

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2014

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 00:45 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.

SAT 01:00 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

SAT 01:30 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'.

SAT 02:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00mcyep)

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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 03:55 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.

SAT 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbv)

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 Fysshie. 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.

SAT 04:15 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)

When novelist Charles Condomine invites a medium to hold a séance at his country house, he anticipates little more than some harmless fakery and a lot of good material for his new novel.

Instead, he gets a ghostly visitation from his dead first wife, rather to the chagrin of his very much alive second one...

Noël Coward's classic comedy adapted for radio by Bert Coules.

Charles Roger Allam

Madame Arcati Maggie Steed

Elvira Zoe Waites

Rut Hermione Gulliford

Dr Bradman David Killick

Mrs Bradman Tilly Tremayne

Edith Natalie Cassidy

Pianist: Matthew Scott

Director: Philip Franks

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SAT 07:25 Inheritance Tracks (b046cspg)

Nicholas Parsons

Nicholas Parsons reminisces to 'In the Mood' by Glenn Miller and passes on 'Children Will Listen' by Stephen Sondheim.

SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b00t5jmm)

Series 1

The Great Green Jacket Robbery

John Rawling relives the lead up to Nick Faldo's stunning victory in Augusta at the 1996 US Masters golf tournament.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01sxczf)

Heroes and Hacks

Monicagate. Camillagate. Hackgate. Plebgate.

It's 40 years since the world was introduced to the original "gate" via the televised Senate Watergate Hearings. In this Archive on 4, journalist Eamonn O'Neill investigates the Watergate legacy. The film All the President's Men, with Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Washington Post journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, inspired an entire generation of journalists. "Deep Throat," "inside sources" and "follow the money" became buzzwords for a supposedly golden age of journalism.

But was it really hard-bitten reporting that brought down the leader of the free world? Or is that a convenient myth, aided by Hollywood, indulgently lifting the expectations of journalists?

40 years later in Britain, the golden age seems to be long gone, thanks to the excesses of "Hackgate." It was Watergate in reverse, a scandal that brought down journalists, leaving politicians largely intact.

Eamonn examines the nature of modern investigative journalism, through archive from Watergate and other political scandals since. He talks to Washington Post journalists,

including Bob Woodward, about their heroic status. He meets the new breed of "heroic" investigative journalists, including Heather Brooke, who helped expose the MPs expenses scandal, and Nick Davies, who exposed the phone hacking scandal for The Guardian.

Eamonn also looks at fate of the investigative press in a post-Leveson environment, searching for the line between hero and hack.

Producer: Colin McNulty

A WhistleDown Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Winners (b00yhqhc)

Series 2

Episode 4

Mark Radcliffe introduces more award-winners, including Crisp and Even Brightly, Travels with My Anti-Semitism, Goodness Gracious Me, The Million Pound Radio Show and King Cutler.

SAT 12:00 Virginia Woolf - To the Lighthouse (Omnibus) (b04dm0jk)

Virginia Woolf's classic novel tells the story of the Ramsay family and their time on the Isle of Skye. Stars Lyndsey Marshal. From August 2014.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007k4mg)

Series 4

Cross Purposes

As the priestly sleuth tackles some crossword-related murders, Father Troy is a surprisingly adept ally. Stars David Threlfall.

SAT 14:00 Parsley Sidings (b04dcgpg)

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 Signalmen, 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 October 1973.

SAT 14:30 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.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01sxczf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:25 Inheritance Tracks (b046cspg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:25 today]

SAT 17:30 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-policy 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.

SAT 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmbm)

Series 1

2. Towards the Unknown

One of Space Force's crew members, Magnus Carter, reveals the true nature of their latest mission

Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Lemuel 'Chipper' Barnett Nicky Henson

Magnus Carter Nigel Stock

Lauderic Sincere Tony Osoba

with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfield

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

SAT 18:30 Ben Moor - Undone (b008s9dm)

Series 2

Unsurprised

Edna heads to another London and uncovers a city-wide drugs racket.

Staring Alex Tregear and Ben Moor.

Ben Moor's comic sci-fi saga about magazine editor Edna

Turner entering 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

Ida Sophie Duval

Kate Montserrat Lombard.

Prince Kevin Eldon

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 Comedy Winners (b00yhqch)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Vivian Stanshall's Radio Flashes (b04dm1bx)

Episode 3

Music and comedy courtesy of Britain's greatest eccentric. With advice from fitness guru Gregory Pectorals.

Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band singer Vivian Stanshall took to the airwaves of BBC Radio 1 on Saturday 28 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.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b01sczxf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Virginia Woolf - To the Lighthouse (Omnibus) (b04dm0jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007k4mg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:25 Inheritance Tracks (b046csgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:25 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x44lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b007jqvr)
1660

Samuel Pepys was 26 when he decided to start keeping a diary in January 1660. Kris Marshall plays him in this adaptation.

SUN 07:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pzt)

Notes in the City

Jeremy Nicholas meets older people taking up the piano and finds out how their teacher helps them to learn. From November 1999.

SUN 07:30 Chain Reaction (b00mpnkr)

Series 3

John Hegley and Jack Dee

The comic poet and comedian get chatting in the tag talk show, where one week's guest is the following week's interviewer.

SUN 08:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04dmnc3)

From 28/10/1943

Tommy Handley needs a band for his new club so starts

interviewing for musicians.

