

**SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 2014**

**SAT 00:00 Charles Dickens (b00pdkdp)**

The Signalman  
The famous spine-chilling tale about a railway worker haunted by a spectre, warning him of danger on the rails. Read by Emlyn Williams.

**SAT 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mzw4q)**

Mistress and Servants  
Historian Amanda Vickery on the perils of running a house in Lancashire with unreliable servants. From Elizabeth Shackleton's diaries.

**SAT 00:30 Ladies of Letters (b01pdy7x)**

Ladies of Letters Go Crackers  
Episode 5  
Irene discovers her daughter-in-law's awful secret plan, while Vera's future looks bleak. Stars Anne Reid and Prunella Scales.

**SAT 00:45 Jeremy Seal - Santa: A Life (b0076w3f)**

Episode 5  
Writer Jeremy Seal's quest to discover the real Santa Claus concludes at the northernmost point of the globe. Read by Alan Cox.

**SAT 01:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00slqw1)**

Series 3  
Episode 5  
John receives offerings from polymath Daniel Tammet, explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison and comedian Ronni Ancona. From June 2010.

**SAT 01:30 My Life in Five Books (b00v6kfk)**

Series 1  
Tony Parsons  
In this series Stuart Cosgrove meets guests from the literary world and beyond to hear about the five very special books in their lives.

Tony Parsons is a bestselling author, a newspaper columnist and an outspoken commentator.  
He published his first novel, The Kids in 1976 while working in a Gin factory. Making a name for himself as a journalist on the New Musical Express he went on to publish several semi-autobiographical novels including Man and Boy in 1999. His latest book, Tony Parsons on Life, Death and Breakfast has just been published.

Talking to Stuart Cosgrove, Tony picks five significant books from his book shelves including a memorable title from his childhood, a book he would describe as life changing and the tome he has bought but has never finished.

**SAT 02:00 Doctor Who (b01875j2)**

Hornets' Nest  
Hive of Horror, part 1  
Now fully up to speed, former UNIT ally, Mike Yates joins forces with the Time Lord to tackle 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 Wibbsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins.

Producer: Kate Thomas  
Made by BBC Audio.

**SAT 02:30 Ainsley's First Kitchen (b0076w78)**

Ainsley Harriott takes us back to some of the culinary milestones of his South London youth - the market stalls still selling their global range of fruit and veg; the Greek matriarch and magnificent cook, now in her nineties, who treated Ainsley as an addition to her copious family; the kitchen in his childhood home, kindly lent for the occasion by the present occupants, now completely transformed but redolent with memories. In that kitchen, where his mother taught him how to cook, Ainsley prepares some Christmas favourites from forty years ago and invites along a few friends to share the moment, including another South London boy, comedian Arthur Smith. Ainsley's parents emigrated from Jamaica in the late 1950's and made a new life for themselves in Balham, South London. By the time Ainsley and his siblings were born a few years later, the area was already home to a vibrant and diverse community. People newly arrived from the Caribbean, Greece or Hong Kong and their English-born children lived alongside Londoners who had been in the area for generations. Parents swapped neighbourly small talk, children were in and out of each other's houses sampling the national cuisine of their hosts. The local shops and markets began to reflect this culinary cornucopia, stocking mangoes and sweet potatoes as well as apples and sprouts, and some of Ainsley's earliest memories are of going shopping with his mother, her basket crammed with exotic produce.

**SAT 03:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084sb1)**

When in Rome  
1970s Rome. Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn is incognito and on the trail of a vast drugs syndicate - and some exceptionally unsavoury blackmail.

But he hasn't reckoned on murder...  
Another tale of Dame Ngaio Marsh's gentleman detective.  
CDI Alleyn .... Jeremy Clyde  
Nigel Bathgate .... Nick Waring  
Sonia, Lady Bracely .... Pauline Jameson  
Kenneth Dorne .... Tom George  
Baron Van der Veghel .... David Swift  
Baroness Van der Veghel .... Paula Jacobs  
Sophy Jason .... Annabelle Dowler  
Barnaby Grant .... Sean Arnold

Major Sweet .... Derek Waring  
Sebastian Mailer .... Matthew Devereaux  
Father Denys .... James Greene  
Valdarno .... Stephen Critchlow  
Violetta/Receptionist .... Carolyn Jones  
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.  
Director: Emyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

**SAT 04:00 James Hopkin - A Georgian Trilogy (b01ng1hz)**  
The Soul Is Missing Fairy Tales!  
The third of three specially commissioned stories by James Hopkin, inspired by his travels in Georgia in Autumn 2008. A tour bus of journalists, writers and artists breaks down on the infamous military highway from Vladikavkaz to Tbilisi. It is only nine days since the Russian army withdrew from parts of Georgia, but there are rumours of a return.  
Read by Ben Miles.  
Producer: Rosalynd Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.  
**SAT 04:15 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (b008j0gn)**  
A young magician is left alone in his master's workshop. Judith French updates Goethe's tale. Starring Paul Rhys and Harry Towb.

**SAT 05:00 After Henry (b007k01q)**  
The Season of Relative Goodwill  
"Even doing what you always do at Christmas presupposes agreement about exactly what it is that you always do". Sarah's mother makes everyone follow her strict timetable for Christmas Day.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.  
Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell and Gerry Cowper as Clare. 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 December 1987.

