

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2014

SAT 00:00 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 Beebey

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

SAT 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b015cslf)

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 Mitchell

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 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.

SAT 01:00 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

SAT 01:30 Fry's English Delight (b00m68s5)

Series 2

Hollo!

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

Hollo! Stephen says 'goodbye' with a programme about 'hallo', and how it came to be one of the world's favourite words.

SAT 02:00 Agatha Christie (b00qcj13)

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 Tresselion. 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 Charles Dickens (b007jwvx)

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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:15 Drama (b011dkp)

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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gnn)

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.

SAT 06:00 Adam Dalgliesh - A Certain Justice (b001bgqz)

Brilliant criminal lawyer Venetia Aldridge secures the acquittal of a young man from the charge of murdering his aunt.

But this sparks a series of bizarre events, starting with her own murder....

Gentleman Commander Adam Dalgliesh takes charge of the case.

First published in 1997, PD James's thriller dramatised by Neville Teller.

Adam Dalgliesh Philip Franks

Venetia Aldridge Geraldine James

Desmond Ulrick Kenneth Cranham

Drysdale Laud Michael Maloney

Simon Costello Nicholas Boulton

Garry Ashe Harry Myers

Octavia Aldridge Tracy Wiles

Janet Carpenter Susan Jameson

Edmund Froggett James Taylor

Kate Miskin Susannah Doyle

Hubert Langton Ian Masters

Mark Rawlstone Richard Katz

Mrs Buckley Melinda Walker

Lois Sandra James Young

Michael Cole Damian Lynch

Naughton Hugh Dickson

Anna Colleen Prendergast

Other parts played by the cast.

Composer: David Pickvance

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.

SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b00t8xfp)

Series 1

The Last Stand

John Rawling relives the cricket-packed drama of the second Test between England and West Indies at Lord's in 1963.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00qfzcv)

Open Sesame

Konnie Huq looks back at four decades of Sesame Street, the experimental American children's television show which mixed radical educational techniques with extraordinary subject matter and subversive humour.

SAT 09:00 The Big Steptoe Radio Show: Ray Galton and Alan Simpson (b007jwm9)

The duo behind the BBC's legendary rag and bone men comedy - writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson present their favourite episodes of Steptoe and Son.

This includes the very first episode, 'The Offer' - originally made for BBC TV's 'Comedy Playhouse' - one of ten one-off comedies penned by Ray and Alan. BBC bosses viewed it as a sweetener for the duo, who'd recently parted company with Tony Hancock. Despite several strong concepts, only 'The Offer' progressed from pilot to series development.

The TV pilot aired in January 1962, followed by the first Steptoe series in June starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett as father and son duo, Albert and Harold Steptoe. Revealing how the series was created, the writers also explain why it prompted concerns in Parliament.

The duo's selected episodes were all adapted from the TV scripts and recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio by Gale Pedrick.

* The Offer

As the rag and bone father and son argue, Harold is set to leave. Stars Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. From July 1966.

* Pilgrim's Progress

Old soldier Albert Steptoe is eager to revisit Flanders. Stars

Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. From June 1967.

* Crossed Swords

Excited Harold Steptoe lets greed get the better of him. Stars Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. From July 1967.

* The Desperate Hours

Some unwelcome visitors arrive at the rag and bone yard. Stars Wilfrid Brambell, Harry H Corbett and Leonard Rossiter. From May 1974.

* Oh What a Beautiful Mourning

The family clash at the funeral of Albert's brother. Stars Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett. From February 1976

* Seance in a Wet Rag and Bone Yard

Sceptical Harold slams Albert's claims about the power of spiritualism. Stars Wilfrid Brambell, Harry H Corbett and Patricia Routledge. From March 1976.

Producer: Sarah Wade.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in February 2006.

SAT 12:00 Kate Chopin - The Awakening (Omnibus) (b04f80fz)

When it was published in 1899, Kate Chopin's novel shocked society and divided critics. Respectable, married Edna Pontellier, 28, is away from her home in New Orleans, holidaying on Grand Isle in the Gulf of Mexico with her husband and children. Teaching her to swim is the debonair young Robert Lebrun, known for forming an attachment with a different woman every summer. Despite warnings from her more conventional friend, Adele, Edna falls incontrovertibly for Robert. When he leaves Louisiana for Mexico, Edna realises she's been "awakened" and questions everything: her marriage, her position, the society she lives in. But what is left for her? The novel is regarded by many as the first in a new wave of modern American literature. Produced and directed by Marion Nancarrow.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b007k4nn)

Series 4

The Devil's Eye

The priestly sleuth is confronted by shipwrecks and a remote Irish island community's mysterious past. Stars David Threlfall.

SAT 14:00 The Navy Lark (b00bzfsf)

Series 1

The Missing Jeep

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

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cildicot 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

Troubridge. 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.

SAT 14:30 Doctor in the House (b007j10n)

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.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00qfzcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Adam Dalgliesh - A Certain Justice (b001bgqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 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.

SAT 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmc2)

Series 1

3. The Silver Strangers

"The two strange figures drifted over from their ship to ours - they were heading for the main outside air lock..."

After drifting without power, the crew of Space Force receive a mysterious message and spot a spacecraft...

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

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Chipper Nicky Henson

Magnus Nigel Stock

Lauderic Tony Osoba

with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfeild.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

SAT 18:30 Ben Moor - Undone (b00f6ddb)

Series 2

Unrelated

Edna interrogates The Prince, learns more about her own powers and takes on the public information porn industry. 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

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 February 2008.

SAT 19:00 The Big Steptoe Radio Show: Ray Galton and Alan Simpson (b007jwm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvsn)

Series 1

South Africa

The stand-up comic tries to climb Table Mountain and discovers that Cape Town has some very posh monkeys...

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SAT 22:30 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f825c)

2014

Episode 1

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SAT 22:35 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00bxv1v)

Episode 1

Doing the Bathroom.

Succulent insights into life as it unfolds in one man's sitting room.

Humorist Ivor Cutler dispenses a concoction of songs, poetry, stories and a Stuggy Pren to his visitors: New Zealand sculptor Craig Murray-Orr and Orpington penciller Alison O'Kill.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 1994.

SAT 22:50 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f828m)

2014

Episode 2

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SAT 22:55 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00dy51z)

Cities and Laws

What are the flaws in the urban democratic system?

Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, Chris Addison explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

With:

Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGivern)

Jo Enright

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SAT 23:25 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f831q)

2014

Episode 3

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SAT 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b016wzrz)

Series 2

The Golliwog

'The golliwog' has been the cause of much controversy.

Richard debates whether it's an object we should reclaim, or consign to the dustbin of history?

Series in which Richard Herring tries to see whether controversial objects we've grown to hate can be reclaimed.

