

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2014

SAT 00:00 Sue Townsend - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b014tt0r)

Episode 5
Adrian is worried about his mum's new independence, and what about his worsening spots? Nicholas Barnes reads Sue Townsend's book.

SAT 00:15 Ben Macintyre - Agent Zigzag (b00jp108)

Episode 5
British wartime double agent and former convict Eddie Chapman arrives back home. Concluded by Damian Lewis.

SAT 00:30 Ladies of Letters (b01m850q)

Ladies of Letters Log On

Episode 5
Vera has a busy day with a new arrival at Sheepdippers. With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales. From May 2001.

SAT 00:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04nvbfk)

Episode 5
Blake Morrison reads more from his tribute to a cantankerous father. A family holiday does not bring out the best. From April 1994.

SAT 01:00 Jest a Minute (b0133g72)

Series 1
Episode 5
Justin Moorhouse, Sarah Millican, Chris Corcoran and Jeff Green star in Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz. From September 2006.

SAT 01:30 My Life in Five Books (b00tky4n)

Series 1
Dame Jacqueline Wilson

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Celebrated children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson has sold over 25 million books and is the most borrowed author of the decade. In conversation with Stuart Cosgrove, Dame Jacqueline reveals the 5 most important books in her life. As well as revealing her literary secrets, she tells Stuart about a childhood with imaginary friends, the impact of a health scare and why her mother refused to call her a Dame! From 2010.

SAT 02:00 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116778)

Episode 4
Unwilling Turkish secret agent Simpson watches a group of 'tourists' while he works as their driver. Read by David Westhead.

SAT 02:30 The Poet of Albion (b008cr07)

Jenny Uglow presents a profile of William Blake. Widely misrepresented as a patriotic conformist, the great poet was a passionate dissident, a political artist deeply at odds with his country whose ideas were formed by the turbulent history of the time.

Contributors include Blake's biographer Peter Ackroyd and poet and critic Tom Paulin.

SAT 03:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00tp809)

Shangri-La
Hugh Conway and the others are stranded in the Tibetan wilderness, but a man named Chang comes to their aid. Stars Derek Jacobi.

SAT 04:00 Short Stories by John McGahern (b00p84px)

Sierra Leone, part 2
Thanks to his tangled love life, a young man assesses his capacity for commitment. Conclusion read by Sean McGinley.

SAT 04:15 John McGahern - Parachutes (b0075x70)

Dumped by his girlfriend, a man tries to drown his sorrows in the in the sharp and funny pub world of 1950s Dublin. John McGahern's story dramatised by Patricia Cobey. Starring Brendan Gleeson as the Narrator, Pauline McLynn as Claire Mulvey, Mark Lambert as Paddy Mulvey, David Wilmore as Eamon Kelly and Karen Ardill as the Woman.

Director: Pam Brighton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SAT 05:00 After Henry (b007jpt4)

Series 3
Wedding Bells
'Well, I think it's a mother's duty to keep a maternal eye on her daughter's emotional entanglements. That's what I always tried to do with you. You know, subtly. At a distance.'
Eleanor has plans for nuptials in the family, but the family has other ideas...

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

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 1987.

SAT 05:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04nv8v5)

The Ambassador
The Dublin Theatrical Costumiers are asked to dress a British Embassy pageant, only to become embroiled in an unfortunate scandal...

Christopher Fitz-Simon's five-part comedy.

Dessie Doyle David Kelly

Violet Doyle Pauline McLynn

Antony Gogan Eugene O'Brien

Mr McNamara Frank Kelly

Mr Bagshott Bosco Hogan

Polly Hoskins Ali White

Lady Bletchley Sylvia Syms

Music played by John Trotter.

Directed at BBC Belfast by Roland Jaquarollo.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

SAT 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b04nht15)

Chosen Companions

Richard Osborne - one-time assistant editor of The Strand Magazine - presents his choice of extracts from the Sherlock Holmes stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Read by Carleton Hobbs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1970.

SAT 06:45 Sherlock Holmes (b007jph3)

His Last Bow

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"There's an east wind coming all the same, such a wind as never blew on England yet. It will be cold and bitter, Watson, and a good many of us may wither before its blast. But it's God's own wind none the less, and a cleaner, better, stronger land will lie in the sunshine when the storm has cleared."

Set in 1914, the great sleuth-cum-aviarist is asked to help

England in her darkest hour.

Starring Clive Merrison as Sherlock Holmes, Michael Williams as Dr Watson and Norman Rodway as Stamford.

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Dramatised by Bert Coules. Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 07:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00cxr1f)

Series 2

Mona Siddiqui

Wendy Robbins presents a series revisiting the childhood neighbourhoods of influential Britons.

Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic Studies at Glasgow University, takes Wendy back to her childhood home in Huddersfield. She recalls growing up in a literary family and her mother's insistence on living separately from the wider Muslim community.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b011zkly)

The Light Music Festival

Although many Radio 4 listeners grew up tuning in to light orchestral music, it's now largely been forgotten. Most of us will be still be familiar with at least one very famous piece of light music: 'By The Sleepy Lagoon' - better known as the theme tune to 'Desert Island Discs' and composed by Eric Coates. When BBC Radio was much slimmer than it is today - made up of just the Home Service, the Light Programme and the Third Programme - listeners tuned in to hear a live concert for the Festival of Light Music. it began in 1953 and was broadcast every June.

With the disappearance of the Light Programme in 1967 when it split into Radios 1 and 2, light music began to disappear from the airwaves. Eventually its only home was a single slot 'Friday Night is Music Night'. So why did such a popular style of music fade away?

The music journalist and broadcaster Paul Morley uses BBC archive to explore light music at its peak, including interviews with some of the major composers of British light music - Eric Coates, Ronald Binge and Ernest Tomlinson. He traces its decline, and looks at its possible resurgence in 2011, with events like the 'Light Fantastic Festival'.

Paul travels to Preston to meet Ernest Tomlinson and takes a tour around the Light Music Society's remarkable archive of thousands of pieces of light music - all rescued by Tomlinson and his daughter Hilary after the BBC and music publishers threw it away.

Paul also meets Christopher Austin at the Royal Academy of Music and the young conductor John Wilson, who is passionate about light music: for him, this music is not about nostalgia but beautifully written miniatures of orchestral music.

SAT 09:00 Deadpan (b04p522v)

What is deadpan? Comedian Gary Delaney puzzles it out with the help of actor and director Neil Maskell, writer and comedian Diane Morgan, comedy guru Colin Anderson and novelist Marius Brill.

Three hour showcase includes:

** The Sunday Format

Celebrity eaters choose 'Desert Island Biscs'. Radio's posh paper tells all. Featuring Alexander Armstrong and Emma Kennedy. From 2001.