**SAT 05:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076sm2)**

Series 2  
Swingin' Down the Lane  
No Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me  
Series 2

Episode 3 of 4 - Swingin' Down the Lane  
Roy and George hear that an old bandleader, Gillie Truman, is on his deathbed and George is keen to visit. But Roy fell out with Gillie fifty years earlier and sees no reason to bury the hatchet.

Don Warrington..... Roy  
Yvonne Brewster..... Vi  
Sam Kelly..... George  
George Layton..... Barry  
Caroline Lee Johnson..... Bernadette  
Marcus Powell..... Victor  
Michael Bertenshaw..... Gillie  
Angie Wallis..... Laura  
Mike Kearsey..... Trombonist  
Written by Marcus Powell  
Producer Carol Smith.

**SAT 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b01n4f9y)**  
The Pain of Strain Falls Mainly on the Brain  
Held hostage for their brains, can Kremmen and his crew evade their evil captors? Kenny Everett's 1970s sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**SAT 06:00 JCW Brook - The Tale of the Knight, the Witch and the Dragon (b04vdykh)**

A story set in the past, the past of the imagination, where all things are possible. Written by JCW Brook.  
Starring Patrick Stewart as The Knight, Peggy Paige as The Witch and Scrull the Dragon created by Peter Howell of the Radiophonic Workshop, who also composed the sound score. Directed by Ian Cotterell.  
Originally a BBC Quadrophonic recording for Saturday Night Theatre. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.

**SAT 07:30 The Nose School (b00tr3ps)**  
Fuelling a multi-million pound industry. Rosie Goldsmith discovers the ancient and secretive art of perfume-making. From March 2005.

**SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00pj0y2)**  
Doctor Who - The Lost Episodes  
What happened to the 108 missing episodes of Doctor Who from the 1960s?  
Shaun Ley investigates why the tapes were wiped and how dedicated fans hunted down copies of other episodes in film collections from Cyprus to New Zealand.  
While we may have lost those early programmes, Shaun hears how some home recordings ensured all audio survived.  
Producer: Chris Ledgard.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**SAT 09:00 4 Extra Celebrates Dora Bryan (b03szf7d)**  
A celebration of the life of Dora Bryan, hailed as one of Britain's great all-round performers.  
Journalist and writer Lynne Truss looks back on Dora's remarkable career with handpicked highlights from the BBC radio archive. Lynne is joined by Dora's friend and co-star Bernard Cribbins, BBC radio drama producer Martin Jenkins, theatre critic Benedict Nightingale and film writer Matthew Sweet.

With her unmistakable voice and scene-stealing comic timing, Dora was a regular pleasure of 1950s and 60s British cinema, playing a series of 'tarts with hearts'. But she was just at home on stage performing Pinter, belting out show tunes in Hello, Dolly! or captivating listeners from behind a microphone. And well into her 70s she was still in the West End singing, dancing and doing the splits.

The archive selection includes:  
\* Desert Islands Discs From 1987, when Dora was Michael Parkinson's castaway  
\* Jimmy Chinn's drama Perfect Timing about a struggling music hall duo all at sea on a cruise ship booking starring Dora, Bernard Cribbins and Roy Barraclough  
\* That Reminds Me from 2000, in which Dora recalls her stage, film and TV career  
\* With Great Pleasure from 2003, featuring readings from Dora's favourite books  
\* The Child Within, Wally K Daly's moving monologue written especially for and performed by Dora Bryan.  
Dora Bryan died on 23rd July 2014 aged 91.  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in March 2014.

**SAT 12:00 The Skool Days of Nigel Molesworth (Omnibus) (b04vdzxb)**

Everyone's favourite anarchic skoolboy, Nigel Molesworth gives a guided tour of the complete and utter shambles that is St Custards, the finest educational establishment this side of Dotheboys Hall.

Imelda Staunton stars as Nigel Molesworth, the Curse of St Custards, in this fresh adaptation of the notorious Gorriler of 3B's guide to skool life for tiny pupils and their parents. Aided by best friend Peason and thwarted by everyone from Grabber the skool bully to Wandsworth the skool dog, Nigel Molesworth teaches us the ins and outs of skool life - including how to avoid lessons and how to build your own H-bomb.

Molesworth ..... Imelda Staunton  
Peason ..... Sophie Thompson  
Grabber ..... Jack Farthing  
Prudence ..... Jessica Brown Findlay  
Headmaster ..... Patrick Barlow  
Radio Announcer ..... Lewis Macleod  
Omnibus adapted by Patrick Barlow and George Poles from the books by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle, with additional material by Abigail Wilson.  
Director: Patrick Barlow  
Producer: Liz Anstee  
A CPL production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in five parts in December 2014.

**SAT 13:15 The Lady Detectives (b00c9f3n)**  
The Golden Slipper  
The vivacious Miss Violet Strange shines in the best New York society. But, unknown to her friends, she's also a professional agency detective. Here, in a case from 1910, she investigates 'The Inseparables', four rich young women suspected of a series of thefts.

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.  
Anna Green's mystery stars Teresa Gallagher as Violet Strange, Crawford Logan as Driscoll, Lesley Hart as Alicia and Gayanne Potter as Theresa.

Dramatised by Roger Danes.  
Producer: Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**SAT 14:00 Sid and Dora (b04vd29z)**

Celebrating Christmas doesn't quite go to plan for Sid and Dora Edge.  
Starring Sid James and Dora Bryan.  
With Pat Coombs and Derek Lanyon.  
Incidental music by Jack Embrow  
Script by Eddie Maguire  
Producer: John Browell  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1965.