With Emma Kennedy and Ava Vidal.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2014**SUN 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmc2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 Ben Moor - Undone (b00f6ddb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b00qfzwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Kate Chopin - The Awakening (Omnibus) (b04f80fz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Baldi (b007k4nn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Adam Dalgliesh - A Certain Justice (b00lbggz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x9zdj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b0162jg4)

1661

In an attempt to save money, Pepys makes a new year resolution to cut back on theatre-going and drinking. He fails for a whole year. Kris Marshall returns as the famous diarist.

SUN 07:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075q3w)

Behind Bars

Jeremy Nicholas finds out what learning the piano means to Paul, a prisoner serving a life sentence for murder. From November 1999.

SUN 07:30 Chain Reaction (b00mtpl4)

Series 3

Jack Dee interviews Jeremy Hardy

The two comedians get chatting in the tag-team talk show, where this week's guest is next week's interviewer. From February 2007.

SUN 08:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jynj)

Will a compromising photo put Tommy Handley's political ambitions at risk?

With Jack Train, Dorothy Summers, Horace Percival, Diana Morrison, Dino Galvini, Sydney Keith, Fred Yule, Joan Capra and Paula Green.

It's That Man Again - ITMA made a radio superstar of Tommy Handley (1894-1949) and had more than 20 million devoted listeners to the BBC Home Service each week - with millions more around the world. The show's title came from a newspaper headline used in stories about Adolf Hitler in the lead up to the Second World War.

Catchphrases like "TTFN - Ta-Ta for now" and "Can I Do You Now, Sir?" coupled with a frenetic, topical approach made it utterly distinctive.

From 1939 to 1949, over 310 episodes were broadcast,

breaking away from existing comedy and music hall conventions with an anarchic and irreverent style - created by its writer Ted Kavanagh.

BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell.

Producer: Francis Worsley.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1944.

SUN 08:30 Stop Messing About! (b00b1p9t)

Series 1

Episode 1

The follow up series to Round The Horne kicks off with the first all nude radio show - with a pull-out supplement.

Starring Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Joan Sims and announcer, Douglas Smith.

After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of Round The Horne were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.

Written by Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Myles Rudge
With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1969.

SUN 09:00 Children's Hour: Once Upon a Time (b00qmbkt)

Series 2

Episode 1

Sandy Chalmers takes an affectionate look back at the much loved BBC institution Children's Hour, which ran from 1922 to 1964 on the BBC Home Service. Sandy was first involved with Children's Hour as a child from 1953 to close down in 1964.

Her selection in this edition:

The Big Pond: The Unhappy Dragon, by Bertha Lonsdale. A short play first broadcast in 1960 narrated by Trevor Hill. With Karal Gardner, Joseph Hancock and Brian Trueman.
The Fishing Bear, written and read by Bob Congdon. From 1954.

Toytown Plays: The Conversion of Mr. Growser, by SG Hulme Beaman. The Parade of the Tin Soldiers introduces a Toytown adventure featuring Larry the Lamb and Dennis the Dachshund.

With Derek McCulloch, Arthur Wyan, Ralph de Kohan, Felix Felton, Norman Shelley and Stephen Jack. From 1951.

Produced by Peter Reed.

SUN 10:00 The Reunion (b00tf9bl)

The Dome

Sue MacGregor gathers together the key people responsible for building, co-ordinating and realising the creative concepts that became The Millennium Dome at Greenwich.

Following Labour's landslide election victory in May 1997, the Prime Minister Tony Blair was determined to change the way Britain saw itself and he seized upon the idea - mooted under the outgoing Tory government - to have a major event to celebrate the forthcoming new millennium.

After much discussion and heated argument it was decided to build a dome on the site of a disused gasworks on East London's Greenwich peninsula. It would stage a grand millennium extravaganza and house a year-long exhibition to rival the 1951 Festival of Britain.

It was a hugely controversial decision from the very start, and became a project rife with argument, sackings and constant flack from the press.

The person who took the brunt of the criticism was Chief Executive Jennie Page, who was eventually sacked - shortly after the opening night. This is the first time she has spoken publicly about her personal millennium experience.

Sue also hears some hitherto unreported and little known stories of both the pain and the excitement of life under the Dome.

Sue is joined by:

Jennie Page, the Dome's former Chief Executive.

Mike Davies, the flamboyant architect who designed the Dome structure.

Lord Charles Falconer, the Minister for the Dome who succeeded Peter Mandelson.

Eva Jiricna, designer of the Dome's 'Spirit Zone'.

Peter Higgins, who created the 'Play Zone'.

Producer: Dilly Barlow

A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 10:45 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lnpx)

Monty's Revolver

When a special gun is auctioned, one collector is alarmed to end up facing the wrong end of the barrel. Read by Joe Dunlop.

SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01704sz)

Series 7

Episode 4

From St Augustine in Florida, the American funny man welcomes the Nashville Bluegrass Band and local vocalist JJ Grey. From 2010.

SUN 12:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b0162jg4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 The Piano Lesson (b0075q3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Dick Francis (b007mw9r)

Enquiry

When a jockey is framed and loses his licence, he is determined to clear his name. Thriller starring Tony Osoba, Robert Lang and Bill Nighy.

SUN 15:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jynj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Stop Messing About! (b00b1p9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b04f8bq2)

Cave Girl, Liverpool and Accents

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 Children's Hour: Once Upon a Time (b00qmbkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 18:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b00lblq5)

The Green Hills of Earth

Rhysling, the blind singer of the spaceways, captures the beauty of space and complexities of being a spaceman in songs about his heroic adventures.

Snatches of his music are interwoven with the story of how he lost his sight and became Earth's unofficial chronicler of the universe.

Read by Adam Sims.

Written in 1947, 'The Green Hills of Earth' is recognised as one of the best-ever sci-fi stories by master writer, Robert A Heinlein (1907-1988).

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 (b007k167)

9. Attack

With the new society on the attack, Robert Neville refuses to leave his house.

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

Concluded 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 (b01704sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jynj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00b1p9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 The Reunion (b00tf9bl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lnpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Chain Reaction (b00mtpl4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f8czm)

2014

Episode 4

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SUN 22:35 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00cmjv9)

Episode 2

Alison O'Kill wants to read Ivor Cutler a poem, while Craig Murray-Orr can't think with the sun in his eyes.

A tale-toddlng kittle of poems, songs and stories from the lodgings of humorist Ivor Cutler.

Passers-through include sculptor Craig Murray-Orr and apprentice wordsmith Alison O'Kill.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 1994.

SUN 22:50 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f8czp)

2014

Episode 5

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SUN 22:55 Giles Wemmbley Hogg Goes Off (b007jr6q)

Series 1

Moscow

Cycling solo on a tandem, the inept student is Russia-bound, fundraising for donkeys. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2002.