With Horace Percival, Fred Yule, Dorothy Summers, Sydney Keith, Dino Galvani, Bill Stephens, Bryan Herbert, Jean Capra and Jack Cooper.

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 (b04dmnc5)

United They Stay

Shy bachelor David Bliss fears the worst when a replacement manager pressurises him to chase an invoice.

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

Maynard Fillimore Terence Alexander

Marcia Hammond Gwen Cherrall

Mr Hood Barry K Barnes

Mrs Hood Nan Kenway

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

Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement

George Cole went to to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1959.

SUN 09:00 Dick King-Smith - The Queen's Nose (b0124xm1)

Harmony Parker's uncle gives her a 50 pence piece with the power to grant wishes, but whatever will she wish for? Stars

Lauren Mote.

SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b00jqxl5)

Brit Art

Sue MacGregor brings together some of the young artists who emerged in the 1990s to create the Brit Art movement - Tracey

Emin, Gavin Turk, Abigail Lane, Mat Collishaw and Gregor Muir.

Looking back to their formative years, the artists share their memoirs of how their work was initially greeted with contempt, but ultimately changed people's perceptions of modern art.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 10:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007k04g)

Living By the Small Print

A penny-pinching young woman with an eye for a bargain begins to realise the consequences. Read by Rebecca Front.

SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016rfct)

Series 7

Episode 3

The American funny man welcomes the Klezematics and The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency author Alexander McCall Smith.

From November 2011.

SUN 12:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b007jqvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075pzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Drama on 3 (b00gd7hp)

In the Absence of Geoff

A comedy about love, loss and identity from award-winning writer Charlotte Jones.

Geoff is in his forties and facing ruin: his small business is about to collapse, his marriage is failing and his child hates him.

He pretends to suffer from amnesia, becoming a media hero and bringing in money. But his daughter become suspicious and his cover finally cracks.

Geoff Adam Godley

Dawn Amanda Lawrence

Lauren Lizzy Watts

Stacey Grainne Dromgoole

Instructor Jonathan Tafler

WPC Donlla Hughes

Journalist Dan Starkey

Doctor Gunnar Cauthery

Clifford Malcolm Tierney

Directed by Claire Grove.

SUN 15:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04dmnc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 A Life of Bliss (b04dmnc5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dn34h)

Bjork, magic and fireworks

Mel's highlights from the past week on the 4 O'Clock Show, including the wonderful whistling language of the Canary Islands and the art of putting on a fireworks display.

SUN 17:00 Dick King-Smith - The Queen's Nose (b0124xm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 18:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00l3pzz)

Ordeal in Space

Deeply traumatised astronaut, William Cole is back on earth recuperating from a terrible accident.

After being jettisoned into outer-space, he's been left with a debilitating fear of falling. Facing the prospect of never returning to a job he loves, he's struggling to adapt to life as a civilian...

Read by Adam Sims.

Robert A Heinlein (1907-1988) is recognised by many as one of the great masters of sci-fi.

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SUN 18:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k14x)

8. Regret

Worried that Ruth has the vampire plague, last man on Earth Robert Neville regrets being so candid.

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 McCreddie

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

SUN 19:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b016rfct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04dmnc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 A Life of Bliss (b04dmnc5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b00jqxl5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Fay Weldon Stories (b007k04g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Chain Reaction (b00mpnkr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Giles Wembley Hogg Goes Off (b007jrmf)

Series 1

The Arctic

Frozen fiascos are afoot as the dim student traveller sails with Greenpeace. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2002.

SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b012lpvz)

Series 2

The Ship Shape and Make That a Double

The multi-award winning American essayist brings his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4, concluding his second series of audience readings. This week some serious thought is put into

buying a holiday home in 'The Ship Shape' and the complexities of gender assignment when learning French in 'Make That a Double'.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boomerang production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:30 The Big Booth (b007jryj)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 6

Half an hour of mistaken identity, stolen photographic negatives and songs about angepoise lamps

With Big Al, Stephen Frost, Rich Hall, Vivienne Soan, Jim Sweeney and Mariella Frostrup -who is not Magnus Magnusson. Or James Mason.

Boothby Graffoe concludes his series of surreal laughs.

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2014

MON 00:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00l3pzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k14x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 The Reunion (b00jqxl5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b04dmnc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

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MON 05:00 Dick King-Smith - The Queen's Nose (b0124xm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00mj1zv)

Series 2

The Day Before the Wedding

When the GP wakes up with a bad head, it is only the start of a very bad day. AJ Cronin dramatisation with John Gordon Sinclair.

MON 06:30 From Ivory to Plastic (b0075fw3)

The pianist David Owen Norris goes on a journey in search of the private life of the piano. With Jools Holland. From December 1998.

MON 07:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nq185)

Series 2

Education and Money

The lifestyle show hosts focus on "education" and "money". Series 2 of Bill Dare's sitcom stars Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.

Mike Robert Duncan

Sue Jan Ravens

With Roger Blake, Alistair McGowan, Sally Philips and Bill Dare.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b04d1mr)

Series 70

Episode 1

Just how hard can it be to talk for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation? Paul Merton, Alun Cochrane, Jonathan Ross and Liza Tarbuck find out. With the legendary Nicholas Parsons keeping the score.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)

An 'Ep' in the Country

The off-screen doings of TV soap opera stars are often more interesting than the actual programmes, particularly if you never watch the programme concerned.