**SAT 14:30 Spike Milligan (b04vd21s)**  
The Naughty Navy Show  
Spike Milligan's one-off festive show  
Co-starring:  
John Bird  
Bernard Miles  
Bob Todd  
Phillipe Le Bars  
Roddy Maude-Roxby  
Music from Alan Clare's Naughty Navy Quartet.  
Recorded before an audience of students at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. By permission of the Admiral President, Rear-Admiral P U. Bayley C.B.D.S.C.  
Written by Spike Milligan.  
Producer: Charles Chilton  
Audio courtesy of The Goon Show Preservation Society.  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1965.

**SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00pj0y2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**SAT 16:00 JCW Brook - The Tale of the Knight, the Witch and the Dragon (b04vdykh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 17:30 The Rest is History (b04vd88y)**  
Series 1  
Episode 2



Cicely Giddings as Lily Wighton  
 Scott Brooksbank as Inspector Boot  
 David Bickerstaff as Horace Sprout and Compton Wetherby  
 David Benson as David Devant  
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**SUN 19:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show (b018sgj4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**SUN 20:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01cj229)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00rmxpt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04vf1h1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 21:45 Afternoon Reading (b00t4ndn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**SUN 22:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00zdh7k)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d7jpx)**  
 Series 1  
 A Youth Utterly Crooked  
 Young Pip must thwart his evil guardian's plans. Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof stars Richard Johnson. From August 2007.  
**SUN 23:00 The Cornwell Estate (b00vxy6)**  
 Series 2  
 Jimmy Baker  
 Phil Cornwell brings six edgy comic characters to life in a new series of The Cornwell Estate, starring Tony Gardner (Fresh Meat), Roger Lloyd Pack (Only Fools and Horses, Vicar of Dibley), Simon Greenall (Alan Partridge) Daisy Haggard (Psychoville) Ricky Champ (Him and Her, BBC3) Jill Halfpenny (Eastenders, Legally Blonde) and Cyril Nri. Written by Andrew McGibbon and Phil Cornwell  
 Jimmy leaves the Cornwell Estate for his native Newcastle to restart his career as a stand up comedian. But that's not all he's come back to do.  
 Cast:  
 Jimmy Baker ..... Phil Cornwell  
 Sergeant Paul Farris ..... Simon Greenall  
 Emma Baker ..... Jill Halfpenny  
 Terry ..... Andrew McGibbon  
 Malky Robey ..... Paul Brennan  
 Created by Phil Cornwell and Andrew McGibbon with additional material by Nick Romero  
 Producer/Director: Andrew McGibbon  
 A Curtains for Radio production for BBC Radio 4.  
**SUN 23:15 Knocker (b0089jkk)**  
 Eligibilliant  
 Market researcher Ian Dunn tackles a run down council tower block. Stars Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox. From November 2007.  
 Episode 2 - Eligibilliant  
 Halloween in a run down tower block. Constantly mistaken for a Trick or Treater (he's stencilled 'Cowabunga' on his pac-a-mac to appeal to his youthful target group) and harassed by children so poor that they have to throw imaginary fireworks, Ian knocks on the Last Door In The Block. After terrifying and extended scrapings, the door is edged open by a rasping old woman who has struggled to drag her breathing apparatus to the door.. and who seems to have been expecting him.  
 Produced by Tilusha Ghelani  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.  
**SUN 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jr3g)**  
 Series 3  
 The Pain of the Mastersons  
 The Masterson family find bohemian inspiration in the Lake District.  
 The award-winning improvised historical 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 August 1995.

#### MONDAY 29 DECEMBER 2014

**MON 00:00 Weird Tales (b00vknrq)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:30 The Scarifiers (b01b19tb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04vf1h1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:45 Afternoon Reading (b00t4ndn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01cj229)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:30 Stop Messing About! (b00rmxpt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00zdh7k)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:30 Alan Bennett - The Lady in the Van (b0120vy5)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:00 Hans Christian Andersen - The Snow Queen**

