

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

SAT 00:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b03bg4vy)

BBC National Short Story Award 2013

We Are Watching Something Terrible Happening

Claire Skinner reads the fifth story in contention for this prestigious award. Love and science collide in this haunting story about the chaos of a disintegrating relationship, a civil war and the trajectory of meteorites.

Written by Lavinia Greenlaw

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

SAT 00:20 Inheritance Tracks (b04dq55n)

Jennifer Saunders

Comedian Jennifer Saunders chooses the Q5 theme by Spike Milligan, and Kate and Anna McGarrigle's song 'Talk to Me of Mendocino' sung by Kate and her children Rufus and Martha Wainwright.

SAT 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b01s8xvb)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys: Series 7

Episode 5

Sam is worried that the Navy offices are being blamed for the battle with the Dutch going wrong. Then his house is surrounded by the wives of men who were pressed into going to sea to fight. They are desperate, swearing and shouting that they have no money. Sam is sympathetic to their plight but also worried about sending out his venison pasty to the bakers in case they do damage to it. Then one woman gets into his office and makes a moving appeal which touches his conscience.

Adapted by Hattie Naylor.

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 Catherine Robinson

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

SAT 00:45 Book of the Week (b00mq4m1)

Tracy Borman - Elizabeth's Women

Episode 5

Emma Fielding reads from Tracy Borman's biography of Elizabeth I, which explores the relationships she had with the women in her life. These women brought out the best and the worst of Elizabeth, who could be loyal and kind but also cruel and vindictive. They all influenced Elizabeth's carefully-cultivated image as Gloriana, The Virgin Queen.

In the final years of her reign, Elizabeth begins to lose her grip on matters at court. This state of affairs is reflected in the loosening morals of her newer and younger Ladies-in-Waiting, who she fittingly terms her 'flouting wenches'.

SAT 01:00 Just a Minute (b04jmbdw)

Edinburgh Masterclass

After clocking up an amazing 900 editions of the award-winning panel game show Just A Minute over 47 years, Paul Merton interviews series chairman Nicholas Parsons - the only person to have appeared in every single edition.

Jimmy Edwards was originally destined for the role of Just A Minute chairman, with Parsons as a panellist. But when show producer, David Hatch, realised that he wouldn't be able to prise Edwards into a studio on a Sunday, Parsons stepped up to the plate to challenge panellists to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition, on any subject that comes up on the cards.

Since 1967, Just A Minute has featured some of the UK's finest raconteurs, including Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, Kenneth Williams and Sheila Hancock.

Featuring archive clips, this JAM special was recorded before an audience at the BBC's Potterow venue during The Edinburgh Festival 2014.

SAT 01:30 Pioneers (b00xxd41)

Series 1

Michael Cashman

Eastenders' star Michael Cashman on the explosive moment he helped make history when UK TV saw its first gay kiss.

A kiss which led to not just public and political controversy, but terrifying personal consequences for Cashman in the form of death threats and attacks on his home.

Michael tells Clare English about the social and political landscape of 1987 and why that brief encounter between the soap character he played, Colin Russell, and market trader Barry Clark would prove momentous for so many of the people involved.

Producer: Philip Sime

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2011.

SAT 02:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jly9)

Murder in Mesopotamia

Episode 5

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot battles to reveal the identity of the desert murderer...

The gripping conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Coleman David Jarvis

Captain Maitland Richard Todd

Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton

Sheila Reilly Cathy Sara

Dr Reilly Norman Rodway

Dr Leidner William Franklyn

Richard Carey Gavin Muir

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

SAT 02:30 The Man Who Made France Old (b007sq12)

Merimee, the Patron Saint of Tourists

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Writers Julian Barnes and Hermione Lee visit Saumur and Chinon on the trail of Prosper Merimee, author of the novella Carmen, who was employed in the 1830s as Inspector General of Historical Monuments.

SAT 03:00 Thomas Crowe - The Internet Wants a Chat (b008m461)

What would happen if the world wide web became sentient and developed a mind of its own? There are those in the real world who are not happy...

Thomas Crowe's tragicomedy play stars Toby Jones as Binge, David Harewood as Air Vice-Marshal Brook, Anne-Marie Duff as Frances Russell and David Holt as Gordon.

Producer: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 2006.

SAT 04:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2yrc)

People Are Life

It's the last customer of the day for a Cypriot barber and the conversation turns toward friendship. Read by Ewan Bailey. The 25 short stories that comprise England and Other Stories mark Swift's return to the short form after seven acclaimed novels. The stories dwell on the essence of Englishness and those chosen place us on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar, in a barbers, a supermarket, a laboratory and Macintyre's warehouse, and in each place and time, Swift perfectly captures a universal truth from the minutiae of lives.

"This is a sharp, beautiful collection: every story quick and readable but leaving in the memory a core, a residue of thoughtfulness: The Guardian

Graham Swift came to prominence with this second novel Shuttlecock, which won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize in 1983. That same year, Swift's Waterland, set in the Fens earned him a place on the shortlist for the Booker prize. Swift would go on to win the Booker prize in 1996 with his novel Last Orders, which became a film starring Michael Caine, Tom Courtney, Bob Hoskins and Helen Mirren.

Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk.

SAT 04:15 Peter Tinniswood (b00x7f2w)

The Scan

Compulsive talker Ernest seeks reassurance from a protective nurse. Stars Roy Hudd and Judy Cornwell.

SAT 05:00 After Henry (b007jnzv)

Series 2

The Teapot

Eleanor wants a video player but how can she raise the cash? Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Sarah Prunella Scales

Eleanor Joan Sanderson

Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

The Valuer Nicholas Le Prevost

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 October 1986.

SAT 05:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076b4q)

Series 1

Body and Soul

At a bandmate's funeral, musicians Roy and George face up to their own mortality. Stars Ram Jam Holder. From September 2003.

SAT 06:00 Jo Anderson - The Understudy (b00x1s12)

An actor's obsession with a bizarre murder in Victorian theatreland sparks a deadly confrontation.

A psychological ghost story by Jo Anderson.

Starring Nigel Anthony as John Stanger, Frances Jeater as Jen Stanger, Michael Harbour as Paul Anstruther, Caroline Strong as Lindy, Peter Whitman as the Other, Barry Gordon as Belling, Neville Jason as Maurice, Fraser Kerr as Harris, Cathy Sara as Holly and Terry John as Frank.

Gaye Brown as Henrietta, Jo Anderson as the Barmaid, Tom Bevan as Peter, Paul Panting as Ben, Elaine Claxton as Lizzie, Lyndam Gregory as the Lift Operator, Teresa Gallagher as Jen's PA and Shaun Prendergast as the Geordie Doorman.

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b007kvv5)

Series 2

Can He Kick It?

John Rawling recalls a dramatic game of rugby between Scotland and Wales at Murrayfield in the 1971 Five Nations Championship. From January 2001.

SAT 07:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0106vf7)

Colm Toibin

The writer inherits 'I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marbled Halls' sung by Joan Sutherland, and passes on Bob Dylan's 'I Threw It All Away'.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01nnw8t)

Tuning In

The press fulminated, the enthusiasts were frustrated, and the radio manufacturers fumed. Despite the fact that Marconi had invented radio before Queen Victoria had celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897, radio in Britain took another 25 years to begin an official service to listeners. But when, on November 14th 1922 the British Broadcasting Company's station at Marconi House radiated to an awaiting nation "This is 2LO calling" for the first time under the company's name, it marked the start of the first and most distinguished public-service radio station in the world.

As part of the celebrations to mark nine decades of the BBC, historian Dominic Sandbrook explores the long and involved pre-BBC history of radio in Britain, how Britain's broadcaster got going and developed into an institution dedicated to entertainment, education and information, discovers why Australian diva Dame Nellie Melba was involved, and how the improbably-named Captain Plugge made his first commercial broadcast to Britain, sponsored by Selfridges department store, from the Eiffel Tower. From Marconi to Savoy Hill via an old army hut in Essex, the story of the early radio in Britain.