** Stereonation 1/6: Greg, a Kate Bush fan.

Graham Duff fast-forwards through the world of music obsessives. From 1998.

** S-Laughter In the Dark ep 1/4 Blind Man's Buff

In just one night fantasizing blind detective Jack Dunroody becomes a sex starlet's lover and her husband's murderer. And that's without doing or seeing either. From 1996.

Punt and Dennis: It's Been a Bad Week Series 3 (8/8)

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis welcome special guest Leslie Nielsen. Topical comedy from April 2000.

** The Riot That Never Was

In 1926, the fledgling BBC sparked a national panic with a spoof murderous riot in London. Manager, John Reith's reaction was unexpected. Stars Bob Sinfield and Ray Snoddy. From 2005

** What Went Wrong With The Olympics ep 3/4

Written by Ian Hislop & Nick Newman. Made in 2010 - hard-

hitting, macho, spoof documentary set in 2014 - exploring the fiasco that WAS the London Olympics. Stars Kevin Eldon. From 2010.

Producer: Martin Dempsey

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2014.

SAT 12:00 Children in Need: D for Dexter (b04p522x)

Series 1 Omnibus

by Amanda Whittington.

Skye is eleven years old and she lives with her brother Dexter, who's two and a half. And Spider the cat, and their Mum. But they're both usually out.

Skye looks after Dexter and plays with him. He likes it best when she plays her guitar, an electric guitar she found under a heap of clothes in her mum's bedroom. The bailiffs didn't take it even when they came back for the telly.

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, one of the highlights of programming for this week's BBC Children in Need appeal.

The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Skye...Sydney Wade

Dexter...Elsa Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Evan...Samuel Holland

Alice...Jane Thornton

Mags...Sarah Parks

Lin...Martha Godber

Guitar...Pip Moore

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery.

SAT 13:10 Inheritance Tracks (b04prn2x)

Rebecca Front

The Thick of It actress shares her love of 'They All Launched at Christopher Columbus' and why she will pass on Bach's concerto.

SAT 13:15 John Mortimer - Rumpole of the Bailey (b007jz59)

Rumpole and the Primrose Path

Recuperating at a nursing home, the barrister exposes some criminal practices. John Mortimer's dramatisation with Timothy West.

SAT 14:00 King Street Junior (b00tt953)

Series 1

Language Units

A difficult day for headmaster Mr Beeston, when a proposed unit for immigrant children produces more heat than the school central heating system.

Created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Ten series of this comedy about King Street Junior School ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Eric Brown Peter Davidson

Mr Beeston James Grouv

Mr Holliday Tom Watson

Mrs Stone Margaret John

Mr Long Paul Coley

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Ross Nick Stringer

Engineer Johnny Wade

Miss Sope Valerie Murray

Janet Pru Oliver

Tommy Desmond Askew

Maria Samantha Cahill

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

SAT 14:30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b044153k)

Series 4

Episode 2

The pernicious evil of shampoo and conditioner.

Starring the double double-acts of David Baddiel and Rob Newman and Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

With Mark Hurst.

BBC Radio 1's alternative comedy with sketches, stand-up and the odd spot of audience participation.

Starting in 1989, the foursome's popularity sparked a BBC TV-transfer of the same name.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in October 1990

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b011zkly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Sherlock Holmes (b04nht15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 16:45 Sherlock Holmes (b007jph3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SAT 17:30 Chain Reaction (b0118rbv)

Series 8

Rebecca Front interviews Chris Addison

Rebecca Front talks to her Thick Of It co-star and fellow Nude-a-phobe, comedian Chris Addison about working with Armando Iannucci and embracing his middle-classness through stand-up

Producer Carl Cooper

"In an unclotted state I look like a child has done a collage with some Twiglets".

Chris Addison

Other episodes in the chain include:

Rebecca Front being interviewed by the man who knows her best, her big brother, Jeremy Front.

diagnose a mysterious island sickness.
The key to the mystery seems to be an apparently simple-minded 18-year-old, Flora Kiery...
Starring Peter Cushing and Vincent Price.
Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.
John Cornelius Peter Cushing
Curtis Lark Vincent Price
Minister Donald Schooler Henry Stamper
Shirley Kyle Shirley Dixon
Flora Kiery Sandra Clarke
Mary Irene Sutcliffe
Police Sergeant Frazer Carr
Purser Andrew Sear
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.
SUN 19:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01chxyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nm0k5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00cmz01)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04p54n6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00y28q5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Clare in the Community (b00fyvqy)
Series 2
Meet the Press
International stardom beckons when the social worker appears on the radio. Stars Sally Phillips. From November 2005.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04stkn1)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Nick Doody.
SUN 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00x7glw)
Series 2
Episode 2
Deputy curator Rod holds a museum press conference, and Walter hits on Susie Maltby. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.
SUN 23:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007jrrn)
Snuff Radio
Sean and Hamish compete in a European Radio Drama competition.
Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley and Hamish McColl, the Right Size.
With:
Rose English
Count Arthur Strong
Chris Lerner
Mark Stevens
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014

MON 00:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b04p55c0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jltj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04p54n6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nm0k5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Stop Messing About! (b00cmz01)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00y28q5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 HRF Keating - The Murder of the Maharajah (b00vfhv3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b007jqp9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Captain Kidd and the First Fifteen (b04p54n4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 05:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04prn2x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:10 on Saturday]
MON 06:00 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116gvk)
Episode 5
Arthur Simpson, crook and spy, witnesses a vicious knife fight and waits for news of Fischer. Read by David Westhead.
MON 06:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076wt5)
Peter Schickele
4 Extra Debut. Musician and comedian Rainer Hersch talks to American satirist Peter Schickele about his musical humour. From January 2006.
MON 07:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007517q)
Series 4
Episode 1
Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue discuss property, holidays and their hopes for a TV award.
Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.
With:

Roger Blake
Emma Kennedy
Toby Longworth
Written by Hugh Rycroft and David Spicer from a format by Bill Dare.
Music by Mark Burton.
Producer: Aled Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b04nrmgx)
Series 7
Episode 6
This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Phill Jupitus welcome
Neil Innes, either a musical comedian or a comedy musician or possibly both. He was the third member of the surreal psychedelic jazz pop fusion combo the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band; is acknowledged as the seventh member of the Monty Python team; and was, according to some authorities, the 33rd member of the Beatles.
Dr Bradley Garrett, a writer, photographer urban explorer and researcher at Oxford University. He is perhaps the only academic whose studies have resulted in hanging onto a crane at the top of the Shard, being arrested on the tarmac at Heathrow for criminal damage and trespassing on private property over 300 times in more than eight countries.
Isabel Berneke, a scientist who grew up in the wild mountains of Chile but moved to the UK to study in London, Cambridge and Oxford. She's a doctor of cognitive and evolutionary anthropology, but her research interests include neuroscience, music, primatology, poetry, ethnology, complexity theory, behavioural ecology and hobbies.
This week, the Museum's Steering Committee discusses wrapping the Angel of the North up warm, penis fencing, the lowest-rated prime-time show in American TV history, London's secret rivers, what makes a tree laugh and why we should stupidity should be put in an institution.
The show was researched by James Harkin and Molly Oldfield of QI.
The producers were Richard Turner and Dan Schreiber.
MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)
Series 1
The Party
Kate's furious - why haven't they been invited to their friend's party?
A series based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Starring Richard Briens as George Starling and Prunella Scales as Kate Starling.
Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.
George Richard Briens
Kate Prunella Scales
With Rodney Diak, Audrey Nicholson, David Graham and David Morton.
Written by Richard Waring.
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1965.
MON 08:30 The Navy Lark (b007k0zg)
Series 1
An Exercise in Filming
HMS Troutbridge's chance of movie stardom is jeopardised, thanks to the navigational skills of Sub-Lieutenant Phillips! Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Caldicot as Commander Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Antony J Antony 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 June 1959.
MON 09:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)
Series 2
Adam Hart-Davis
Broadcaster, writer and science enthusiast, Adam Hart-Davis quizzes a panel about himself.
With Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Will Smith and Robin Ince.
Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.
Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield
Devised and produced by Aled Evans.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.
MON 09:30 The Castle (b01j8gy1)
Series 4
Highlights and Twilights
Hie ye to The Castle, a rollicking sitcom set way back then, starring James Fleet ("The Vicar Of Dibley"), Neil Dudgeon ("Life Of Riley"), Martha Howe-Douglas ("Horrible Histories") & Ingrid Oliver ("Watson & Oliver")
The village of Woodstock receives two mysterious visitors - one deathly pale and one deathly orange. Meanwhile, Lady Anne meets the love that dare not speak its name and Sir John meets the love that can speak its name but can't pronounce it properly
Sir John Woodstock James Fleet
Sir William De Warenne Neil Dudgeon
Lady Anne Woodstock Martha Howe-Douglas
Cardinal Duncan Jonathan Kydd
Lady Charlotte Ingrid Oliver

Master Henry Woodstock Steven Kynman
Bates Lewis Macleod
with special guest
Amy De Childs Jess Robinson
Written by Kim Fuller & Paul Alexander
Music by Guy Jackson
Produced and directed by David Tyler.
MON 10:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00tp95x)
The Inheritance
Hugh Conway's old acquaintances try to discover if there's any truth behind his Shangri-La adventure. Stars Derek Jacobi.
MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00yj88f)
Virginia Woolf - Mrs Dalloway's Party
Mrs Dalloway in Bond Street
Fascinated and preoccupied by the idea of this social event, Virginia Woolf wrote this story sequence around the same time as writing the novel Mrs Dalloway.
In each of these three stories, glimpse each character's inner most thoughts and emotions, as Woolf depicts the intriguing social world of Mrs Dalloway's party in microscopic detail. This story, follows Mrs Dalloway as she runs errands and prepares for the party she's hosting...
Read by Sylvestra Le Touzel
Abridged by Miranda Davies
Producer: Lucy Collingwood
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04p54yg)
Alan Cumming, Jake Chapman, Jan Ravens, The Growlers, PHOX
Clive Anderson is joined by Alan Cumming, Jake Chapman, Donny Osmond, Jan Ravens and Emma Freud for an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy. With music from The Growlers and PHOX.
Producer: Debbie Kilbride.
MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b007k0zg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0116gvk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076wt5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Sue Townsend - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b0153w4w)
Episode 6
Adrian turns 14 at last, but his landmark birthday is nothing like he expected. Nicholas Barnes reads Sue Townsend's book.
MON 14:15 A History of the Brain (b016w808)
A Hole in the Head
Dr Geoff Bunn's 10 part History of the Brain is a journey through 5000 years of our understanding of the most complex thing in the known universe. From Neolithic times to the present day, Geoff journeys through the many ideas of what the brain is for and how it fulfils its functions. While referencing the core physiology and neuroscience, this is a cultural, not a scientific history. What soon becomes obvious is that our understanding of this most inscrutable organ has in all periods been coloured by the social and political expedients of the day no less than by the contemporary scope of scientific or biological exploration.
In Episode 1: A Hole in the Head, the focus is on trepanation, the practice of drilling holes in the skull believing that such operations might correct physiological or spiritual problems. Trepanation reveals much about the understanding of the brain from Neolithic to recent times. The Ancient Egyptians, however, rarely trepanned, even though their Secret Book of the Physician, one of the oldest medical texts in the world, shows that they recognised how damage to the brain can paralyze limbs on opposite sides of the body. Believing the heart to be the core organ, they discarded the brain altogether at death, since it had no part to play in the afterlife.
The series is written and presented by Dr Geoff Bunn of Manchester Metropolitan University. Actors Paul Bhattacharjee and Jonathan Forbes provide the voices of those who have written about the brain across the ages. Actor Hattie Morahan gives the Anatomy Lesson establishing the part of the brain to be highlighted in each episode - in this instance the cranium and the meninges. The original, atmospheric score is supplied by composer, Barney Quinton. The producer is Marya Burgess.
MON 14:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mgr64)
Ladies of Letters Log On
Episode 6
With Irene away, Vera invites a tarot card reader onto the show. With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales. From May 2001.
MON 14:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04pbqfy)
Episode 6
Blake Morrison reads more from his tribute to a cantankerous father. Competition between parent and child increases. From May 1994.
MON 15:00 James Hilton - Lost Horizon (b00tp95x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04pbqrx)
Blacksmiths, Baby Talk and Birdwatching
Mel Giedroyc gets a guide to the fascinating world of bird-watching and brings you the next part of Anna Sewell's classic story Black Beauty.
MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00kmys6)