SUN 23:25 The Comedy Club at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (b04f8czr)

2014

Episode 6

Arthur Smith looks back across the biggest arts festival in Europe, with news, reviews and much more from the Fringe and beyond.

SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b007l26n)

Series 3

The Internet Date from Hell

Journalist Jon Ronson investigates the extraordinary story of Mary Turner Thompson, who experienced the worst internet date ever which lasted seven years and was to cause the total devastation of her life.

Edinburgh-based Mary met and married a man who told her he was a CIA agent. Jon visits her in Scotland and hears the incredible twisting and turning love story of Will and Mary. Will carried a gun and had to dash off to Israel at a moment's notice; Mary was left holding the baby, never knowing when he would come back, and was unable to contact him. She even feared a terrorist attack on her home. But the most bizarre twist was still to come.

MONDAY 25 AUGUST 2014**MON 00:00 Short Stories by Robert Heinlein (b001blq5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k167)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 The Reunion (b00f9bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lnpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b007jynj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Stop Messing About! (b00b1p9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Chain Reaction (b00mtp14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Dick Francis (b007mw9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Children's Hour: Once Upon a Time (b00qmbkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)

Series 2

1. A Dream of Riches

A robbery from a scrap merchant turns out to be a far from straightforward case - and a 'quiet' student proves to be anything but...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Peter Cleall as Detective Constable Harrison

Judy Jacqueline Tong

Mrs Brown Betty Alberge

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Carson Tony Caunter

Inspector Stevens Nicholas Courtney

Writer Robert Barr is well remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

MON 06:30 The Last Picture Show (b0076xk5)

John Wilson meets behind-the-scenes staff and visitors to major art exhibitions in London, as they come to a close. From March 2006.

MON 07:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075ng9)

Series 3

Episode 1

Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue take on party food and reading, plus therapy - could it have helped the Beatles and Henry VIII?

Series 2 of Bill Dare's sitcom stars Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.

With Ronnie Ancona, Alistair McGowan, Roger Blake and Steve Punt.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b04dk891)

Series 70

Episode 2

Hosted by the legendary Nicholas Parsons and recorded at the Edinburgh Festival - how hard can it be to talk for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation? Gyles Brandreth, Paul Merton and Sue Perkins find out.

MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k191)

My Stag Movie, part 1/2

The veteran auditionee recalls how sometimes talent can be found in the unlikeliest places - and sometimes it can't be found at all...

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 (b007jsdx)

Series 1

Operation Fag End

With a top brass inspection due, 50,000 duty-free cigarettes are headed to the island!

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cildicot as Captain Povey, Pamela Buck as Joyce, Michael Bates as Commander Shaw, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Tenniel Evans as Squadron Leader Pertwee.

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 the Light Programme in April 1959.

MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

Series 1

Episode 3

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Arthur Smith, Lucy Montgomery, Tom Wigglesworth and Will Smith battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games.

Find out the hilarity that ensues when each of them play the games they've brought along. What will Arthur make of Tom's "Re-wound, Sped Up Played Backwards"? How will Twitter-fan Will Smith get on with Lucy's "Twitter-witter-witter-who" game? And how much would it take for Tom Wigglesworth to change his name to Adolf Hitler when he plays Arthur Smith's round?

Angus Deayton valiantly tries to make sure 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 (b04fc5pq)

Series 2

Day Trip to Terror!

What better time for Social Media to kick in than on a dangerous search-and-rescue mission on the planet's surface? And just why is Lillian replacing her nose?

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.

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

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Jane Austen (b008h3ms)

Emma

1. The Matchmaker

Emma Woodhouse - handsome, clever and rich - is a young woman so blessed by life that she declares she will never marry. However, she is determined to find the right match for her new friend Harriet Smith.

Jane Austen's sparkling comedy of love and marriage first published in 1815.

Emma Woodhouse Eve Best

Mr Elton David Bamber

Mr Knightley Robert Bathurst

Mr Woodhouse Norman Rodway

Miss Bates Marcia Warren

Mrs Weston Patience Tomlinson

Harriet Smith Ellie Beaven

Mr Weston Andrew Wincott

Jane Fairfax Beth Chalmers

Frank Churchill Tom Hollander

Dramatised in two parts by April de Angelis.

Music: Martin Souter and Sarah Stowe

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

MON 11:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fbr)

Shaft

An awkward encounter between a suited American and a pregnant woman in a stuck lift. Written and read by Anne Enright.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04f8fbd)

Danny Wallace, Rodney P. Robin Hobb, Matthew Parker, Leo Leigh, Luke Sital-Singh, Bitter Ruin

From 1946 until the end of his life, Ian Fleming lived for two months of every year at the house he built on Jamaica's north coast. All the Bond novels and stories were written here. In his new book Goldeneye, Matthew Parker tells Danny how for Fleming, Jamaica was the perfect mix of British old-fashioned imperial values, and of the dangerous and sensual; the same curious combination that made the Bond novels so appealing and successful.

Fact or Fiction: The Life and Times of a Ping Pong Hustler is a chronicle of the final three years of Marty Reisman's life, a former international table tennis champion-turned-money player. Pursuing notoriety through his idiosyncratic lifestyle and motivated by his love of fame and Ping Pong, he inadvertently has to face his biggest fear: mortality. Film maker Leo Leigh talks about how he chronicled Marty's complex mix of childlike excitement, eccentric narcissism and constant charm.

Twenty years after the publication of classic novel Assassin's Apprentice, Robin Hobb returns to her best-loved characters with Fool's Assassin. One of the world's finest writers of epic fiction, Robin was raised in Alaska, where she learned how to raise a wolf cub, skin a moose and survive in the wilderness.

Why hasn't the food-obsessed British public caught on to curry goat or ackee and salt fish like it has korma, kebab and chicken chow-mein? For Notting Hill Carnival weekend, Rodney P, the Godfather of UK Rap, talks to Nikki Bedi about his mission to get to the bottom of this multicultural mystery.

With music from BITTER RUIN who perform Diggers from their album Waves and more music from LUKE SITAL-SINGH who performs Nothing Stays The Same from his album The Fire Inside

Producer: Sukey Firth.

MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k191)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b007jsdx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Last Picture Show (b0076xk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125j6y)

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 1

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep? How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again?

In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is.

She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is.

This is Christine's story.

This Debut thriller has been attracting a lot of attention and is part of Radio 4 Extra's Book at Beachtime Special Season.