Producer: Simon Elmes.

SAT 09:00 Somebody Laughed: Eddie Braben Brings You Sunshine (b007lm74)

The man who brought sunshine to Eric and Ernie brings some golden rays into your ears - selecting a selection of the shows what he wrote.

Eddie Braben penned some of Morecambe and Wise's most famous lines. But that wasn't the only string to his bow - other beneficiaries of his strong comic writing include Ken Dodd and Jimmy Cricket.

Eddie himself also steps into the spotlight to helm his own vehicle the Worst Show on the Wireless - with Alison Steadman.

In between his selections, Eddie reminisces about radio and what it has meant to him.

Featuring:

* The Morecambe and Wise Show (December 1977)

* The Show With Ten Legs (February 1977)

* The Ken Dodd Show - Star Parade (July 1963)

* Jimmy's Cricket Team (June 1991)

* The Worst Show in the Wireless (February 1975)

* The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show (December 1977)

When Eddie Braben passed away aged 82 in 2013, Bruce Forsyth was one of those keen to pay tribute. Eddie began his writing career penning jokes on the back of paper bags on a fruit and veg stall.

Producer: Martin Dempsey

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2007.

SAT 12:00 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b04j9zdr)

Series 2 Omnibus

by Marcy Kahan

Bill and Bella meet every month for lunch and swap news.

It's March 2014 and whilst Bella has been walking across the Sahara, Bill has been busy humiliating himself.

Bill Stephen Mangan

Bella Claire Skinner

Directed by Sally Avens.

SAT 13:10 Inheritance Tracks (b04bw4sd)

Chris Froome

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

SAT 13:15 Dickens Confidential (b01ms5x9)

Series 2

Gangs of London

As a newspaper editor, how might Charles Dickens have covered an old enemy's return and financial plotting? Stars Dan Stevens.

SAT 14:00 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

The Plasticine Man

Neddie Seagoon poses as a 6,000-year-old man to resurrect his rock 'n' roll career. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1957.

SAT 14:30 J Kingston Platt (b01s2y7s)

Platt vs Rooney and Day

The long untold calamitous tale of a double act gone wrong on a visit to Australia.

The doyen of British showbiz, the insider's insider, J Kingston Platt, returns to the wireless with more startlingly persuasive recollections.

Written and read by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01nnw8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Jo Anderson - The Understudy (b00x1s12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Chain Reaction (b01r32hm)

Series 7

Mark Steel interviews Barry Davies

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.

Mark Steel has presented a range of his own programmes on Radio 4, from The Mark Steel Solution, The Mark Steel Revolution, The Mark Steel Lectures to, most recently, the Sony Silver Award and Writers Guild Award-winning Mark Steel's In Town. He also occasionally appears in programmes

that don't have his name in the title, such as The News Quiz. Barry Davies is a commentator perhaps best-known for his football coverage, covering ten World Cups, seven European Championships, and two FA Cup finals. He's also commented on the Olympics, the Commonwealth games and Wimbledon, as well as the World Stare-Out Championships in 1998. In this interview, obsessive sports fan Mark asks Barry about being present at some of the most important sporting moments of the last forty years; about remaining impartial ("Where were the Germans? Frankly, who cares?"); and about the changing face of sports and sports broadcasting.

SAT 18:00 Richard Matheson - Duel (b007k3qp)

Episode 2

A hunted motorist is forced to become the hunter in a deadly, primordial duel.

Conclusion of the classic tense thriller by American sci-fi novelist, screenwriter and principal writer of 'The Twilight Zone', Richard Matheson (1926-2013).

Adapted by Steven Spielberg for the big screen in 1971, *Duel* is also a cult film.

Read by Nathan Osgood.

Producer: Vivien Rosenthal

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 18:30 Ursula K Le Guin - The Diary of the Rose (b00nhq5n)

Episode 2

Psychiatrist Rosa Sobel makes a shocking discovery about the organisation she works for. Laurel Lefkow concludes Ursula K Le Guin's tale.

SAT 19:00 Somebody Laughed: Eddie Braben Brings You Sunshine (b007lm74)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b018flw)

Series 1

Episode 3

There's a Riot going on... Topical! Join DS Nick Mohammed and co. as they tackle a full-on student protest complete with professional Sloane: Cordelia Jasmine Beatrice de Beatrice Grimes (as featured in IN BITS).

Written & performed by Nick Mohammed, with Anna Crilly & Colin Houl.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

SAT 22:30 Les Kelly's Britain (b017cjy8)

Episode 3

Les Kelly (Kevin Bishop) hosts a magazine show from hell. Les is a cross between Jeremy Kyle and a slap in the face. He claims this is the only radio show for 'normal, decent people'. 'If you aren't normal or decent, this is not the show for you,' says Les. Should able-bodied people have the same rights as the disabled when it comes to having mobility scooters, guide dogs and hearing aides. This and other outrageous questions are put by Les Kelly, radio's most insensitive presenter. Also on the show - a preacher whose religious education lessons involves twisting balloons into the shape of Moses and Jesus, and a woman with an obsessive hatred of Belgians.

Written by Bill Dare and Julian Dutton.

Produced by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04jv5gz)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Simon Munnelly chats to Josie Long.

SAT 23:00 The In Crowd (b00snrxg)

Series 3

Episode 5

How to obtain a privatised name, how to use advertising slogans as part of everyday speech, and the darkest secrets behind those people walking the beach with a metal detector...

A final dose of advice in the sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 23:30 Ida Barr: Artificial Hip Hop (b00v1qww)

Choice

Ida Barr is a music hall singer who has embraced hip hop and rap, reflecting the cultural diversity of London's East End, where she has been living in retirement for several decades. With her genuine love of talking to people, Ida sets out to investigate a new topic in each episode, creating a unique brand of music-hall, hip-hop fusion with beat boxer Shlomo.

Ida's subject this time is "Choice".

Written by and starring Christopher Green as Ida Barr.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

SAT 23:45 iGod (b00ws7md)

Ego

iGOD is a highly original and funny new late-night comedy series for Radio 4. It stars Simon Day (The Fast Show) and David Soul (Starsky & Hutch) and is written by one of the head writers of the BAFTA award-winning *The Thick Of It*, Sean Gray and produced by Simon Nicholls (Ed Reardon's Week / News At Bedtime).

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday. iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturing an elephant's elbow.

In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul - Starsky and Hutch) shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on

parallel Earths. Each week our case study is a normal bloke called Ian (Simon Day) who manages to accidentally initiate the apocalypse of a different parallel world through a seemingly harmless single act (telling a lie, being lazy, cooking some lambshanks). A succession of comic vignettes ensue that escalate to the end of a parallel world.

With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD will be a true aural extravaganza.

Written by

SEAN GRAY

Produced by

SIMON NICHOLLS.

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SUN 02:00 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b04j9zdr)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Chain Reaction (b013r2hm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b01sd0b9)

1666

The year is 1666 and the diarist has become besotted with actress and singer, Mrs Knipp. Stars Kris Marshall and Sophie Thompson.

SUN 07:15 Student Bibles (b0075ns6)

Gray's Anatomy

Classic textbooks frequently come with unusual stories.

Philippa Budgen tackles the academic favourite of medical students.

SUN 07:30 Polyoaks (b011jx09)

Series 1

Episode 1

First episode of a new Sitcom written by Private Eye medical columnist Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer set in the Bewildering New World of the NHS.

As responsibility for the Health Service is stripped from managers and handed to doctors, brothers-in-medicine Roy & Hugh Thornton are struggling to work out what to do with all this sudden money and power. If they can diagnose acute appendicitis surely they can manage an £80 billion health budget. Can't they?

But a useless Celebrity TV Doctor, an overly-aggressive South African Nurse and a sinister GP Consortium Chairman don't make their lot any easier.

Anyone who wants to know what's really happening to the Nation's Health Service, (but can't wade through the 367 page Health & Social Care Bill) should listen to 30 minutes of Polyoaks, starring Nigel Planer, Tony Gardner, Celia Imrie and David Westhead.