**(b00pgyd8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 Doctor Who (b0187yc3)**  
 Hornets' Nest  
 Hive of Horror, part 2  
 In his battle with the sinister Queen of the swarm, the Doctor must come up with a plan...  
 Conclusion 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 Wibbsey and Rula Lenska as The Queen.  
 Producer: Kate Thomas  
 Made by BBC Audio.  
**MON 06:30 The Late Mrs Buggins (b0076rjr)**  
 4 Extra Debut. Comedy actress Mabel Constanduros's irascible character Grandma Buggins taught the nation to cook their rations with a smile. With Lynda Bellingham. From April 2005.  
**MON 07:00 North East of Eden (b01f9t2c)**  
 Invaders and Outsiders  
 Marcia leaves London when she inherits her uncle's medical practice on the remote Paradise Island in Northumbria - with its Wind O' Change pub and populace of slightly dodgy fisherman.  
 Rebecca Front and Joan Sims stars in Peter Kerry's sitcom.  
 Doctor Marcia Hulme ..... Rebecca Front  
 Auntie Annie ..... Joan Sims  
 Hjorst/The Translator ..... Niall Ashdown  
 Joseph Gates ..... James Garbutt  
 Mrs Peevis ..... Jean Southern  
 William ..... Sammy Johnson  
 Ralph Gates ..... Stephen Thirkeld  
 Other Roles ..... Peter Kerry  
 Producer: Kathy Smith  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.  
**MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b04vndngk)**  
 Series 62  
 Episode 6  
 Back for a second week at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, regulars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden are joined on the panel by Susan Calman and Tony Hawks, with Jack Dee in the chair. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell.  
 Producer - Jon Naismith.  
**MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04v8rjl)**  
 Series 1  
 Holiday Attraction  
 Can Kate and George agree on a holiday destination?  
 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  
 Miles ..... Derek Waring  
 Pauline ..... Rosalind Knight  
 Ronald ..... William Fox  
 Producer: Charles Maxwell  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1965.  
**MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b04v8rll)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 3  
 Lecturing in Norwich, Lionel stays with an old girlfriend. But Jean turns up unexpectedly.  
 Former sweethearts Jean and Lionel have been reunited in middle-age.  
 Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel. With Moira Brooker as Judith, Jon Glover as Alistair, John Barren as the Master, Jean Warren as Denise, Simon Greenall and Melanie Hudson as the Students.  
 Adapted from his original BBC TV series by Bob Larbey.  
 Producer: Martin Fisher.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1997.  
**MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00vcpf4)**  
 Series 14  
 Marcel Proust  
 James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness. With team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks, discussing the life and works of Marcel Proust.  
**MON 09:30 Britain Versus the World (b04vf6rp)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 Comedy panel show pitting two British comedians against a team of comics from overseas to find out which side is superior.  
 Joining the British captain, Hal Cruttenden, is the Mancunian comedian Justin Moorhouse while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with Danish stand-up Sofie Hagen. The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial.  
 Host  
 Ed Byrne  
 Guests  
 Hal Cruttenden  
 Henning Wehn  
 Justin Moorhouse  
 Sofie Hagen  
 Programme Associate:L Bill Matthews  
 Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**MON 10:00 Thomas Hardy - A Pair of Blue Eyes (b007jphk)**  
 Episode 1  
 Cornish parson's daughter Elfride becomes the object of affection for two very different men. Stars Janet Maw and Sean Arnold.  
**MON 11:00 Neil Gaiman and Dirk Maggs in Conversation (b04vj1f2)**  
 The best-selling author Neil Gaiman and the uber producer Dirk Maggs go back a ridiculously long way, but they only actually met in person a few years ago.  
 Their friendship began during the early days of email when, in 1992, Dirk wrote to Neil asking if he could turn Gaiman's 'The Sandman' comic series into a radio play.  
 Sadly that project didn't happen, but it was the beginning of a long friendship, which led to their working together on the hugely successful 2013 radio drama Neverwhere and, most recently, on BBC Radio 4's adaptation of Good Omens, the cult classic written by Neil and Sir Terry Pratchett.  
 Recorded in September after the read though of Good Omens.  
 Produced by Liz Jaynes.  
**MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04vjrrj)**  
 Clive Anderson celebrates a year of star names and stunning music from the Loose Ends studio  
 Clive Anderson celebrates a year of star names and striking music and brings together the very best of Loose Ends 2014. Around an enlarged table, though possibly not all at the same time, are - Gregory Porter, Engelbert Humperdinck, Hugh Grant, Chris O'Dowd, Emma Freud, Tamsin Grieg, Ray Davies, Alan Johnson MP, Arthur Smith, Ross Noble, Sarah Solemani, Jon Gnaar, Ronan Keating, Sara Pascoe, Jerry Springer, Danny Wallace, Kate Tempest, Nikki Bedi, Mick Fleetwood, Tom Hollander, Cerys Matthews, Aisling Bea, Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Leonie Orton, Intiaz Dharker, Bobby Crush, Scottee, and Cody ChesnuTT.  
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**MON 13:00 Doctor Who (b0187yc3)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 The Late Mrs Buggins (b0076rjr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 14:00 The Lunar Effect (b007k1d8)**  
 The Cycle  
 Under a full moon, a young woman deals with two tormentors by unexpected means. Michelle Gomez reads John Connolly's tale.  
 How often have you done something which seemed out of character only to discover that a full moon fell on that day or week? Five stories marking a full moon. When someone or something unexpectedly steps outside of the norm is it just coincidence, or is there really something in The Lunar Effect? The Cycle, written by John Connolly and read by Michelle Gomez.  
 On her way home from work on an almost deserted train, a young woman starts to suffer pains that we are led to believe indicate her period is imminent. When two troubling youths board the train and there is a subsequent delay, the boys' unwanted attention, the woman's increasing pain and the effect of the full moon result in the demise of her tormentors by unexpected means...  
**MON 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00n4wyz)**  
 Tea  
 Historian Amanda Vickery reveals how tea's arrival in the 18th century meant that everyone, rich or poor, could afford to entertain at home.  
**MON 14:30 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b2grv)**  
 Episode 1  
 An unexpected obstacle sparks a beguiling adventure for diplomat George Darrow.  
 Published in 1912, The Reef is one of Edith Wharton's most accomplished yet neglected novels - revealing the submerged and perilous depths beneath the surface of even the most conventional of its characters.  
 Starring Ben Miles as George Darrow, Jodhi May as Sophie and Sian Thomas as the Narrator.  
 Dramatised by Penny Leicester.  
 Producer: Di Speirs  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.  
**MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b017t53)**  
 Charles Dickens: A Life, by Claire Tomalin  
 Episode 1  
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man. Today's theme is Dickens' troubled childhood.  
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of one of the nation's literary giants is broadcast to mark the 150th anniversary of his death in June 2020. Here Tomalin portrays Dickens as a writer "so charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality." The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield are just a handful of the characters he created and who continue to endure. He was also a hard-working journalist, a philanthropist, a supporter of liberal social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side which emerged with the breakdown of his marriage.