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 (b00bzfsf)

Series 1

The Missing Jeep

Pertwee's in a pickle over Commander Shaw's inspection aboard HMS Troutbridge.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Commander Shaw, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Tenniel Evans as LS Goldstein/Uncle Sebastian.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1959.

MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b00yrfwr)

Series 1

Episode 2

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Andy Parsons, Rebecca Front, Miles Jupp and prog-rock legend, Rick Wakeman battle it out to see who can beat each other at the games they've each brought along.

Can the teams guess the concept for Rick's new prog rock album in his "What's The Concept?" round? And what happens when the teams have to play Andy's inventively titled "It's Not Your Round"? And would Rebecca Front like to marry Prince William?

Angus tries valiantly to ensure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.

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 (b04dq1h4)

Series 2

Let Me Entertain Me

The discovery of a poet on the colony sets off a bomb, a monster, a sword fight and a poem. But is Archer really capable of murder?

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 (b007jnpr)

Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend

A Flight and a Fall

Lizzie Hexam goes missing, having received a retraction of claims against her father. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.

MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbx)

Bath Festival Stories by Candlelight

The Whisper by Diana Evans

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The last in a series of supernatural tales commissioned by Radio 4 for last year's Bath Literature Festival.

3/3 : The Whisper by Diana Evans read by Syan Blake

Rachel is a burden to her neighbours, but she carries her own burden too.

Producer Christine Hall.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04dh0rj)

Rick Wakeman, June Whitfield, Michael Mosley, Dominic Wilcox, Danny Wallace, Tricky

Nikki talks to the Absolutely Fabulous legend of British comedy, June Whitfield, who's graced our screens since the 1960s appearing in a huge variety of shows - from 'Terry and

June' to 'Steptoe and Son'. Now June stars in 'Boomers' - a new comedy which follows the ups and downs of three couples coming at retirement from very different directions.

Journalist and presenter Dr. Michael Mosley is best known for his "selfexperimentation" trials, which include hosting a tapeworm in his own gut and subjecting himself to quirky diets and exercises - all in the name of research. He talks to Nikki about his new series for 'Horizon', investigating the truth about meat. Is it good or bad for us?

Artist, designer and inventor Dominic Wilcox has shown his odd, surprising and thought-provoking designs at galleries around the world. Dominic talks to Danny Wallace about his book 'Variations on Normal' and his unexpected inventions, including the world's first fully-functional GPS Shoes and Wrist Nets for the Butterfingered.

Nikki Journeys to the Centre of the Earth with keyboardist and composer Rick Wakeman, who's produced over 100 solo albums and sold more than 50 million records - as a solo artist and with prog rock band 'Yes'. He talks to Nikki about being a Grumpy Old Man and performs 'Eleanor Rigby' on the Loose Ends piano.

Producer: Debbie Kilbride.

MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b00bzfsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Doctor Finlay: The Further Adventures of a Black Bag (b00mj1zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 From Ivory to Plastic (b0075fw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b01214tr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 1

As a spirited new daughter-in-law joins the Brinkley clan, simmering tensions threaten family harmony. Evoking the beautiful wilds of Suffolk, this is a sharply observed study of a family in crisis - suspected affairs, unspoken tensions, money troubles threaten to tear this close-knit cast of characters apart.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b015bt12)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys - Series 2

Episode 1

Kris Marshall returns as the famous diarist. As many of us do, Pepys begins the year - 1661 - with a resolution: to restrain himself in the expensive pleasures of theatre-going and drinking. He fails spectacularly on both counts. Free, for once, from builders, Samuel and Elizabeth are living happily in Seething Lane with their servants Jane and Will. All is well, until Sam's sister, Paulina, moves in with them - not as a family member and equal but as a third servant. Preparations are in hand for the Coronation of King Charles but the city is on alert for the nonconformist Fifth Monarchists who believe that Jesus is about to return as 'King of Kings'. Their leader, Thomas Venner, is caught, hanged, drawn and quartered. In the unseasonably warm winter weather, the bodies of Cromwell, Ireton and Bradshaw are exhumed and hanged. Elizabeth goes to see the spectacle but Samuel stays home.

Dramatised by Hattie Naylor.

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Pauline . . . Rebecca Scott

Mr Pierce . . . Andrew Wincott

Mrs Pierce . . . Siiri Jenkins

Sir William . . . Richard Mitchley

Man in street . . . Stephen Marzella

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 God's Architect (b00xh652)

Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain

The eventful career and turbulent life of Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin. Written by Rosemary Hill and read by Haydn Gwynne.

MON 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnpr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dqtwv)

Pigs, Witches and Fungi

Can pigs fly? Well, in WWI they did. Plus, the most famous witch trial in England and Richard Hammond reads Chitty

Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again.

MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfp1)

Series 2

Love and Hisses

Faith is worrying about money, when Bill gets an unexpected offer...

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyshot 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, Mark Denham as Joe, Belinda Lang as Liza, Jo Kendall as Marjorie and Christopher Good as Richard.

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 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nq185)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 It's Your Round (b00yrfwr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04dq11s)

Warren Mitchell and Victor Adebowale

Tom Sutcliffe, Warren Mitchell and Victor Adebowale discuss

books by Henry Mayhew, Italo Calvino and Tom Wolfe. From February 1998.

Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe

Publisher: Picador.

Invisible Cities by Italo Calvino

Publisher: Vintage.

London Labour and the London Poor by Henry Mayhew

Publisher: Dover.

