

## SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2014

**SAT 00:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years (b007jthp)**

Episode 8

Adrian inherits some money and decides to take a creative writing holiday in Greece. Read by Nicholas Barnes.

**SAT 00:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's History of Home (b009mc9d)**

Ideal Home Show

Laurence talks to philosopher Alain de Botton about how our ideas of the home have changed and what the future holds. From April 2008.

**SAT 00:30 George Eliot - Adam Bede (b007jznz)**

Episode 15

The time arrives for Dinah to decide where her heart really lies. Stars Katherine Igoe, Vicki Liddelle and Thomas Arnold.

**SAT 00:45 Book of the Week (b0113049)**

Katherine Boo - Behind the Beautiful Forevers

Episode 5

"One of the most powerful indictments of economic inequality I've ever read. If Bollywood ever decides to do its own version of The Wire, this would be it." Barbara Ehrenreich

Sudha Bhuchar reads Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Katherine Boo's landmark work of life, death and hope in the slums of Mumbai. Based on years of uncompromising reporting, Behind the Beautiful Forevers tells the story of Annawadi, a makeshift slum sitting in the shadow of Mumbai's glittering luxury hotels and shiny new international airport. Through the stories of the characters she meets, Boo reveals what it takes to escape poverty in one of the 21st century's great, unequal cities.

Today: while some slum dwellers are forging their way up into the overcity, others are fighting for their lives back in the slum. Author: Katherine Boo is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who is currently a staff writer at the New Yorker. This is her first book.

Reader: Sudha Bhuchar is joint founder and Artistic Director of the theatre company, Tamasha, and is both an actor and playwright.

Abridger: Richard Hamilton-Jones

Producer: Justine Willett.

**SAT 01:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b005fwmp)**

Series 3

Episode 3

John Lloyd invites guests Kevin Eldon, John Ronson and Richard Wiseman to add to the imaginary collection. From May 2010.

**SAT 01:30 My Life in Five Books (b00txh41)**

Series 1

AL Kennedy

AL Kennedy is an award winning writer whose first published book 'Night Geometry and the Garscadden Trains' hit the bookshops in 1991.

Now established as a novelist and short story writer Alison Louise Kennedy is also a stand-up comedian.

In conversation with Stuart Cosgrove she reveals her favourite book from childhood and the book she has bought but has never finished. Stuart also enquires about her favourite bedside book, the novel she wishes she had bought as a teenager and the book she has returned to most often.

**SAT 02:00 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b0416q1h)**

Episode 5

A difficult decision for Jack Aubrey, as the life of a member of the crew is weighed against prize money. Stars Michael Troughton and Nigel Anthony.

**SAT 02:30 The Kiss at 100 (b007yvl9)**

Rowan Pelling visits Vienna to explore the enduring appeal of Gustav Klimt's The Kiss, which has become one of the world's most reproduced paintings since it was first exhibited 100 years ago. Who are the couple depicted in the famous clinch?

**SAT 03:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jrs9)**

July 1847

In her attempt to regain her inheritance from her cousin Noel, Magdalen has disguised herself as Susan Bygrave and gone to stay near Noel in Aldeburgh.

But Mrs Lecount suspects her true identity...

Wilkie Collins' novel dramatised by Ray Jenkins.

Magdalen Vanstone ..... Sophie Thompson

Captain Wragge ..... Jack May

Miss Garth ..... Kathleen Helme

Noel Vanstone ..... Nigel Anthony

Mrs Wragge ..... Vivian Pickles

Little Boy ..... Susan Sheridan

Mrs Lecount ..... Eleanor Bron

Chemist ..... Christopher Good

Postmaster ..... Simon Bullock

Servant ..... Jo Kendall

Narrator ..... Philip Sully

Music by Peter Brewwis and played by Maurice Cambridge.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1989.

**SAT 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m6t)**

Episode 3

Dr Stephen Maturin takes a trip to Paris to address the Institute on scientific matters. Read by Benedict Cumberbatch.

**SAT 04:15 Drama (b0076wy0)**

Jane Beeson - The Discourse of Two Once-Young Women

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By Jane Beeson.

Three old friends from schooldays during the war plan to meet up. Why are the two women so nervous, and what can have changed so radically? Their male friend acts as a conduit but the circumstance of their meeting is something none of them could have anticipated.

Daisy ..... Lynn Farleigh

Gerald ..... Oliver Ford Davies

Ida ..... Eleanor Bron

Matt ..... Geoffrey Bevers

Mother ..... Ella Smith

Young Daisy ..... Anna Lanyon

Young Ida ..... Tessa Montague

Boy ..... John Cummins

Directed by Cherry Cookson.

**SAT 05:00 After Henry (b007jq4g)**

Series 3

Intellectual Aspirations

'... but he did look at you twice. So clearly you have something that appeals to him other than your ability to discuss Schopenhauer's Weltanschauung.'

Clare's seeing graduate Julian, but his brainy parents make her feel inadequate.

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 Cooper

Julian ..... Jasper Jacob

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 1987.

**SAT 05:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076sdr)**

Series 2

Lulu's Back in Town

Musician Roy panics when his wife's vivacious sister takes best pal George out for dinner. Stars Don Warrington. From June 2005.

**SAT 06:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007jt15)**

A dean, who is a paragon of dignity and decorum, is driven by an indiscreet act into a most undignified dilemma. A horse and racing folk are also involved.

Alec McCowen and Patricia Routledge star in Arthur Wing Pinero's farce.

The Dean ..... Alec McCowen

Georgiana Tidman ..... Patricia Routledge

Sir Tristram Mardon ..... Nigel Stock

Salome ..... Susan Kyd

Sheba ..... Melinda Walker

Blore ..... John Church

Mr Darbey ..... Richard Clifford

Major Tarver ..... John Rye

Hatcham ..... Shaun Prendergast

Hannah Topping ..... Anne Jameson

Noah Topping ..... Garard Green

Producer John Tydeman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986

**SAT 07:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00d74s3)**

Series 2

Shaun Bailey

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

Shaun Bailey, prospective parliamentary candidate and founder of youth charity My Generation, was raised by his extended Jamaican family on a tough west London housing estate. He takes Wendy back to the place where he grew up, remembering how his mother's discipline and becoming an army cadet at 12 saved him from a life of crime and violence.

**SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01pf5sv)**

What Big Teeth You Have...

Children's author Anthony McGowan examines the tangled story behind the beloved children's stories.

Once upon a time in Kassel, two brothers set out to record the traditional oral tales of their country. To their horror, they realised that the stories - full of sex and violence - were happily being devoured by children in nurseries all over Germany. The first people to police the stories of the Brothers Grimm were the brothers themselves, as they sanitised the stories over seven editions.

This bowdlerising trend continued throughout the 19th century, when children's literature was used as a didactic tool to encourage moral behaviour. Right into the 20th century the tales were used to reinforce the moral beliefs of the day. From the prim and proper 'Listen with Mother', to Walt Disney's first foray into big screen animated features - 'Snow White' complete with seven dwarves - the fairy tales reinforced the ideals of the day.

Then in the 1930s, films were released in Germany - stories where the huntsman in Little Red Riding Hood wears an army uniform and Snow White's father leads a heroic charge into Poland.

After the war there was a policing of the Grimms, this time by the Allied Commanders - complete removal. But, like Snow

White in her glass coffin, they were only waiting to be revived.

In the 1960s there was a resurgence of interest in the Grimms.

Acclaimed analyst Bruno Bettelheim claimed that the stories were not vehicles for human evil - but that the tales were essential in the development of children's minds.

Coinciding with, or because of Bettelheim's work, there soon came a rush of new versions of the stories reclaiming them for a post-war world, from Angela Carter to acclaimed fantasy writer Jane Yolen who expressed the horrors of the Holocaust through Sleeping Beauty, Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods and Philip Pullman's new tales.

Yet, as Anthony discovers, the various interpretations of these classic tales belie the true origins of the tales that were not, as we have been led to believe, spoken stories told by the good German peasant folk to their children at bedtime.....

**SAT 09:00 Radio Heads (b007jq14)**

Jonathan James Moore

Jonathan James Moore rose from gifted producer to become Head of Light Entertainment for radio from 1991 to 1997. He was also probably one of the hairiest men ever seen at the BBC. Back in 2003, Jonathan sat in the Radio Heads hot-seat and was grilled by Michaela Saunders about his time at the top. He also chose his selection from the many programmes he was involved with:

The Million Pound Radio Show

Knowing Me Knowing You

No Commitments

Goodness Gracious Me

On the Town with The League of Gentlemen

Choice Grenfell

Sadly Jonathan James Moore passed away in 2005.