The dear ladies reside in the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressell. This was the genteel setting for three Radio 4 series between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on Radio 2 until 1990. In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.
 Dame Hilda Brackett George Logan
 Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe
 Brigadier Roland Baines Michael Bates
 Captain Frobisher Donald Hewlett
 Scripted by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.
 Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1977.
TUE 17:30 Babbalewick Hall (b04p56x5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:00 Act Your Age (b010mrzk)
 Series 3
 Episode 6
 Simon Mayo hosts the three-way battle between the comedy generations to find out which is the funniest. Will it be the Up-and-Comers, the Current Crop or the Old Guard who will be crowned, for one week at least, as the Golden Age of Comedy. This week Holly Walsh is joined by Andrew Lawrence, Rufus Hound teams up with Paul Foot and Ted Robbins is paired with Stu Francis.
 Devised and Produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.
TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b04pc255)
 Alan Coren
 Alan Coren talks to Robin Ray about which pieces of music stir his emotions.
 From Annette Mills to Louis Armstrong, the humourist, writer and broadcaster also shares memories of his life and career.
 Producer: Andrew Mussett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00f6gsn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 Doctor at Large (b009m43k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112cyc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076wxd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Ian McEwan - Atonement (b00766jz)
 Episode 7
 Briony sets out to search for the missing twins. Sian Thomas continues reading Ian McEwan's acclaimed study of the power of the imagination.
TUE 21:15 Sheila Goff - A Long Time Dead (b0076pjl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04ntvv9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 The Headset Set (b01206cg)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 It's Sailesh's first day as team leader at Smile5, the mail order catalogue company selling everything from Rolex watches to lawnmowers, from financial products to phone and broadband, from holidays to health insurance.
 And somewhere in a brown-field wasteland, miles from the nearest town, it runs one of the largest call centres operating in the UK. This is the world of The Headset Set.
 Eavesdrop on both sides of the bizarre, horrific and ludicrous phone calls when customers call in as events unfold with company staff.
 Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu
 Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith
 Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Houl
 Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Paul sharma
 Various Philip Fox
 Writers: James kettle, Stephen Carlin, Andy Wolton, Ben Partridge, Colin Houl, Dan Tetsell, Dale Shaw, Kevin Core, Rob Gilroy and Tom Neenan
 Script editor: Dan Tetsell
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04tps1k)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Jon Holmes chats to Luisa Omielan.
TUE 23:00 The Mel and Sue Thing (b0076b3z)
 Episode 5
 Virginia Wade and Tim Henman talk politics, Sweet Fanny Adams talks, well, sweetly, and Lovejoy and Bergerac talk nonsense.
 Plus the penultimate episode of Jane Austen's lost novella, Sweet Fanny Adams, still cruelly ignored by the critics as a work of minor importance
 More mayhem from Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.
 With Paul Chahidi
 Written by Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.
TUE 23:30 Vent (b00svcbq)
 Series 1
 Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go
 Ben doesn't get out much, but he has a loving and attentive family, an active imagination and a comfortable bed, so he can't complain.
 Because he's in a coma, Mary and Mum wonder whether some of his favourite music will wake him up, while his own thoughts

are occupied with visions of Sue Lawley, Robbie Williams - and an unconventional seduction technique.
 Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith.
 Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg.
 With Mark Perry, Dave Lamb, Jo Martin, Tim Whitnall, Hils Barker and Kim Wall.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014

WED 00:00 Sue Townsend - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b0154xfj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:15 A History of the Brain (b016wzrd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mh0fc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 00:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04pc07k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Act Your Age (b010mrzk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 The Tingle Factor (b04pc255)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Eric Ambler - Topkapi (b0112cyc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076wxd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04cfzxy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00yjcjr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:15 Sheila Goff - A Long Time Dead (b0076pjl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Brackett (b00s6rcf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 Babbalewick Hall (b04p56x5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b0071tkg)
 Paul Temple and the Margo Mystery
 The Coat
 A dangerous web of lies and murder awaits Paul Temple when his wife Steve disappears...
 Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
 With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes, Simon Lack as Superintendent Raine, Tommy Duggan as Mike Langdon, James Beattie as Charlie, June Tobin as Linda Kelburn, Jon Rollason as Tony Wyman and Mary Wimbush as the Telephone Operator.
 From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.
 Producer: Martin C Webster
 First heard on the BBC Light Programme in 1961.
WED 06:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076x0q)
 The Comedian Harmonists
 Musical comedian Rainer Hersch investigates the 1930s German comedy singing sensations. From February 2006.
WED 07:00 Change at Ogletorpe (b007k0mg)
 The Unquiet American
 An exciting new engine could soon be running on the quiet rural railway - but there's a big catch. How can the staff make Ogletorpe look like a busy, modern station?
 Peter Davison and Michael Williams star in Peter Morfoot's railway sitcom.
 David Peter Davison
 Rocket Michael Williams
 June Rosemary Martin
 Points Philippa Wilson
 Hattie Madge Hindle
 Sodd Chris Emmett
 York Don Fellows
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1995.
WED 07:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qlhjh)
 Series 2
 The Literary Festival
 Damien and Anthony arrive at a literary festival to promote Damien's book about the culinary habits of the Great Poets. Despite the charming hotel and the peaceful surroundings, the cookery writer can barely disguise his chagrin at his talk being in a tent smaller to other writers he considers lesser than him. But he soon has the opportunity to get the audience he feels he deserves when a fellow author is knocked unconscious and Damien is asked to fill in. But can he rise to the occasion?
 Written by Miles Jupp.
 Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony MacIveny Justin Edwards
 Gary McDade Ben Crowe
 Sound Man Ben Crowe
 Bill Trumpetz Toby Longworth
 The Lady Sarah Thom
 Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.
WED 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007js2t)
 Series 4
 Is Britain Going the Burkiss Way? Part 2
 The Martians Are Coming! Or are they? Is this a spoof? Or a spoof of a spoof?
 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: David Hatch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.
WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00rxf3m)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 The Archers sell up - and Admiral Lord Nelson's diary.
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.
 Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
 Written by John Esmond and Bob Larbey, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle, David & Peter Lund 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.
 Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1966.
WED 09:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Anthony Holden, Lucy Moore, Richard Herring and Louise Doughty. From October 2005.
WED 09:30 Safety Catch (b00fgq18)
 Series 1
 A Wanting Man
 Simon wonders whether to stay faithful to his girlfriend, when he suspects a friend of his sister may be attracted to him.
 Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath.
 Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality. Simon is essentially a nice man who also happens to be an arms dealer.
 With:
 Joanna Page
 Lewis MacLeod
 Sarah Smart
 Brigit Forsyth
 Catherine Shepherd
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
WED 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04d4w69)
 11-15 August 1914
 As Britain declares war on Austria-Hungary, Folkestone tries to rally flagging tourism whilst waving local troops off to the front.
 Written by: Katie Hims & Sean Moffatt
 Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews
 Music by: Matthew Strachan
 Sound: Martha Littlehales
 Directed and produced by: Lucy Collingwood
 Editor: Jessica Dromgoole
 Home Front is a ground-breaking Radio Four radio drama - its biggest ever - set in Britain during 1914-18, playing a central role in the BBC's comprehensive offering to mark the centenaries of the First World War.
 An enthralling fiction, set against a backdrop of fact. Each episode is set a hundred years to the day before broadcast, and follows one character's day. Together they create a mosaic of experience from a wide cross-section of British society, and a playful treasure hunt, with historical truths hidden in each story.
 Season One is set in Folkestone, a fashionable Edwardian seaside resort that quickly became one of the hubs of the military machine, and close enough to France to hear the fighting. Future seasons will be set in Newcastle and Devon, telling the major stories of wartime Britain.
WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00yjs47)
 Virginia Woolf - Mrs Dalloway's Party
 The New Dress
 Fascinated and preoccupied by the idea of this social event, Virginia Woolf wrote this story sequence around the same time as writing the novel Mrs Dalloway.
 In each of these three stories written in Woolf's distinctive style, glimpse each character's inner most thoughts and emotions as Woolf depicts the intriguing social world of Mrs Dalloway's party in microscopic detail.
 In 'The New Dress', Mabel chooses a new yellow dress of a different style to wear to Mrs Dalloway's party. However, the moment she arrives she feels wishes she hadn't.