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MON 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00r0tbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b04dh0rj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b04d1mrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 My First Planet (b04dq1h4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00wbrwm)

Series 6

Murderers

Edith needs to find out who murdered her and fortunately Hell is full of people who can assess the evidence - murderers.

Andy Hamilton's comedy set in Hell.

Starring Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith,

Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas.

Other characters played by Michael Fenton Stevens, Philip

Pope and Felicity Montagu

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

MON 23:30 World of Pub (b00cm91k)

Series 2

Episode 3

Dodgy Phil hatches a sporting scheme to improve the fortunes

of Barry and Garry's bar.

Tony Roche's comedy about the world's worst pub in London's

East End.

Dodgy Phil John Thomson

Barry Phil Cornwell

Garry Alistair McGowan

With Debra Stephenson, Kim Wall and Tony Roche.

Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.

Music: Jill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2014

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(b01nq185)

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TUE 06:00 Agatha Christie (b00pr3vn)

Towards Zero

Episode 1

Towards Zero

By Agatha Christie

dramatised by Joy Wilkinson

Part One

Against her better judgment, Lady Tresselian permits dashing Neville Strange and his wife to come to her house party at the same time as his ex-wife, and sure enough, as soon as everyone arrives, the tensions are evident.

Neville.....Hugh Bonneville

Lady Tresselian.....Marcia Warren

MacWhirter.....Tom Mannion

Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook

Mary.....Julia Ford

Kay.....Lizzy Watts

Latimer.....Joseph Kloska

Royde.....Stephen Hogan

Treves.....David Hargreaves

Umpire/Butler.....Philip Fox

Receptionist.....Annabelle Dowler

Porter.....Benjamin Askew

Directed by Mary Peate.

TUE 06:30 Who Was Bessie Head? (b0075mfm)

Hugh Quarshie talks to those who knew one of Africa's most brilliant but troubled writers: Bessie Head. From 1999.

TUE 07:00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqgp)

The Pet and the Pendulum

Dr Vestler's inhuman hopping skills reveal an unholy project involving animals. Stars Jim Broadbent. From September 1988.

TUE 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03kp2kh)

Series 4

Episode 2

One of the world's funniest storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4 doing what he does best.

This week, a story dealing with the guilt he sometimes feels as a result of writing stories about his family in "Repeat After Me" and some more extracts from his hilarious diary.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jp91)

Series 8

The Treasure in the Tower

Neddie Seagoon and friends are on the London trail of long-buried valuables. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1957.

TUE 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt0n)

In the Wards

Unleashed on the patients, the medics are unprepared for the formidable Sister Virtue.

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, Joan Sanderson as Sister Virtue and Irene Handl as Mrs Clark.

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? (b00kmtcf)

Series 2

Episode 3

Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of the noteworthy and notorious from the history books.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis

When and Fred Housgo with guests Carmen Callil and

Victoria Glendinning.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

TUE 09:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jksk)

Series 2

26 September 1799

Dorothy is perturbed by de Quinine's enthusiasm. Stinking Iris is in an interesting condition. There is a reconciliation. And Sir Walter Spott is expected...

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

Cholericke, Nickolas Grace as Thomas de Quinine, Miriam

Margolyes as Stinking Iris, Chris Emmett as the Leechpedla and

Bill Paterson as Sir Walter Spott.

Music by Stephen Oliver and performed by Cantabile.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

TUE 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnsn)

Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend

Meaning Mischievous

John Harman's will is found in a cash box, bequeathing the money to the Crown and not Boffin. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.

TUE 11:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019jw4n)

Diving Belles

An abandoned wife sets out to fetch her husband back from the watery spirits who lured him away. Read by Amanda Lawrence.

TUE 11:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007q9f4)

Anton in Eastbourne

Mr Anton arrives for a sojourn. He expects to meet a young lady with a little dog. He knows her stories well. But he doesn't yet seem to know his own.

Peter Tinniswood's last play was created as a tribute for

Chekhov admirer, Paul Scofield.

Anton Paul Scofield

Miss Mansfield Emma Fielding

Mr Kember Stephen Thorne

Director: Eynud Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jp91)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Agatha Christie (b00pr3vn)

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TUE 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0121lhf)

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 2

Money troubles put an already fragile relationship into further jeopardy.

Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw

Abridged by Viv Beebey

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b015ck92)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys - Series 2

Episode 2

In this episode of Hattie Naylor's lively adaptation, Pepys throws a party to celebrate the third anniversary of his bladder operation. He regales his assembled guests with the gruesome story, telling them how he was bound to his cousin's dining room table so that he could not move, and how a gag was put in his mouth to stop him screaming as he was cut open by the surgeon, Mr HOLLIER. The stone that was removed from Pepys' bladder was the size of a tennis ball.

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Edward Montague, Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

Captain Ferrers . . . Ewan Bailey

Sir William . . . Richard Mitchley

Lady Batten . . . Marilyn le Conte

Mingo . . . Clifford Lyonette

Alsemero . . . Lee Mengo

Woman in tavern . . . Rebecca Scott

Woman in tavern . . . Siriol Jenkins

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.

TUE 14:45 God's Architect (b00xhfs6)

Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain

Pugin falls in love, but tragic events are set to shape both the course of his career and personal life. Read by Haydn Gwynne.