Produced by Jayne Gibson.

First broadcast on BBC 7 in December 2003.

**SAT 12:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b04tts1)**

My Greenham

Writing the Century - My Greenham

By Fiona Evans

The series which explores the 20th century through the diaries and correspondence of real people. Using the 1980's Greenham Common diaries of Ginette Leach this is a funny and moving coming of age story of a 50-year-old suburban housewife.

Ginette discovers her husband John is having an affair, and she begins one herself, with a woman at Greenham Common. She also experiences cutting the perimeter fence at Greenham for the first time: An exhilarating and terrifying experience.

Ginette ..... Pippa Haywood

Older Ginette ..... Pauline Jefferson

Millie ..... Judith Barker

Ginette's mum ..... Christine Cox

John ..... Jonathan Keeble

Norman ..... Roger Morlidge

Kath/Gina ..... Rosina Carbone

Hilary ..... Caroline Strong

Produced and directed by Pauline Harris.

**SAT 13:15 The Lady Detectives (b00cq1d6)**

The Redhill Sisterhood

Autumn, 1897: Victorian undercover agent Loveday Brooke

investigates a group of nuns who appear to have forsaken their vows - and taken to burglary.

From the Golden Age of the crime short story, 'The Lady Detectives' is a series of four female sleuths to rival the great Sherlock himself.

Catherine Louisa Pirkis' mystery stars Gayanne Potter as

Loveday Brooke, Paul Young as Inspector Gunning, Neil

McKinven as Sergeant Blaine, Noreen Leighton as Sister

Monica and Lucy Paterson as Sister Anna.

Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**SAT 14:00 Listen to Les (b007vwm2)**

From 25/09/1983

Les Dawson's life as a spy, a rare interview with boxer Sugar Albert Ackroyd and Cissie despairs of Ada.

With Roy Barraclough, Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1983.

**SAT 14:30 As Time Goes By (b0416qm0)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Former sweethearts Jean and Lionel meet up again after many years, but true love fails to rekindle. Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel. With Jon Glover and Simon Greenall.

Adapted from his original television series by Bob Larbey.

Produced by Martin Fisher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.

**SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01pf5sv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007jt15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Hal (b04tdqwq)**

Series 1

Fidelity

Hal Cruttenden stars as a 40-something husband and father who, years ago, decided to give up his job and become a stay at home father. His wife, Sam, has a successful business career which makes her travel more and more. His children, Lilly and Molly, are growing up fast, and his role as their father and

mentor is diminishing by the day.

So what can Hal do as he reaches a crossroads in his life? Help is (sort of) at hand in the form of his eager mates - Doug, Fergus and Barry - who regularly meet at their local curry house for mind expanding conversations that sadly never give Hal the core advice he so desperately needs.

Hal is confused even further as he regularly has visions of his long dead and highly macho father, who he's forced to engage in increasingly frustrating conversations.

In this last episode of the series, Hal faces a new challenge - unwanted romantic attention. Happily married to Sam and with two adoring daughters, life is a picture of roses at home. But how will Hal cope with the romantic attention of a new, attractive neighbour Angie?

The cast includes co-writer Dominic Holland, Ed Byrne, Ronni Ancona, Anna Crilly, Gavin Webster, Dominic Frisby, Samuel Caseley and Emily and Lucy Robbins.

Produced by Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.

**SAT 18:00 Kingsley Amis - To See the Sun (b04twpmp)**

Vampires, a mad Scots librarian, a handsome Englishman and a Countess of uncertain age - all in Dacia in the 1920s.

Christopher Cazenove and Gayle Hunnicutt star in this vampire drama by Kingsley Amis.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Stephen Hillier ..... Christopher Cazenove

Countess Valvazour ..... Gayle Hunnicutt

Robert McNeil ..... Graham Crowden

Innkeeper ..... Alan Dudley

Magda ..... Jennifer Piercey

Connie ..... Zelah Clarke

From 'Kingsley Amis Sextet' - a season of radio plays adapted from his short stories.

Director: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.

**SAT 18:30 Planet B (b00y62r)**

Series 3

The End of the Rogue

Episode 5 by Matthew Broughton

The virtual world has been switched off by Mark Schwartz. As the power slowly drains from the circuits, Kip and Medley must race through the ruins of reality in a desperate bid to reset the universe. Is this the end for Planet B? Last in the series.

Kip .. Lloyd Thomas

Medley .. Claire Harry

Cerberus .. Chris Pavlo

Slab .. Tony Bell

Deano .. Adeel Akhtar

Mary .. Sally Orrock

Mark Schwartz .. Sam Dale

With Gunner Cauthery, Iain Batchelor, Henry Devas and Adjoa Andoh.

Directed by James Robinson.

**SAT 19:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b04tsp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

**SAT 20:15 The Lady Detectives (b00cq1d6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 today]

**SAT 21:00 Serial (b04wztxk)**

The Opposite of the Prosecution

Sarah learns about a case strikingly similar to Adnan's - a key witness, cell records, young people, drugs. Contacting the defense attorney, she gets more than she bargained for.

**SAT 21:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00d74s3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 22:00 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b017x0wb)**

Goodwill

Mark Watson continues his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden.

As broadcast live with an audience in December 2011 - Mark will be asking the big questions that are crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - in a dynamic and thought provoking new format he opens the floor to the live audience and asks them to jump into the conversation via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

Quite a few years ago Matt Damon and Robin Williams went Good Will Hunting. Now Mark and co finish the job by finding it, as the final edition of the series takes on a festive aspect.

What is good will? How we can incorporate it into our lives? Is it better than ill-will? (SPOILER: it is).

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**SAT 22:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b00djqn1)**

Series 1

Episode 6

The funny man's radio drop-in centre tackles the Blairs, Paula Radcliffe and Anne Robinson. With Alexei Sayle.

**SAT 23:00 BBC New Comedy Awards (b04ttxys)**

2014

Semi-final, part 2 - Extended

Made for 4 Extra. The second of two semi-finals in the 2014 BBC Radio New Comedy Award. Recorded at the Glee Club in Birmingham and hosted by Patrick Kielty. Extended edition.

**SAT 23:45 Fabulous (b00hrhm)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Faye is anxious.

She knows today's women are fabulous: they have the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe.

They cope with singledom, marriage and having kids with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them.

So why can't she pull it off?

Daisy Haggard stars as Faye in Lucy Clarke's sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.

With:

Olivia Colman

Adam Buxton

Katy Brand

Matthew Holness

Laura Solon

Joanna Scanlan

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

#### SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014

**SUN 00:00 Kingsley Amis - To See the Sun (b04twpmp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 Planet B (b00y62r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b01pf5sv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:15 The Lady Detectives (b00cq1d6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Arthur Wing Pinero - Dandy Dick (b007j115)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 Hal (b04tdqww)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 George Eliot - Adam Bede Omnibus (b00c86bm)**

Episode 3

After the death of her child, Hetty must face her punishment.

Can Dinah help her to ease her guilt? Stars Katherine Igoe,

Thomas Arnold, Vicki Liddelle.

**SUN 07:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fy24x)**

Episode 2

Byron Rogers goes in search of his Wild West heroes in Spain and the USA. Read by Crawford Logan.

**SUN 07:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yyc83)**

Series 1

Juradia

by Bill Dare

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have had a number of bizarre adventures.

This week we hear about his travels in Juradia, a country where every other person is a lawyer.

Produced by Steven Canny

Brian Gulliver's Travels is a new satirical adventure story from Bill Dare. The series has attracted an excellent cast led by Neil Pearson and award winning star of the RSC's current season, Mariah Gale. Cast includes fantastic actors Tamsin Greig, John Standing, Paul Bhattacharjee, Christopher Douglas, Catherine Shepherd, Vicky Pepperdine, Phil Cornwell, Antonia Campbell Hughes, Jo Bobin and Katherine Jakeways.

For years Bill Dare wanted to create a satire about different worlds exploring Kipling's idea that we travel, 'not just to explore civilizations, but to better understand our own'. But science fiction and space ships never interested him, so he put the idea on ice. Then Brian Gulliver arrived and meant that our hero could be lost in a fictional world without the need for any sci-fi.

Satirical targets over the series: the medical profession and its need to pathologize everything; the effect of marriage on children; spirituality and pseudo-science; compensation culture; sexism; the affect of our obsession with fame.

Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university.

His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

**SUN 08:00 Meet the Huggets (b00plhnz)**

'Ail and Hearty

The family worries when Joe Huggett is spotted calling in at the doctor's surgery.