Read by Amanda Root
Abridged by Miranda Davies
Producer: Lucy Collingwood
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
WED 11:15 Drama (b010t6h0)
Katie Hims - Lost Property
The Wrong Label
by Katie Hims. London, 1941, and Alice knows that to stop your children from being evacuated is to tantamount to siding with Hitler.
Cast
Narrator Rosie Cavaliero
Alice Alex Tregear
Queenie Katie Angelou
Ray Daniel Cooper
Jim Daniel Rabin
Mr Nightingale Stuart McLoughlin
Miss Pearl Bethan Walker
Miss Stanwyck Sally Orrock
Mr Jones Sean Baker
Mrs Jones Joanna Monro
Directed by Jessica Drumgoole
The Wrong Label is part one of a trilogy of plays by acclaimed radio dramatist Katie Hims charting one family's traigi-comic history of heartbreak and redemption. The trilogy won the 2011 BBC Audio Drama Award for Best Drama, where Rosie Cavaliero also picked up the Best Actress award.
WED 12:00 The Burksiss Way (b007js2t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00rxf3m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Paul Temple (b007t1kq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076x0q)
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WED 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole (b007js5c)
The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole
Episode 1
It's 1982 and the Falklands War is underway, but Adrian has other matters on his mind. Sue Townsend's book read by Nicholas Barnes.
WED 14:15 A History of the Brain (b016x234)
The Origin of Common Sense
Dr Geoff Bunn's 10 part History of the Brain is a journey through 5000 years of our understanding of this complex organ in our heads. From Neolithic times to the present day, he reveals the contemporary beliefs about what the brain is for and how it fulfils its functions.
While referencing the core physiology and neuroscience, this is a cultural, not a scientific history. What soon becomes obvious is that our understanding of this most inscrutable organ has in all periods been coloured by the social and political expediends of the day no less than by the contemporary scope of scientific or biological exploration.
In Episode 3: The Origin of Common Sense, the focus is on Ancient Rome with Galen's 'animal spirits' gently inflating the ventricles and making thought possible, and on how early Christian scholarship placed the soul in the brain's ventricles. But with the Dark Ages, it was Islamic scholars who continued to explore the brain: Al Razi studied apoplexy or stroke, while Ibn Sina proposed that thoughts travelled through the brain in a predictable sequence and identified the 'common sense' in the front ventricle.
The series is entirely written and presented by Dr Geoff Bunn of Manchester Metropolitan University, with actors Paul Bhattacharjee and Jonathan Forbes providing the voices of those who have written about the brain from Ancient Egypt to the present day, and actor Hattie Morahan giving the Anatomy Lesson which establishes the part of the brain to be highlighted in each episode - in this instance the ventricles. The original, atmospheric score is supplied by composer, Barney Quinton.
Producer: Marya Burgess.
WED 14:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mhlp2)
Ladies of Letters Log On
Episode 8
Can Irene get to the bottom of the story about her son? With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales. From May 2001.
WED 14:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04pckgz)
Episode 8
Blake Morrison reads more from his tribute to a cantankerous father. Blake studies his mother's reaction to death. From May 1994.
WED 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04d4w69)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04pckg1)
Sarah Millican and Vincent Van Gogh
Mel Giedroyc paints a portrait of the amazing life of Vincent Van Gogh and introduces comedian Sarah Millican's Inheritance Tracks.
WED 17:00 Life in London (b01167w4)
In Training for a Swell
A tour of the sprawling post-Regency Metropolis in the years before the Victorians turned up and made everything boring All in the company of garrulous author Pierce Egan, cocksure urbanite Corinthian Tom, his naive Somerset cousin Jerry Hawthorn and their drunken compatriot Bob Logic.
Starring Greg Wise, Mark Gatiss and James Bachman.

Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.
Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern
Corinthian Tom Greg Wise
Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss
Bob Logic James Bachman
Old Hawthorn Christopher Douglas
Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbingdon
Mrs Belcher Laura Shavin
Mr Primefit Dave Lamb
Music: Ben Walker
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.
WED 17:30 Change at Oglethorpe (b007k0mg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076g49)
Superstition
Matthew Parris talks to journalists George Dobell Lilian Pizzichini and singer Tony Cassidy about absurd beliefs.
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 Peter Everett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
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WED 21:00 Ian McEwan - Atonement (b00766kj)
Episode 8
Briony tells her story, and all must live by the consequences.
Sian Thomas reads Ian McEwan's novel of childhood, love and terrible power of the imagination.
WED 21:15 Drama (b010t6h0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qlhjh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Danny Robins Music Therapy (b00fgts9)
Episode 1
Danny Robins harnesses the power of music to improve the world to help humanity - and a dormouse.
With Isy Suttie, beatboxer Beardyman and the Finchley Children's Music Group.
Written by Danny Robins with Isy Suttie and Danielle Ward.
Producer: Ben Walker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.
WED 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010mztl)
Series 3
Episode 4
Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.
With Billy Jenkins, Kevin Eldon, Imran Yusef plus poetry from Kate Fox
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
WED 23:30 The Skivers (b007tqph)
Series 1
Ken Campbell
Action from Ancient Greece to 221B Baker Street.
Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Ken Campbell
Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.
With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b007t1kq)
Paul Temple and the Margo Mystery
Concerning Ted Angus
The suave sleuth tries to connect his wife's kidnapping with a body dressed in a coat.
Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
With James Beattie as Charlie, Tommy Duggan as Mike Langdon, Simon Lack as Superintendent Raine, Hugh Manning as Larry Cross, Jon Rollason as Tony Wyman, June Tobin as Linda Kelburn, Julian Somers as George Kelburn and Tom Watson as Ted Angus.
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Producer: Martin C Webster
First heard on the BBC Light Programme in 1961.
THU 06:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076x3y)
Spike Jones
Comedian Rainer Hersch finds out more about the 40s and 50s American big-band musical comic, 'the man who murdered music'. From February 2006.
THU 07:00 The Elephant Man (b007jsfj)
Endangered Species
Terry Lyon, assistant head keeper of Southwood Zoo, trusts animals because most people think he's a waste of space. But as the zoo lurches towards bankruptcy, his future looks bleak.
DA Barham's eight-part sitcom stars Peter Serafinowicz.
Terry Peter Serafinowicz
Leonard Chris Emmett
Maureen Geraldine Fitzgerald
Derek Wayne Forester
George Geoff Fitzgerald
Stephanie Joanna Munro
Adam Richard Pearce
DA Barham - alias Debbie Ann - used her gently gender-obscured writing name. Aged just 15, she'd sent in comedy scripts to the BBC. She tragically died in 2003 from heart failure due to anorexia, aged just 26.
In her short, brilliant comedy career, she'd written for The News Huddlines, Spitting Image, The News Quiz, Weekend, Loose Ends, as well as big names like Bob Monkhouse, Graham Norton, Rory Bremner and Clive Anderson.
Producer: Richard Wilson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1996.
THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b04nfv5n)
Series 4
Episode 5
John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-upper in things like Miranda, records a fourth series of his hit sketch show. 5/6: This penultimate edition of the series presents the only detectives who've not had their own TV show yet; a well-disguised sketch about the residents of the savannah; and a revolutionary email exchange..
The first series of John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme was described as "sparkingly clever" by The Daily Telegraph and "one of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" by The Guardian. The second series won Best Radio Comedy at both the Chortle and Comedy.co.uk awards, and was nominated for a Radio Academy award. The third series actually won a Radio Academy award.
In this fourth series, John has written more sketches, like the sketches from the other series. Not so much like them that they feel stale and repetitious; but on the other hand not so different that it feels like a misguided attempt to completely change the show. Quite like the old sketches, in other words, but about different things and with different jokes. (Although it's a pretty safe bet some of them will involve talking animals.)
Written by and starring ... John Finnemore
Also featuring ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.
Producer ... Ed Morrish.
THU 08:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007k2kl)
Pike in Love
Mrs Pike asks Arthur to talk to her son, Frank about the birds and bees...
A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.
Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier
Frank Pike Ian Lavender
Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee
Miss Perkins Vivienne Martin
Avril Carol Hawkins
Mavis Pike Janet Davies