Cameron.  
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay  
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.  
**WED 09:00 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)**  
 Series 4  
 Deadline News  
 Crime writers Ruth Dudley Edwards and Robert Richardson try to solve the murder of a model.  
 With the help of witnesses played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.  
 Murder mystery panel game chaired by Simon Brett.  
 Producer: Liz Anstee  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.  
**WED 09:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0075tgf)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 4  
 Have the girls from hit American TV show 'Friends' really come to visit?  
 Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.  
 With Martin Hyder and Jim North.  
 Script editor: Graeme Garden  
 Music by Richard Webb.  
 Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.  
**WED 10:00 Thomas Hardy - A Pair of Blue Eyes (b007jjpg)**  
 Episode 3  
 After seeing Stephen at the church, Elfride procrastinates over telling Henry of her past. Stars Jeremy Irons and Janet Maw.  
**WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00zsjyx)**  
 I Expected the Worst...  
 Truffaut Letters  
 "Dear Monsieur,  
 You do me too great an honour in asking my advice. I have never written a shooting script and I never know where I'm going to place the camera one hour before I start shooting, which is to say, before seeing the actors move through the set..."  
 A series of three readings, in which famous directors describe their adventures in the  
 the movie business:  
 2. Francois Truffaut: Letters.  
 His missives are a rich source of insight and amusement, as he considers the likes of dubious actors, terrible music, freedom of expression and favourite foods...  
 Read by Ben Miles  
 Producer Duncan Minshull.  
**WED 11:15 Drama (b00rb2sx)**  
 Doug Lucie - Hitched  
 Episode 2  
 Welcome to the wedding of Emma and Richard. This is their wedding day from the viewpoints of their respective families. The dress - the food - the speeches - the music. Who were what, who said what, what cost what; the secrets, the lies, the smiles and the tears. From the pen of acclaimed dramatist Doug Lucie, this is one wedding you won't want to miss!  
 Emma and Richard have done their best to keep their respective families apart, but as their wedding day approaches it is time for the in-laws-to-be to finally meet. But how will Emma's atheist father Max and 'slightly too fond of the grape' mother Ellie (divorced, not exactly amicably?) get along with Richard's bullish and opinionated father Barry and rather put upon mother Jenny?  
 With Emma's grandfather Chas and Richard's grandmother Ruby both along for the ride, the stage is set for a fiery clash of personalities - and that's before we even get to the reception!  
 Two afternoon plays track the events of one couple's big day creating a stunning social satire on our modern-day obsession with weddings. What will the day hold for our happy couple? And, once the band strikes up and the wine is flowing will bubbling tensions and family frictions erupt and ruin this happiest of days?  
 'Hitched' takes us behind the scenes as one couple promise to love each other 'for better or worse'. But which will it be?  
 CAST:  
 Chas William Gaunt  
 Ruby Sylvia Syms  
 Emma Lydia Leonard  
 Richard Joe Armstrong  
 Max Stephen Moore  
 Ellie Frances Barber  
 Barry Ian Reddington  
 Jenny Cheryl Campbell  
 Frankie Michael Colgan  
 Roy Nicky Henson  
 Bill Michael Shelford  
 Peter Guy Henry  
 Doug Lucie has written for TV, theatre and radio. His TV credits include 'Eastenders' and 'Headhunters' while his numerous stage plays include 'Progress', 'Grace', 'The Shallow End', 'The Green Man' 'Presence' and 'Pass it On'. For radio his has dramatised 'Shut Eye' and 'Gypsy' and has written 'The Green Man', 'Hold Back the Night', 'Blind', 'Small Earthquake' and most recently 'Development' and 'Sunny Afternoon'.  
**WED 12:00 Take It From Here (b013m01w)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00scw5v)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 13:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 The King of the Swingers (b0076y48)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 14:00 The Lunar Effect (b007k1dn)**  
 She Often Walked at Night  
 Under a full moon somewhere in Europe - three friends meet in a strange, exotic bar. Lucy Cohu reads Lilian Pizzichini's tale. Three friends, adrift in a mysterious European city, congregate one night at cocktail hour in a strange, exotic bar and, as they partake of an absinthe-like drink, pathological, long-buried natural tendencies surface under the influence of the full moon.  
**WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00n4wyl)**  
 Men at Home  
 In her hidden home history, Amanda Vickery reveals the stories of family 'black sheep'. Not everyone adhered to polite etiquette.  
**WED 14:30 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b32bz)**  
 Episode 3  
 Paris in the springtime is a dangerous place - a chateau in the October sunlight seems much safer. Darrow arrives at Givre in pursuit of Anna.  
 Published in 1912, The Reef is one of Edith Wharton's most accomplished yet neglected novels - revealing the submerged and perilous depths beneath the surface of even the most conventional of its characters.  
 Starring Ben Miles as George Darrow, Jodhi May as Sophie, Julian Ovenden as Owen, Teresa Gallagher as Anna and Sian Thomas as the Narrator.  
 Dramatised by Penny Leicester.  
 Producer: Di Speirs  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.  
**WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b017mv1k)**  
 Charles Dickens: A Life, by Claire Tomalin  
 Episode 3  
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man. Today the novelist is well received in America.  
 Marking the 150th anniversary of Charles Dickens death, Radio 4 is broadcasting Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of the literary giant who called himself the "inimitable". Here Tomalin has created a vivid and evocative portrait of one of the nation's best loved writers. The characters Dickens created are instantly recognisable, from David Copperfield, to Mr Micawber and Nicholas Nickleby. His literary output was phenomenal. He was also the father of ten, and a supporter of various social causes, all evident in his novels. He was also a deeply complex man and a dark side accompanied his genius.  
 Claire Tomalin was literary editor of the The New Statesman and then the Sunday Times before becoming a full time writer. Her biographies are award winning. The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.  
 Read by Penelope Wilton  
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton  
 Produced by Elizabeth Allard.  
**WED 15:00 Thomas Hardy - A Pair of Blue Eyes (b007jjpg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04vjyhl)**  
 Heston Blumenthal, Weighing Penguins and Fishing for Sharks  
 Mel Giedroyc gets creative in the kitchen as chef Heston Blumenthal shares his Inheritance Tracks, and we listen to the short story A Shark Called Yetunde, by Alan Bissett.  
**WED 17:00 Thinking of Leaving Your Husband? (b00rrkg5)**  
 FindthePerfectPartner4u.com  
 The first episode of a comedy drama by Charlotte Cory starring Henry Goodman and Lia Williams.  
 Sarah is deeply dissatisfied with her lot. Her marriage to the kindly but deeply boring Malcolm has long since failed to bring any spark to her life, and a brief relationship with a man called David, while ultimately unfulfilling, at least proves to her that she is not so unattractive that she cannot find happiness elsewhere.  
 So she leaves Malcolm and a chance encounter with an old school friend, Tania, leads her to move in with her friend and join the internet dating site Find-the-perfect-partner-4-u.com. But her first experience of internet dating proves hugely embarrassing.  
 Cast:  
 Sarah ... Lia Williams  
 Malcolm - and all Sarah's internet dates ... Henry Goodman  
 Mother ... Miriam Margolyes  
 Tania ... Frances Barber  
 Francis Parker ... Roger Hammond  
 Sound Design: Lucinda Mason Brown  
 Original Music: David Chilton  
 Director: Gordon House  
 A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.  
**WED 17:30 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**WED 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b01n7hgs)**  
 One Whiff Equals Instant Death  
 The Earthmen escape, but the smelliest substance in the universe is heading their way. Kenny Everett's 1970s sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.  
**WED 18:02 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076gs9)**