Starring Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison.

Popular working-class family, the Huggets first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Joe ..... Jack Warner

Ethel ..... Kathleen Harrison

Jane ..... Alanna Boyce

Bobby ..... Malcolm Ranson

Fred Stebbings ..... Charles Leno

With Bill Pertwee and Ralph Hallett.

Written by Eddie Maguire.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1961.

**SUN 08:30 Stop Messing About! (b00r93xt)**

Series 2

Episode 4

A waltz from the bona singers, a lovers' tiff, and does education add up?

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

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

Written by Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer.

With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1970.

**SUN 09:00 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b007jqqn)**

Dark Days

Marmee leaves to care for Father and Beth falls ill. Stars Buffy Davis, Jemma Redgrave and Gayle Hunnicutt.

**SUN 09:30 Captain Kidd and the First Fifteen (b04tv18g)**

Episode 5

While Captain Kidd plans a deadly plot, Harry is back at home.

But for how long? Stars Polly James and Philip Voss.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04tv18j)**

Children's Writers

Allan Ahlberg

4 Extra Debut. From Judy Garland to Ella Fitzgerald, children's author Allan Ahlberg shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From November 2008.

**SUN 10:45 Linda Cracknell - The Fall (b04tv1mp)**

A husband and wife go hill-walking, and cross a Rubicon. Short story read by Ann Scott Jones.

**SUN 11:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01dtchm)**

Series 7

Episode 23

Back at the Town Hall, New York City, the American funny man welcomes singer Tom Rush and pianist Shai Wosner. From 2011.

**SUN 12:00 George Eliot - Adam Bede Omnibus (b00c86bm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 13:15 Byron Rogers - The Last Human Cannonball (b00fy24x)**

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**SUN 13:30 Wally K Daly Trilogy (b007jtv8)**

The Bigger They Are

A Mafia plot to defraud the Bank of England is foiled by the amazing escapades of two city gents, a group of prisoners and a Prison Governor.

Anything might happen and does...

Starring Peter Jones, Charles Hawtree and Donald Hewlett.

The last of Wally K Daly's trilogy of criminal gang capers

produced in the style of old British comedy films.

Charles .... Peter Jones

George .... Lockwood West

Prison Governor .... Donald Hewlett

Fingers .... Charles Hawtree

Bullet Head .... John Hollis

Warder Plunkett .... John Rye

Coloni .... Gordon Reid

Perkins .... Adrian Egan

Tommy .... John Bull

Billy .... David Timson

Wilkes .... Christopher Douglas

Basil .... Ronald Herdman

Nigel .... David Sinclair

Hoo Fung .... Garard Green

Angelino .... Roger Hammond

Mrs Sopworth .... Gwen Cherrell

Doreen/Gina .... Mia Soteriou

Three Thugs .... David Learner, Trevor Nichols and Jamie Roberts

Audio provided by the author.

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

**SUN 15:00 Meet the Huggets (b00plhnz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 Stop Messing About! (b00r93xt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b036jmy0)**

Mel brings you a round-up of some of the highlights from last week's 4 O'Clock Show, including the man who swims with great white sharks and a bizarre duck race in New Mexico.

**SUN 17:00 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b007jqqn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Captain Kidd and the First Fifteen (b04tv18g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b04tv48f)**

Series 1

Skeleton

Harris is troubled by his bones. An expert is needed - a real expert. Who better than Doctor Munigant?

Ray Bradbury introduces his own tingling tale dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Dr Burley .... Bob Docherty

Harris .... Stuart McQuarrie

The Man in the Bar .... Paul Morrow

Clarice .... Wendy Seager

Munigant .... Liam Brennan

Directed in Edinburgh by Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

**SUN 18:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlvw)**  
6. Final Tribulations

Professor Lark and John Cornelius reveal to Flora's MP father, Ian Sanderson, that he himself is a mutant being - manipulated by some unidentified Controller.

Shocked and horrified, Sanderson helps them trace the organisation...

CAST:

John Cornelius .... Peter Cushing

Curtis Lark .... Vincent Price

Sir Gordon MacLeodan .... Richard Hurdall

Lady MacLeodan .... Joan Benham

Ian Sanderson .... Frazer Kerr

Donald Scholar .... Henry Stamper

Manson .... Andrew Sear

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

**SUN 19:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b01dthcm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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**SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00r93xt)**

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**SUN 21:00 Serial (b04zvzwm)**

The Deal With Jay

The state's case hinged on Jay's credibility; he was their star witness and also their chief liability. So how did the jury make sense of Jay?

**SUN 21:45 Linda Cracknell - The Fall (b04tv1mp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yyc83)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d06pc)**

Series 1

A Childhood Cruelly Kippered

Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof reveals the downward spiral of young Pip Bin's life. Stars Richard Johnson. From August 2008.

**SUN 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00y2x2m)**

Series 2

Episode 6

Love is all around? It is Prunella and Julian's wedding day. Stars Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt. From July 2008.

**SUN 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqyg)**

Series 3

Masterson Rides Again

The life of young Billy at his Victorian boarding school.

The award-winning improvised historical Masterson family saga based entirely on audience suggestions.

Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Jim Sweeney, Lee Simpson, Phelim McDermott and Caroline Quentin.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995

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Episode 6

The events leading to the loss of the Sophie are revealed. Will Aubrey survive his court martial? Stars Michael Troughton and Nigel Anthony.

**MON 06:30 The Castle: A Portrait in Sound (b008dsfc)**

Wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson's evocative and powerful sound portrait of Dunstanburgh Castle in Northumberland.

Built in the 14th century as a piece of political theatre, the magnificent ruins have been reclaimed by nature. Swallows and rock doves nest in the gatehouse, kittiwakes and fulmars guard the sea walls, seals patrol the beaches and skylarks man the approach. The sounds of the sea, the wind and the waves are ever present.

**MON 07:00 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**

Series 4

Episode 5

Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue share some eyebrow-raising revelations about their pasts...

Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.

With Roger Blake, Alistair McGowan and Ronnie Ancona. Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie from a format by Bill Dare.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

**MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04tj37y)**

Series 62

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Victoria Hall in Stoke-on-Trent. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Omid Djalili with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

**MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04tvkt2)**

Series 1

The Illness

Kate's not feeling well - will George be able to cope?

Starring Richard Briers 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 and 1965 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George ..... Richard Briers

Kate ..... Prunella Scales

Arthur ..... Frederick Treves

Denis ..... Peter Hawkins

Jeanie ..... Audrey Nicholson

Murray ..... Penny Morrell

Father ..... Geoffrey Sumner

Mother ..... Diana King

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1965.

**MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b04tvkt4)**

Series 1

Episode 2

After meeting up again after many years, former sweethearts Jean and Lionel visit their old country haunts, but can they recapture the past?

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Moira Brooker as Judith, Gillian Martell as the Hotel Manager and Simon Greenall as the Mechanic/Simon.

Adapted from his original television series by Bob Larbey.

Producer: Martin Fisher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.

**MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00y1qkl)**

Series 14

PG Wodehouse

More literary challenges will be set as another series of The Write Stuff starts, seeing the return of host, James Walton, along with novelists, John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks as team captains.

Each episode features an "Author of the Week" whose life and work provide a focus for the questions as well as the basis for the pastiches at the end of the show. This series the following writers will be "Authors of the Week":

- Episode 1: P.G. Wodehouse

- Episode 2: Tennessee Williams

- Episode 3: Marcel Proust

- Episode 4: The Beats (Kerouac, Ginsberg, Burroughs)

- Episode 5: Stephenie Meyer (author of the Twilight series)

- Episode 6: Edgar Allan Poe

As ever, the team captains will be joined by guest panellists from the literary world and this series the guests will include

best-selling crime writer, Mark Billingham; Horrid Henry

author, Francesca Simon; poet, Ian McMillan; children's author,

Sue Limb and journalist and broadcaster, Francis Wheen.

The guest panellists for Episode 1 will be Francis Wheen and

Ian McMillan and the show will finish, as ever, with each

panellist reading out a pastiche of the "Author of the Week"'s

work - this week they imagine how Wodehouse might have

tackled historical fiction.

**MON 09:30 Chain Reaction (b011jwn3)**

Series 8

Chris Addison interviews Derren Brown

Comedian Chris Addison gets the rare chance to talk to the amazing Derren Brown about magic, comedy, art, faith and Hitler.