TUE 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dv46n)

Bookshops, Eco-Films and Rupert Grint

Including the Norwegian student who lives in a cave and how the film industry is going green. Plus, Richard Hammond reads the next instalment of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

TUE 17:00 Huddwinks (b00fsmz4)

Series 1

Dead Men Don't Eat Pilchards

Top cops are on the case, when a witness protection programme goes catastrophically wrong. Stars Roy Hudd. From August 1986.

TUE 17:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Who Goes There? (b00kmtcf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 18:30 Musical Legends (b015p715)

Janis Ian

Janis Ian has written songs for some of the best known artists in the business. Glen Campbell, Nanci Griffith, Bette Midler, Dusty Springfield and Nina Simone have all recorded her material.

As a singer her song 'Society's child' written when she was only 14 and dealing with the issue of interracial relationships was banned by some radio stations as being subversive.

Janis's best known and most successful song 'At Seventeen', dealing with teenage angst, won her two Grammy's and led to appearances on some of the top rated TV shows at the time.

Tom Morton talks to Janis about her writing and recording career from the 1960s to the present and she gives him an insight into her extraordinary life.

Produced by Mike Walker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in October 2011.

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TUE 20:30 Who Was Bessie Head? (b0075mfm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dv65c)

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Episode 9

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

TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03kp2kh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b010m2f6)

Series 4

Evil Narbara

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 a rowdy party shop run by an unfriendly sort causes havoc amongst the local traders association after a number of undesirable descend on the town.

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

Peggy: Kate Donnelly

Mrs Begg: Marj Hogarth

Hilly: Kate Brailsford

Lovely Sue: Julie Wilson Nimmo

Mutton Jeff: Sean Scanlan

Bra Jeff: Steven McNicol

Producer/Director: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00cr7j1)

Series 1

Episode 4

Museum director Walter Brindle has some important news, freeing up time for the pursuit of romance between almost every member of the lusty staff.

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

Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jmql)

Series 1

Back to the Studio

The sketch show team take their audience on a trip to the cinema - but where are the all-star special guests?

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 May 1990.

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014**WED 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0121lhf)**

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WED 06:00 Agatha Christie (b00pxqz1)
Towards Zero
Episode 2
Towards Zero
By Agatha Christie
Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson
Part Two
Lady Tressellian's house party is thrown into disarray by the death of her old friend Justice Treves. Meanwhile Neville is feeling the strain of a house party with both his wife and his ex-wife in attendance.
Neville.....Hugh Bonneville
Lady Tressellian.....Marcia Warren
MacWhirter.....Tom Mannion
Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook
Mary.....Julia Ford
Kay.....Lizzy Watts
Latimer.....Joseph Kloska
Inspector Leach.....Philip Fox
Royde.....Stephen Hogan
Receptionist.....Annabelle Dowler
Sergeant.....Matt Addis
Doctor Lazenby.....Benjamin Askew
Treves.....David Hargreaves
Directed by Mary Peate.

WED 06:30 Carnival Queens (b00763pf)
Does the idea of the Carnival Queen still appeal to the modern girl? Will the tradition survive? With Sara Parker. From August 2001.

WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b01pglt3)
Series 3
Prat On A Hot Tin Roof
Colours nailed to the mast, Robert Wilson gets his party politicals in a pickle.
Farical sitcom 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 (b04d4nw3)
Series 12
Episode 3
Long 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 (b007jqzc)
Series 3
One Hour to Burkiss Way
Don't panic! It's the War of the Worlds - with some emergency rewrites.
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 (b00pmgx6)
Series 1
Episode 3
Farmyard impersonations, plus Safari Time. Let's Call the Whole Thing Off...
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 Dilemma (b01747kt)
Series 1
Episode 1
Sue Perkins presents moral and ethical posers to Dave Gorman, Richard Herring, Rebecca Front and Dominic Lawson.
Would you provide an alibi to someone you hate? Would you confront an elderly relative about casual racism at a family gathering?, and what are the relative merits of Silvio Berlusconi, Vlad the Impaler, L. Ron Hubbard and Amanda Holden?

This is the panel show spotlighting the choices bombarding us in Britain today, as well as some more theoretical problems.
There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.
Devised by Danielle Ward.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

WED 09:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)
Series 2
Episode 5
Will Ken and Sandy's plan to use a lion to advertise Leo cosmetics be a roaring success?
CAST:
Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin
Freddie Lockwood West
Deborah Rosalind Ayres
Ambrose Paul Jesson
Andy Chris Emmett
Christina Jo Manning Wilson
Film Director Scott Cherry
With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate
Written by John Canter and Guy Jenkin.
Producer: Pete Atkin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jmsz)
Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
Setting Traps
Distressed by Boffin's conduct, Bella returns to her parents' home and is finally reconciled with Harmon. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.

WED 11:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019lwzx)
Of Mothers and Little People
A pot of shimmering eye shadow leads to a magical revelation.
Amanda Lawrence reads Cornish writer Lucy Wood's story.

