5j)
From 09/01/1942
Can Mayor Tommy Handley save the day at the local repertory theatre?
With Jack Train, Horace Percival, Sydney Keith, Clarence Wright, Fred Yule, Dorothy Summers, Kay Cavendish, Pat Ringold and Dino Galvani.
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.
BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.
Producer: Francis Worsley.
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1942.
SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5l)
Penny Gay's Return
Shy bachelor David Bliss has got some thinking to do when an old flame arrives in town.
Stars George Cole as David Bliss, Petula Clark as Penny Gay, Diana Churchill as Anne Fellows, Colin Gordon as Tony Fellows, Sarah Lawson as Maxine Avery and animal impersonator Percy Edwards as 'Psyche' the Dog.
Part of a run of 6 episodes from Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss. Beginning in 1953, it ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 - but very few survive in the BBC archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first 7 episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of The St Trinian's films, destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - the late George Cole.
Producer: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.
SUN 09:00 Just William - Live! (b01ph83g)
Series 3
Aunt Arabelle in Charge
In 2012, as part of Winchester's Best of British Festival in celebration of the Jubilee, Martin Jarvis performed the second of two of Richmal Crompton's comic classics, live on-stage.
In Aunt Arabelle in Charge, William and his faithful Outlaws (Ginger, Douglas and Henry) encounter a strangely complacent six year old who is staying in the village. This odious child turns out to be the hugely famous Anthony Martin, subject of his mother's best-selling books and poems.
The Outlaws need to redeem themselves in the admittedly short-sighted eyes of Ginger's journalist aunt. She, equally, is desperate to secure an exclusive interview with the child star.
It's soon clear that this wonderfully constructed story is a brilliant parody of - who else - A.A. Milne's Christopher Robin.
The packed Winchester audience understood this at once. In Jarvis' inhabitation of both the smug infant and Ginger's aunt, the comedy is unremitting.
Can William sort this out and, incidentally, give the horrific child his just deserts? Blackmail is the answer, of course.
Performed by Martin Jarvis
Director: Rosalind Ayres
A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 09:30 Rosemary Sutcliffe - Brother Dusty Feet (b01cvb29)
Episode 3
by Rosemary Sutcliffe, dramatised by Shaun McKenna
The players get lost in the mists of Kent and find themselves in a very strange household indeed.
Hugh is now acting regularly and one of the Dusty Feet. But would he give it all up, if he had a chance of his old dream?
Hugh Josef Lindsay
Narrator Adjoa Andoh
Tobias Pennyfeather Allan Corduner
Jonathan Whiteleaf Peter Hamilton Dyer
Shepherd/Master Heritage Gerard McDermott
Nicky Bodkin/Martin Gwilym Lee
Janet/Aunt Alison/Ann Jane Whittenshaw
Thomas Trumpington/Benjamin Bunsell Carl Prekopp
Producer/Director Marion Nancarrow.
SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b00zd8fy)
Comic Relief
In this episode of The Reunion, Sue MacGregor gathers together the founding members of Comic Relief.
The idea first emerged in 1984 when a devastating famine was crippling Ethiopia. Inspired by the work of Live Aid, a group of people led by writer Richard Curtis decided to tap into the great British comedy scene and raise money for Africa. All costs would be covered by sponsors. This would enable the 'Golden Pound' principle - that every penny raised should go to charity.
Comic Relief was launched live on Noel Edmonds' Late, Late Breakfast Show on Christmas Day 1985 from a refugee camp in Sudan. Helen Fielding was the Comic Relief documentary maker leading the project in Africa at the time. The launch raised £1 million. A few months later Comic Relief staged their first live fundraising show at London's Shaftesbury Theatre with performances by Rowan Atkinson, Ronnie Corbett and Kate Bush. That year, they released their first number one hit single with The Young Ones and Cliff Richard.
Comic Relief needed a symbol - something which could be sold in exchange for a donation and which would give the public a way of joining in. On the back of the Red Nose idea came the first ever Red Nose Day TV extravaganza in 1988 - an event which would bring together comedy and charity like never before on live national TV. Richard Curtis recalls 'chaos, panic and tears' behind the scenes. The show raised a staggering £15 million and would go on to become an institution.
Sue is joined around the table by: Richard Curtis co-founder of Comic Relief; Lenny Henry and Griff Rhys Jones who presented the early TV shows; Helen Fielding who was the first Africa documentary producer and Paddy Coulter, who was Head of Media at Oxfam and an early Comic Relief board member.
Producer: Sarah Cuddon