Irritation  
 Novelist Patrick Neate, journalists Ros Taylor and Martin Freeman on the causes of irritation. With Matthew Parris.  
 In each programme, Matthew Parris introduces a group of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.  
 The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2003.  
**WED 19:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m7fq9)**  
 Big Ben as Beating Heart  
 Ian McMillan's new poem pays moving tribute to the hope-inspiring chimes of Big Ben on BBC Radio throughout World War II.  
**WED 19:02 Take It From Here (b013m01w)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00scw5v)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 20:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b03mj0vc)**  
 New Year in War Time  
 Ian McMillan's new poem imagines allied troops in World War II, listening out for the New Year chimes of Big Ben on BBC Radio.  
**WED 20:02 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**WED 20:30 The King of the Swingers (b0076y48)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 21:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m80vk)**  
 Big Ben - Good News  
 Archive recordings and a new poem by Ian McMillan reflect on Big Ben's chimes on BBC Radio during pivotal moments in history.  
**WED 21:02 Afternoon Reading (b00zsjyx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**WED 21:15 Drama (b00rb2sx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]  
**WED 22:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m78kj)**  
 Big Ben as an Icon of Britain  
 Archive recordings and a new poem by Ian McMillan pay tribute to the chimes of Big Ben, familiar across the globe on BBC Radio.  
**WED 22:02 Cabin Pressure (b04vf959)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b007k078)**  
 Christmas Special 2002  
 Knocking on Heaven's Door  
 Satan's epic quest ends as he meets Death, St Peter and his rottweilers - and Davina McCall.  
 Conclusion of Andy Hamilton's two-part devilishly funny, festive special from Hell.  
 Satan ..... Andy Hamilton  
 The Professor ..... James Grout  
 Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville  
 Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan  
 Hope ..... Claire Skinner  
 With Philip Pope, Felicity Montagu and Michael Fenton Stevens.  
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.  
**WED 23:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b03m3xk5)**  
 Big Ben Seizes Up  
 Ian McMillan's new poem recalls the day the chimes kept going 'clonk' when Big Ben seized up in the icy winter.  
**WED 23:02 Concrete Cow (b04v8z2)**  
 Series 2  
 Art  
 Someone goes too far at a murder-mystery party.  
 Second series of the 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 4 at the Store (b00d7jzp)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 2  
 Simon Bligh hosts more stand-up from London's Comedy Store.  
 With:  
 Alan Carr  
 Richard Morton  
 Gina Yashere  
 Producer: Helen Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

#### THURSDAY 01 JANUARY 2015

**THU 00:00 Big Ben's Chimes (b01nt4q1)**  
 Maintaining Big Ben  
 Made for 4 Extra. Archive recordings and a new poem by Ian McMillan pay tribute to the familiar tone of the chimes of 'Great Uncle Ben'.  
**THU 00:02 The Lunar Effect (b007k1dn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00n4wyl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b32bz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:45 Book of the Week (b017mv1k)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Off the Page (b0076gs9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 The King of the Swingers (b0076y48)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Thomas Hardy - A Pair of Blue Eyes (b007jppj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Afternoon Reading (b00zs3yx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:15 Drama (b00rb2sx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Thinking of Leaving Your Husband? (b00rrkg5)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b01n7hgs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:55 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)**  
 Small Gods  
 Episode 3  
 Ephesian philosophers argue violently among themselves but they're no match for Deacon Vorbis. However one philosopher, Didactylos, is prepared to stand up to him.  
 Terry Pratchett's comic Discworld fantasy starring Carl Prekopp, Patrick Barlow and Alex Jennings. With Anton Lesser as the Narrator.  
 Narrator ..... Anton Lesser  
 Om ..... Patrick Barlow  
 Brutha ..... Carl Prekopp  
 Vorbis ..... Alex Jennings  
 Didactylos ..... Gerard McDermott  
 Urn ..... John Cummins  
 Nhumrod ..... Geoffrey Beavers  
 Sergeant Simony ..... Nick Sayce  
 Other parts played by the cast.  
 Dramatised by Robin Brooks.  
 Producer: Claire Grove  
 Director: Gordon House  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