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Read by Stella Gonet

Produced by Lucy Collingwood

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b9b7s)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 3

Episode 1

Kris Marshall and Katherine Jakeways return as Mr and Mrs Pepys in Hattie Naylor's dramatisation of the diary for 1662 - a year which begins badly when Sam accidentally whacks Elizabeth in the eye with his elbow as he's waking up. On Twelfth Night they enjoy a feast, including eighteen mince pies, with their neighbours, Lord and Lady Batten, who are also celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary on that day. There's more entertainment on a night out at the theatre when they see Romeo and Juliet - but decide it's the worst play - and the worst acted - they've ever seen.

Cast

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Captain Holmes . . . Andrew Wincott

Sir William Batten . . . Richard Mitchley

Lady Batten . . . Marilyn le Conte

Will . . . John Middle

Captain Cook/Mr Saville . . . Matthew Gravelle

Jane . . . Rebecca Newman

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 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yqtxr)

Episode 1

Memoirs of Tory grandee and Thatcher adviser, Ferdinand Mount. Italy and mysteries of cold cream. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

MON 15:00 Jane Austen (b008h3ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04fc6tb)

Richard Hammond reads the next episode of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again. Mel meets some unusual mummies, and listeners learn how to make some very tasty pancakes.

MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfp3)

Series 2

There Goes the Bride

It's Faith and Bill's wedding day - can they manage to tie the knot?

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyschott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Belinda Lang as Liza, John Baddeley as the Registrar, Richard Tate as the Video Man and Ben Onwukwe as the Cabbie.

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 (b0075ng9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04fc6y4)

Mavis Nicholson and Toyah Willcox

4 Extra Debut. Tom Sutcliffe, Mavis Nicholson and Toyah Willcox discuss books by Anne Tyler, Ben Okri and F Scott Fitzgerald. From March 1998.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Publisher: Penguin

The Famished Road by Ben Okri

Publisher: Vintage

Breathing Lessons by Anne Tyler

Publisher: Vintage.

MON 19:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k19l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Navy Lark (b007j5dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Last Picture Show (b0076xk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b04f8fbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b04dk891)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 My First Planet (b04fc5pq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00whwzs)

Series 6

Psychiatry

Edith quizzes Satan about "The Fall", but Satan sees it more as "The Push" and feels God has anger-management issues.

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 (b007v1dk)

Series 2

Episode 4

Dodgy Phil lays on an unusual awards ceremony to improve the faded fortunes of Barry and Garry's pub.

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

Bob Tony Roche

With Debra Stephenson and Simon Greenall.

Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.

Music: Bill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2014

TUE 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125j6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b9b7s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 00:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yqtxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 A Good Read (b04fc6y4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Last Picture Show (b0076xk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Jane Austen (b008h3ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b04f8fbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfp3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075ng9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Detective (b04fc958)

Series 2

2. Two on the Run

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook finds himself pursuing a pair of foolish students - and fighting for a share of police resources. Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Ceall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly John Judd

Anna Emily Morgan

Clark Gary Cady

Drayton Stephen Garlick

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

TUE 06:30 The Storytellers (b00770r5)

Adrian Chiles investigates the growing ranks of Britain's professional storytellers, guardians of our oral tradition and performers of hundreds of ancient fables that resonate with modern meaning.

TUE 07:00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqjk)

The Charge of the Boys' Brigade

Miss Primrose is ordered to travel to South Africa and murder General Cheeseman. With Alison Steadman. From September 1988.

TUE 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b03lnprh)

Series 4

#2 to Go: Innocents Abroad

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

This week, in "#2 to Go", a trip to China does not work out well for David - especially on the food front.

The second story is called "Innocents Abroad" and tackles the tricky tightrope of "going native" when learning a foreign language.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jpcq)

Series 8

The Space Age

Neddy and Crun attempt to launch Min into space, but she gets stuck up the chimney. Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1957.

TUE 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt20)

Our First Operation

Sir Lancelot Spratt causes alarm for medic Simon Sparrow in the operating theatre.

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 and Ann Murray as Sister.

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? (b007w4f8)

Series 2

Episode 4

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 Housego with guests Polly Toynbee and Miles Kingston.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

TUE 09:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jsn0)

Series 2

2nd October 1799

Domestic bliss is enhanced by the arrival of John Sheets. Views are exchanged on the desirability of the married state. And a game of cricket is proposed...

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, Miriam Margolyes as Stinking Iris, Chris Emmett as the Leechpedlar and Nicky Henson as John Sheets. Music by Stephen Oliver and performed by Cantabile.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1987.

TUE 10:00 Jane Austen (b008h4xg)

Emma

2. Proposal

Emma's composure is threatened by two new arrivals in Highbury - Mr Elton's new wife and Mr Weston's handsome son.

Conclusion of Jane Austen's sparkling comedy of love and marriage first published in 1815.

Emma Woodhouse Eve Best

Mr Elton David Bamber

Mr Knightley Robert Bathurst

Mr Woodhouse Norman Rodway

Miss Bates Marcia Warren

Mrs Weston Patience Tomlinson

Harriet Smith Ellie Beaven

Mr Weston Andrew Wincott

Frank Churchill Tom Hollander

Mrs Elton Josie Lawrence

Mr Elton David Bamber

Servant Helen Ayres

Music: Martin Souter

Dramatised by April de Angelis.

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

TUE 11:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fc5)

Tiger Man

As the second Gulf War erupts, Simon wants to 'retard thought implantation'. Written by Mimi Thebo. Read by Stephen Perring.

TUE 11:15 John Graham - Resting (b01p7j2n)

Murder, theft and romance in a home for elderly actors. Stars Googie Withers, Wendy Hiller, Michael Denison and Jimmy Jewel. From April 1991.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jpcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Detective (b04fc958)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Storytellers (b00770r5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125m78)

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 2

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep?

How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again?

In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is. She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is.

This is Christine's story.

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Read by Stella Gonet

Produced by Lucy Collingwood

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b9jnw)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 3

Episode 2

In Hattie Naylor's dramatisation of Pepys' diary for 1662, Sam wants to go on a jaunt to Portsmouth with Captain Cook - a trip combining navy business with pleasure. But Elizabeth is not so keen on him going without her, especially as he insists on sending her away from London to the country where she'll get no visitors. On Sam's return they see a puppet show at Covent Garden, and catch up on court gossip with Lord Sandwich - the new Queen is about to arrive from Portugal but the King is still spending most nights with his mistress, Lady Castlemaine.

CAST

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Sir William Batten . . . Richard Mitlehey

Sir William Coventry . . . Andrew Wincott

Jane . . . Rebecca Newman

Captain Cook . . . Matthew Gravelle

Mr Hollier . . . Gareth Pierce

Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

Will . . . 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.

TUE 14:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yrshz)

Episode 2

Shooting with father leads to farce and tragedy. Tory grandee Ferdinand Mount's memoir, read by Oliver Ford Davies.