Episodes in the chain include:

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

Rebecca Front talking to her Thick Of It co-star and fellow non-nudist, Chris Addison, about working with Armando Iannucci and embracing his middle-classness through stand-up;

Chris Addison in a rare interview with the actually-really-nice-and-he-doesn't-do-any-of-that-weird-stuff-in-real-life, Derren Brown;

Derren Brown chatting hair, beliefs and Tim Minchin with comedy musical megastar and fellow sceptic Tim Minchin;

A poorly Tim Minchin being handed tissues whilst attempting to interview with no questions a not-at-all-poorly and hilarious Caitlin Moran.

Caitlin Moran getting to spend time and talk shoes, Bananarama and women with her comedy hero Jennifer Saunders.

And.

Jennifer Saunders turning up a week later to find the series has

ended. Probably. We weren't there because the series had

ended.

Produced by Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2012.

**MON 10:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jrw2)**

August 1847

Will Magdalen marry her cousin Noel, whom she loathes, in order to try and regain her inheritance?

Wilkie Collins' novel dramatised by Ray Jenkins.

Magdalen Vanstone ..... Sophie Thompson

Captain Wragge ..... Jack May

Miss Garth ..... Kathleen Helme

Norah Vanstone ..... Elizabeth Mansfield

Noel Vanstone ..... Nigel Anthony

Mrs Wragge ..... Vivian Pickles

Mrs Lecount ..... Eleanor Bron

Pendril ..... John Moffatt

Admiral Bartram ..... Alan MacNaughtan

George Bartram ..... Christopher Scott

Louisa ..... Susan Sheridan

Coachman ..... Joe Dunlop

Loscombe ..... Christopher Good

Servant ..... Jo Kendall

Narrator ..... Philip Sully

Music by Peter Brewis and played by Maurice Cambridge.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

**MON 11:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m7f)**

Episode 4

Dr Maturin accepts a delicate mission to the Baltic to turn a

Catalan brigade to the British cause. Read by Benedict

Cumberbatch.

**MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04v2b33)**

Scottee, Stephen Fry, Jon Hamm, Chris Hadfield, Agyness

Deyn, Bollywood Brass Band

Clive Anderson is joined by Stephen Fry, Jon Hamm, Chris

Hadfield, Agyness Deyn and Scottee for an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy. With music from Bollywood

Brass Band.

Producer: Debbie Kilbride.

**MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b04tvkt2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b04tvkt4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b04tvjx3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 The Castle: A Portrait in Sound (b008dsfc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqrn)**

Cooking for a Living

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years is the fifth book of the

Mole series and is set between 30th April 1997 and 2nd May

1998.

Adrian is Head Chef in a Soho restaurant, estranged from his Nigerian wife, Jo Jo, and is the father of a three year-old called William. During the course of the book Adrian loses his job,

moves back to Ashby-de-la-Zouche, his mother moves in with

Pandora's father and Pandora herself becomes an MP. Adrian

also discovers he has another - disruptive - son and inherits a

house. He and his two sons move in together, but the house is

burned to the ground by a woman who is infatuated by him.

**MON 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvt9x)**

The Bed

Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of home

over 400 years, beginning with the very heart of private life -

the marital bed.

**MON 14:30 A House to Let (b00x5c6g)**

Episode 1

Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins and Elizabeth Gaskell's tale of a woman worried about a derelict house. Stars Marcia Warren.

**MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00775w4)**

Brian Thompson - Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education

Battenburg Cake

Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education

Brian Thompson's memoirs of growing up in the 50s, abridged

by Doreen Estall and read by David Troughton.

1/5. Battenburg Cake

The journey to manhood starts with a waltz and an invitation to tea.

**MON 15:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jrw2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04tvz4l)**

Mince pies, butterflies and Keep It in the Family

Mel Giedroyc presents a new episode of quiz Keep It in the

Family, and there is the first part of the classic story Howl's

Moving Castle, by Diana Wynne Jones.

**MON 17:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b006vrj)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Sheila raises Tommy's suspicions and blood pressure, but there's method in her madness.

Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr

continue their second stab at fame.

Series 3 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom,

CAST:

Tommy Franklin .... Roy Hudd  
Sheila Parr ..... June Whitfield  
Hetty Stark .... Pat Coombes  
Murray Franklin .... Julian Eardley  
Louis Elstein .... Edward Halsted  
Jack Dunne .... William Franklyn  
Music by Frido Ruth.  
Producer: Steve Doherty  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.  
**MON 17:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 18:00 The Write Stuff (b00v1qkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04v1np3)**  
Monty Don and Penny Vincenzi  
Sarah LeFanu, Monty Don and Penny Vincenzi discuss books by the Oxford Dictionary, Hilary Mantel and William Cobbett. From November 1998.  
The Oxford Dictionary of New Words  
Publisher: Oxford University Press  
Fludd, by Hilary Mantel  
Publisher: Penguin  
Rural Rides, by William Cobbett  
Publisher: Penguin.  
**MON 19:00 Marriage Lines (b04vtkt2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 19:30 As Time Goes By (b04vtkt4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 20:00 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b04tvjx3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 20:30 The Castle: A Portrait in Sound (b008dsfc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 21:00 Serial (b04wz6f)**  
To Be Suspected  
New information is coming in about what may or may not have happened on 13 January 1999.  
**MON 21:45 Paper Gardens (b007k2cs)**  
Restoring the Ghosts  
Leslie Forbes explores the links between artists and gardens. In the first programme, the daughter of Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell, Angelica Garnett returns to the garden of her childhood in Sussex.  
Charleston inspired the Bloomsbury set, but can the garden match her memory?  
Producer: Sally Flatman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.  
**MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04tj37y)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b011jwn3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b04v1np5)**  
Series 12  
Episode 8  
Made for 4 Extra. Satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig with regular guest Jeremy Hardy, plus Romesh Ranganathan, Camilla Long and John Robins.  
**MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b00b0sgk)**  
Series 1  
Episode 2  
The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.  
With contributions from Keith Moore, Susan Norton, Andrew Bailey and Nigel Piper.  
Producer: Phil Clarke  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

**TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014**

**TUE 00:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqrm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mfv9x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:30 A House to Let (b00x5c6g)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:45 Book of the Week (b00775w4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 The Write Stuff (b00v1qkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:30 A Good Read (b04v1np3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:00 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b04tvjx3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:30 The Castle: A Portrait in Sound (b008dsfc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jrw2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m7f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b04v2b33)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]  
**TUE 05:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 06:00 Doctor Who (b0184v9j)**  
Hornets' Nest  
The Stuff of Nightmares, part 1  
Old UNIT ally, Captain Mike Yates is called to a strange cottage in Sussex, where he's reunited with the Doctor who's got a tale to tell...  
Kicking off a gripping five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.  
Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins.  
Producer: Kate Thomas  
Made by BBC Audio.  
**TUE 06:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076l9x)**  
Series 1  
Elgar's Violin Concerto  
Crime writer Frances Fyfield tracks down hidden stories of musical creativity locked in Edward Elgar's manuscripts. From May 2004.  
**TUE 07:00 Two Doors Down (b008j0lm)**  
Series 2  
Out of Tune  
Miss Black throws a dinner party in honour of Sean Rafferty who's in Belfast to interview her lodger Fintan for BBC Radio 3.  
Musical prodigy Simon's asked to play for the guests, but he has other ideas...  
Starring Stella McCusker.  
Annie McCartney's sitcom about the bohemian Belfast residents of Marlborough Road, saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.  
Sally ..... Stella McCusker  
Clare ..... Marcella Riordan  
Evie ..... Katy Gleadhill  
Victor ..... Alan Mckee  
Miss Black ..... Roma Tomelty  
Fintan ..... Gerard Murphy  
Layla ..... Emily Walmsley  
Simon ..... Patrick Gleadhill  
Tony ..... Robert Patterson  
Trevor ..... Des McAleer  
Fidelma ..... Aine McCartney  
Anna ..... Hannah R Gordon  
With Sean Rafferty as Himself.  
Director: Tanya Nash  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.  
**TUE 07:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Hang-Ups (b04tjft4)**  
Series 2  
Earning Your Corn  
Tom's mum is not best pleased with Tom's dad.  
He pressgangs her into helping out at a celebration he's planning to mark 168 years since the repeal of the Corn Laws ("Well, it'd be tempting fate to hold on for the bicentenary") and they've chosen the Toby Carvery as a suitable dining venue.  
Meanwhile, Tom has decided to buy a flat in London, much to his gran's chagrin.  
With Kate Anthony, Paul Copley and Judy Parfitt.  
Written by Tom Wrighlesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.  
Producer: Katie Tyrrell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.  
**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007j14y)**  
Series 7 Special  
Operation Christmas Duff  
In light of a festive pudding shortage for forces overseas, Neddie Seagoon takes action. Soon Richard Dimbleby is reporting on the giant Christmas pudding being mixed at dry dock in Chatham.  
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.  
Starring:  
Peter Sellers  
Harry Secombe  
Spike Milligan  
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.  
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.  
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.  
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade  
Producer: Pat Dixon  
Made for the BBC General Overseas Service and first broadcast to troops in 1956.  
First UK broadcast was Christmas Day 1986 on BBC Radio 4.  
**TUE 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00b0jz0)**  
To Bed or Not to Bed  
Simon Sparrow takes Wendy off for a naughty weekend, but events don't quite go to plan...  
The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.  
Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Norma Ronald as Wendy Swithenbank, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Dennis Ramsden as Colonel Brown, David Jason as Harris the Receptionist and Edward Cast as the Waiter.  
Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1969.  
**TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b04v1np5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b00b0sgk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 10:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jryr)**  
December 1847  
Magdalen Vanstone searches for a letter that might win back her inheritance.  
Conclusion of Wilkie Collins' novel dramatised by Ray Jenkins.  
Magdalen Vanstone ..... Sophie Thompson  
Captain Wragge ..... Jack May  
Miss Garth ..... Kathleen Helme  
Norah Vanstone ..... Elizabeth Mansfield  
Mrs Wragge ..... Vivian Pickles  
Pendril ..... John Moffatt  
Admiral Bartram ..... Alan MacNaughtan  
George Bartram ..... Christopher Scott  
Louisa ..... Susan Sheridan  
Loscombe ..... Christopher Good  
Mrs Ruddock ..... Joanna Mackie  
Captain Kirke ..... Robin Ellis  
Mazey ..... Peter Tuddenham  
Mrs Drake ..... Jo Manning Wilson  
Dr Merrick ..... David Goudge  
Narrator ..... Philip Sully  
Music by Peter Brewis and played by Maurice Cambridge.  
Director: Janet Whitaker  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.  
**TUE 11:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m7y)**  
Episode 5  
Captain Aubrey and Dr Maturin arrive in the Baltic on HMS Ariel and embark on a dangerous venture to the French-held island of Grimsholm. Read by Benedict Cumberbatch.  
**TUE 11:15 Drama (b00s2w24)**  
Nick Walker - Life Coach  
It takes Derby Anderson forty-three minutes and fifty-nine seconds to get from her car to the hotel room where the Secretary General of the United Nations is waiting for a life-coaching session. And Derby needs to get her own life sorted out in those forty-three minutes or she won't be of any help to anyone.  
We hear a real-time journey where we weave in and around Derby and the security aide, Jack, who accompanies her, and whose lives we get to know intimately as they get closer to the door of the hotel suite.  
LIFECOACH is a play in JOHN DRYDEN's occasional series, Forty-Three Fifty-Nine, which follows one person's perspective in what plays out as one continuous take. It was recorded on location in Broadcasting House, Portland Place and an underground car park. The cast also features Patrice Naiambana as The Secretary General and Paul Panting.  
Writer and director Nick Walker has two published novels on bookshelves worldwide, has written and performed stories, plays and comedy for BBC Radio 4 and toured internationally with some of the nation's finest experimental theatre companies.  
Written By Nick Walker  
Directed and Produced by Karen Rose  
A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.  
**TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007j14y)**  
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**TUE 13:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076l9x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**TUE 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqs2)**  
Being a Parent  
Adrian recalls the birth of his son, William, in a Leicester hospital. He had wanted a 'natural' birth, but his Nigerian wife Jo Jo wanted to be unconscious throughout. Jo Jo has since returned to Nigeria and now Adrian's mother looks after William.  
On the night that Pandora is elected as an MP, Adrian has to hurry back to his parents' home to find William neglected. He moves back to Ashby-de-la-Zouche and enrolls William into a nursery. Adrian immediately gets off on the wrong foot with the leader of the nursery.  
Adrian is disturbed by William's tantrums. The boy has to have a coffee bean removed from his ear under general anaesthetic.  
**TUE 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mfv9x)**  
Things That Go Bump in the Night  
How the home protected people from dark forces outside.  
Historian Amanda Vickery on the hidden history of home over 400 years.  
**TUE 14:30 A House to Let (b00x717s)**  
Episode 2  
Will discovering the history of the derelict house solve the mystery of the strange watcher at the window? Stars Marcia Warren.  
**TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00775xf)**  
Brian Thompson - Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education  
NAAFI-Headed Notepaper  
Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education

Brian Thompson's memoirs of growing up in the 50s, abridged by Doreen Estall and read by David Troughton.

2/5. NAAFI Headed Notepaper

Brian tackles National Service training. One night, the reluctant recruit writes to Trinity College, Cambridge, to ask for a place to read English.

**TUE 15:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jryr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04v226x)**

Sir Quentin Blake, reindeer and Keep It in the Family Mel Giedroyc takes listeners a tour of Sir Quentin Blake's art studio, plus some shaggy reindeer and the next episode of Howl's Moving Castle, by Diana Wynne Jones.

**TUE 17:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04tvnxl)**

Series 1

Doctor's Horoscope

The dear ladies attempt to cheer up their injured housekeeper Maude.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

The dear ladies reside in the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressel. 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 Bracket ..... George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge ..... Patrick Yfffe

Maude ..... Daphne Heard

Doctor Matthews ..... Jonathan Howell

Scripted by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1977.

**TUE 17:30 Two Doors Down (b008j0lm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 18:00 We've Been Here Before (b00g1rsp)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.

The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth battle it out against Helen Atkinson-Wood and John O'Farrell.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

**TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b04v24hl)**

George Melly

George Melly shares those musical moments which stir his emotions with Jeremy Nicholas.

From the Beatles to Wagner, the jazz singer and author also looks back over his life and career.

Producer: Andrew Mussett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

**TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007j14y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 Doctor at Large (b00b0j20)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Doctor Who (b0184v9j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076l9x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Serial (b04xdgrz)**

The Best Defense Is a Good Defense

Adnan's trial lawyer was renowned defense attorney M Cristina Gutierrez - tough, savvy and smart. But Adnan was convicted, and a year later she was disbarred. What happened?

**TUE 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04tjft4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 The Headset Set (b012lkzw)**

Series 1

Episode 5

The team at catalogue company Smile5 discover their colleague Dan has died.

They react in their usual callous and manipulative way. Meanwhile, Ralph the trainer has a new trainee in Philip the artist.

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 Hoult

Sailesh, Bradley and other characters ..... Paul Sharma

Various ..... Philip Fox

Writers: James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, Celia Pacquola, Andy

Wolton, Benjamin Partridge, Colin Hoult, Kevin Core,

Madeliene Brettingham, Rebecca Hobbs and Dan Tetsell.

Script editor: James Kettle

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**TUE 23:00 Delve Special (b0013xrt)**

Series 1

The Shifton Scandal

Why did a Government Minister support the plan to build London's Third Airport 20 miles north east of Birmingham?

David Lander now attempts to answer that question by examining in detail the sex scandal which rocked the government and caused a sensation in 1982.

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Moray Watson, Jan Ravens and Jack Klaff.

With Brenda Bleythn, Mark Arden, Tony Robinson, Stephen Frost and Felicity Montague.

Dramatic reconstruction by Peter Wear, Phil Nice, Hilda Schroder, Brett Usher and Colin Starkey.

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

**TUE 23:30 Vent (b00t4qzw)**

Series 1

Gravity Gets You Down

Ben's physiotherapy seems to be working miracles when he gets far enough out of his coma to punch his physiotherapist.

And what are a tough-as-nails agent, a giant winged angel and Elvis doing in his unconscious mind?

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, Lucy Montgomery and Nicola Walker, Tim Whitnall and Sue Vincent.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

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Hornets' Nest

The Stuff of Nightmares, part 2

With both of them barricaded into the cottage, the Doctor reveals more about the fiendish powers of the extra-terrestrial swarm to Mike Yates.

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

**WED 06:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lf2)**

Series 1

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony

Frances Fyfield examines the sketch book that Ludwig van Beethoven used when writing his sixth symphony. From May 2004.