WED 11:15 Char March - People Come Here to Cry (b007jxh1)
Razor-sharp observations and wit light up this heartening and humorous monologue - an examination of the counselling industry. In her 40s, Deborah Smith comes to an emotional watershed in her life. During the morning vacuuming, a radio chat show mentions the local Crisis Centre, Deborah girds up her loins, her stock of handkerchiefs and her thermos flask and prepares to get counselled.
Stars Sue Johnston.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

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The Diary of Samuel Pepys - Series 2
Episode 3
Pepys goes to Westminster Abbey at four in the morning to get his place on the scaffold for the Coronation of Charles II. It's a long wait - the King doesn't arrive until eleven. Sam and Elizabeth celebrate with friends at their old house in Axe Yard. Everyone gets drunk at the party afterwards and in traditional British fashion Pepys ends the night vomiting but happy.
Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall
Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways
Mr Payne . . . Matthew Gravelle
Rebecca Allen . . . Rebecca Newman
Sir William . . . Richard Mitchley
John Pepys . . . Stephen Marzella
Mrs Pepys . . . Manon Edwards
Mrs Pierce . . . Sirol Jenkins
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 God's Architect (b00xj15x)
Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain
With a controversial new home design, Pugin's prospects take off, as his religious convictions take hold. Read by Haydn Gwynne.

WED 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jmsz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dvr10)
WW1 Tanks, Charles Darwin and Richard Hammond
Mel hears what it was like being trained to drive tanks in WW1, and we visit the home and garden of one of the world's greatest scientists, Charles Darwin.

WED 17:00 Bristow (b007s5dp)
Series 2
Mr Bristow Regrets
The Chester-Perry Dinner Dance is out of bounds to the buying clerk - until he falls in with Tom Paine, troublemaker...
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
Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan
Hewitt Owen Brennan
Miss Sunman Katy Odey
Hickford Roger Lloyd Pack
Tom Jon Glover
Little Red Simon Schatzberger
Miss Golightly Lucy Akhurst
Miss Peach Carol Starks
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 (b01pglt3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b04dvsrr)
Cancer
Writer and soul singer Tony Cassidy, biochemist Helen Whitehead and television writer Jed Mercurio discuss cancer.
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.

WED 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqzc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pmgx6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Agatha Christie (b00pxqz1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Carnival Queens (b00763pf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dvt45)
2014
Episode 10
Fred MacAulay brings you the pick of the best comedy from the Edinburgh Festival.

WED 22:00 Dead Ringers (b04d4nw3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nkb2s)
Series 2
Ride With Me
Adam takes his mortality a little too seriously, and finds himself confronted with a little too much lycra.
Starring Lenny Henry, Larrington Walker and Joe Jacobs.
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
DJ Karel Andrew Brooke.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

WED 23:00 The Shuttleworths (b007lrj3)
John Shuttleworth's Open Mind
Ghosts
Spooky happenings hamper John's investigation as he delves into the world of ghosts.
He can't afford a night at a haunted hotel, but he does get some expert advice from his telephone guest, Yvette Fielding.
Sheffield's John Shuttleworth continues his probe into unsolved phenomena..
With Mary Shuttleworth.
Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
Additional material by Dean Wilkinson.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

WED 23:30 Sarah at the Stand (b014gl69)

Episode 3

Sarah Millican is in Edinburgh, with stand-up and backstage from Davey See, John Moloney and Gary Delaney. From October 2010.

WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00sux7d)

Episode 3

Paul Hamilton, the Islington poet, hears poetry written by a computer; conducts a rare interview with the legendary poet Celia Tierny; and meets the English teacher who inspired him to try 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.

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2014**THU 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0121mlq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b015cmrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 God's Architect (b00xj15x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Off the Page (b04dvsrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Agatha Christie (b00pxqz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Carnival Queens (b00763pf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019hwzx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Char March - People Come Here to Cry (b007jxh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Bristow (b007s5dp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b01pglt3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Agatha Christie (b00q3kvy)

Towards Zero

Episode 3

Adaptation by Joy Wilkinson of Agatha Christie's detective novel.

Lady Tressellian is discovered murdered in her bed, leaving everyone in the house party very distressed. Inspector Leach leads the investigation.

Neville Hugh Bonneville

MacWhirter Tom Mannion

Audrey Claire Rushbrook

Kay Lizzy Watts

Royde Stephen Hogan

Inspector Leach Philip Fox

Latimer Joseph Kloska

Sergeant Matt Addis

Doctor Lazenby Benjamin Askew

Constable David Hargreaves

Directed by Mary Peate.

THU 06:30 The First Pirate (b0075rby)

Presenter Les Woodland tells the story of Captain Leonard Frank Plugge, the founder of Radio Normandie, which competed so successfully with the early BBC that Lord Reith was forced to compromise his principles and broadcast dance music on a Sunday.

Producer: Brian King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

THU 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrc7)

Series 1

Lights

Eddie scores tickets to Stockport County's biggest match ever.

An even greater challenge faces his son-in-law Dave

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, John McArdle as Eddie, Jason Done as Michael, Stefan Escreeet as Dave, Emma Clarke as Collette, Beverley Callard as Maureen and Jo-Anne Knowles as Debbie.

With Alan Green as himself.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

THU 07:30 Listen Against (b017cjmj)

Series 4

Episode 4

A 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 (b007jp4z)

Series 2

The Entente Cordiale

Cross-channel harmony hits the buffers, when the station is twinned with one in France.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Valentine /Bradshaw/Head of French Rail, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and Roger Delgado as Dupont.

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 October 1973.

THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b019jshq)

From 12/03/1958

Scary tales of "Javanese witchmen" - and Ron and Eth plan a romantic Belgian in 'The Glums'.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.

Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00r0ym1)

Series 12

JD Salinger

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness. Team captains John Walsh and Lynne Truss are joined by Tibor Fischer and Peter Kemp. The author of the book and subject for pastiche is JD Salinger, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

THU 09:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland (b007tm46)

Domesticity

The comedian looks at the ups and downs of domesticity.