Telephone Engineer Gordon Salkild
Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1983.
THU 08:30 Listen to Les (b007wiff)
From 31/01/1982
Les Dawson reveals the joy of being a father and how to tackle rising crime rates - plus another special piano sing-along.
With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.
Music by Brian Fitzgerald.
Scripted and produced by James Casey.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.
THU 09:00 Heresy (b018fll7)
Series 8
Episode 4
Victoria Coren presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.
Her guests this week are comedians Rufus Hound and Dr Phil Hammond and writer and broadcaster Germaine Greer.
Together they have fun exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events.
GP, Dr Phil Hammond enthusiastically argues against the received wisdom that people should not self-diagnose using the internet, pointing out that statistically doctors only just beat the internet in getting it right. Germaine Greer offers some constructive if controversial advice for self-diagnosers who get it wrong: 'Just die!'
Germaine also refutes the belief that the sixties were a great time to be young by cheerfully recalling the decade as a time of police repression and sexually-transmitted diseases.
And Rufus Hound pours scorn on the suggestion that the best Christmas presents are the ones you make yourself. He warns Victoria Coren that if she turns up at his house on Christmas Day with a gift she has baked herself, he will ask her to leave.
Producer: Brian King
A Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)
Series 1
The Unmentionable
A nasty moment for Bernard in the granny flat or is the landladies' daddy only joking?
Sue Limb's sitcom about events at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes star as sisters Alison and Maud.
Alison Denise Coffey
Maud Miriam Margolyes
Fathe Joss Ackland
Mr Mullett Chris Emmett
Bernard Geoffrey Whitehead
Leslie Nickolas Grace
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.
THU 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04dqwz4)
18-22 August 1914
The week that Folkestone welcomed the first wave of Belgian refugees, fleeing the war.

Written by Sebastian Baczkiewicz
Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews
Music: Matthew Strachan
Sound: Martha Littlehales
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.
THU 11:00 Original Shorts (b00vhgcf)
Series 4
Angels
Adam Thorpe's intriguing story, specially written for Original Shorts, is set within a monastery in the French Alps. Brother Dominique wakes from a powerful dream - almost certain he has had a vision of an angel.
Those wings seemed very persuasive as they descended, beating in a golden blur. But when the local blacksmith and his son come up the mountain to repair the great oak cross that stands at the top of the pasture, the monk begins to have doubts.
What was the real meaning of his dream? Did it represent something more worrying? The answer is surprising and, in Adam Godley's heartfelt reading, strangely moving.
Director: Martin Jarvis
A Jarvis & Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 11:15 Drama (b010xzzm)
Katie Hims - Lost Property
The Year My Mother Went Missing
It's 1979, and it's not the first time that Ruthie's mother Queenie has gone missing, but usually she leaves a note. The second in Katie Hims' trilogy of plays.
Cast
Narrator Rosie Cavaliero
Ruthie Shannon Flynn
Vincent Ceallach Spellman
Marcus Elliot Griffiths
Dad Ralph Ineson
Ray Daniel Rabin
Alice Jane Whittenshaw
Queenie Sally Orrock
PC O'Hara Stuart McLoughlin
DI Driscoll Sean Baker
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole

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THU 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole (b007js5p)
The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole
Episode 2
Intrigued by his parents' perturbing behaviour, Adrian realises there's something he hasn't yet seen. Read by Nicholas Barnes.
THU 14:15 A History of the Brain (b016x2k4)
Spirits in the Material World
Dr Geoff Bunn's 10 part History of the Brain is a journey through 5000 years of our understanding of this complex organ in our heads. From Neolithic times to the present day, he reveals the contemporary beliefs about what the brain is for and how it fulfils its functions.
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In Episode 4: Spirits in the Material World, the focus is on Thomas Willis, the 17th century physician after whom the 'Circle of Willis' - the circuit of arteries supplying blood to the brain - is named. Willis' Anatomy of the Brain and Nerves was a groundbreaking attempt to correlate brain anatomy with mental function. A friend of Christopher Wren, the humbly-born Willis was one of the founder members of the Royal Society. Yet his ideas were not universally accepted. The Cambridge philosopher, Henry More, considered the brain no more than 'a bowl of curds', with no possibility that it could house reason.
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Producer: Marya Burgess.
THU 14:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mhmm1)
Ladies of Letters Log On
Episode 9
Vera's family works out their problems on live television. With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales. From May 2001.
THU 14:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04pctfp)
Episode 9
Blake Morrison reads more from his tribute to a cantankerous father. Blake finally confronts the titular question. From May 1994. Episode 9 of 9.
THU 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04dqwz4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04pcv7d)
Clowns and Windsor Castle
Mel Giedroyc puts on her best floppy shoes and explores the origins of the red nose clown. Plus memories of the night in 1992 when Windsor Castle nearly burned down.
THU 17:00 No Commitments (b00s8fxq)
Series 3
Time Shift
Charlotte surprises her sisters with her new younger lover.
Simon Brett's sitcom stars Rosemary Leach. From November 1994.
THU 17:30 The Elephant Man (b007jsfp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 Heresy (b018fll7)
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THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076bnh)
Series 2
Benedict Spinoza
Nobel Prize-winning chemist Sir Harry Kroto chooses the philosopher Spinoza. With Humphrey Carpenter.
The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life? From 2002.
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THU 21:00 Ian McEwan - Atonement (b0076610)
Episode 9
Time has passed, and Robbie is serving in the military. Sian Thomas continues reading Ian McEwan's novel about love and war.
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THU 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b04nrvf5n)
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THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (b014ggggx)
Series 3
Jo Caulfield
My Teenage Diary returns with four more brave celebrities ready to revisit their formative years by opening up their intimate teenage diaries, and reading them out in public for the very first time.
Rufus Hound is joined by comedian Jo Caulfield whose diaries describe her joining a terrible rockabilly band as drummer - despite the fact she can't play the drums.
Producer: Harriet Jaïne
A Talkback Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04tpsqr)
The best in contemporary comedy. Plus, Jon Holmes chats again to Luisa Omielan.
THU 23:00 At Home With The Snails (b00cbcpb)
Series 2
Episode 4
After faking their deaths, can George and Beverly finally manage to reunite their family?
Conclusion of Gerard Foster's comedy drama
George Geoffrey Palmer
Beverley Angela Thorne
Alex Gerard Foster
Rose Miranda Hart
Hosana Debra Stephenson
Leboeuf Dave Lamb
Yates Tim Verrinder
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqk5)
1995
Sponsoring the British Army, the impact of total European integration - and the House of Commons votes for the Honesty Act...
Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Chris Barrie 'look back' at the rest of 1990s yet to happen - starting with 1995.
A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.
Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Caroline Leddy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

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FRI 00:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole (b007js5p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:15 A History of the Brain (b016x2k4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mhmm1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 00:45 Blake Morrison - And When Did You Last See Your Father? (b04pctfp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Heresy (b018fll7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b0076bnh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Paul Temple (b007t1qq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 All the Right Notes, Not Necessarily in the Right Order (b0076x3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04dqwz4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Original Shorts (b00vhgcf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:15 Drama (b010xzzm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 No Commitments (b00s8fxq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Elephant Man (b007jsfp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007t1qq)
Paul Temple and the Margo Mystery
A Change of Mind
The debonair sleuth needs to find out why he's been asked to halt his murder investigation...
Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
With Simon Lack as Superintendent Raine, James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes, Jon Rollason as Tony Wymann, Tommy Duggan as Mike Langdon, Julian Somers as George Kelburn, Joan Matheson as Mrs Fletcher, William Bedle as Bill Fletcher,

Mary Wimbush as Dr Benkaray, Hugh Manning as Larry Cross and Tom Watson as Ted Angus.
 From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.
 Producer: Martin C Webster
 First heard on the BBC Light Programme in 1961.
FRI 06:30 Celebrating Cecilia! (b00fgsm1)
 Catherine Bott tells the story of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, examining her role as martyr, saint and muse and as the inspiration for some of the great works of music and literature, including work by Handel, Purcell and Benjamin Britten and Chaucer, Pope and Dryden. Catherine learns of Cecilia's gruesome martyrdom and subsequent place in history and witnesses preparations for the annual festival concert staged in her honour.
FRI 07:00 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04pcw9j)
 A Folk Song for Europe
 The Dublin theatrical costumiers get embroiled in rivalry between two Lancashire clog troupes.
 Christopher Fitz-Simon's five-part comedy.
 Dessie Doyle David Kelly
 Violet Doyle Pauline McLynn
 Antony Gogan Eugene O'Brien
 Mr McNamara Frank Kelly
 Mona Scrummitt Noreen Kershaw
 Mr Witherspoon Dave Hill
 Belfast Woman Maureen Dow
 Music played by John Trotter.
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Roland Jaquarello.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.
FRI 07:30 Hal (b04p5v11)
 Series 1
 Career
 Comedian Hal Cruttenden stars as a stay at home father who is having a mid-life crisis.
 Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland.
 With Dominic Holland, Ronni Ancona, Ed Byrne, Anna Crilly, Jonathan Kydd, Gavin Webster, Dominic Frisby, Samuel Caseley, Lucy Robbins and Emily Robbins.
 Hal stars as himself, married to Sam and father to two lovely girls. The problem is that, as Sam's career blossoms internationally and daughters Lilly and Molly grow up and are no longer dependent on their loving and caring father, Hal feels restless.
 So, with the help of his ever unreliable mates Doug, Fergus and Barry, Hal decides to try new things in his life. But, inevitably, things don't go to plan!
 Further challenges come from Hal's now deceased father, who was a true adventurer and all-round hero (something his son sadly is not) and is starting to appear to Hal at the most inopportune times to give unwelcome advice.
 In this opening episode, Hal is arranging a special romantic getaway for Sam with some difficulty. Lilly and Molly are becoming almost strangers to Hal, his friend Fergus thinks he's finally found love, and Hal is forced to replace Sam in making a talk at the girls' school as Sam has to go on a work trip abroad.
 Producer: Paul Russell
 An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2014.
FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)
 Series 1
 The Boxing Champion
 When the lad hits the gym, he knocks down a prize boxer completely by chance - which gives Sid an idea...
 Starring Tony Hancock. With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Paul Carpenter.
 Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.
FRI 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zf3p3)
 The Ship That Wagged Its Tail
 The bumbling bureaucrats are all at sea making headlines in a mix-up over dogs and boats.
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Starring Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
 Number One Deryck Guyler
 Number Two Richard Murdoch
 Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald
 With John Graham.
 Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
 '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.
 Producer: Edward Taylor.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1969.
FRI 09:00 Jest a Minute (b013f0vy)
 Series 1