**WED 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)**

Series 2

Episode 3

A visiting choir sets hearts aflutter amongst the ladies of Wadenbrook, while Mary's dad, Norman, has an adventure of his own.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

John Biggins.....Keith

Mackenzie Crook.....Rod

Felix Dexter.....Arnold

Kevin Eldon.....Jonathan / Ken

Shelia Hancock.....Narrator

Jessica Henwick.....Helen

Katherine Jakeways.....Esther / Jacqui

Felicity Montagu.....Jan

Geoffrey Palmer.....Norman

Lizzie Roper.....Angela

Penelope Wilton.....Mary

Rufus Wright.....Frank

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011

**WED 07:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tlfsr)**

Series 1

Music

Paul Sinha looks through all of human history and examines how we came to be where we are.

In this edition, he takes as his starting point Dolly Parton's standout performance at the 2014 Glasgowby Festival. How did 120,000 people in a Somerset field, plus many millions more at home, come to be watching a 68-year-old woman from Tennessee on a Sunday afternoon?

The story inevitably takes in a Haitian rebellion, Slovenian hunting, Scottish whisky, Italian electronics and the American son of a Russian farmer who didn't like music. Because nothing and no-one exists in a vacuum.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

**WED 08:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)**

From 17/12/1953

Pa Glum mediates between Ron and Eth - who gets which presents? Stars Jimmy Edwards and June Whitfield. From December 1953.

**WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s8lg6)**

Series 3

Episode 8

A Red Sea safari - and what babies discuss when mum's away. 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 Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Bill Oddie,

Graeme Garden, Alan Hutchinson and Eric Idle. 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, Bill Oddie, Eric Idle and John Cameron.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

**WED 09:00 Whispers (b007k3jj)**

Series 3

Episode 6

Gyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, John O'Farrell and Dan Tetsell. From November 2005.

**WED 09:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b007jnz9)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Mel and Vicki have an unexpected visit from their landlord. With more rent owing than they can possibly afford, it looks like Mel will have to pay in kind...

Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With Martin Hyder, Keith Wickham and Jim North.

Script editor: Graeme Garden

Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

**WED 10:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)**

A story of secret passion set in a remote Welsh valley in the 1950s.

Patrick O'Brian's haunting tale dramatised by Colin Haydn Evans.

The Inquisitor ..... Philip Madoc

Pugh ..... Alan Moore

Bronwen ..... Manon Edwards

Lloyd ..... Islwyn Morris

Emyr ..... Iestyn Jones

Ellis ..... Dorien Thomas

Audio recovered by a listener.

Producer: Geni Hall-Kenny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**WED 11:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m8x)**

Episode 6

Captain Jack Aubrey has captured the Minnie, and Dr Stephen Maturin is about to go on board. Read by Benedict Cumberbatch.

**WED 11:15 Graeme Fife - A Misfortune at Seaham (b01h8vh4)**

The heroes of the 1880 Seaham Colliery explosion in Durham. Based on real-life events. Stars Paul Copley and Nigel Anthony.

**WED 12:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s8lg6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Doctor Who (b0183r2c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lf2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqs2)**

Some Problems of Modern Life

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years is the fifth book of the Mole series and is set between 30th April 1997 and 2nd May 1998. He is now 30 years-old.

Adrian is Head Chef in a Soho restaurant, estranged from his Nigerian wife, Jo Jo, and is the father of a three year-old called William. During the course of the book Adrian loses his job,

moves back to Ashby-de-la-Zouche, his mother moves in with Pandora's father and Pandora herself becomes an MP. Adrian also discovers he has another - disruptive - son and inherits a house. He and his two sons move in together, but the house is burned to the ground by a woman who is infatuated by him.  
**WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvg03)**  
The State in Miniature  
The home as a microcosm of social order. Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of the home over 400 years.  
**WED 14:30 A House to Let (b00x7fj7)**  
Episode 3  
The derelict house mystery deepens when manservant Trotter finds people inside. But why are they there? Stars Marcia Warren.  
**WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00775yn)**  
Brian Thompson - Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education  
Jungle Jim  
Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education  
Brian Thompson's memoirs of growing up in the 50s, abridged by Doreen Estall and read by David Troughton.  
3/5. Jungle Jim. Brian braves National Service in the King's African Rifles, fighting a colonial war in Kenya with the dubious assistance of one Idi Amin.  
**WED 15:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04v2wxj)**  
Graham Fellows, digging for dinosaurs and Keep It in the Family  
Mel Giedroyc introduces a dig for dinosaurs, the Inheritance Tracks of comedian Graham Fellows and the next episode of Diana Wynne Jones's story Howl's Moving Castle.  
**WED 17:00 Life in London (b011vjfn)**  
The Show Folks  
Desperate for money, Pierce Egan tries to get Tom, Bob and Jerry's adventures onto the stage.  
Jerry rescues a damsel at Bartholomew fair who leads him once more to the rapacious lady wanton...  
Starring Greg Wise and Mark Gatiss.  
Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.  
Pierce Egan .... Geoffrey McGivern  
Corinthian Tom .... Greg Wise  
Pickpocket .... Neil Edmond  
Jerry Hawthorn .... Mark Gatiss  
With James Bachman, Chris Douglas, Dave Lamb, Morwenna Banks, Neil Edmond and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.  
Original music by Ben Walker  
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.  
**WED 17:30 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**WED 18:00 Whispers (b007k3jj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076gkq)**  
Secrets  
Writers Alice Jolly, Kris Kenway and Duncan Fallowell reveal all on matters undisclosed to 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.  
The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2003.  
**WED 19:00 Take It From Here (b0186dsr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s8lg6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 20:00 Doctor Who (b0183r2c)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**WED 20:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lf2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 21:00 Serial (b04xdgs1)**  
Rumors  
Almost everyone says 17-year-old Adnan is a good kid, helpful at the mosque, respectful to his elders. But people from his past called Sarah with tales of a different kind of boy.  
**WED 21:45 Paper Gardens (b007k2f6)**  
A Photographer's Eye  
Leslie Forbes meets Don McCullin, who moved from war photography to fighting battles for the Somerset countryside.  
**WED 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tflrs)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 22:30 The Ivan Brackenbury Show (b00gkjjp)**  
The hapless DJ's precarious broadcast pilot at Queen Elizabeth Hospital radio station. With Justin Moorhouse. From January 2009.  
**WED 23:00 Concrete Cow (b04tvp6y)**  
Series 2  
Spies  
An evil genius and superspy turn out to have a shared interest in John Candy films. Plus the truth behind laser eye surgery and all Mr Eater wants is to be loved  
Second series of the four-part sketch show in which anything is possible.  
Starring:  
Robert Webb  
Beth Chalmers  
Catherine Shepherd  
Steven Kynman

Abigail Burdess  
Chris Pavlo  
Written by James Cary.  
Producer: Adam Bromley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.  
**WED 23:30 Dave Podmore (b00sjvel)**  
Dave Podmore on the Stump  
Everyone remembers where they were when they heard the news that Dave Podmore had been elected MP for the hotly-contested marginal seat of Leicester Forest Services (East).  
Except Dave Podmore who, to be fair, had had a few.  
Pod's had a lot on his mind. His attractive wife Jacqui is playing away with an Aussie ex-cricketer even more overweight than Pod: his dogs get turned away from a bed-and-breakfast by a seaside landlady who has no qualms about letting gays in to reorganize her table settings; and he urgently needs money to pay for the dogs' sumptuous new living quarters.  
His faithful sidekick Andy points out that there's still money to be made as an MP, so Pod embarks on the long road to Westminster - starting by parking illegally on it outside the Town Hall.  
Pod develops a political philosophy - he wants to see a world where no dogs have to be licensed, no patio heater is deemed environmentally unsound and where it's possible for the fly-tipper to walk without fear throughout this green and pleasant landfill.  
All of this appeals to Hard Shoulder Man, Pod's core voters, and he's elected in a landslide. So how come he has to resign his seat three days later? And will Jacqui return? And could reality TV possibly come to the rescue and give us a dramatically satisfying ending?  
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.  
Producer: Richard Wilson  
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

## THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2014

**THU 00:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqsd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvg03)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]  
**THU 00:30 A House to Let (b00x7fj7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 00:45 Book of the Week (b00775yn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]  
**THU 01:00 Whispers (b007k3jj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 01:30 Off the Page (b0076gkq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:00 Doctor Who (b0183r2c)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lf2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 03:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m8x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:15 Graeme Fife - A Misfortune at Seaham (b01h8vhd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:00 Life in London (b011vjfn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:30 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 06:00 Doctor Who (b0184v7x)**  
Hornets' Nest  
The Dead Shoes, part 1  
Still marooned in the cottage, the Doctor takes Mike Yates back in time to the 1930s for his next lesson about the infestation of the alien swarm...  
Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.  
Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey, Claire Corbett as Ernestina Stott and Christian Rodska as the Reverend Small.  
Producer: Kate Thomas  
Made by BBC Audio.  
**THU 06:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lj5)**  
Series 1  
Handel's Jephtha  
Frances Fyfield examines George Frideric Handel's last major choral work and finds him tormented by failing sight. From May 2004.  
**THU 07:00 The Elephant Man (b04tvk7m)**  
All Features Great and Small  
As Valentine's Day approaches, some of the staff at the zoo are keen to find romance.  
Peter Serafinowicz stars in Debbie Barham's sitcom about the life of an elephant zoo keeper.  
Terry Lyon .... Peter Serafinowicz  
Leonard .... Chris Emmet  
Adam .... Richard Pearce  
Stephanie .... Joanna Monro  
Morse .... Wayne Forester  
Sammy .... Nicola Walker