Cast:

Dr Roy Thornton Nigel Planer

Dr Hugh Thornton Tony Gardner

TV's Dr Jeremy David Westhead

Betty Crossfield Celia Imrie

Vera Du Plessis Carla Mendonca

Mr Devlin/ Patient Phil Cornwell

Mr Ridgewell/ Mr Dawson David Holt

Mrs Briggs Kate O'Sullivan

Written By Phil Hammond and David Spicer

Producer/Director: Frank Stirling

An Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Floggit's (b00ct1wp)

From 09/11/1956

A power cut causes chaos in the village. Gossip galore at sisters Gert and Daisy's general store in Russett Green.

Stars Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daisy.

With Joan Sims, Ron Moody, Ronnie Barker and Hugh Paddick.

Originally popular regulars in 'Worker's Playtime' on the BBC Home Service during wartime, Gert and Daisy won own series, *Floggit's*, when the duo inherited a village general store with a ragbag of local characters to deal with. It ran for 2 series between 1956 and 1957.

Scripted by Terry Nation, John Junkin and Dave Freeman.

Producer: Bill Gates

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.

SUN 08:30 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)

Series 1

Episode 6

Co-stars Hugh Paddick and Joan Sims are none too impressed with The Kenneth Williams Exhibition outside in the foyer.

With 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 May 1969.

SUN 09:00 Roald Dahl (b0138xvz)

The Witches

Episode 1

A boy uncovers an evil plan to turn every child in the world into a mouse. Narrated by Toby Jones and starring Margaret Tyzack.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04jm42v)

Teachers

Seamus Heaney

From Beethoven to John McCormack. Poet Seamus Heaney shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From November 1989.

SUN 10:45 HE Bates - Three Country Stories (b007jv1q)

Series 1

Time

Three old men sit and watch the world go by, but one has a very youthful secret of vitality. Read by David Neal.

SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0186byz)

Series 7

Episode 9

From New York City, the funny man welcomes mini-orchestra Pink Martini and renowned operatic baritone Nathan Gunn.

From 2010.

SUN 12:00 The Diary of Samuel Pepys Omnibus (b01sd0b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Student Bibles (b0075ns6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Pepsys: Fire of London (b01sc9cp)

London in 1666 was a health and safety nightmare. It was illegal to build with wood and thatch but people did it anyway.

Foundries were forbidden in the city but that didn't stop them operating. Charles II had banned dangerous overhanging windows but this was ignored by local government who carried on building them regardless. Many homes still contained muskets and gunpowder left over from Cromwell's time. Six hundred tons of highly potent gunpowder were stored in the Tower of London itself. Riverfront warehouses were full of oil and tallow. There was no fire service.

In Pudding Lane, on 2 September, after a day of slaving over a hot oven, Thomas Farrinor, baker to King Charles II, went to bed unaware that his oven was still alight. The smouldering embers ignited some nearby firewood and by 1 o'clock in the morning his house was ablaze. A strong wind on that September morning ensured that sparks flew everywhere. . . . Samuel Pepys' diary of the following days, dramatised by Hattie Naylor, reveals the unfolding drama of 350 years ago.

Samuel Pepys Kris Marshall

Elizabeth Pepys Katherine Jakeways

King Charles II Ewan Bailey

Mrs Wood Sriol Jenkins

Mr Houblon Richard Nichols

Mr Howells Dick Bradnum

Mayor Bludworth Matthew Gravelle

Jane Rebecca Newman

Will John Biddle

Mrs Batelier Eiry Thomas

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.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 14:30 The Playlist Series (b048j636)

Samuel Pepys' Playlist

Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist, loved music. It outlasted all his other passions- even his passion for women. He left hundreds of his favourite songs, some covered in wine stains, relics of drunken musical evenings.

David Owen Norris explores the songs in the Pepys Library in Cambridge with historians Richard Luckett, Jenny Uglov and Basie Gitlin, and recreates the music he loved best. With singers Gwyneth Herbert, Thomas Guthrie and Laura Crowther.

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 15:00 Floggit's (b00ct1wp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jm939)

Concorde, elephants and Tom Baker learning French

Highlights from the past week on the 4 O'Clock Show including memories of Concorde, the woman who lived with elephants and ex-Doctor Who Tom Baker learning French.

SUN 17:00 Roald Dahl (b0138xvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 18:00 Doctor Who (b01psb69)

Deimos

A Martian moon has become a tourist trap. But below its surface stirs a deadly menace, once thought extinct. Eighth Doctor adventure stars Paul McGann and David Warner.
SUN 19:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b0186byz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Floggit's (b00ct1wp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04jm42v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 HE Bates - Three Country Stories (b007jv1q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Polyoaks (b011jx09)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cm91h)
 Series 2

Episode 4

After falling over and knocking himself out, Tom - and the band in his head - awakes to find himself in a strange world where castrati singers are all the rage...
 Starring Suggs and Bob Monkhouse.
 Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.
 Tom Caine Suggs
 Dr Boone Bob Monkhouse
 Bouche Phil Cornwall
 Jake Andrew McGibbon
 Monty De Vere Nick Romero
 Male Bill Nighy
 Phelia Julia Deakin
 Clammy Toby Longworth
 Pi Debra Stephenson
 Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs
 Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04jv5h1)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Simon Munnery chats to Josie Long.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b04j2v19)

Series 11

Episode 1

Made for 4 Extra. The week's stories cobbled together in a scrapbook sketch show. Uninformed, up to the minute, down to the dregs. Presented by Romesh Ranganathan.

SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b007s76t)

Series 3

Good v Evil at Glastonbury

Jon Ronson concludes his series with the second of two special programmes recorded at Glastonbury, taking a different look at the festival and the many human dramas being played out over four intense days.

Jon searches for good and for evil at the festival, looking for acts of kindness, bad deeds of hedonistic excess and emotional moments rarely captured. With Danny Robins and Pete Paphides.

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2014

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MON 03:30 Pepsys: Fire of London (b01sc9cp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:30 The Playlist Series (b048j636)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Roald Dahl (b0138xvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Raffles (b01p0twv)

Series 1

1. The Ides of March

Bunny Manders desperately needs ready cash to repay a gambling debt.

His old schoolfellow, the celebrated English cricketer AJ Raffles knows just the person to help a fellow out. He's a jeweller in London's Bond Street - and, funnily enough, Raffles had planned to pay him a surprise visit that very night ...
 EW Hornung's early Raffles stories of the renowned cricketer and gentleman thief.

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Michael Cochrane

Lord Upton George Parsons

Crony Graham Blockey

Crony Shaun Prendergast

Constable John Church

Young Bunny James Dykes

Dramatised by David Buck.

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in October 1985.

MON 06:30 A Tale of Harvest Festival (b00769v4)

Autumn harvest is enshrined within the British national consciousness. But how old is this tradition? Could it actually be the work of an eccentric Victorian clergyman? Paul Heiney travels to Cornwall in his quest to unravel its origins.

Just the thing to accompany chrysanthemums and cornsheaves, marrows and swedes, adorning churches across the country in preparation for Harvest Festival.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2002.

MON 07:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075pbn)

Series 3

Episode 6

Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue tackle matrimony.

What makes it work? Where do couples go wrong?

Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.

With Ronnie Ancona, Alistair McGowan, Roger Blake and Christopher Douglas.

Written by Christopher Douglas from a format by Bill Dare.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b04hvrqz)

Series 70

Episode 7

Nicholas Parsons challenges Tony Hawks, Kerry Godliman, Stephen Mangan and Gyles Brandreth to talk for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

MON 08:00 J Kingston Platt (b01s6bkk)

My Discovery

The show business veteran recalls taking on a pupil with incredible results.

The doyen of British showbiz, the insider's insider, J Kingston Platt, returns to the wireless with more startlingly persuasive recollections.

Written and read by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

MON 08:30 The Navy Lark (b00vdfdq)

Series 1

The Admiral's Party

Pertwee's relative has a Portsmouth posting - so can the Chief ensure luxury accommodation?