Episode 6
 Justin Moorhouse, Greg Davies, Chris Corcoran and Lucy Porter star in Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz. From September 2006.
FRI 09:30 Rent (b04pcxh5)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 When Paul delivers an ultimatum to Ruby, a visit to a fortune-teller with Maria tells them more than they bargained for.
 Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about the struggles of Maria and Richard and their lodgers.
 Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard who take in lodgers.
 Maria Barbara Flynn
 Richard Patrick Barlow
 Amy Linda Polan
 Paul Toby Longworth
 Madame Terry Sally Grace
 With Sarah Parkinson, Vivienne Rochester, Joanna Brookes and Matthew Bell.
 Producer: Liz Anstee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.
FRI 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04fchmg)
 25-29 August 1914
 With the first war-wounded arriving home through Folkestone, the locals attempt to boost morale with a fundraising event.
 Written by: Shaun McKenna
 Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews
 Music: Matthew Strachan
 Sound: Martha Littlehailes
 Directed and produced by: Lucy Collingwood
 Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.
FRI 11:00 Original Shorts (b00vhjg)
 Series 4
 Keeping Mum
 Jill Gascoine gives a funny and touching performance as Brenda, in Rob Green's specially written short story.
 Brenda is a kind, careworn woman of uncertain years who has been caring for her demanding old Mother for most of her life. But Brenda's a romantic and she's still hoping that her own life might begin sometime, somehow.
 She'd love to find her 'Rock'. Perhaps Tom, a porter from the local hospital, could fit the bill? Not if Mum has anything to do with it. Hang on, though, does Mum have a hidden agenda?
 Director: Martin Jarvis
 A Jarvis & Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b01121fb)
 Katie Hims - Lost Property
 A Telegram From the Queen
 For Alice's 100th birthday present, her granddaughter Ruthie sets out to put her family back together again. The final play in Katie Hims' trilogy of heartbreak and redemption.
 Cast
 Ruthie Rosie Cavaliero
 Alice Edna Doré
 Ted Gary Beadle
 Vincent Daniel Rabin
 Marcus Stuart McLoughlin
 Ray Sean Baker
 Queenie Jane Whittenshaw
 Roseanna Alex Tregear
 Ella May Joanna Monro
 Receptionist Sally Orrock
 Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
 Edna Doré stars in A Telegram from the Queen, the final play in this trilogy by acclaimed radio dramatist Katie Hims charting one family's tragic-comic history of heartbreak and redemption. The trilogy won the 2011 BBC Audio Drama Award for Best Drama, where Rosie Cavaliero also picked up the Best Actress award.
FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zf3p3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Paul Temple (b007t1qp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Celebrating Cecilia! (b00fgsm1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole (b007js60)
 The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole
 Episode 3
 Adrian's mother is pregnant, and there's a battle to choose the family holiday. Will Adrian's dad get his way? Read by Nicholas Barnes.
FRI 14:15 A History of the Brain (b016x4t1)
 The Spark of Being
 Dr Geoff Bunn's 10 part History of the Brain is a journey through 5000 years of our understanding of this complex organ in our heads. From Neolithic times to the present day, he reveals the contemporary beliefs about what the brain is for and how it fulfils its functions.
 While referencing the core physiology and neuroscience, this is a cultural, not a scientific history. What soon becomes obvious is that our understanding of this most inscrutable organ has in all periods been coloured by the social and political expedients of the day no less than by the contemporary scope of scientific or biological exploration.
 In Episode 5: The Spark of Being, the focus is on electricity and

communication, within the brain and between the brain and the rest of the body. When John Walsh showed, in 1776, that an eel could generate electricity, it became possible that human consciousness also relied on sparks fizzing within the brain.
 Coming at a time when Benjamin Franklin - an acknowledged expert on electricity - was signing the Declaration of Independence which asserted that all men are created equal, it generated a new perspective on the workings of the brain; the old hierarchical model was discarded in favour of the doctrine of equipotentiality.
 The series is entirely written and presented by Dr Geoff Bunn of Manchester Metropolitan University, with actors Paul Bhattacharjee and Jonathan Forbes providing the voices of those who have written about the brain from Ancient Egypt to the present day, and actor Hattie Morahan giving the Anatomy Lesson which establishes the part of the brain to be highlighted in each episode - in this instance the Corpus Callosum. The original, atmospheric score is supplied by composer, Barney Quinton.
 Producer: Marya Burgess.
FRI 14:30 Ladies of Letters (b01mhqbj)
 Ladies of Letters Log On
 Episode 10
 How will the relationship merry-go-round resolve itself? With Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales. From May 2001.
FRI 14:45 Short stories by DH Lawrence (b007k22t)
 Her Turn
 When her husband's colliery goes on strike, a wife attempts to gain a share of his strike pay. Read by Peter Meakin.
FRI 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04fchmg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04pczcp)
 City horses and pet names
 Mel Giedroyc is mucking about with a tour of the city horse stables in Hyde Park. Plus, there's the final part of Anna Sewell's classic tale Black Beauty.
FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007jpwj)
 Series 3
 Poor Relations
 "No, they're lovely. They'd never make me feel awkward. They'll keep inviting me, even if I never ask them back. That's not the problem. It's my pride. I want to be equal with them. I don't want to traipse around in their wake like something out of Anita Brookner."
 Proud Sarah suffers her mother's nosiness, as well as some unexpected advances.
 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
 Neville Ian Thompson
 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 1987.
FRI 17:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04pcw9j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:00 Jest a Minute (b013f0vy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00tmh4)
 Series 1
 Andrew O'Hagan
 Andrew O'Hagan's first novel was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and his latest novel is making its way to Hollywood. Now a successful author living in London, Andrew reveals to Stuart Cosgrove the five most significant books in his life. As well as revealing his literary secrets, he tells Stuart why he scoured the streets of Bel Air chasing the story of a dog, why he thought London was a lot like Paisley and how he managed to nurture a love of books when the only book in his childhood home was the Kilmarnock phone directory.
FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zf3p3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Paul Temple (b007t1qp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Celebrating Cecilia! (b00fgsm1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Ian McEwan - Atonement (b00766f)
 Episode 10
 The retreat to Dunkirk means Robbie's fortunes hang in the balance. Sian Thomas reads Ian McEwan's novel about love and war.
FRI 21:15 Drama (b01121fb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
FRI 22:00 Hal (b04p5v11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Party (b01n1qyg)
 Series 3
 The Splits
 The budding politicians are on their way to research for the by-election.
 Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Anna Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

European Man . Jot Davies

Producer: Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 2012.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04vdk5)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Nina Conti.

FRI 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dsy7d)

Series 1

Isy Suttie

Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for a brand new series of music and comedy. This time they make music on the subject of 'hard water'; shine a spotlight on the troubled life of the double bassist and reveal the haunting sound of the 'ocarina'. The band are joined by guest comedian Isy Suttie who persuades Alex to sing in a duet...

Producer Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b012fqnb)

Series 1

Episode 3

An untimely death causes a lifestyle rethink for the Manchester DJ.

Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.

Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.

Despite his messy life, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity, "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Anne Reid Gran

Bernard Wrigley Sven

Christine Bottomley Lisa

Jim Poyser Vicar

Justin Moorhouse Justin

Lloyd Langford Bryn

Paul Copley Ray

Rachel Austin Receptionist

Susan Cookson Tanya

Producer Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.