TUE 15:00 Jane Austen (b008h4xg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04fcczd)

Inventions galore on today's show as Mel visits the British

Inventions Show and hears about how some familiar things

were invented. Plus a visit to the workshop of a goldsmith.

TUE 17:00 Up the Garden Path (b0089kjs)

Series 3

New Men

Izzy moves into a new flat and faces a new term, but will she find a new man?

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something

teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.

An 6-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel.

The last of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also

adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Dick Mike Grady

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Louise Phyllida Nash

Razors Rene Zagger

Marianne Deborah Findlay

Gwyn Sion Probert

Brown Geoffrey McGivern

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

TUE 17:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Who Goes There? (b007w4f8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 18:30 Musical Legends (b016wzww)

Gerry Marsden

1/1 Gerry and the Pacemakers made pop history when their

first three singles reached the top of the pop charts in the

1960's.

Signed by Brian Epstein their first single 'How Do You Do It'

was originally given to The Beatles but the Fab Four decided

against it and the song, which was recorded in the famous

Abbey Road Studio in London, launched Gerry and the

Pacemakers in 1963. Later that year 'I Like It' and 'You'll Never

Walk Alone' secured their place in pop history.

The group featured in the film Ferry Cross The Mersey which

showed the sights and sounds of Liverpool at the time. The

group's leader Gerry Marsden wrote the title song which was a

top ten hit for the band.

Gerry went on to star on the West End Stage in Charlie Girl

with Anna Neagle and Derek Nimmo.

Gerry's still touring and playing the hits and will be appearing

this month in Perth, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Talking to Tom Morton, Gerry recalls his friendship with John

Lennon, those extraordinary days when they topped the pop

charts and Tom asks him how, after nearly fifty years in the

business , how do you do it?

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jpcq)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03lnprh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b010t5wm)

Series 4

Ayabassa Alan

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, which guest stars Kevin Eldon, the new dance

craze Ayabassa sweeps the town. Meanwhile Dave finds a new

friend in the shape of the local doctor which puts Ramesh's

nose out.

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 up the business over the course of

thirty years, and is a firmly entrenched feature of the local area.

However, he does apply the "low return" rules of the shop to all

other aspects of his life.

He 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 they are 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 Sushel Kumar

Dr Southwell Kevin Eldon

Mrs Begg Marjory Hogarth

Mrs Armstrong Maureen Carr

Lovely Sue Julie Wilson Nimmo

Bra Jeff Steven McNicol

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04g4mwr)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Aisling Bea chats

to Sharon Horgan.

TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00ct1wk)

Series 1

Episode 5

The senior management team head off to a conference on the

Isle of Wight, leaving Rod in charge of the museum...

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 Simbley

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Dave Edgecumbe Anthony Glennon

Lofty Harmsworth Simon Treves

Gus John Dougall

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007j5cz)

Series 2

Stately Home

The team take the audience on a posh day out. Starring Tim de

Jongh, William Vandyck and Tim Firth. From January 1991.

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2014

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WED 06:00 Detective (b04fc958)

Series 2

3. A Meeting With Anna

Tension between DS Dave Brook and DS Sam Kelly is showing.

Meanwhile Anna asks for help. Can she be trusted?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr

featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and

his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly John Judd

Anna Emily Morgan

PC Anderson Stephen Garlick

Clark Gary Cady

Jenkins David Milner

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

WED 06:30 School of Rock (b0076gpk)

Folk, Jazz and Rock 'n' Roll

4 Extra Debut. Andy Kershaw goes back to Leeds University to

see how jazz, folk and rock went to college. With Pete

Townshend. From June 2006.

WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b00zrqpw)

Series 3

The Police Farce

Robert Wilson is acting in a disorderly manner.

Farcical sitcom about the trials and tribulations of a young actor

desperately seeking work.

John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.

Robert John Gordon Sinclair

Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn

Sue Gina McKee

With:

Toby Longworth

Simon Slater

Jon Glover

Millie Tiffin

Harriet Thorpe

Andrew Berkeley

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.

WED 07:30 Dead Ringers (b04dn1ry)

Series 12

Episode 4

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 (b007jr1v)

Series 3

Not to Be Unwrapped the Burkiss Way

Queen Victoria needs some help with a personal problem - and

all is revealed 'Upstairs Downstairs'.

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

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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 (b00f6r5f)

Series 2

Episode 1

A trendy couple debate "what's in and what's out" - and a

lonesome two-headed giant.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus

TV and cinema parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo

Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by John Cleese, Graeme Garden, Tony Hendra, Brian

Cooke, Johnnie Mortimer and Hugh Woodhouse.

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 Jean Hart with music by Dave Lee.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1965.

WED 09:00 Dilemma (b017c9pp)

Series 1

outstandingly truthful social commentary, heartbreaking and thought provoking. More than 25 years later award-winning writer David Cook brings us up to date with Walter's life in 'Walter Now' and Sir Ian McKellen recreates his extraordinary performance.

Walter is now a pensioner. Following the death of his mother Walter spent many years living in a psychiatric hospital. When that was closed down he moved to hostel accommodation where he is isolated and lonely. When his support worker hears of a house share with three others he suggests Walter. But Walter is twice the age of the rest. Will they accept him? Will he cope with independent living? Will they integrate with the community around them?

Sir Ian McKellen is best known for Gandalf in The Lord of the Rings. Other recent films include The Da Vinci Code and The X-Men. His portrayal of King Lear for the RSC in 2006-7 was much acclaimed and was released on DVD in January 2009. David Cook is a stage and television actor who began to write novels in the early 1970s.

WED 11:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fcp)

Putting It Across

Can Colin command authority when he becomes the manager of an over-35s amateur football team? Written and read by Matt Harvey.

WED 11:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field (b01pkmq6)

Craig has joined the army to get away from football, but somehow the game has followed him to Basra. Stars Daniel Abelson.

WED 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jr1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f6r5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Detective (b04fex1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 School of Rock (b0076ypk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125mth)

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 3

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep?

How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again?

In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is. She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is...

This is Christine's story.

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Read by Stella Gonet

Produced by Lucy Collingwood

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01bb7jc)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 3

Episode 3

In Hattie Naylor's dramatisation of 1662, Samuel witnesses the death of Henry Vane, a Puritan executed after an unfair trial. At home he tends to his appearance, by having Jane comb out his hair which is 'foul with powdering and other troubles', and bathe his feet in herbs. There is much discussion of the new Queen's poor fashion sense - she wears old fashioned farthingales and has a hairstyle not seen in England for years. Elizabeth, meanwhile, appears to be going deaf - until Mr Hollier, the doctor, comes to the rescue.