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 the Admiral.

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series on BBC Radio between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1959.

MON 09:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)

Series 1

Episode 2

Discover the truth about how Bram Stoker broke Oscar Wilde's heart.

Gyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz show that puts naughty before nice, dishing the dirt on the bad boys and girls in history. The regular team captains are writer and critic, Anthony Holden and actor and writer, Stella Duffy.

Joining them to test their wits are writer and broadcaster, Lynne Truss and former Erotic Review editor, Rowan Pelling.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

MON 09:30 Mr and Mrs Smith (b01bwp6g)

The Bathroom

Annabelle is annoyed because Will couldn't stand up to their over-enthusiastic builder. Will is furious at Annabelle for hiring the builder.

Guy mediates, but this week the counsellor has his own problems...

Will Smith's sitcom about a couple in marriage counselling. Counsellor Guy must mediate another dispute between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument, and by the end, the couple find marital equilibrium once more. Sort of.

Will Smith Will Smith

Annabelle Smith Sarah Hadland

Guy Paterson Joseph

John Geoffrey Whitehead

Saskia, Sally Susie Blake

Adam Dan Tetsell

Claudia Tracy Wiles

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b00d6432)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 1

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life, dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.

Squire Bramble and family embark on their whistle-stop tour of Great Britain. They encounter adventure, mayhem and the

enigmatic Humphry Clinker.

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Sir Ulic Mackilligut Sam Dale

John Thomas Ben Crowe

Barton Nyasha Hatendi

Lord Newcastle John Rowe

Other parts played by Stephen Critchlow, Liz Sutherland and Chris Pavlo.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

MON 11:00 Rose Tremain (b007mf65)

Ice Dancing

A retired architect recounts his life with his wife and how he almost lost her. Set in Maryland, read by Harry Towb.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04jhfqc)

Richard Ayoade, Sophie Ward, Al Jean, Holly Johnson, Sara Cox, Kwabs, Anushka

Clive embarks on an Auricular Odyssey with 'The IT Crowd' sensation turned critically acclaimed director Richard Ayoade. His new book 'Ayoade on Ayoade: A Cinematic Odyssey' features over ten insightful and often erotic interviews - with himself.

Clive talks to actress Sophie Ward, who sprang to fame in the film 'Young Sherlock Holmes'. She leads the cast for the eightieth anniversary production of John van Druten's *Flowers of the Forest* - a timely reminder of the brutal effects of war and the fragility of peace.

From the face of the '80s to the sound of it, Sara Cox relaxes with Holly Johnson. Best known as the lead vocalist of Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Holly has a new album - his first for 15 years.

Al Jean is head writer and executive producer of probably the most successful show in television history. It's not surprising that the team behind 'The Simpsons' is bristling with brainiacs, but what about Computer Scientists and Mathematicians? Al talks to Clive about 'The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets', as exposed by author Simon Singh.

With music from Kwabs who performs 'Walk' out on the 29th September on Atlantic Records. And more music from Anushka who perform 'Atom Bombs' from their album 'Broken Circuit' out now on Brownswood Recordings.

Producer: Sukey Firth.

MON 12:00 J Kingston Platt (b01s6bkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b00vdfdq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Raffles (b01p0twv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 A Tale of Harvest Festival (b00769v4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04h9y2)

BBC National Short Story Award 2014

Bad Dreams

Carey Mulligan reads Tessa Hadley's shortlisted story, the first in contention for this prestigious award. A child's dramatic reaction to a dream exposes unspoken tensions in the family home.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b037smxg)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Episode 1

Kris Marshall and Katherine Jakeways return as Samuel and Elizabeth Pepys in Hattie Naylor's continuing dramatisation of the famous diaries.

1667. On New Year's Day, Samuel and Elizabeth Pepys awake to find the Thames covered in ice, while at the same time some parts of London still smoulder from last year's Great Fire. At Whitehall, Lord Brouncker's clerk is accused of taking bribes, and there are rumours that the French will invade. Sam, meanwhile, is preoccupied with finding a husband for his sister, Pauline, and with visiting various lady friends, including Mrs Knipp, Mrs Bagwell and Mrs Lane's sister, Doll.

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 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01bwdvn)

Episode 1

Biography of the leading modern playwright. Growing up in Harlem in the Depression. Read by Henry Goodman.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b00d6432)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jrj7t)

Striped Pyjamas, stalking lynx and Philip Ardagh

Mel Giedroyc presents *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne, wildlife cameraman John Aitchison stalks a lynx and Philip Ardagh offers his two favourite books.

MON 17:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bhn44)

Series 2

Practice Makes Perfect

It's not all plain sailing as duo Tommy and Sheila prepare for a cruise.

30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.

June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley and Edward Halstead

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

MON 17:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075pbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04jrj7w)

Graeme Garden and Helen Lederer

A comedy-heavy gathering of bookworms for this edition of the literary discussion show.

Ex-Goodie and Clue alumnus Graeme Garden joins Naked

Video star and comedy writer Helen Lederer to discuss

Flaubert's Parrot and work by Richard Feynman.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1998.

Perfect Meringues by Laurie Graham

Publisher: Black Swan

Flaubert's Parrot by Julian Barnes

Publisher: Picador

Q.E.D. by Richard Feynman

Publisher: Penguin Books.

MON 19:00 J Kingston Platt (b01s6bkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Navy Lark (b00vdfdq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Raffles (b01p0tww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 A Tale of Harvest Festival (b00769v4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Rose Tremain (b007mf65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b04jhfqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b04hvrqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Mr and Mrs Smith (b01bwp6g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b04hvx8q)

Series 44

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by special guest Sara

Pascoe for a comic romp through the week's news. With Pippa

Evans, Grace Petrie and Jon Holmes.

Written by the cast, with additional material from Sarah

Morgan, Nadia Kamil and Liam Beirne. Produced by Alexandra

Smith.

MON 23:30 The Consultants (b0076pzz)

Series 2

Episode 5

The Adventure-Bakers make a time-strudel and travel through

history.

The Consultants are Neil Edmond, Justin Edwards and James

Rawlings.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

TUE 00:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hv9y2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b037smxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 00:45 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01bwdvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 A Good Read (b04jrj7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Raffles (b01p0tww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 A Tale of Harvest Festival (b00769v4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b00d6432)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Rose Tremain (b007mf65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b04jhfqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bhn44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075pbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Raffles (b01p0tww)

Series 1

2. Gentlemen and Players

When Raffles and Bunny are engaged for cricketing weeks at country estates, the playing of cricket can hardly be said to be

their chief preoccupation.

Bunny is an incorrigible ladies' man, while amateur cracksman, AJ Raffles takes an understandable professional interest in his fellow guests' portable property...

EW Hornung's early Raffles stories of the renowned cricketer and gentleman thief.

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Michael Cochrane

Crawshay Ron Pember

Lord Amersteth David Garth

Inspector MacKenzie Henry Stampfer

Rector's Daughter Melinda Walker

Batsman James MacPherson

Umpire Gordon Reid

Maid Jane Leonard

Porter Christopher Scott

Member Graham Blockley

Guest Jamie Roberts

Dramatised by David Buck.

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in October 1985.

TUE 06:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xpt)

Series 1

Easter 1916, by WB Yeats

4 Extra Debut. Jonathan Bate looks at the history behind the

poem, travelling to Dublin to investigate the 1916 Easter Rising.

From April 2006.

TUE 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

Series 1

Drilling for Hamsters

The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Series one of Annie McCartney's sitcom.

Sally Frances Tomelty

Clare Marcella Riordan

Fintan Gerard Murphy

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Anna Bethan Lloyd

Simon Patrick Gleadhill

Trevor Gerard McSorley

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

TUE 07:30 Lewis Macleod Is Not Himself (b04hvy0q)

Episode 2

The impression and sketch show that looks behind the scenes at the life and work of star impressionist Lewis Macleod

Lewis has performed on 4 Extra's Newsjack, plus Postman Pat,

The Phantom Menace and Dead Ringers.