A Whistle-down production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 10:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jzwj)
I, Boadicea
The formidable queen of history speaks of the rages and battles she undertook for her people. Read by Vanessa Redgrave.
SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016lh28)
Series 7
Episode 2
The American funny man welcomes Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder and singer Heather Masse to his Minnesotan HQ. From October 2010.
SUN 12:00 David and Caroline Stafford - Au Pairs Omnibus (b04d0n5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 13:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pt2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 13:30 The Dark Tower (b04d0vt4)
Poetic drama starring Richard Burton as Roland, tasked with following in his brother's fatal footsteps and seeking out a terror that looms in the Dark Tower.
Written and produced by Louis MacNiece (1907-1963), the poet who worked for the BBC from 1940, creating a series of remarkable radio features. The Dark Tower was his most famous work, first heard on the Home Service in 1946 and produced again in 1956. The music for this programme was specially composed by Benjamin Britten.
The work was an allegory concerning fate and free will - the title taken from the Robert Browning poem, Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came (which itself was taken from Shakespeare's King Lear, where Edgar proclaims 'Child Rowland to the dark tower came; / His word was still Fie, foh, and fum! / I smell the blood of a British man.')
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service 14th May 1956.
SUN 14:45 Daphne Du Maurier (b00bdn13)
The Supreme Artist
The matinee is over, but who is the visitor waiting at the stage door? Michael Drew reads Daphne du Maurier's short story.
SUN 15:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04d0n5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 15:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b03jsf3w)
Mel Giedroyc presents the best of the 4 O'Clock Show, including Dick and Dom's How Dangerous Is Your School and Chris Hadfield, the astronaut who played Space Oddity in space.
SUN 17:00 Just William - Live! (b01ph83g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Rosemary Sutcliffe - Brother Dusty Feet (b01cvb29)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3q)
Episode 5
As the army closes in on the Highland village of Inchbrae, can the alien presence be defeated?
Conclusion of the sci-fi thriller specially-written for the BBC 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, Stevie Hannan as Soldier/Pilot/Jamie and John Paul Hurley as the Technician.
Producer: Bruce Young
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
SUN 18:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k125)
7. Suspicion
*** THIS EPISODE WAS ORIGINALLY DUE TO BE BROADCAST ON BBC RADIO 4 EXTRA LAST FRIDAY, BUT WAS POSTPONED FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH **
Earth's last living man's shock discovery leaves him feeling deeply suspicious.
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 (b016lh28)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04d0n5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b00zd8fy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jzwj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Giles Wembley Hogg Goes Off (b00fnfn)
Series 1
Bolivia
The naive gap year student's South American audio diary of his bird-watching mishaps. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From July 2002.
SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012f9s3)

Series 2
Memento Mori and The Motherless Bear
The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 for a second series of audience readings. This week: The consequences of buying your partner an antique skeleton in "Memento Mori" and a dark fable about mourning: "The Motherless Bear".
Producer: Steve Doherty
A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 23:30 The Big Booth (b007jrvv)
Series 2: The Big Booth Too
Episode 5
Boothby's script dictatorship is overthrown by the Workers' Collective.
More guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs from Boothby Graffoe.
With Stephen Frost, Kevin Eldon, Vivienne Soan, Big Al and Antonio Forcione.
Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

MONDAY 11 AUGUST 2014

MON 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k125)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 The Reunion (b00zd8fy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007jzww)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04d0n5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5i)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b007j7tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 The Dark Tower (b04d0v4d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:45 Daphne Du Maurier (b00b0dn13)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Just William - Live! (b01ph83g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Rosemary Sutcliffe - Brother Dusty Feet (b01cvb29)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00lwx7d)

Series 2
Better Safe Than Sorry
Hysteria hits Levenford after the GP visits a well-known hypochondriac. AJ Cronin dramatisation with John Gordon Sinclair.
MON 06:30 The Quiz Exchange (b00775h3)
4 Extra Debut. Nicholas Parsons traverses India to observe the country's enthusiasm for a very British institution, the quiz.
MON 07:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007rkgo)
Series 1
Episode 6
Smuggler Tamsyn Trelawney joins the customs men to stop Courageous Kate from marrying her dad.
Then things take a turn for the even more absurd...
18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.
Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawney, John Bowe as Jago Trelawney, 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 (b04cblll)
Series 61
Episode 6
Back for a second week at Bradford's St George's Hall, regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Andy Hamilton, with Jack Dee in the chair. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell.
Producer - Jon Naismith.
MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0st)
Bravo Chantal!
The veteran reveals how hunting for financial backing can lead a film producer into many interesting and unusual by-ways of the entertainment industry.
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 (b04d11d8)
The Redundancy Drive
Captain Povey is keen to clear the decks of HMS Troutbridge, but Number One fights back. Stars Stephen Murray. From October 1968.
MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b00yjs4p)