CAST

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Henry Vane/Swan . . . Matthew Gravelle

Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

Jane . . . Rebecca Newman

Mr Hollier . . . Gareth Pierce

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.

WED 14:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yrw87)

Episode 3

After a letter from the bank manager, Ferdinand needs employment. The writer and politician's memoir read by Oliver Ford Davies.

WED 15:00 David Cook - Walter Now (b00gh9dg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04fd4q2)

Mel visits the Museum of Flight and learns how to fly, meets the Red Arrows and learns about ejector seats. Plus, sing along with the man who wrote the music for Mary Poppins.

WED 17:00 Hats Off (b00n4901)

Series 2

Episode 1

Maureen Lipman compiles and reinterprets monologues, letters and songs originally written and performed by Joyce Grenfell.

WED 17:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Dilemma (b017c9pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00769n0)

Style

4 Extra Debut. Novelists Richard Francis and Michael

Bracewell and former Design Museum director Alice

Rawsthorn debate 'style'. From September 2002.

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 (b007jr1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f6r5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Detective (b04fex1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 School of Rock (b0076ypk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field (b01pkmq6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Dead Ringers (b04dn1ry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Elvenquest (b01616lj)

Series 3

Episode 1

When Sam is left behind to "guard the stuff" whilst the others are off killing the Man-munching Giant of Rankor he is accosted by a beautiful maiden, Eirwen, who has been kept captive in the giant's castle and takes Sam to be her rescuer. She promptly proposes, throwing the future of the Questers' Fellowship into jeopardy.

Meanwhile, Lord Darkness' attempts to conquer Lower Earth take a new turn when Kreech discovers an ancient prophesy enabling Lord Darkness to create the "UnChosen One", an evil spirit that is the only being that can defeat the Chosen One. Problem is, it means Lord Darkness has to impregnate a hideous, misshapen creature. If only there was one of those close to hand...

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam . . . Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness . . . Alistair McGowan

Dean/Kreech . . . Kevin Eldon

Vidar . . . Darren Boyd

Eirwen/Martha/Howe-Douglas

Amis "The Chosen One" . . . Dave Lamb

Penthiaselea . . . Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

WED 23:00 The Shuttleworths (b007m950)

John Shuttleworth's Open Mind

Vampires

On the trail of vampires, John Shuttleworth visits Whitby.

But when the investigation hits full tilt he gets worried about the health of next-door neighbour Ken Worthington. Could he be Dracula's latest victim?

Sheffield's premier singer-songwriter continues his probe into unsolved phenomena.

With a guest appearance by Fame Academy's Alistair Griffin.

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 (b014qt9s)

Episode 4

Sarah Millican is in Edinburgh for stand-up and backstage chat

with Stephen Carlin and Jim Jefferies. From October 2010.

WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00srg4q)

Episode 4

Paul Hamilton looks at pop music's poetic merits plus a tribute to an unheralded genius. Stars Kevin Eldon. From April 2008.

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2014

THU 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125mth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b01bb7jc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00yrw87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Dilemma (b017c9pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Off the Page (b00769n0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Detective (b04fex1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 School of Rock (b0076ypk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 David Cook - Walter Now (b00gh9dg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field (b01pkmq6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Hats Off (b00n4901)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Detective (b04fex1d)

Series 2

4. Contract to Kill

DC Maxton finds himself in line for a possible promotion, while DS Brook gets a visit from a mystery woman...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook . . . Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton . . . Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector . . . Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison . . . Peter Cleall

Judy . . . Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly . . . John Judd

Anna . . . Emily Morgan

Tessa Mitchell . . . Deidre Costello

Ronald Blake . . . Roy Holder

Desk Sergeant . . . Steve Hodson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

THU 06:30 School of Rock (b0076ypk)

From Glory Days to Disco

Andy Kershaw investigates how the arrival of punk and disco affected the student music scene. With Captain Sensible. From June 2006.

THU 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)

Series 1

Focus

Jason reckons his cheating ex-girlfriend wants him back, Dave gets his new company car - and Karen brings home a potential new member of the family.

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, Beverley Callard as Maureen. Jason Done as Michael, Stefan Escreet as Dave, Emma Clarke as Collete and Jo-Anne Knowles as Debbie and Chris Pavlo as Hugo.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

THU 07:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjby1)

Series 1

Equal Marriage

Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions - starting with the hot political topic of Equal Marriage from a personal perspective.

When Susan was younger, she thought marriage was silly. A patriarchal institution which she would never buy into. That was until she grew up, fell in love and wanted more than anything to get married - except she couldn't.

Susan relates her own personal experiences on this matter; including the minutiae of the legislation governing her recent civil partnership ceremony, as well as examining the well-trodden arguments against the issue.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013 - before new

legislation was passed.

THU 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp7p)

Series 2

A Night Out

A stranded passenger sparks a chain of disasters at the sleepy railway station.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as

Bradshaw/Clara, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert, John Graham as the Inspector/Minister and Hilary Pritchard as Doris.

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 (b01b1s9l)

From 26/03/1958

The 10th anniversary Show, with a 'Pygmalion' spoof and The Operatic Weather Forecast.

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 Too Much Information (b00n1023)

Episode 1

Wafit Tourist Information attempt to justify a huge donation from the Heritage Lottery Fund with a hastily erected papier-

mâché historical model - but it turns out disastrously sexual!
Neil Warhurst's four-part comedy drama set in the idiosyncratic world of a tourist information office.

WARREN JEFF RAWLE
DOUGLAS MALCOLM TIERNEY
HEATHER LIZA SADOVY
LUCY JOANNAH TINCEY
BRYAN PAUL BARNHILL
MR JEFFERSON STEPHEN HOGAN
Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

THU 09:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland (b007v2f5)

Shopping

The comedian shares his thoughts on money and shopping. Six-part series illustrating the Domesday 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 Classic Serial (b01pt998)

Janet Frame - An Angel at My Table

Episode 1

Janet Frame was New Zealand's best known but least public author. The author of twelve novels, four story collections, one book of poetry and three volumes of autobiography, even at the height of her success Frame shunned publicity, which had the effect of making the media and her readership even more intrusively interested.

Frame's story is extraordinary. As her biographer Michael King said, "her family was an anvil on which disasters fell". But it was the issue of Frame's mental health which generated the most conjecture. To set the record straight about the circumstances of her commitment to mental hospitals and being diagnosed with schizophrenia, in the early 80's Janet Frame wrote her autobiography; three volumes entitled "To The Island (1982), An Angel At My Table and The Envoy From Mirror City (both 1984).

It was after the publication of "An Angel At My Table", at a time when several of her books had gone out of print, that Frame's literary status was cemented. When later the books were made into an award winning film by Jane Campion, her writing was introduced to an international audience.

This two-part radio adaptation is by Anita Sullivan.