With Kate O'Sullivan, Duncan Wisbey and Julian Dutton.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00db512)

African Incident

Neddie Seagoon is dispatched to destroy a bridge built by

British prisoners of war. Stars Peter Sellers. From December

1957.

TUE 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

Women and Wine

Medic Simon Sparrow's efforts to get a date for the hospital ball

turn to chaos.

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

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as

Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast

as Taffy Evans, Norma Ronald as Matron/Vera and Joan Young

as Lady Spratt.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b04hvx8q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Coming Alive (b00hrt7t)

Series 3

Betting Fever

Terry agrees to babysit for Sandra, but reckons without her

mother. Stars Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan. From October

2001.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 2

The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life,

dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.

The family is stranded. Bramble is keen to continue their grand

tour, but how can they leave London when Humphry is in gaol?

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe

Mr Martin Chris Pavlo

Mr Micklewhimmen Sam Dale

Dutton/Wilson Nyasha Hatendi

Gaoler Stephen Critchlow

Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00n0z4n)

1989: Writing on the Wall

The Quest for Christa T

BBC Radio 4 Extra will be serving up a literary accompaniment

to BBC Radio 4's major new documentary series Germany:

Memories of a Nation. A partnership with the British Museum

and presented by Neil MacGregor, this six week series will

explore the fascinating and complex history of Germany from

the origins of the Holy Roman Empire right up to the present

day.

Programmes on BBC Radio 4 Extra will include work by

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, Bertolt Brecht, Franz Kafka,

The Brothers Grimm, Gunter Grass, Heinrich Boll, and Thomas

Mann.

Neil MacGregor reflects on the importance of the writer Christa

Wolf in the first week of the series. Anne McElroy introduces

an extract from her acclaimed work, The Quest for Christa T. It

is translated by Christopher Middleton and read by Sian

Thomas.

Christa Wolf was one of the foremost post war German writers.

Born in 1929, she grew up under the Nazi's and lived most of

her adult life in East Germany, until the Berlin Wall came

down. She was born in 1929, was a member of girls' division of

the Hitler Youth. At the end of the war, her family tried to flee

the Red Army but ended up in the Russian zone anyway. She

died in 2011. The Quest for Christa T is considered one of her

finest works. It is about a young woman who turns against the

shallowness of the West but struggles in the East.

Perhaps it is not surprising that the role of fate and the power of

ideologies to change the course of our lives permeate all her

work.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 11:15 Clare Seal - Voyages of Descent (b00hnn1g)

Captain Fitzroy sails to tragedy, as Charles Darwin finds fame.

Poetic journey of evolution and creation with Fenella Fielding.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00db512)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Raffles (b01p0tww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hvx8q)

BBC National Short Story Award 2014

The American Lover

Rebecca Hall reads one of the five contenders for this major

award for the short story.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

Now in its ninth year, the BBC National Short Story Award

continues to be one of the most prestigious and established

awards for a single short story. The 2014 short list crowns a

year which has seen short story writers scoop many of the

major literary awards including the Nobel Prize for Literature

and the Man Booker International Prize.

The shortlist for this year's BBC National Short Story Award in

partnership with Booktrust comprises five beguiling and

compelling stories from a mix of terrifically acclaimed writers

in the genre and exciting up-and-coming writers, all vying for

the top award of £15,000. Pivoting on transformative moments

in people's lives, the stories are intimate explorations and

reflections of coming of age, the attritions of time, love and

betrayal. They take listeners across the globe from Wales and

Kenya to London and New York.

The readers of this year's shortlist include Carey Mulligan and

Rebecca Hall. Listeners can enjoy each story at **3.30pm** from

Monday 22nd September, following an interview with the

author on the previous evening's Front Row (beginning on

Friday 19th September). The shortlist will be announced on

Front Row on Wednesday 17th September, and the winner and

the runner-up will be announced in a special edition of the

programme live from the BBC's Radio Theatre on Tuesday 30th

September.

The stories will be available as a free download following

broadcast, and in an anthology published by Comma Press.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b037t0sx)

The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Episode 2

On the 23rd of February, 1667, Sam celebrates the good

fortune of reaching his 34th birthday. Scandal rocks Whitehall

as Lord Brouncker's Clerk is accused of taking bribes. He in

turn accuses Lord Batten of the same, and Sam accepts a series

of 'gifts' from Commissioner Pett. Adapted by Hattie Naylor.

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.

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jtm3)

Geocaching, Brownies and Django Bates

Mel Giedroyc goes geocaching, celebrates 100 years of the Brownies and hears composer Django Bates' Inheritance Tracks.

TUE 17:00 Up the Garden Path (b007jqkw)

Series 3

A Dick in Shining Armour

Will pregnant Izzy be able to finally settle down with the man of her dreams? Stars Imelda Staunton. From October 1993.

TUE 17:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jp1p)

Nigel Rees hosts celebrities exchanging anecdotes, epigrams and bons mots. With Martin Kelner, Gervase Phinn, Tricia Stewart and Jayne Tunnilliffe. From September 2002.

TUE 18:30 Musical Legends (b01h10bp)

Gary Numan

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Gary Numan had hit records with the songs 'Are Friends Electric' and 'Cars'.

A pioneer in the field of electronic music his work on record and live remains potent and relevant.

Ahead of a tour which includes a gig in Glasgow on the 23rd of May 2012, he gives Tom Morton a frank and in-depth interview.

With music from his back catalogue they talk about his long career in music, the role his wife Gemma played in reviving his career and the story of how he wrote his greatest hit song in only ten minutes.

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TUE 19:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

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TUE 21:15 Clare Seal - Voyages of Descent (b00hhn1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Lewis Macleod Is Not Himself (b04hvy0q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Dave Against the Machine (b011vhdr)

The Tramp Who Would Be Queenie

Dave Lamb's brand new sitcom series about conspiracy theorist Dave Railings reaches its conclusion with the return to public life of Princess Diana...well possibly.

When Dave's deeply frustrated younger brother Jim invites a homeless person to come and live in their highly secured flat so that he can impress a charity worker he fancies, Dave becomes convinced that the homeless person in question is actually Princess Diana who is desperately in need of his help.

At the same time community police officers Nigel Spikes and Geoff Brown find themselves bottom of the arrests league table and Nigel hits upon the idea of rounding up the homeless in order to propel them towards mid-table respectability. Another hectic romp through half-truths and false assumptions sees four grown men battle to seal the fate of a woman who calls herself Queenie, and culminates in a way that no-one saw coming, not even the deeply paranoid Dave.

Cast:

Dave Railings Dave Lamb

Jim Railings Jim North

Nigel Spikes Nick Walker

Geoff Brown Richie Webb

Queenie/Jill Jess Robinson

Written by Dave Lamb

Script edited by Anil Gupta

Directed by Adam Tandy

Produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04jv5je)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to Tony Law.

TUE 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00w7dnw)

Series 4

A Painful Life Further Re-Miserabled

Pip and Harry put to sea with Captain Beehab in a bid to thwart a sea-going Mister Benevolent and rescue Ripely.

But fate has other plans and they are shipwrecked. Pip soon finds himself on a desert island that holds many surprising secrets.

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jy6)

Series 2

The Grand Tour

The sketch show team take their audience on a luxury excursion to London.

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandycck.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1991.

WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2014

WED 00:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hvsbm)

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WED 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b037t0sx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 00:45 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01bwj8k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jp1p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Musical Legends (b01h10bp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Raffles (b01p0wps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 05:00 Up the Garden Path (b007jqkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Raffles (b01p10th)

Series 1

3. A Costume Piece

Reuben Rosenthal has made his millions in the diamond fields of South Africa, and it seems only right and proper to Raffles that some of this wealth should be redistributed. But his attempts to seize the diamonds don't quite go according to plan, as a low-key stakeout spirals into a terrifying scramble for survival.

EW Hornung's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck.

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Michael Cochrane

Reuben Rosenthal Geoffrey Matthews

'Slammer' Purvis John Hollis

Jala Alton Kumalo

Lady 1 Natasha Pyne

Lady 2 Jane Leonard

Odd Bodd Graham Blockey

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Directed by Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in November 1985.