Series 1
Episode 1
It's the comedy panel show with no format!
Find out what hilarity ensues when Rufus Hound, Miles Jupp, Sara Pascoe and Adam Hills do battle in the games that each of them have brought along.
Stand by for "Them Next Door", "What Does My Dad Know?", "Come To Romford!" and "Newspaper Headline or Cryptic Crossword Clue".
All these games are untried, untested and unpredictable so it could all end in disaster. But that's all part of the fun!
Angus Deayton is the host valiantly trying to keep the show together.
Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell
Devised by Benjamin Partridge
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
MON 09:30 My First Planet (b04d12x5)
Series 2
Adjective from Space!
It's election time on the colony - Richard goes for the youth vote while Brian's campaign is based on feeding everyone some nauseating protein. And just who is the mysterious Security Officer hidden on the colony?
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 Charles Dickens (b007jnh7)
Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
Cut Adrift
Lizzie and Gaffer Hexam find a body floating in the River Thames. Dickens dramatisation starring Simon Cadell and Janet Maw.
MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r658y)
Rhys Davies Award Winners
Getting Up by Sian Preece
4 Extra Debut. When a young graffiti artist falls into a cave, a surprising discovery reveals the power of art through time. Read by Gareth David-Lloyd.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04d011n)
Pamela Stephenson Connolly, Pam Ayres, Ella Spira, Sibongiseni Shabalala, Adrienne Truscott, Nikki Bedi, Ladysmith Black Mambazo
To kick off the Loose Ends Edinburgh show, 12 of Te Matitini, some of New Zealand's finest Haka performers put on an electrifying display of Maori dance.
Clive giggles with poet and comedienne Pam Ayres, whose wistful, funny, and perceptive verse captures both the joy and unfairness of life. Pam returns to the Fringe with her hair-trigger timing and eye for detail.
Nikki Bedi chats to Sibongiseni Shabalala, a member of choral legends, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and to composer Ella Spira about their collaboration in Zulu ballet 'INALA'. The show celebrates 20 years of democracy in South Africa - a spiritually and uplifting live story-telling experience, with a cultural explosion of music, song and dance.
Clive talks to performer Adrienne Truscott, one-half of the infamous Wau Wau Sisters. 'Adrienne Truscott's Asking For It' is a show that undoes and does in the rules and rhetoric about rape, comedy and the awkward laughs in between.
More dance as Dr Pamela Stephenson Connolly, the writer and inspiration behind dance drama 'Brazouka', a journey of pulsing music and explosive energy, tells Clive how, after her stint in the final of 'Strictly Come Dancing', her pursuit to find the real passion in dancing led her to Brazil, where she founded a dance company and 'Brazouka' was born.
With music from Ladysmith Black Mambazo, who perform 'Siyu Phinda Futhi Sibonane' and 'Khulumanaye' from 'INALA'.
Producer: Sukey Firth.
MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0st)
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MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b04d11d8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00lwx7d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Quiz Exchange (b00775h3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0129d64)
Jill Mansell - To the Moon and Back
Episode 1
Set in London's Primrose Hill, Jill Mansell's sparky romantic comedy is about a young widow learning to fall in love with life again.
Read by Alex Tregear
Abridged by Miranda Davies
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2011.
MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b0135qsk)
The Diary of Samuel Pepys
Episode 1
Kris Marshall plays Samuel Pepys, and Katherine Jakeways his wife, in this new dramatisation of the famous diaries by Hattie Naylor.
On a freezing day in January 1660, a 26 year old man decides to start keeping a diary. It's two years since he had a life-threatening operation to remove a bladder stone and he's feeling pretty well - despite there being quite a lot to worry about. He's behind with his rent, he goes out too often, and drinks too much. He lies awake worrying about work, and despite being happily married, can't keep his hands off other women. For the next ten years, in his secret diary, Samuel Pepys faithfully records the day's events, and confesses his innermost thoughts. He gives us eyewitness accounts of some of the great events of the 17th century but he also tells us what people ate, wore, what they did for fun, the tricks they played on each other, what they expected of marriage, and of love affairs. Over three hundred and fifty years may have passed since Pepys first put pen to paper but the man and his preoccupations feel surprisingly familiar. The world of Samuel Pepys, his wife, his rivals, his lovers and his friends are vividly brought to life in Hattie Naylor's new adaptation.
CAST:
Samuel Pepys Kris Marshall
Elizabeth Pepys Katherine Jakeways
Jane, the maid Rebecca Newman
Edward Montagu Blake Ritson
Landlord Dick Darman
John Pepys Stephen Marzella
Mrs Hunt Manon Edwards
Mr Hunt Brendan Charleson
Balty Matthew Gravelle
Soldier John Biddle
Theme music: Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May, words by Robert Herrick and music by William Lawes, sung by Bethany Hughes.
Lute, baroque guitar and theorbo played by David Miller. Violin and viol by Annika Gray, and recorders by Alice Baxter.
Historical consultant: Liza Picard
Sound by Nigel Lewis
A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.
MON 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009jd7r)
Sadie Jones - The Outcast
Rehabilitation
After two years in prison, 19-year-old Lewis is home and keen to make amends, but what will his father do? Read by Emma Fielding.
MON 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04d1dd6)
Whistling Language, Mushrooms and Moomins
Mel learns about cloud spotting and the whistling language of the Canary Islands. Plus, the first part of Tove Jansson's classic tale, Finn Family Moomintroll.
MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00f0fnz)
Series 2
The Rhythm of Strife
Bill and Faith bicker over her children, then his ex-wife Liza turns up...
Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyscott 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, Belinda Lang as Liza, Brian Bowles as Dennis and Danny Schiller as Mr Roper.
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 William
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1989.
MON 17:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007rkgo)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:00 It's Your Round (b00yjs4p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04d1d8d)
John Lanchester and Susannah Clapp
4 Extra Debut. Tom Sutcliffe, Susannah Clapp and John Lanchester discuss Althea Hayter, Nikolai Gogol and a guide to French cuisine. From February 1998.
Dead Souls by Nikolai Gogol
Publisher: Penguin Classics.
A Sultry Month by Alethea Hayter

Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.
TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03jysr6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b010dhcy)
 Series 4
 The Bewerdine Spectrum
 The hit Radio 4 series 'Fags, Mags & Bags' returns 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 this series picking up a Writers' Guild nomination for best comedy in 2011.
 In this episode Sanjay goes on work experience at the local paper, The Lenzie Trumpet, and ends up writing the problem page which spells disaster for Ramesh and his loyal customers. 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
 Keith Futures Greg McHugh
 Hilly Kate Brailsford
 Lovely Sue Julie Wilson Nimmo
 Mutton Jeff Sean Scanlan
 Producer: Gus Beattie
 A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04fgm4d)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to musical comedian Tom Adams.
TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00crj7g)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Rod and Julian are competing for Prunella's affections.
 Both suitors seek help from the head of security, Des, in executing their own grand romantic gesture.
 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 Smith
 Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
 Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern
 Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
 Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Shop Assistant Jasmine Callan
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.
TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007wqf1)
 Series 1
 Salisbury Plain
 The sketch show team take their audience on Territorial Army manoeuvres – and a surprise Book at Bedtime.
 Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandycy.
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1990

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2014

WED 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b012pcb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b0137z00)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 00:45 Book at Bedtime (b009jd80)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Who Goes There? (b007v2sv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Musical Legends (b0139466)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m0gfs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 Songlines (b04d4pt1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnhj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r8hw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:15 Shakespeare - Henry at Agincourt (b04d4tgp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 Huddwinks (b00fsmz2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 Safety Catch (b00w236m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m4tty)
 Series 2
 A Terrible Charm
 When a Levenford black sheep turns over a new leaf, the GP is not convinced. AJ Cronin dramatisation with John Gordon Sinclair.
WED 06:30 Open the Box (b0075rhq)
 Set against the relentless 24-hour story of the telephone box's life, from late-night revellers calling for cabs to the clean-up teams that scour out the box ready for another day.
 Sara Parker meets those for whom the telephone box is far more than somewhere to place a call.
 Producer: Simon Elmes
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rw8p7)
 Series 3
 Here's Looking At You, Kid
 Robert discovers acting isn't everything it appears to be...
 The return of the farcical comedy about the trials and tribulations of a young actor desperately seeking work.
 John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.
 Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
 Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
 Sue Gina McKee
 With:
 Sally Grace
 Toby Longworth
 Ainsley Foster
 Ian Angus Wilkie
 Christopher Roe
 Producer: Diane Messias
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.
WED 07:30 Dead Ringers (b04cffps)
 Series 12
 Episode 2
 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 (b007jqxd)
 Series 3
 Son of the Burkiss Way
 Film 77 presents the premiere of the BBC's first ever motion picture for radio
 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 December 1977.
WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pgypp)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Popular music under the lofty eye of a BBC Arts show - and a look back to the unusual year of Nineteen Thirty Foot.
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.
 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.
 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 (b00npwh2)
 Series 4
 Episode 6
 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 (b00cm8gz)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Ken is trying to relax, but even on a date with Deborah, advertising is on his mind.
 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
 Corners Don Henderson
 Benny Karl Howman