**THU 06:30 Big Ben's Chimes - A Poetic Tale (b04xrgm4)**  
 Ian McMillan pays poetic tribute to the sound of Big Ben's New Year chimes, from the first broadcast on BBC Radio, through the dark days of the war, to today. From January 2015.  
 Producer - Moy McGowan

**THU 06:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04kk06k)**  
 Ophelia Dahl  
 Charity organiser Ophelia Dahl inherits Faure's Requiem, and passes on 'Ain't Got No, I Got Life' by Nina Simone.

**THU 07:00 The Elephant Man (b04vf6rt)**  
 Age Concern  
 With the big three-o looming, zookeeper Terry is desperate to recapture his youth.  
 Debbie Barham's eight-part sitcom about the life of an elephant zoo keeper.  
 CAST:  
 Terry Lyon .... Peter Serafinowicz  
 Leonard .... Chris Emmet  
 Adam .... Richard Pearce  
 Stephanie .... Joanna Monro  
 Producer: Richard Wilson.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1996.

**THU 07:30 My Teenage Diary (b04vj1xg)**  
 Series 6  
 Lucy Worsley  
 Rufus Hound is joined by the historian Lucy Worsley, whose diaries reveal that she was swottier than the average teenager. While her friends were out at parties, Lucy was curating her collection of rocks, and gardening.  
 Produced by Harriet Jaime  
 A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 08:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq3p)**  
 The Builder  
 The nationality of a workman reignites old Home Guard hostilities for Wilson, Hodges and Pike.  
 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  
 Guthrie .... Glynn Edwards  
 Myrtle Spivey .... Stella Tanner  
 Wolfgang Fischer .... Gordon Clyde  
 The Builder's Receptionist .... Carole Harrison  
 The Irish Nun .... Katherine Parr  
 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 August 1984.

**THU 08:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jpwr)**  
 Money  
 David Jason's probe of modern life sets out to comprehend cash.  
 Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and Professor Galbraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the universe and the meaning of life.  
 With Miriam Margolyes and Royce Mills.  
 Written by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton and Barry Pilton.  
 Music by John Owen Edwards.  
 Producer: Geoffrey Perkins  
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.

**THU 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00fnq9s)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 4  
 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 Sue Cook and Annabel Giles.  
 Producer: Liz Antsee  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

**THU 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k377)**  
 Series 2  
 Beds in the East Are Soft  
 It's not a guest but Daddy who's not keen on a mattress. Is a sneaky swap the answer?  
 Second of two series of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.  
 Starring Denise Coffey as Alison, Miriam Margolyes as Maud, Joss Ackland as Father, Chris Emmett as Mr Mullett and Geoffrey Whitehead as Bernard.  
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**THU 10:00 Charles Dickens (b00ph657)**  
 The Chimes  
 One New Year's Eve, the humble Trotty Veck learns the importance of love and hope in an extraordinary way. Stars Ron Cook.

**THU 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00zt3pp)**  
 I Expected the Worst...  
 Wings of Desire  
 "Usually a line emerges that enables you to fix on the characters and their relationships. But with angels you could do anything; there were connections all over the place, you could go anywhere. You could cross the Berlin Wall, pass through windows into peoples' houses. And anyone was hero of a potential film..."  
 In a series of three readings, famous film directors celebrate their work in the film business:  
 3. WINGS OF DESIRE  
 Wim Wenders describes working with angels on his famous film, based in Berlin. And should angels be shot in black and white or in colour?  
 Reader Stephen Dillane  
 Producer Duncan Minshull.

**THU 11:15 Christopher Reason - Box of Chocolates (b04vk8pn)**  
 When Christine receives a box of her favourite chocolates from her recently estranged Aunt Shirley, she's prompted to show how soft-centred she really is.  
 But watch out for the nuts!  
 A black chocolate comedy by Christopher Reason.  
 Starring Prunella Scales as Christine.  
 Director: Clive Brill  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

**THU 12:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq3p)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jpwr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Big Ben's Chimes - A Poetic Tale (b04xrgm4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 13:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04kk06k)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:50 today]

**THU 14:00 The Lunar Effect (b007k1hv)**  
 Scavengers  
 Under a full moon - widow Lottie's odd encounter with a fox has a life changing effect. Amanda Root reads Dominic Power's tale.  
 After a heavy, gin-induced afternoon sleep, sixty-year old Lottie Nancarrow wakes up with the sense of dread that has plagued her since the recent death of her partner, the abstract painter Ned Stein, with whom she had shared thirty years of a happy bohemian existence. Lottie is treating her grief with alcohol, and is becoming increasingly eccentric, alienating herself from her small West London community and the life she shared with Ned. This evening, Lottie feels that something is wrong, some change in the atmosphere. Going to the French window of her garden flat, she sees a full moon hanging in the sky, and illuminated by the moon, staring through the glass at her, is a large urban fox - staring at her with a look that suggests some secret knowledge.