With students from Houghton Valley School and Wellington High School, New Zealand

Adapted for radio by - Anita Sullivan

Music: Simon Russell

Sound Design: David Thomas

Production Assistants: Sarah Tombling and Kathy Caton

Associate Producer: Andrew Foster (New Zealand)

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fd3)

Enough Said

Michael is worried that he might not be able to have children with his wife, but he has a plan. Written by Philip Gross. Read by Andrew Hillon.

THU 11:15 Georgia Pritchett - Stay (b007jw2n)

Lonely Lizzie runs a dog kennels. Her teenage daughter is aiming for sainthood. Tim, the kennels' handyman, strives daily to avoid the small calamities that seem to seek him out. But romance is in the air when the new doctor arrives...

Georgia Pritchett's romantic comedy stars Sophie Thompson as Lizzie, Duncan Preston as Dr Perkins, Sheridan Smith as Emily, Timothy Spall as Tim, Elizabeth Bell as Mrs Beresford and Gavin Muir as Dr James.

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b01b1s9l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Detective (b04fgp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 School of Rock (b0076ysk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125070)

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 4

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep? How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again?

In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is. She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is.

This is Christine's story.

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Read by Stella Gonet

Produced by Lucy Collingwood

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01bb9ch)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 3

Episode 4

In Hattie Naylor's dramatisation of the diary for 1662, Sir William Batten is having a storey added to his house - so Sam decides to keep up with the neighbours and do the same. Sir

William is becoming tiresome in more ways than one - he's untidy in the office, and pays too much for materials. In August the Queen comes to town by barge and Samuel goes to watch - it's so busy and crowded he can't get a boat, even for 8 shillings. Then some scaffolding collapses and people are injured. Sam notes that the only person of 'quality' who tries to help is the King's mistress, Lady Castlemaine, who tends to an injured child. Sam is also worried about his new neighbour, Sir John Minnes, who keeps questioning him over their shared boundaries.

CAST

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall
Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways
Jane . . . Rebecca Newman
Sir William Batten . . . Richard Mitchley
Sir John Minnes . . . Alun Raglan
Captain Cook . . . Matthew Gravelle
Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

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.

THU 14:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00ysn2n)

Episode 4

A surprise new job at the heart of the Thatcher government.

Tory grandee Ferdinand Mount's memoir, read by Oliver Ford Davies.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b01pt998)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04fgskw)

Mel heads out with the cowboys of Madagascar, learns all about aerobatics with a stunt pilot, takes a tour of a submarine and meets a man who makes a living with Lego.

THU 17:00 No Commitments (b007jmst)

Series 2

Frail Memorials

Sisterly sparring erupts when Anna organises a service for a friend.

Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna Rosemary Leach

Victoria Nicola Pagett

Charlotte Josie Lawrence

Emily Lisa Coleman

Judy Teresa Gallagher

Jeremy Ronald Herdman

John Dominic Letts

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

THU 17:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Too Much Information (b00n1023)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b019fx9s)

Series 26

Gracie Allen

Matthew Parris is joined by the actress Emma Kennedy to explore the life of the American comedienne Gracie Allen.

George Burns and Gracie Allen were a hugely successful stage act who went on to conquer the new media of radio and television. But, unusually for the time, it was Gracie who was getting all the laughs, whilst George played the straight man.

For actress and comic Emma Kennedy, Gracie was a pioneering female comic who, with her energy, wit and "illogical logic", paved the way for the likes of Lucille Ball and Roseanne Barr. Professor Brian Ward provides the expert analysis.

THU 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b01b1s9l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Detective (b04fgp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 School of Rock (b0076ysk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Georgia Pritchett - Stay (b007jw2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Radio 9 (b04fgtgy)

Series 2

Episode 2

An unusual travel diary, very dangerous racing and faking skiing downhill. Stars Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker. From July 2005.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04g4mwT)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Aisling Bea chats to Sharon Horgan.

THU 23:00 At Home With The Snails (b007k2xv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Alex is prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice when his mum

thinks she is pregnant. Stars Gerard Foster. From July 2001.

THU 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01mtkqn)

Series 4

Be Happy

The bumbling management consultants grapple with physical perfection for Phil's gym. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From October 2005.

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2014

FRI 00:00 Book at Beachtime (b0125070)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b01bb9ch)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00ysn2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Too Much Information (b00n1023)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b019fx9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Detective (b04fgp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 School of Rock (b0076ysk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b01pt998)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Georgia Pritchett - Stay (b007jw2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 No Commitments (b007jmst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Detective (b04fgwjc)

Series 2

5. Four Faces of Crime

DS Brook and DC Harrison meet the eccentric Mr Parsons.

Meanwhile a gruesome meat axe murder is investigated...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

Peter Parsons Derek Francis

Tommy Johnny Wade

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

FRI 06:30 School of Rock (b0076ywb)

Live at Leeds Again

Andy Kershaw is backstage as The Who return to play a gig at

Leeds University. With Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend.

From June 2006.

FRI 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075gv1)

Episode 3

A health inspector calls. Will the struggling catering team have to halt pie production?

Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.

Stars Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Roger May as Juan Jose, Jane Whittenshaw as Carol and Anthony Zaki as the Health Inspector.

Director: Cat Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

FRI 07:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00xhzcj)

Series 3

Episode 3

Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas, considers the blue-sky political policy suggestions of the public.

This week's agenda:

1) Nationalise British Music Festivals

2) Abolish Stamp Duty

3) Reduce Voting Age to 16

Plus more weird and wonderful suggestions from the studio

audience, submitted as "Any Other Business".

FRI 08:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qv8l)

Series 3

Episode 1

Legendary comic duo Eric and Ernie play wine-tasting connoisseurs, pay tribute to marriage guidance service and enjoy an afternoon in the garden.

Written by Eddie Braben.

With Allan Cuthbertson and Ann Hamilton.

Singing guest: Anita Harris

Music from Max Harris and his Orchestra.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977

FRI 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

Series 3

The Clock

Author Gerald and his wife Diana hear some bumps in the

night.

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

With Douglas Blackwell and Patricia Hughes.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

FRI 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js0s)

Series 2

Episode 1

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Jack Docherty, Pater Baynam, Armando Iannucci and Simon Pegg. The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

FRI 09:30 Rent (b04fh18w)

Series 1

Episode 5

It's a full moon, Ruby's away and Paul's love. Will Maria's matchmaking succeed and will Richard ever finish the gardening?

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 June 1993.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b01q7610)

Janet Frame - An Angel at My Table

Episode 2

The autobiography of Janet Frame, dramatised for radio by Anita Sullivan.

Frame was New Zealand's best known but least public writer.