Lesley Pauline Siddle
 With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnlc)
 Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
 The Doll's Dressmaker
 With Gaffer Hexman found dead and John Harmon absent, his father's foreman, Mr Boffin, is the beneficiary. With Simon Cadell.
WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r8hwk)
 Rhys Davies Award Winners
 Zeina by Craig Hawes
 A young journalist dreams of forbidden love on the streets of Dubai. Read by Steffan Rhodri.
WED 11:15 Drama (b01684jr)
 Mike Harris - Stevenson in the Love
 Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes
 By Mike Harris.
 Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic travelogues, journals and personal letters.
 Stevenson sets off with a donkey across the Cevennes in France and in the process keeps a journal that later becomes his popular travelogue "Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes." But does his journeying help him to forget the woman he has met and fallen in love with - Fanny Osbourne?
 In 1879 and 1880, three years before he was to write 'Treasure Island', Robert Louis Stevenson was a largely unpublished and unsuccessful writer.
 Despite his father's wishes, however, he saw his life in literature. In 1876, he had met Fanny Osbourne the woman who was to become his lover and later his wife. At the time of their meeting Fanny was escaping from America with her children - away from a husband who only brought her misery through his serial infidelities.
 One of Stevenson's earliest publications was an essay 'On Falling in Love' for The Cornhill magazine.
 In 1878 Fanny decided that she had to return to America and to her husband. Stevenson embarked on a walk through the Cevennes with a donkey in 1879 which was later to be published as 'Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes' and in August of the same year he resolved to follow Fanny to America.
 His journey was also published - most particularly in 'The Amateur Emigrant'.
 Mike Harris' two plays portray these two enormously significant journeys and attempt to capture Stevenson's feelings for Fanny and how they affected him on his travels.
 Producer: Clive Brill
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WED 13:30 Open the Box (b0075rhq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b012b1yz)
 Jill Mansell - To the Moon and Back
 Episode 3
 Ellie loves working for her new boss but doesn't fancy him much to Zack's disappointment.
 Jill Mansell's sparky romantic comedy about learning to fall in love with life again.
 Read by Alex Tregear
 Abridged by Miranda Davies
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2011.
WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01381n9)
 The Diary of Samuel Pepys
 Episode 3
 In episode 3 of Hattie Naylor's adaptation, Pepys returns safely across the Channel with the King. Given the task of escorting the King's spaniel ashore, he finds it hilarious when the dog misbehaves. The King invites the sick to court, and they come in their thousands to be touched by him and 'cured'. For his part in restoring the King, Edward Montagu is knighted and made Lord Sandwich, and there's a promotion for Samuel. He's given the job of Clerk of the Acts for the Navy Board. Samuel and Elizabeth will have their own boatman and a new house in Seething Lane. But Pepys has a rival for the job - a Mr Barlow is laying claim to the post - and it's a race against time, and bureaucracy, for Pepys to get his contract signed and sealed!
 CAST
 Samuel Pepys Kris Marshall
 Elizabeth Pepys Katherine Jakeways
 Charles II Ewan Bailey
 Edward Montagu Blake Ritson
 Mr Beale Lee Mengo
 Robert Holmes Andrew Wincott
 Mr Payne, the boatman Matthew Gravelle
 Theme music: Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May, words by Robert Herrick and music by William Lawes, sung by Bethany Hughes. Lute, baroque guitar and theorbo played by David Miller. Violin and viola by Annika Gray, and recorders by Alice

Baxter.
Historical consultant: Liza Picard
Sound by Nigel Lewis
A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.
WED 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009jd86)
Sadie Jones - The Outcast
Temptation
As Lewis struggles to work out exactly what Tamsin wants, their relationship reaches a crisis. Read by Emma Fielding.
WED 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnlc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dbzp9)
Bjork, Alistair McGowan and the Inheritance Tracks of Judy Finnigan
Comedian Alistair McGowan praises the humble plum, singer Bjork discusses her love of the Moomins and there is the next part of Tove Jansson's classic tale Finn Family Moomintroll.
WED 17:00 Bristow (b007rg18)
Series 2
The Power of the Press
The Chester-Perry buying clerk crusades to improve conditions for cleaning ladies.
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
Gert Liz Fraser
Daisy Joan Sims
Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan
Hewitt Owen Brennan
Miss Sunman Katy Odey
Stationmaster Jon Glover
Stoke David Battley
Hickford Roger Lloyd Pack
Lift Boy Ian Kelland
Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.
WED 17:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rw8p7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00npwh2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b04dbz9r)
Mothers
4 Extra Debut. Comedy writer Carole Matthews, novelist Carl Tighe and playwright Alan McDonald celebrate and criticise mothers. From September 2002.
In each programme, Matthew Parris introduces a group of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.
The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2002.
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WED 20:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m4tty)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Open the Box (b0075rhq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dbzpc)
2014
Episode 6
Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.
WED 22:00 Dead Ringers (b04cffps)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nfqzj)
Series 2
Daddy Cool
When his teenage son won't be seen in public with him, Adam is determined to prove that he's got what it takes to be cool. And his elderly dad, Rudy, is on hand to give some unexpected advice.
Sitcom by Danny Robins, set in the finest, feistiest, family-run record shop in Birmingham.
Adam Lenny Henry
Rudy Larrington Walker
Richie Joe Jacobs
Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
Doreen Claire Benedict
DJ Karel Andrew Brooke
Tunde Femi Elufowaju
Rapper Doc Brown.
Additional material by Doc Brown and Leah Chillery.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04fgm4n)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to musical comedian Tom Adams.
WED 23:00 The Shuttleworths (b007k4tn)
John Shuttleworth's Open Mind
UFOs
Sheffield's number one singer/ songwriter has once more been

signed up by the BBC - with petrol money as part of the contract - to broadcast to the nation.
Yes, John has been asked to keep an "open mind" and investigate unsolved phenomena that fascinate the nation.
In this opening episode, John investigates UFOs.
With the help of sole agent Ken Worthington and special telephone guest Patrick Mower.
Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
WED 23:30 Sarah at the Stand (b0146j3w)
Episode 2
Sarah Millican in Edinburgh, with stand-up and backstage with Chris Forbes, Rob Rouse and Brendon Burns. From October 2010.
WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00slyxx)
Episode 2
Islington poet Paul Hamilton meets a fruit linguist, and visits a young offenders institute to demonstrate the rehabilitative powers of poetry.
Poetry magazine spoof with Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.
With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