Six-part series illustrating the Domedic 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 (b007jnwv)

Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend

A Cry for Help

Lizzie Hexam's new life is disrupted when she is tracked down by a figure from her past. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.

THU 11:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019lypl)

The Giant's Boneyard

12-year-old Gog struggles over feelings for best friend Sunshine, and his mum insisting that he is part giant. Read by Zac Fox.

THU 11:15 Andy Rashleigh - Be Prepared (b0076m8m)

Ian McKellen stars as one of the key figures of the early 20th century, Robert Baden-Powell. The founder of the Scout movement looks back on a life embodying the spirit of Imperial adventure. From the balcony of his home, he regrets, he gives thanks, he wonders if he has at last found something like harmony and peace...

Written by Andy Rashleigh.

Baden Powell Ian McKellen

Olave Zoe Waites

Boy McLaren Nicholas Boulton

Manning Jon Glover

Wolsey John Rowe

Proudfoot Philip Fox

Peter George Hammond

Nurse Alice Hart

Director: Cherry Cookson.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in July 2004.

THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b019jshq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Agatha Christie (b00q3kvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The First Pirate (b0075rby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0121xgy)

Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law

Episode 4

News of a suspected affair further rocks a cherished way of life.

Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.

Joanna Trollope's bestseller read by Jane Whittenshaw

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b015cptf)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys - Series 2

Episode 4

Pepys' friend Captain Ferrers is so excited at the possibility of going to sea with Lord Sandwich that he jumps straight through a top floor window and survives, much to Pepys' amazement.

Later in the year, when his Uncle dies, Pepys goes to the house to help. He finds his uncle's papers in a mess, his aunt deranged, and a rapidly deteriorating corpse. Dramatised by Hattie Naylor.

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Captain Ferrers . . . Ewan Bailey

Edward Montague, Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

John Pepys . . . Stephen Marzella

Aunt . . . Manon Edwards

Jane . . . Rebecca Newman

Paulina . . . Rebecca Scott

Captain Robert Holmes . . . Andrew Wincott

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 God's Architect (b00xj6zn)

Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain

Pugin's career hits its pinnacle, but sudden changes transform him into a doting father to six children. Read by Haydn Gwynne.

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnwv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04dyfrv)

Dave Cousins, Mona Lisa and Accents

Writer Dave Cousins discusses his favourite books, and the story of the Gloucestershire woman who went to bed with a migraine and woke up with a French accent.

THU 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jkkq7)

Series 2

Play On

School sports day fever starts taking over, but not everyone is infected. With Carolyn Pickles and Marlene Sidaway.

THU 17:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 The Write Stuff (b00r0ym1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04dyk53)

Series 1

Louis Armstrong

Band leader Chris Barber chooses the legendary jazz trumpeter, Louis Armstrong. 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 July 2002.

THU 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b019jshq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Agatha Christie (b00q3kvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The First Pirate (b0075rby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 MacAulay and Co (b04dykmx)

2014

Episode 11

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

THU 22:00 Listen Against (b017cjmj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Radio 9 (b04dykmz)

Series 2

Episode 1

Urban fox hunting, reckless parenting and faking surgery for real. Stars Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker. From June 2005.

THU 23:00 At Home With The Snails (b007kzql)

Series 1

Episode 2

Alex is obsessed with snails, but can women ever replace them in his affections? Stars Gerard Foster. From July 2001.

THU 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01mm3ch)

Series 4

Eurotank

The bumbling management consultants try to salvage the reputation of the MoD. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From September 2005.

FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2014**FRI 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0121xgy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b015cptf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 God's Architect (b00xj6zn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 The Write Stuff (b00r0ym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b04dyk53)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Agatha Christie (b00q3kvy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 The First Pirate (b0075rby)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019lypl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:15 Andy Rashleigh - Be Prepared (b0076m8m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jjkq7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrc7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Agatha Christie (b00qcj3)
 Towards Zero
 Episode 4
 Adaptation by Joy Wilkinson of Agatha Christie's detective novel.
 Now Neville is in the clear, suspicion has turned on Audrey for the murder of Lady Tressellan. But no-one can find her, and MacWhirter is convinced she's innocent.
 Neville Hugh Bonneville
 MacWhirter Tom Mannion
 Audrey Claire Rushbrook
 Mary Julia Ford
 Latimer Joseph Kloska
 Kay Lizzy Watts
 Inspector Leach Philip Fox
 Royde Stephen Hogan
 Sergeant Matt Addis
 Directed by Mary Peate.
FRI 06:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)
 The story of a publishing phenomenon - and the last vestiges of a 1950s childhood.
 Ladybird Books summons up ankle socks, sleeveless fairisle pullovers and days of innocence.
 But as the Loughborough based company closes down its Midlands operation and is swallowed up by Penguin - it's the end of an era.
 Produced at BBC Manchester by Lindsay Leonard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.
FRI 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075gmn)
 Episode 2
 Kingsley's done a runner, and the catering company is going bust. Now Jimmy needs to find a book-keeping genius.
 Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.
 Stars Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Roger May as Juan Jose, Marlene Sidaway as Mrs Olney and Jane Whittenshaw as Carol.
 Director: Cat Horn
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
FRI 07:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x9zdj)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas collates policies suggested by the studio audience to add to his People's Manifesto.
 These policies are intended to improve our world, nation or just our own lives, with tonight's agenda including:
 1. 50% Minimum Participation in Elections
 2. Converting Fast Food into Renewable Gas
 3. Imposing an Earning Cap of £30k on All Bank Employees
 Plus there are plenty of "any other business?" suggestions from the studio audience.
FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01sdcqw)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 The duo take on Hollywood - but Eric's not too keen on Ernie's health kick.
 Written by Eddie Braben.
 With Brian Wilde and April Walker.
 Music from Syd Lawrence and his Orchestra with Roy Marsden and Sue Adams.
 Producer: John Brownell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1976.
FRI 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzjx)
 Series 3
 The Fridge
 Author Gerald and his wife Diana blow hot and cold over refrigeration.
 The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.
 With Brian Carroll and Danny Schiller.
 Written by Basil Boothroyd.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.
FRI 09:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s7dw0)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Arthur Smith invites us into his Balham flat in south London for