The author of 12 novels, four story collections, one book of poetry and three volumes of autobiography, even at the height of her success Frame shunned publicity - which had the effect of making the media and her readership even more intrusively interested. It was the issue of her mental health which generated the most conjecture.

In her twenties she spent four and a half years in mental hospitals and was wrongly diagnosed with schizophrenia. Her writing saved her: the success of her first collection of short stories (The Lagoon and Other Stories) convincing doctors that she did not need a planned lobotomy.

To "set the record straight" about the circumstances of her committal to mental hospitals, in the early 80's Janet Frame wrote her autobiography; three volumes entitled 'To The Is-land (1982) An Angel At My Table and The Envoy From Mirror City (both 1984). It was after the publication of "An Angel At My Table", at a time when several of her books had gone out of print, that Frame's literary status was cemented.

An Angel At My Table Episode 2 of 2

In episode two, after a failed suicide attempt, Janet agrees to a short period in hospital to recuperate. But the arrival of her mother to take her home triggers a reaction in Janet that will have calamitous repercussions for years to come.

All other roles were played by members of the cast.

With thanks to Houghton Valley School and Wellington High School, New Zealand.

Adapted for radio by Anita Sullivan

Music - Simon Russell

Sound design - David Thomas

Productions assistants - Sarah Tombling and Kathy Caton

Associate producer - Andrew Foster (New Zealand)

Producer/Director - Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fdm)

A Steady Chap

A daughter starts to worry after her divorced mother meets a new man. Is he too good to be true? Written by Gillian Tindall. Read by Clare Corbett. From June 2003.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b01ngrwp)

Andy Walker - The Man Who Jumped From Space

The real life story of Captain Joe Kittinger and Project Excelsior. As jet planes flew higher and faster in the 1950s, the USAF became increasingly worried about the safety of flight crew who had to eject at high altitude. So Project Excelsior was initiated to perfect a parachute system that would allow a safe, controlled descent after a high-altitude ejection.

Producer Gary Brown

Project Excelsior was initiated in 1958 to design a parachute system that would allow a safe, controlled descent after a high-altitude ejection.

To test the parachute system, staff at Wright Field built a 200 ft (61 m) high helium balloon with a capacity of nearly 3 million cubic feet (85,000 m³) that could lift an open gondola and test pilot into the stratosphere. Joe Kittinger, who was test director for the project, made three ascents and test jumps. This is the story of the three jumps.

FRI 12:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qv81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 School of Rock (b0076ywb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b0124v3t)

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 5

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep? How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again?

In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is. She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is.

This is Christine's story.

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Read by Stella Gonet

Produced by Lucy Collingwood

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01bbb68)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 3

Episode 5

In Hattie Naylor's dramatisation of the diary for 1662, Samuel's brother, Tom, is in love and hoping to marry. But he has exaggerated his income and after some toing and froing, his fiancée breaks the engagement, much to Tom's distress. Lord Sandwich tells Sam that there is hidden treasure undiscovered in the Tower - and charges Samuel with trying to find it. The year ends with Elizabeth unwell in bed and Sam feeding her Christmas treats.

CAST

Samuel Pepys . . . Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys . . . Katherine Jakeways

Lord Sandwich . . . Blake Ritson

Tom . . . Gareth Pierce

Mr Wade . . . 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 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.

FRI 14:45 Ferdinand Mount - Cold Cream (b00ysqf2)

Episode 5

A dramatic moment in political history and a return to damsns.

Ferdinand Mount's memoir concluded by Oliver Ford Davies.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b01q7610)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04fh1qs)

Mel Giedroyc meets a parachuting teddy bear, takes a trip around the world in a camper van, visits the National Motor Museum and cooks up a tasty tattie scone.

FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007k2z7)

Series 2

Bedside Manners

Poorly Sarah's in hospital and must cope with visits from her mother and daughter.

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, Gerry Cowper as Clare, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell and Deborah Findlay as the Sister.

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 September 1986.

FRI 17:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Pioneers (b00wvmt)

Series 1

David Blunkett

David Blunkett talks about how failure wasn't an option during his rise to political high office.

Blind from birth, he talks openly about the isolation of attending boarding school from the age of four, as well as the trauma of losing his father at the age of twelve.

Coming from a deprived background, David recognised very quickly that his route out of poverty was through education and against all odds, he graduated from Sheffield University at the age of 22.

David went on to become the youngest-ever councillor on Sheffield City Council, and climbed his way through the political ladder to become the first ever blind Home Secretary.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2010.

FRI 19:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qv81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 School of Rock (b0076ywb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 He Would, Wouldn't He? (b0076fdm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b01ngrwp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00shzjc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Father Figure (b01c3dlh)

The Wake

Set in London this is a Belfast-tinged sitcom post 'The Troubles' but suffused with old sectarian enmities. It's centred around young couple Tom and Elaine Murphy [called Jason and Chloe in the pilot] and their son Dylan [in the pilot they had young kids called Mikey and Lewis]. For childcare reasons, Jason has recently given up his job at the 'Irish Republican theme pub' meaning that Elaine - a hospital doctor - is the breadwinner. Jason's parents [Mary and Paddy] are staunch Irish Catholics. The mother disapproves of their Protestant daughter-in-law, but the father tries to keep the peace. Chloe's parents [Jarleth and Tina] hold equally extreme Protestant views.

Series regulars include Jason Byrne, as well as Sharon Horgan [Pulling], Pauline McLynn [Father Ted], Michael Smiley [Spaced], Paul Putner [Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle], and West End star Paul Nicholas [Just Good Friends]. Others featured in the series include Simon Nye, Caroline Quentin, Mathew Horne, Kevin Eldon, Stewart Lee, Liza Tarbuck, Tim Minchin, Miriam Margolyes, Michael Kitchen, and Rhys Thomas.

FRI 23:00 Chain Reaction (b012x130)

Series 7

Simon Day talks to Peter Hook

Chain Reaction is Radio 4's tag-team interview show. Each week, a figure from the world of entertainment chooses another to interview; the next week, the interviewee turns interviewer, and they in turn pass the baton to someone else - creating a 'chain' throughout the series.

This seventh series started with Rhys Thomas interviewing Simon Day. This week, Simon is asking the questions, and has chosen one of his musical heroes: Peter Hook, best known for playing bass in Joy Division and New Order, and for co-owning and running one of the most famous nightclubs in the world - which lost £10 for every punter who walked through the door for over a decade. The interview skips through the early days of punk, Joy Division's transference into New Order, and Peter's new career as a DJ. "I thought DJs were arrogant and overpaid", he says, "So when I became one I fitted right in".

FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01nwbhk)

Series 3

Episode 1

The Kapoor visit a stately home, food for thought from Smeeta Smitten, Showbiz Kitten and why the royal family are Indian...

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.

Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.