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THU 02:30 Open the Box (b0075rhq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnlc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rw8p7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m9gqz)
Series 2
The Accident
The GP gives temporary shelter to a young woman with a bullying husband. AJ Cronin dramatisation with John Gordon Sinclair.
THU 06:30 The Dalesman (b0075zvj)
BBC broadcaster, Harry Gratton, leafs through the pages of The Dalesman, the much-loved publication dedicated to life in the Yorkshire Dales.
Since its first appearance in 1939, its features, drawings and letters have reflected a changing way of life - from the days when the Dales were a closed world to the present when farms play host to long lines of ramblers and face an uncertain future.
Producer Sue Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.
THU 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)
Series 1
Dib Dib Dib
Lovellom Jason must face life without Debbie. Can Michael and the Sweater Girls' first gig take his mind off being single?
The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 1 of Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.
Starring Dominic Monaghan as Jason, Jason Done as Michael, Stefan Escuret as David, John McArdle as Eddie, Emma Clarke as Collette, Beverley Callard as Maureen, Jo-Anne Knowles as Debbie and Dan Maier as Mr Bickerstaff.
Music: Big George
Producer: Neil Mossey
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
THU 07:30 Listen Against (b01752w7)
Series 4
Episode 3
Another week of radio that never happened.
Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes for you to enjoy the wrong way round.
Written and created by Jon Holmes
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 (b04dcegq)
Series 2
The Flower Show
Station Master Horace Hepplewhite digs up trouble when he hosts the village horticultural show.
Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Percy/Bradshaw/Vicar, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert, Bill Pertwee as Phineas Perkins and Garrard Green as the Inspector
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 step down the line.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1973.
THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b019cg4z)
From 15/05/1957
Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards ponder their future, while 'The Glums' meet Eth's family.
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 Peter Akister.
Announcer: Brian Matthews
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1957.
THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00qvnjh)
Series 12
John Donne
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 John Donne, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.
THU 09:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland (b007jlrq)
Growing Up
The comedian points out the pitfalls of growing up, becoming an adult and having children.
The first of a six-part series illustrating the Domestic minutiae of life
Stand-up and sketches with Simon Greenall, Sally Grace and Dave Lamb.
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.
THU 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnlc)
Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
A Riddle Without an Answer
While Silas Wegg tries to work out who really owns the inheritance, the Lammles try to make some money by pairing off Fledgeby. Stars Bill Nighy.
THU 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbs)
Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight
Stowmont, by Sadie Jones
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The first in a series of supernatural tales commissioned by Radio 4 for last year's Bath Literature Festival
1/3 : Stowmont by Sadie Jones, read by John Telfer.
An 18th century story about a man and the architect he employs, who are forced to shelter for the night from a snow storm in the house they have resolved to pull down and replace. In spite of their rationalism, and beyond their comprehension, the past asserts itself over their will.
Producer Christine Hall.
THU 11:15 Drama (b016fs6f)
Mike Harris - Stevenson in Love
The Amateur Emigrant
By Mike Harris.
Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic travelogues, journals and personal letters.
In pursuit of the woman he loves Stevenson first catches a steamer to New York and then undertakes a momentous train journey across America - ending in California. But will she leave her husband for him.
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His journey was also published - most particularly in 'The Amateur Emigrant'.
Mike Harris' two plays portray these two enormously significant journeys and attempt to capture Stevenson's feelings for Fanny and how they affected him on his travels.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.
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THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b019cg4z)
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THU 13:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m9gqz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Dalesman (b0075zv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b012b96v)
Jill Mansell - To the Moon and Back
Episode 4
Ellie and Zack grow closer and Tony is over the moon when Martha finally agrees to see him again.
Jill Mansell's sparky romantic comedy about learning to fall in love with life again.
Read by Alex Tregear
Abridged by Miranda Davies
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2011.
THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b0138525)
The Diary of Samuel Pepys
Episode 4
In the fourth episode of Hattie Naylor's adaptation, Samuel and Elizabeth have moved into their new house in Seething Lane. The house needs some work doing so they've got the builders in. They make an enormous mess and keep sneaking off early. Sam can't stand mess; it's one of his pet hates. Now that Sam has been promoted to Clerk of the Acts for the Navy Board, he's inundated with 'gifts' from people hoping to soften him up for a favour - a jar of olives from one and some turtle doves from another. He's not surprised to find himself being offered bribes - that's what happens when you get into a position of power. There's a fashionable new drink - and Pepys goes to try it - but he isn't at all impressed and doesn't think that 'tea' will catch on. A man who supported the execution of Charles I is hanged, drawn and quartered. Sam goes to watch but finds it a very disturbing sight.
CAST
Samuel Pepys Kris Marshall
Elizabeth Pepys Katherine Jakeways
Lord Sandwich Blake Ritson
Mr Payne /Thomas Harrison..... Matthew Gravelle
Plasterer Dick Bradnum
Theme music: Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May, words by Robert Herrick and music by William Lawes, sung by Bethany Hughes. Lute, baroque guitar and theorbo played by David Miller. Violin and viola by Annika Gray, and recorders by Alice Baxter.
Historical consultant: Liza Picard
Sound by Nigel Lewis
A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.
THU 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009jd8g)
Sadie Jones - The Outcast
Revelations
Fleeing from her brutal father, Kit confronts Lewis and they both learn the other's dark secret. Read by Emma Fielding.
THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnlm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dckff)
Playing games, panning for gold and a moonlit bike ride
Mel Giedroyc hears about a magical moonlit bike ride and celebrates our love of games. Plus, the fourth part of our story, Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson.
THU 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jdp99)
Series 2
Priorities
Education and money - can you have one without the other? With Carolyn Pickles and Marlene Sidaway. From July 2003.
THU 17:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 The Write Stuff (b00qvnjh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04dckd4)
Series 1
Alexander the Great
Writer Frederic Raphael chooses part man, part myth - Alexander the Great. With Humphrey Carpenter.
The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life? From 2002.
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THU 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dckms)
2014
Episode 7
Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.
THU 22:00 Listen Against (b01752w7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00cbptt)
Series 2
Episode 6
Divorcee Carol tries to sell covers - for cushion covers.
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 July 2008.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04fgm4q)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to musical comedian Tom Adams.
THU 23:00 At Home With The Snails (b007k2h6)
Series 1
Episode 1
Fed-up Alex has done nothing since university, but then he discovers an unusual hobby. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2001.
THU 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007jz8b)
Dave Podmore's Cricket Night
Episode 4
After meeting Rory McGrath on TV, minor cricketing celebrity Pod is called to Buckingham Palace.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Pod Christopher Douglas
Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds
With Andy Hamer, Nichola Sanderson, Chris Pavlo, Ewan Bailey and Rory McGrath.
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