WED 06:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xsy)

Series 1

Peterloo and Shelley

Jonathan Bate looks at the history behind Shelley's The Mask of Anarchy, travelling to Manchester to investigate the Peterloo Massacre. From April 2006.

WED 07:00 Absolute Power (b018tsh9)

Series 4

Episode 2

Spin doctor Martin's new bestseller drives a wedge between him and Charles. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From February 2004.

WED 07:30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b04hy1f)

Series 10

How to Define Oneself in Terms of Regional, Cultural and Geopolitical Identity Without Tears

Jeremy Hardy dispassionately examines the questions of nationality, identity and accents. The noo.

Helping him get to grips with the new world will be stand-up comedian Susan Murray and, broadly speaking, Scotsman Moray Hunter (Absolutely).

Few can forget where they were when they first heard "Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation". The show was an immediate smash-hit success, causing pubs to empty on a Saturday night, which was particularly astonishing since the show went out on Thursdays. The Light Entertainment department was besieged, questions were asked in the House and Jeremy Hardy himself became known as the man responsible for the funniest show on radio since Money Box Live with Paul Lewis.

Since that fateful first series, Jeremy went on to win Sony Awards, Writers Guild nominations and a Nobel Prize for Chemistry. He was a much-loved regular on both The News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

Written by Jeremy Hardy

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

WED 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00bx006)

Series 3

Not the Burkiss Way

Learn how to offer family planning for rabbits, plus in World of Sport, it's racing from Doncaster and live furniture-eating.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. Cult sketch comedy series, which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qt2hk)

Series 2

Episode 6

Young inventors, 1930s vintage musical 'Adam and Eve' and Private Eye Mike Spanner is on the case...

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 Les Lilley, Chic Jacob, Graeme Garden, Johnnie Mortimer & Brian Cooke and Bill Oddie. 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 November 1965.

WED 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00rv4db)

Series 5

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts another series of the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Marcus Brigstocke, Henning Wehn, Lucy Porter and Graeme Garden are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Sleep, Beer, Childbirth and Sir Isaac Newton.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

The producer is Jon Naismith, and this is a Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 09:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv61)

Series 3

Episode 1

Ad man Ken Handley snags a leggy model to spy on the work of a rival agency.

Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

Sandy Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Ambrose Paul Jesson

April Shelley Thompson

Hedley Robert Longden

Mr Cheater James Griffiths

With Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, David Tate, Sally Grace, Enn Reitel and Anton Rogers.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00cdgwy)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 3

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life,

dramatised by Yvonne Antroub.

The Bramble family's adventures continue as they begin the long trip home, a journey full of surprises and unexpected revelations.

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe

Sir Thomas Bullford Trevor Peacock

Oxmington/Dennison Sam Dale

Wilson/French valet Nyasha Hatendi

Frogmore Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Joan Walker and Ben Crowe.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqb)

Series 4

Jules

Series of original stories by unpublished writers.

Jules has been diagnosed as having cancer. But for a number of reasons, not all of them noble, her best friend Kate finds it hard to be as supportive as she should.

By Tamara Pollock, read by Nicola Walker.

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:15 Hugh Hughes - Floating (b01pkjvw)

Fantasy recollections of Hugh Hughes and Sioned Rowlands as the Isle of Anglesey floated off from mainland Wales in April 1982.

WED 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b00bx006)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qt2hk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Raffles (b01p10th)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xsy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hytg4)
 BBC National Short Story Award 2014
 The Taxidermist's Daughter
 Francesca Rhydderch's shortlisted story for this prestigious award is set in the aftermath of WW1. On the cusp of womanhood, Daisy's life is altered with the arrival of a stranger who compels her to confront new feelings. Carys Eleri reads.
 Abridged by Miranda Davies.
 Produced by Elizabeth Allard.
WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b037v4ff)
 The Diary of Samuel Pepsy
 Episode 3
 1667. Samuel has a nightmare about his sick mother, and out of respect cancels his stone party, held every year to celebrate surviving an operation to remove a bladder stone. At work he finds the Navy office in a dismal state, with oarsmen and carpenters dying of hunger for lack of pay. He visits Jervas, the barber, to try on a new wig but doesn't buy it when he finds it's full of nits. Adapted by Hattie Naylor.
 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 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01bwmd6)
 Episode 3
 Success sparks fame, money and a meeting with Marilyn Monroe. Bigsby's biography of the playwright. Read by Henry Goodman.
WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b00dcegdw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jttk4)
 The Jumbles, Fat Boy Slim and red squirrels
 Mel Giedroyc goes on a hunt for red squirrels, Shirley Henderson reads The Jumbles by Edward Lear, and Fatboy Slim reveals his Inheritance Tracks.
WED 17:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 A trip to the cinema turns into a disaster off-screen for sweethearts Bernard and Iris and his dad Wilf.
 Dithering Bernard tries to get engaged to his flighty partner Iris. Will she manage to persuade Bernard to buy her an engagement ring at last?
 Gordon Kaye and Su Pollard star in Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple.
 Iris Su Pollard
 Bernard Gordon Kaye
 Wilf David Ross
 Daisy Paula Tilbrook
 Mr Foley Peter Wheeler
 Myrtle Julie Higginson
 Writer Vince Powell (1928–2009) scripted a number of popular TV sitcoms including Love Thy Neighbour, For the Love of Ada and Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width.
 Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1993.
WED 17:30 Absolute Power (b018tsh9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00rv4db)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076csl)
 Marriage
 Comedians Shazia Mirza and Lewis Schaffer join writer David Matthews to discuss matrimony with Matthew Parris.
 In each programme, Matthew Parris introduces a group of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.
 Produced by Hilary Dunn.
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2003.
WED 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b00bx006)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qt2hk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Raffles (b01p10th)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xssy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pncqb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 21:15 Hugh Hughes - Floating (b01pkjwv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b04hyy1f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Elvenquest (b017757w)
 Series 3
 Episode 6
 When the Questers get drunk to celebrate Vidar's birthday, Sam tries once again to gain (albeit with customary cack-handedness) the affections of Penthiselea, much to her consternation. Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is anxious to get one

over his old nemesis, Kaybar the Maleficent, and so decides to do something really newsworthy and light the "Beacon of Doom".
 If the "Beacon of Doom" is lit then the runes dictate that one of the Questers must do battle in hand-hand combat with Lord Darkness himself. And so, to impress Penthiselea, Sam volunteers to be that Quester. Problem is, Sam doesn't have the first idea how to fight hand-to-hand. Fortunately, nor it seems, does Lord Darkness. Should make for an interesting showdown then...
 Starring:
 Darren Boyd as Vidar
 Kevin Eldon as Dean/Kreech
 Dave Lamb as Amis, aka the "Chosen One"
 Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness
 Stephen Mangan as Sam
 and
 Sophie Winkleman as Penthiselea
 Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto
 Producer: Sam Michell.
WED 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00h3hc6)
 Series 3
 The Thing
 Learn about medieval cooking, and view the most precious exhibit.
 Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.
 With Lucy Montgomery.
 Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
 Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.
WED 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k2ph)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Tasty monologues and sketches starring Boothby Graffoe.
 With Stephen Frost and guitarist Antonio Forcione.
 With Kevin Eldon, Vivienne Soan and Big Al.
 Producer: Lucy Armitage
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER 2014