Elsa .... Jane Dolamore  
Barry Norman / David Attenborough .... Alistair McGowan  
Producer: Richard Wilson.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1996.  
**THU 07:30 My Teenage Diary (b04tlk9h)**  
Series 6  
Oona King  
Rufus Hound is joined by the Labour politician, Baroness Oona King. Through her diaries we discover her growing up from a roller-skating 11-year-old who wants a new hamster to a 19-year-old politics student who wants to be prime minister.  
Produced by Harriet Jaïne  
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.  
**THU 08:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**  
The Fancy Dress Parade  
Frambourne-on-Sea's pier restoration fund-raising costume party is going well, until Pike brings a piano.  
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  
Mrs Pike .... Janet Davies  
Ernest Wolcott .... Michael Knowles  
Mrs Briggs .... Hilda Braid  
Willyerby Smallpiece .... Gordon Clyde  
Waitress .... Miranda Forbes  
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 January 1984.  
**THU 08:30 Listen to Les (b00k26j0)**  
From 11/01/1981  
Les Dawson presents his very own versions of 'Dallas' and 'Columbo', plus piano bashing aplenty.  
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 Who Goes There? (b00fj2bw)**  
Series 3  
Episode 2  
Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history.  
Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego with guests Amanda Foreman and Maria McErlane.  
Producer: Liz Anstee  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.  
**THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t23)**  
Series 4  
Episode 3  
Robin is encouraged to bond with the baby and other fathers.  
Derek tries to tag along to every event, which leads to chaos.  
Stars Brian Capron. From August 2005.  
**THU 10:00 John Mortimer - The Summer of a Dormouse (b007jsrs)**  
Journalist, Henry Troutbeck Pottinger is now an old man.  
He stands in the darkening garden of a vicarage by the sea and looks back on a life which seems to have passed as swiftly as Lord Byron's dormouse summer.  
John Mortimer's drama stars Paul Scofield as Henry Troutbeck Pottinger as an Old Man, Alex Jennings as Henry Troutbeck Pottinger as a Man and Joe Roberts as Henry Troutbeck Pottinger as a Boy.  
With Oliver Ford Davies as the Rev. Henry Pottinger, Gemma Jones as Dawn Pottinger/Lady Fan, Joanna David as Felicity Rewcastle, Imelda Staunton as Mavis Whitney, John Rowe as Mr Rewcastle and David Allister as Editor/Barman.  
With the Willie Brown Uni Band and accordionist Kevin Street.  
Director: Marilyn Imrie  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.  
**THU 11:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m9f)**  
Episode 7  
Before Carlsrona, Aubrey and Maturin must make a detour to Catalonia with the Catalan troops. Read by Benedict Cumberbatch.  
**THU 11:15 Paul B Davies - Spy Nozy and the Poets (b007jvty)**  
Suspicious behaviour by new residents in the small Somerset village of Nether Stowley leads to the arrival of a Home Office spy and a memorable encounter immortalised in literary history.  
Starring Bill Nighy as Mr Walsh and Martin Clunes as Coleridge - the protagonists in a drama where espionage, intrigue and poetic inspiration blur the boundaries between truth and fiction. With Graeme Garden as Mr King.  
Directed in Bristol by Sara Davies.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.  
**THU 12:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 12:30 Listen to Les (b00k26j0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 13:00 Doctor Who (b0184v7x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 13:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076lj5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino**

**Years (b007jqsw)**

My Sister Rosie

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years is the fifth book of the Mole series and is set between 30th April 1997 and 2nd May 1998. He is now 30 years-old.

Adrian is Head Chef in a Soho restaurant, estranged from his Nigerian wife, Jo Jo, and is the father of a three year-old called William. During the course of the book Adrian loses his job, moves back to Ashby-de-la-Zouche, his mother moves in with Pandora's father and Pandora herself becomes an MP. Adrian also discovers he has another - disruptive - son and inherits a house. He and his two sons move in together, but the house is burned to the ground by a woman who is infatuated by him.

**THU 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvfzz)**

The Closet

A place for prayer, music and safety. Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of the home over 400 years.

**THU 14:30 A House to Let (b00x58pp)**

Episode 4

Trottle makes a disturbing discovery at the derelict house, in a locked room. Stars Marcia Warren and Alec McCowen.

**THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00775zw)**

Brian Thompson - Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education Higher Education

Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education

Brian Thompson's memoirs of growing up in the 50s, abridged by Doreen Estall and read by David Troughton.

4/5. Higher Education

Brian returns from National Service in Kenya to attempt scholarship in Cambridge and romance in Waltham Cross.

**THU 15:00 John Mortimer - The Summer of a Dormouse (b007jrsr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04v311t)**

Witches, Rock Choir and Keep It in the Family

Mel Giedroyc discovers the bizarre rituals people used to perform to ward off witches, plus there is the next episode of Diana Wynne Jones's story Howl's Moving Castle.

**THU 17:00 No Commitments (b007k1sk)**

Series 3

Seasonal Adjustment

Anna and Charlotte plan to celebrate Christmas their way, but what about Victoria? Stars Rosemary Leach. From December 1994.

**THU 17:30 The Elephant Man (b04tkv7m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:00 Who Goes There? (b00fj2bw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076dhy)**

Series 3

Scott of the Antarctic

Author Beryl Bainbridge selects explorer Falcon Scott as a hidden romantic. With Humphrey Carpenter and Bob Headland.

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 2003.

**THU 19:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Listen to Les (b00k26j0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 20:00 Doctor Who (b0184v7x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076ljs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Serial (b04xdgs4)**

What We Know

On 13 January 1999, Adnan Syed was either a vengeful ex-boyfriend guilty of planned murder or he was framed for a crime didn't commit. We assess all the evidence to see what sticks.

**THU 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b04tk9h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00p2z8j)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Laura Solon presents her third series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.

This week we meet a woman who is so completely useless that she's just been snapped up for a job in the government; Britain's most affable secret agent and someone with a pretend hedgehog sanctuary.

Also featuring Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond. Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b04xtcwt)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan chats to Father Christmas.

**THU 23:00 Continuity (b00tmwtk)**

Episode 4

A seasoned and meticulous continuity announcer presents the very best of next week's radio with aplomb.

There's something for everyone here: Radio 4 goes to Preston for the national pie competition, Sarah Topolski gives us a sneak preview of next week's obituaries - exciting for most of us - and there's unbridled hilarity from the United Nations as

our Foreign Office sitcom goes Stateside. No Philosophical Logic this week though. You can't have everything.

Alistair McGowan stars in this subversive sitcom about a continuity announcer, written by Hugh Rycroft. Also starring Lewis Macleod, Sally Grace, Charlotte Page and David Holt.

Produced by David Spicer and Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 23:15 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076n58)**

Series 2

How to Get Out More

From popping out in order to stay in, to the delights of camping, the writer shares life-coaching tips. From September 2004.

**THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqxy)**

1999

Confusion in the House of Commons, discovering a new star - and what to wear for the Millennium.

Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Rory Bremner 'look back' at 1999 - a year that was yet to happen.

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.

**FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2014**

**FRI 00:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqsw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvfzz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 A House to Let (b00x58pp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:45 Book of the Week (b00775zw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Who Goes There? (b00fj2bw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b0076dhy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Doctor Who (b0184v7x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 Tales from the Stave (b0076ljs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 John Mortimer - The Summer of a Dormouse (b007jrsr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m9f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:15 Paul B Davies - Spy Nozy and the Poets (b007jvty)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 No Commitments (b007k1sk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 The Elephant Man (b04tkv7m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Doctor Who (b01852w8)**

Hornets' Nest

The Dead Shoes, part 2

Still cowering in the cellar of the cottage, Mike Yates discovers the Doctor's horrifying conclusion about the alien-infested ballet pumps of 1930s Cromer.

Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.

Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey, Claire Corbett as Ernestina Stott and Christian Rodska as the Reverend Small.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

**FRI 06:30 Bette in Britain (b00bzdg8)**

Susan George profiles Hollywood legend Miss Bette Davis, recalling her visits to Britain and the impact she had on British actors, directors and producers.

Reflecting the plotlines of characters she played on screen, Bette Davis's visits across the Atlantic left behind stories of success, mystery, court battles, failed marriages and sadness.

Miss Davis starred in several British films and was inspired by our history and influenced by our culture. She came here in the 1970s to tour her one-woman show where it has been claimed on a visit to Cardiff she searched for and found her relatives.

The programme features Davis's memorable appearance at the National Film Theatre and looks at the time she came to the UK to record an album of songs.

With extracts from her British interviews spanning 30 years the programme includes contributions from actor Wendy Craig, broadcaster Wyn Calvin and director Jimmy Sangster.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 to mark the centenary of the birth of Miss Bette Davis in 2008.

**FRI 07:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076shv)**

Series 2

I Get Along Without You Very Well

When Barry's wife leaves him for another man, Roy of course thinks he knows the best way to get her back. But at 2am and after many fortifying glasses of rum, it's not looking so hopeful.

Don Warrington..... Roy

Yvonne Brewster.....Vi

Sam Kelly.....George

George Layton.....Barry

Caroline Lee Johnson...Bernadette

Mike Kearsey.....Trombonist

Written by Marcus Powell

Producer Carol Smith.

**FRI 07:30 The Rest is History (b04v2ssq)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. This comedy discussion show with celebrity guests promises to help him find out more about it.

With Dave Gorman, Sara Pascoe and historian in residence Dr Kate Williams

Frank and company navigate their way through the annals of time, picking out and chewing over the funniest, oddest, and most interesting moments in history.

Producers: Dan Schreiber and Justin Pollard

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.

**FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzgo)**

Series 1

The Monte Carlo Rally

The Lad competes in the famous motor race in a very classic car - provided by Sid.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams.

Special guests: Brian Johnston and Raymond Baxter.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed 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 January 1955.

**FRI 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zvcml)**

The Moving Target

The bumbling bureaucrats take charge of Britain's first space launch.

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, John Graham and Ronald Baddiley.

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 the BBC Radio 4 in July 1970.

**FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00sj6ts)**

Series 3

Episode 4

John Lloyd invites guests Sarah Bakewell, Michael Welland and Simon Evans to add to the collection. From May 2010.

**FRI 09:30 Big Jim and the Figure Club (b008j030)**

On the Line

Harold Perkins can't get a site phone, so his workmates get him a handset and more besides...

Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour".

Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Steven Harold as Harry, Carol Hawkins as Miss James, Stephen Garlick as Plonker and Karen Ascoe as the Typist.

Narrated by Bernard Cribbins.

Written by Ted Walker.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

**FRI 10:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cchpd)**

Episode 1

Two brothers, James and Henry Durie, engage in a bitter struggle over money, power and love in this dark and dramatic adventure story set in 18th-century Scotland and America.

After the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, the Master flees Scotland for a life of piracy, buried treasure and murder...

Starring David Rintoul and Liam Brennan.

First published in 1889, Robert Louis Stevenson's buccaneering tale dramatised in two parts by Chris Dolan.

James Durie .... David Rintoul

Henry Durie .... Liam Brennan

Ephraim McKellar .... John Shedden

Alison Graeme .... Vicki Liddelle

Chevalier Burke .... Patrick Moxey

Captain Teach .... John Kazek

Dutton .... Simon Tait

Jess Broun .... Lesley Hart

Lord Durrisdeer .... Tom Fleming

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

**FRI 11:00 Patrick O'Brian - The Surgeon's Mate (b0076m9w)**

Episode 8

A gale is blowing up in the mouth of the Channel when HMS

Ariel sights a French frigate on the windward side. Read by

Benedict Cumberbatch.

**FRI 11:15 Gideon Fell - The Blind Barber (b04v36dw)**

There is only one clue to a brutal killing on an ocean liner - the engraving on the murder weapon.

Thriller starring Donald Sinden as Dr Gideon Fell, John Hartley as Superintendent Hadley and Patrick Allen as Lord Sturton.

Amateur sleuth, Dr Gideon Fell is an archetypal English eccentric created by American-born John Dickson Carr. Dramatised by Peter Ling. Director Emyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997

**FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzg0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zvcml)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Doctor Who (b01852w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Bette in Britain (b00bzdg8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Sue Townsend - Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (b007jqtd)**

Pensioners

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years is the fifth book of the Mole series and is set between 30th April 1997 and 2nd May 1998. He is now 30 years-old.

Adrian is Head Chef in a Soho restaurant, estranged from his Nigerian wife, Jo Jo, and is the father of a three year-old called William. During the course of the book Adrian loses his job, moves back to Ashby-de-la-Zouche, his mother moves in with Pandora's father and Pandora herself becomes an MP. Adrian also discovers he has another - disruptive - son and inherits a house. He and his two sons move in together, but the house is burned to the ground by a woman who is infatuated by him.

**FRI 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvg01)**

Every Man's Home Is His Castle

Elaborate rituals of locking up at night, plus records of Old Bailey trials. Amanda Vickery's hidden history of the home over 400 years.

**FRI 14:30 A House to Let (b00x544m)**

Episode 5

The derelict house finally reveals its sad secrets, but Trotter is determined to make it a happy ending. Stars Marcia Warren.

**FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b0077613)**

Brian Thompson - Clever Girl: A Sentimental Education Sausages for Tea

Having come down from Cambridge, Brian Thompson marries his sensible girlfriend. 1950s memoir concluded by David Troughton.

**FRI 15:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cbpd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04v3738)**

Strictly Come Dancing dresses and Keep It in the Family Mel Giedroyc gets a guide to making the perfect frilly frock with the Strictly Come Dancing costumier, plus the next part of Diana Wynne Jones's story Howl's Moving Castle.

**FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007jq6v)**

Series 3

A Box of Chocolates

"Any treaty drawn up with my mother would have to include strict boundary agreements. I'm afraid she has the same attitude to frontiers as Genghis Khan. And now I come to think of it, the similarities don't end there."

When Sarah meets an old flame 30 years on, her mother manages to interrupt them once again.

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

Peter ..... Tom Wilkinson

Doctor ..... Julie Berry

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 1987.

**FRI 17:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076shv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00sj6ts)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00v3cyk)**

Series 1

Sir Terry Pratchett

Acclaimed author Sir Terry Pratchett has sold over 65 million books worldwide.

In conversation with Stuart Cosgrove, Sir Terry reveals the five most important books in his life. As well as revealing his literary secrets he tells Stuart about his life as a journalist, how he copes living with Alzheimer's and why he really wanted to be an astronomer.

Sir Terry died in March 2015 aged 66.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in October 2010

**FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzg0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b00zvcml)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 Doctor Who (b01852w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Bette in Britain (b00bzdg8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b007jvw8)**

Cruise

Sailing round the Mediterranean, a young lady writes about the upper-class antics on board ship. Read by Abigail Docherty. From March 2003.

**FRI 21:15 Gideon Fell - The Blind Barber (b04v36dw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**FRI 22:00 The Rest is History (b04v2ssq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Cowards (b00fm5s8)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Step inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards.

Series 2 of sketch comedy with a comic slant on human frailties. Starring Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

**FRI 23:00 Blue Jam (b04tvp70)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Another audio cloud of darkly hilarious comedy from Chris Morris. With Mark Heap, Amelia Bullmore, Julia Davis, Kevin Eldon and David Cann.

Are you still lying curare-still, seeking relief in feigning dead?

Then welcome, oo-tazz welcome. Chris Morris is here to help you wallow in the melancholy, for the second series of this subversive radio classic.

Immediately prior to Blue Jam's initial burst on radio, Chris Morris had caused a furore with Channel 4's Brass Eye. Yet Blue Jam managed to be a total departure from his previous work. Originally airing late at night on BBC Radio 1, it's a blend of ambient music, deadpan ( sometimes brutal ) sketches and offbeat monologues. A whole audio landscape of the subconscious, the ad-hoc low-fi sheen of production lending it a kind of verisimilitude.

In sharp contrast with the personality-led comedies of recent years, Blue Jam makes a virtue of anonymity. Borat scribe Pater Baynham is one of the writers, and Julia Davis and Amelia Bullmore are among the cast. Rightly winning a clutch of Sony Awards, it remains unique - nothing before or after was remotely like it.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in April 1998.