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Series 2
The Visitor
A far-off face from the GP's past sets social tensions boiling in Levenford. AJ Cronin dramatisation with John Gordon Sinclair.
FRI 06:30 Children of the Enemy (b00762qs)
The remarkable story of German children who were fostered by Dutch families after the Second World War. With Martha Kearney. From June 2001.
FRI 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)
Episode 1
Martina's not sure if she wants to be a nun anymore, so she takes work with a catering company and soon lands in a crisis of epic proportions...
Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.
Kingsley Mark Straker
Jimmy Gerard McDermott
Martina Catherine Harvey
Juan Jose Roger May
Mrs Olney Marlene Sidaway
Director: Cat Horn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
FRI 07:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x44lw)
Series 3
Episode 1
Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas returns for another series in

which he collates policies suggested by his studio audience into the People's Manifesto.
This week Mark and the audience consider an agenda which includes a shame-based pay-poolie for professional footballers, compulsory relationship MOTs and the public funding of political parties, plus there's "any other business" suggestions from the theatre audience.
Mark also starts to pursue one of the winning policies from last series - that he should invade Jersey.
FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
Series 2
Episode 5
Eric is a far from fair cop and there's some monkey business in Ernie's latest masterpiece 'The Mighty Kong'.
Written by Eddie Braben.
With Nicola Pagett and Elaine Delmar.
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 (b007jz94)
Series 3
The Flat
Author Gerald and his wife Diana's holiday abroad is far from relaxing.
The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.
With Michael McClain, Fiona Mathieson and Garard Green.
Written by Basil Boothroyd.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.
FRI 09:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s3h46)
Series 2
Episode 3
Arthur Smith invites us into his Balham flat in south London for comedy, music and entertainment.
With his guests: Doc Brown, Gomez, Henry Paker and Richard Herring.
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010
FRI 09:30 Rent (b04dg72g)
Series 1
Episode 3
Student lodgers Paul and Ruby's scheme to cash in on some treasure found in the attic causes a panic.
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 Charles Dickens (b007jnpf)
Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
Some Affairs of the Heart
Wondering what to expect, Bella Wilfer weeps over her contradictory life and fortunes. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.
FRI 10:55 Inheritance Tracks (b04dz3p0)
Tom Jones
The Welsh singing legend chooses 'Riders in the Sky' by Vaughn Monroe and 'Whole Lot of Shakin Goin On' by Jerry Lee Lewis.
FRI 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbs)
Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight
The Ghost Writer by Amanda Craig
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The second of a series of supernatural tales commissioned by Radio 4 for last year's Bath Literature Festival.
2/3 The Ghost Writer by Amanda Craig, read by John Telfer
Justin Vest, critically-acclaimed but poorly-selling novelist, is staying temporarily in the home of the late, wildly successful, very pink and fluffy writer Arabella Fyssh. At first glance they don't have much in common - for a start, he's alive and she isn't - but Arabella has some unfinished business with the world.
Producer Christine Hall.
FRI 11:15 Dave Sheasby - The Amazing Ratman Story (b007mb5v)
An old man has a tale to tell about a piper, a mare and a town plagued with rats.
But no one wants to listen, unless his story makes good TV...
Dave Sheasby's drama stars Bernard Cribbins as Jack, Geraldine Fitzgerald as Kate, Colin Salmon as Gruchen, Giles Fagan as Dave and Andrew Wincott as Nurse Downs.
Music composed and performed by Keith Waite.
Director: Pam Fraser Solomon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz94)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00m9gqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Children of the Enemy (b00762qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b012bs1w)