THU 00:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hytg4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b037v4ff)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 00:45 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01bwmd6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00rv4db)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Off the Page (b0076csl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Raffles (b01p10th)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xssy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Classic Serial (b00dcegdw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pncqb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:15 Hugh Hughes - Floating (b01pkjwv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Absolute Power (b018tsh9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Raffles (b01p3d3w)
 Series 1
 4. Nine Points of the Law
 Bunny is forced to extemporise when Raffles' theft of a valuable painting seems to go wrong.
 EW Hornung's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck.
 Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.
 AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde
 Bunny Michael Cochrane
 Addenbrooke David Buck
 Craggs Nigel Graham
 Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
 Directed by Gordon House
 A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service production first broadcast in November 1985.
THU 06:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xssy)
 Series 1
 The English Civil War and Marvell
 Jonathan Bate looks at the history behind An Horatian Ode, travelling to Westminster to investigate the English Civil War.
 From April 2006.
THU 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b00mg9fy)
 Series 3
 Shopping
 Pam Ayres returns with a new series packed with poetry, anecdotes and sketches.
 Pam is joined on stage by Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu for poems and sketches on the subject of Shopping.
 Featuring sketches about braving the cosmetics department, and how some shop assistants think anyone over 40 should only

wear beige.
 Pam's shopping poems include 'Nowadays We Worship at Saint Tesco', the Contact Lens poem and 'I Can't Find Nice Knickers', one of her briefer poems.
THU 07:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)
 Series 3
 About Paranoia
 In a mix of stand-up and re-enacted family life - Nathan Caton illustrates how watching too much TV can make you paranoid and that can have serious repercussions for your family.
 Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle
 After becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, Nathan opted not to use his architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian, much to his family's horror and disgust. They desperately want him to get a 'proper job.'
 Janet a.k.a. Mum is probably the kindest and most lenient of the disappointed family members. At the end of the day she just wants the best for her son. However, she'd also love to brag and show her son off to her friends, but with Nathan only telling jokes for a living that's kind of hard to do.
 Martin a.k.a. Dad works in the construction industry and was looking forward to his son getting a degree so the two of them could work together in the same field. But now Nathan has blown that dream out of the window. Martin is clumsy and hard-headed and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way).
 Shirley a.k.a. Grandma cannot believe Nathan turned down architecture for comedy. She can't believe she left the paradise in the West Indies and came to the freezing United Kingdom for a better life so that years later her grandson could 'tell jokes!' How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!
 So with all this going on in the household what will Nathan do? Will he persevere and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference? Or will he finally leave home?!!
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.
THU 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b007k007)
 Series 2
 The Film Makers
 Station master Horace Hepplewhite decides to offer the station as a movie location.
 Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Valentine/Bradshaw/Whitney, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert, Graham Stark as Joe Sims and Elizabeth Morgan.
 Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalmen, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.
 Producer: Edward Taylor.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1973.
THU 08:30 Take It From Here (b01cv9v2)
 From 30/04/1958
 Flavours of Italy are on the menu, while Eth's claiming Ron is a daddy's boy in 'The Glums'.
 Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.
 Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.
THU 09:00 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)
 Series 3
 Oh Yes She Is Dead!
 Crime writers Susan Moody and Simon Shaw probe a Charming murder at the pantomime. Oh yes they do!
 Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.
 Suspects played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.
 Producer Liz Anstree
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.
THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b013cx3p)
 Series 3
 Dream Genie
 Derek is devastated when he hears that his ex-wife Jackie is unwell.
 After using Wendy as a shoulder to cry on, he rushes to Jackie's side, leaving Maureen feeling uncharacteristically panicky at the thought of being without him.
 Sitcom about the mundane lives of childless couple, Robin and Wendy and their friends and neighbours - with a twist.
 Wendy Kay Stonham
 Robin Brian Capron
 Derek Martin Trenaman
 Maureen Amelia Bullmore
 Written by Kay Stonham.
 Devised by Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b00t1016)
 Hermann Hesse - The Glass Bead Game

Episode 1

Hermann Hesse's classic novel is set in a futuristic, utopian society. This two-part dramatisation is by Lavinia Greenlaw and stars Derek Jacobi.

Joseph Knecht is a rising star in the Castalian Order, a band of elite intellectuals who live a cloistered life of study and Glass Bead Game playing. But Joseph's elevation to one of the highest and most respected ranks of the Order coincides with a crisis of conscience, as his ever deepening doubts about this idealistic and sanitised society threaten to topple its very foundations. The Glass Bead Game was Hesse's final major work. While recognised in his own lifetime (winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946), he found a new generation of young readers after his death. His work was championed by the heroes of the counter-culture of the 1960s including Timothy Leary, and during the 1970s Hesse became extremely widely read and translated.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 11:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqd)

Series 4

The Painter and the Dybbuk

Series of original stories by unpublished writers.

In Jewish folklore a Dybbuk is the wandering soul of a dead person that enters the body of a living person and controls his or her behaviour. A painter's talent has so far kept him alive in Auschwitz. But as he starts on a portrait of one of the guards, he wonders just who is in control.

By Claire Griffiths, read by Nicholas Farrell.

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:15 Drama (b012fts1)

Nick Payne - The Day We Caught the Train
BAFTA winner Olivia Colman, star of Broadchurch, Rev and a score of other hits, heads up the cast in this quietly intense play about Sally, a woman beset by one problem after another.

Rain, a problematic car, a problematic cat and Harold - everything seems to conspire against Sally to prevent some quality time with David.

Written by Olivier Award nominee and Devine Award-winning playwright Nick Payne.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in July 2011.

THU 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b007k0t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Take It From Here (b01cv9v2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Raffles (b01p3d3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xx6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hz62c)

BBC National Short Story Award 2014

Miss Adele Amidst the Corsets

Noma Dumezweni reads Zadie Smith's story, named runner-up at this year's awards. Long held resentments find an outlet when a fading cabaret artiste makes a stand while shopping for corsets on the East Side of New York.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Gemma Jenkins.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b037vb3m)

The Diary of Samuel Peppy

Episode 4

1667. The Dutch have entered the Thames. Sam sends his wife and his father to the country with his gold and tells them to bury it at night - then is furious when he finds they've done it in daylight. Mrs Lane sends a letter telling Sam she's pregnant. Elizabeth complains that Sam is always out and she never sees him - he tweaks her nose during a heated argument. Peace is made with the Dutch.

Adapted by Hattie Naylor.

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 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01by5nr)

Episode 4

The playwright is summoned by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Henry Goodman reads Christopher Bigsby's biography.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b00t1016)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jv0s2)

Rudyard Kipling. Cressida Cowell and Michael Morpurgo
On National Poetry Day, Mel hears about Rudyard Kipling's World War One poetry, gets two of Cressida Cowell's favourite books and asks if it's possible to 'fly' behind a fast car.

THU 17:00 No Commitments (b007jmwX)

Series 2

Twice Bitten

Downcast Charlotte is delighted when middle-aged and dependable Gordon appears.

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

Anna Rosemary Leach

Victoria Nicola Pagett

Charlotte Josie Lawrence

Roger Roger Lloyd Pack

Tim Simon Treves

Giorgio David Thorpe

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

THU 17:30 Ayres on the Air (b00mg9fy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076b11)

Series 2

Mother Teresa

Comedian Bernard Manning chooses Mother Theresa of Calcutta. With Humphrey Carpenter.

The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life? From October 2002.

THU 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b007k0t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Take It From Here (b01cv9v2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Raffles (b01p3d3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xx6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Drama (b012fts1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b04jv17l)

Series 11

Episode 2

Made for 4 Extra. The week's stories cobbled together in a scrapbook sketch show. Uninformed, up to the minute, down to the dregs. Presented by Romesh Ranganathan.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04jv5jf)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to Tony Law.

THU 23:00 The News at Bedtime (b00pftgn)

Series 1

Episode 5

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'.

Mary Mary reports on a medical mystery involving an old woman who swallowed a fly.

With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Fi Glover, Lewis MacLeod, Alex MacQueen, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell. Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

THU 23:15 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b00890lj)

Episode 4

A birthday trip to the Highlands takes our hero's mind off his father's amateur interest in electro-convulsive shock therapy. Peter Bradshaw continues his hilariously disturbing personal account of one boy's transition into adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire at the hands of an eccentric father.

Read by the author.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

THU 23:30 Pleased to Meet You (b007k2t5)

Series 1

Episode 2

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans on her many celebrity friends - from Elvis to Jimmy Carr. Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets. Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006.

FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER 2014

FRI 00:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hz62c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b037vb3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01by5nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b0076b11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Raffles (b01p3d3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Poetry of History (b0076xx6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b00t1016)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Drama (b012fts1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 No Commitments (b007jmwX)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Ayres on the Air (b00mg9fy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Raffles (b01p3hkh)

Series 1

5. Wilful Murder

Bunny is horrified when gentleman thief Raffles calmly declares he wants to try a different crime - by planning to commit a murder.

EW Hornung's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck. Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Michael Cochrane

Crawshaw Ron Pember

Sergeant/Waiter John Church

Inspector MacKenzie Henry Stamper

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in November 1985.

FRI 06:30 The Poetry of History (b0076y0h)

Series 1

TS Eliot and the Blitz

Jonathan Bate investigates how the Blitz motivated TS Eliot's Four Quartets. How does history influence poetry? From April 2006.

FRI 07:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076b7l)

Series 1

Let's Face the Music

Will musicians Roy and George live up to the billing at their comeback gig? Stars Ram Jam Holder. From October 2003.

FRI 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00wlf1c)

Series 6

Citizens' Advice

Count Arthur Strong - one-time Variety Star and now sole proprietor and owner of Doncaster's Academy of Performance - is a show-business legend, raconteur and lecturer extraordinaire. In each episode of this sixth series we hear, as ever, a confused, muddled and often challenging day-in-the-life of Count Arthur - with his mixed-up delivery of words and forthright self-delusion.

When Arthur attempts to return an item of clothing to a local shop, things don't quite go to plan - leading him to take some 'legal' advice at the Citizen's Advice Bureau. With an ever-increasing list of complaints, plus the possibility of having to acquire a puppy (or puppies) to boot, Arthur's day doesn't go quite as he'd hoped.

The occasion does give him a chance to take a trip down memory lane however, re-living an acting moment in a legal TV drama - which of course enables Arthur to give some sound advice of his own!

Cast:

Count Arthur Strong Steve Delaney

Announcer, Shop Worker, Mr Smith & Wilf Alastair Kerr

Geoffrey, Jack, Person and Advisor Dave Mounfield

Sally, Brillo and Receptionist Mel Giedroyc

Producers: Richard Daws, Mark Radcliffe and John Leonard

A Komedia Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 Jim the Great (b01109xq)

Pilot

Back in England's days of feudal fiefdoms, one particular chieftain was very hard up. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From February 1976. Pilot episode.

FRI 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00ybxgy)

The War with the Isle of Wight

The daft duo sets out to buy some land for the military and nearly start a war...

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Wilfrid Hyde White and Richard Murdoch.

With Norma Ronald, Roy Dotrice, Diana Olsson, Julian Somers and Joan Sanderson.

Written and produced by Edward Taylor.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive,

however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1962.

FRI 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b00ntmb7)

Series 2

Episode 5

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Peter Baynham, David Schneider and Tom Binns. 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 July 2000.

FRI 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00nj6fb)

Series 3

Episode 4

Andy Hamilton's comedy series about Trevor the sports agent and his brave attempts to swim safely through the shark tank of life.

4/6. Trevor's business partner, Sammy, has the morals of a barracuda. So, when a spot of corruption means they could make a financial killing, it ends in tears.

Trevor Neil Pearson
 Sammy Paul Reynolds
 Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens
 Theresa Rosalind Ayres
 Heidrun Cosima Shaw
 Barry Abdul Salis
 Meryl Claire Skinner
 Dean Philip Pope.
FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b00t384l)
 Hermann Hesse - The Glass Bead Game
 Episode 2
 Dramatisation of Hermann Hesse's classic novel set in a futuristic, utopian society.
 Starring Derek Jacobi.
 Joseph Knecht is a rising star in the Castalian Order, a band of elite intellectuals who live a closeted life of study and Glass Bead Game playing. But Joseph's elevation to one of the highest and most respected ranks of the Order coincides with a crisis of conscience, as his ever deepening doubts about this idealistic and sanitised society threaten to topple its very foundations. As Magister Ludi, Joseph Knecht begins to plan for the forthcoming Glass Bead Game. As excitement mounts, Joseph's doubts about the Castalian way of life are compounded by his newly acquired position.
 Biographer...Derek Jacobi
 Joseph Knecht...Tom Fergusson
 Fritz...Toby Hadoke
 Music Master...Malcolm Raeburn
 Plinio...David Seddon
 Helena...Olwen May
 Tito...Oliver Gomm
 Dramatised by Lavinia Greenlaw
 Producer: Charlotte Riches
 Director: Susan Roberts.
FRI 11:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqq)
 Series 4
 Smell My Fleece
 Series of original stories by unpublished writers.
 With four fewer teeth and a mouth stuffed with cotton wool, Debra isn't having the easiest of days. And then she meets Dale. A curious tale of dentistry, stalking and poetry.
 By Anna Towers, read by Claire Foy.
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b0076x8q)
 Longus - Daphnis and Chloe
 The ancient story of two young lovers, beset by pirates but aided by the power of love. Adapted by Hattie Naylor, stars Lyndsey Marshal and Ben McKay.
FRI 12:00 Jim the Great (b01109xq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00ybxgy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Raffles (b01p3hkh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 The Poetry of History (b0076y0h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b04hywtg)
 BBC National Short Story Award 2014
 Kilifi Creek
 Lionel Shriver's winning story for this prestigious award for a single short story is about a naïve, young woman who makes her first trip abroad and finds herself in peril. Nancy Crane is the reader.
 Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard.
FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b037v8vv)
 The Diary of Samuel Pepys
 Episode 5
 1667. Now that peace has been declared with the Dutch, Sam goes to the country, with his wife and father, and Will to dig up his gold at the dead of night. Unfortunately, they can't quite remember where they put it. There's a threat of an enquiry into the recent skirmish with the Dutch and Sam fears that the blame will land at his door. The year ends with mince pies and harmony in the Pepys household.
 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 Christopher Bigsby - Arthur Miller (b01byckp)
 Episode 5
 With a crumbling marriage, Miller writes Marilyn Monroe a screenplay. Henry Goodman concludes Christopher Bigsby's biography.
FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b00t384l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04jv73h)
 Striped Pyjamas, Chris Riddell and Paul Merton
 Mel has the finale of John Boyne's The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas as read by Anne Marie Duff, Chris Riddell reveals two of his favourite books and Paul Merton talks silent comedy.
FRI 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jnlsk)
 Series 3
 Half-Term Blues
 Half-term is a time for King Street's teachers to catch their breath within a busy Autumn term. If only...

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
 Stars Carolyn Pickles as Mrs Devon, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Michael Cochrane as Mr Maxwell, Paul Copley as Mr Long, Teresa Gallagher as Miss Featherstone, Jacqueline Beatty as Miss Reid, Janice Acquah as Mrs Khan, Pax Baldwin as Rajesh, Daryl Moore as Wayne, Ruby Williams as Kirsten and Jessica Hill as Dawn.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
FRI 17:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076h7l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:00 The 99p Challenge (b00ntnb7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Pioneers (b013n554)
 Series 2
 James Goodfellow
 Pioneer, James Goodfellow tells Clare English about his invention of the cash machine and the global impact it had on the banking industry.
 James also patented the Personal Identification Number (PIN) technology which is still fundamentally the basis for modern day cash withdrawals.
 Producer: Philip Sime
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2011.
FRI 19:00 Jim the Great (b01109xq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00ybxgy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Raffles (b01p3hkh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 The Poetry of History (b0076y0h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Afternoon Reading: The Time Being (b00pmcqq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 21:15 Drama (b0076x8q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
FRI 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00wif1c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Awards (b04jv7cy)
 2014
 Heat four
 Made for 4 Extra. Fourth heat of the 2014 BBC Radio New Comedy Award. Recorded in Cardiff and hosted by Pete Otway.
FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04jv5ls)
 For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Arthur Smith chats to Andy Zaltzman.
FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01pgs6z)
 Series 3
 Episode 6
 The Archers and The Waltons with a twist, and the Minx Twins tackle feminism. Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar. From June 1998.