comedy, music and entertainment.
 With his guests: Nine Below Zero, Phill Jupitus, Josh Widdecombe and Marlon Davies.
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010
FRI 09:30 Rent (b04dyv2z)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 It's party-time for students Paul and Ruby, but posh hote-time for Maria and Richard - and never the two shall meet, or shall they...?
 House share comedy about life with lodgers written by Lucy Flannery.
 Maria Barbara Flynn
 Richard Patrick Barlow
 Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan
 Amy Linda Polan
 Paul Toby Longworth
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
FRI 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnw)
 Charles Dickens - Our Mutual Friend
 The Trap Springs
 On his deathbed, Wrayburn proposes to Lizzie. Others also prepare to meet their maker. Stars Simon Cadell and Pippa Guard.
FRI 11:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019m333)
 Countless Stones
 Questioning her past decisions, Rita sees her future bound to the standing stones above her village. Read by Amanda Lawrence.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b011ldkp)
 Atching Tan by Dan Allum
 Atching Tan: A Gypsy Wife
 Colourful and authentic drama set around the goings-on of Long Summer Traveller Site. When young couple Charity and Sol arrive on the site, their new neighbours Lovvie and Nelius are forced to make some difficult decisions when they discover Sol's dark secret. Starring Candis Nergard and written by Traveller Dan Allum.
 Written by Dan Allum
 Produced/Directed by Charlotte Riches.
FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01sdcqw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzjx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Agatha Christie (b00qcj3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b012216d)
 Joanna Trollope - Daughters-in-Law
 Episode 5
 The truth about the suspected affair emerges and Rachel makes plans for the future.
 Simmering tensions threaten the harmony of a close-knit family.
 Joanna Trollope's bestseller concluded by Jane Whittenshaw
 Abridged by Viv Beeby
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2011.
FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b015scfl)
 The Diary of Samuel Pepys - Series 2
 Episode 5
 Pepys plays a trick on Sir William by stealing his silver tankard and sending an anonymous ransom note demanding thirty shillings for its return. The diarist ends 1661 as he began, worrying that he's spending too much money on going to see plays and drinking wine. He makes a resolution to be much more restrained in his pleasures next year.
 Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall
 Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways
 Will . . . John Biddle
 Captain Ferrers . . . Ewan Bailey
 Sir William . . . Richard Mitchley
 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 God's Architect (b00xjv0n)
 Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain
 Pugin and the Building of Romantic Britain: The architect finds a new love, but his professional life declines and personal misery beckons. Read by Haydn Gwynne.
FRI 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jnw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04f23t6)
 Accents, VW Beetles and Frank Cottrell Boyce
 Mel discovers how accents have evolved over the years, learns the story of the VW Beetle that won the heart of Brazil, and hears the inheritance books of Frank Cottrell Boyce.
FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007jnh1)
 Series 2

The Cold
 Sarah, her mother Eleanor and daughter Clare battle with colds - and each other.
 Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
 Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Peter Howell as the Doctor.
 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 (b0075gmn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 18:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s7dw0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b00m68s5)
 Series 2
 Hallo!
 Stephen Fry explores the highways and byways of the English language.
 Hallo! Stephen says 'goodbye' with a programme about 'hallo', and how it came to be one of the world's favourite words.
FRI 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01sdcqw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzjx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Agatha Christie (b00qcj3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Lucy Wood - Diving Belles (b019m333)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 21:15 Drama (b011ldkp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
FRI 22:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x9zdj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Father Figure (b01bw5cc)
 Birthday Lunch
 Family sitcom written by and starring Irish comedian Jason Byrne. Tom Whyte, much to the consternation of his overbearing Mother, decides to cook his Dad a Birthday lunch for a family get-together. What he intends to put on the table undergoes a transformation by serving time whilst best friend Roddy brings an especially unappetising contribution to the meal.
 Tom Whyte.... Jason Byrne
 Elaine Whyte.... Lucy Montgomery
 Dylan Whyte Dominic Applewhite
 Mary WhytePauline McLynn
 Pat Whyte.... Dermot Crowley
 Roddy Michael Smiley
 Producer... Julia McKenzie.
FRI 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b011cfms)
 Series 1
 Simon Day
 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.
 In the final episode of the series British comedy legend and star of The Fast Show, Down the Line and Bellamy's People, Simon Day visits The Mallard Theatre as "himself".
 Cast list:
 Simon Day 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 (b007jtrr)
 Series 2
 The Unexplained
 Every other mystery left answered in a final blockbusting edition.
 Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their heads.
 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.