Jill Mansell - To the Moon and Back

Episode 5

While Ellie is uncertain about her own love life, she helps to bring another couple back together.

Jill Mansell's sparky romantic comedy about learning to fall in love with life again.

Concluded by Alex Tregear

Abridged by Miranda Davies

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2011.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b0138y12)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Episode 5

In the fifth episode of Hattie Naylor's adaptation, Sam and Elizabeth have still got the builders in and the mess in the house is driving Sam to distraction. As if that wasn't enough, his neighbour's cess pit overflows into the cellar of Sam's house.

There's no quick solution. It takes five days before the night soil men come to clear it out. Sam comes home drunk and beats the maid, Jane, with a broom. Then the weather whips up into a gale and The Assurance sinks at Woolwich. Sam goes out on the river to see the wreckage. The year ends happily with Sam and Elizabeth getting on well, the workmen gone and the house tidy, the King restored to the throne. And so to bed!

CAST

Samuel Pepys Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys Katherine Jakeways

Mr Blackburne Ewan Bailey

Jane, the maid Rebecca Newman

Mr Payne, boatman Matthew Gravelle

Mrs Hunt Manon Edwards

Frenchman Ewan Bailey

Theme music: Gather Ye Rosebuds While Ye May, words by Robert Herrick and music by William Lawes, sung by Bethany Hughes. Lute, baroque guitar and theorbo played by David Miller. Violin and viola by Annika Gray, and recorders by Alice Baxter.

Historical consultant: Liza Picard

Sound by Nigel Lewis

A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.

FRI 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b009jd8q)

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

Resolution

Lewis has hidden in the woods for two days, determined to save Kit from further brutality. Concluded by Emma Fielding.

FRI 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 15:55 Inheritance Tracks (b04dz3p0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dg98l)

Magic, cats and the Inheritance Books of Jane Elson

Mel Giedroyc presents a tour of a magic shop, discovers the hidden messages in a cat's purr and has the final episode of Tove Jansson's classic tale, Finn Family Moomintroll.

FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007jn96)

Series 2

The Romantic Approach

'It's amazing how much harm winning a war does for the moral fibre of a nation. I mean, you'd never have seen Winston Churchill walking around with a personal stereo.'

Clare's been dumped, Eleanor finds a friend and Sarah's listening.

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

Aubrey Lockwood West

Delivery boy David Learner

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 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s3h46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b00m15v8)

Series 2

Speaking Proper

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

It may be that elocution classes for children are being replaced with 'presentation skills' courses for adults, but we still see effective communication as the key to success. Stephen announces a field day for pedants in his investigation into what nowadays counts as 'speaking proper'.

FRI 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00mcyqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Children of the Enemy (b00762qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dg98n)

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Episode 8

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

FRI 22:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x44lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Father Figure (b01bl4fb)

People Carrying

New family sitcom written by and starring Irish comedian Jason Byrne. Tom Whyte and his family are on their way to a wedding. It's all going well until they hit a traffic jam. Before long traffic laws are being broken; the rescue services are on their way and there's a few surprises waiting for them in the lay-by.

Tom Whyte.... Jason Byrne

Elaine Whyte.... Lucy Montgomery

Dylan Whyte Dominic Applewhite

Mary Whyte.... Pauline McLynn

Pat Whyte.... Dermot Crowley

Roddy.... Michael Smiley

Producer.... Julia McKenzie.

FRI 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b0112ydl)

Series 1

Tommy Cockles

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.

This week, comedy legend Tommy Cockles performs at the Mallard and is stunned to discover that manager Ron Bone has no idea who he is.

Cast list:

Tommy Cockles Simon Day

Catherine Catherine Shepherd

Goose Felix Dexter

Ron Bone Simon Greenall

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtql)

Series 2

The Scheme of Things

Where does Britain fit in the Theatre of Being?

Cult New Age 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 August 1993.