**THU 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00n4wyl)**

(b00n4wyl)  
 Illicit Guests  
 Historian Amanda Vickery shares stories from adultery cases of women sneaking lovers into houses, spied on by their prying servants.  
**THU 14:30 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b3gv2)**  
 Episode 4  
 Just as Anna's life looks set to begin at last, now that Darrow has arrived to claim her - an unexpected surprise awaits him. Published in 1912, The Reef is one of Edith Wharton's most accomplished yet neglected novels - revealing the submerged and perilous depths beneath the surface of even the most conventional of its characters.  
 Starring Ben Miles as George Darrow, Jodhi May as Sophie, Teresa Gallagher as Anna and Sian Thomas as the Narrator.  
 Dramatised by Penny Leicester.  
 Producer: Di Speirs  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b017mvx0)**  
 Charles Dickens: A Life, by Claire Tomalin  
 Episode 4  
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of one of Britain's literary giants paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man. Today a theatrical performance changes the course of his life.  
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of one of the nation's literary giants is broadcast to mark the 150th anniversary of his death in June 2020. Here Tomalin portrays Dickens as a complex man, a writer who created characters who continue to endure in the popular imagination from The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield. He was also a ferociously hard-working writer, a philanthropist, a supporter of liberal social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side.  
 Claire Tomalin was literary editor of the The New Statesman and then the Sunday Times before becoming a full time writer. Her biographies are award winning. The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.  
 Read by Penelope Wilton  
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton  
 Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

**THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b00ph657)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04vk8pp)**  
 Magic Tricks, Fireworks and Grandad's Recipes  
 Mel Giedroye makes his New Year's resolutions, and we hear the fourth Commonwealth Story, All Sorted by AL Kennedy.

**THU 17:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007k1rc)**  
 Moving In  
 "What's Rosewood Avenue like? Very quiet. Very sedate. Very residential. Just the sort of place you'd feel at home in..."  
 A hapless vicar discovers life behind suburbia's net curtains isn't what he expected.  
 Stephen Sheridan's six-part series stars James Grout as the Reverend Timothy Carswell, Margaret Courtenay as Miss Tilling, Jean Heywood as Miss Tapp and Christopher Good as Dr Warlock.  
 Producer: Lissa Evans.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1991.

**THU 17:30 The Elephant Man (b04vf6rt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b01n7kkn)**  
 Sensational Solution  
 The Earthmen's ship is hit by the deadly proton ray. Can our hero find an antidote? Kenny Everett's 1970s sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**THU 18:00 Who Goes There? (b00fnq9s)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076ds8)**  
 Series 3  
 Bob Marley  
 Poet Benjamin Zephaniah explores the life of reggae legend Bob Marley. With Humphrey Carpenter and Chris Salewicz. 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?  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**THU 19:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq3p)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jpwr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 20:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Big Ben's Chimes - A Poetic Tale (b04xrgm4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b04kk06k)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:50 today]

**THU 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00zt3pp)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**THU 21:15 Christopher Reason - Box of Chocolates (b04vk8pn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b04vj1xg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00p67ts)**





inspired short story *The Wicked Generation*, by Joan Lingard.

**FRI 17:00 After Henry (b007jq99)**

Series 3

Different Viewpoints

'If the television is a guest in the house, it's rude to exclude it from the conversation. If the television says something, then one would be impolite not to respond to it.'

Sarah is irritated by her mother Eleanor's opinions on TV - and every other subject...

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 November 1987.

**FRI 17:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076sqs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b01n7m30)**

Something Vibrating

The Earthmen overcome the deadly putron ray, but they're not clear of the Thargoids yet. Kenny Everett's 1970s sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**FRI 18:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00snrk4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00vc3t4)**

Series 1

Quintin Jardine

In this series Stuart Cosgrove meets guests from the literary world and beyond to hear about the five very special books in their lives.

Quintin Jardine has built up a huge following for his crime novels featuring the fictional Edinburgh policeman Bob Skinner. From Skinner's Rules in 1993 the series now runs to 19 books.

Quintin himself has had a varied career including spells as a journalist and a political spin doctor.

Talking to Stuart he chooses five titles that he's found influential including the book that convinced him that he could do better and launched him on his own writing career.

**FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzps)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b0102v9g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 Terry Pratchett (b00bdjq2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Laughter Close to Tears (b008s5hf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Oscar Wilde (b007k13j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 21:15 Bonnie Greer - Rosa Parks (b01qf12m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**FRI 22:00 The Rest is History (b04vk0c1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jq8z)**

Series 2

Barbara Dickson

Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth takes to the airwaves once more from his very own his front room.

Aided by his producer (and sole agent) Ken Worthington, and his hard-to-please wife Mary, the inimitable John Shuttleworth presents a mixture of celebrity guests, domestic chores and music.

Bill Bailey drops in for "Impress an Impresario" while Hattie Hayridge telephones to "Make Mary Merry"

Special guest Barbara Dickson pops in for a chat, but her timing couldn't have been worse as John is expecting a rush of callers responding to his advert for the sale of son Darren's cabin bed.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Additional material by Martin Willis.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000

**FRI 23:00 Blue Jam (b04vf870)**

Series 2

Episode 5

Cult dark comedy from the imagination of Chris Morris. With Julia Davis, Sally Phillips and Kevin Eldon. From April 1998.