

## SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2015

**SAT 00:00 Marina Lewycka - A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian (b012hbxt)**

Episode 10

Reconciliation and a new arrival as Nikolai prepares for the next phase of a long and chequered life. Concluded by Sian Thomas.

**SAT 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00ndm9x)**

Neat and Not too Showy

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

These days we take it for granted that the home is a place of refuge in which we express our true self; that idea was an invention of the 18th century. Prof Vickery explores the invention of taste, and the role of interior decor in creating both social prestige and a successful marriage.

Moving into the 19th century, Prof Vickery explores the homes of people lower down the social scale and their ideas about how they wanted them to look. She draws on a series of funny and revealing letters which she discovered in the archive of a wallpaper company.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Broly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00fny8v)**

Julian Fellowes - Snobs

Episode 5

Satire on English snobbery, adapted from his own novel by Julian Fellowes.

Edith and Simon move in together, leaving Charles devastated. But life with an actor is not as glamorous as Edith had hoped and, when she makes an unfortunate discovery, she is forced to make a choice.

Narrator ..... Nicholas Farrell

Edith ..... Sophie Roberts

Charles ..... Hugh Bonneville

Lady Uckfield ..... Celia Imrie

Lord Uckfield ..... Richard Mitchley

Isabel ..... Sophie Thompson

David/Eric ..... Rupert Vansittart

Caroline ..... Caroline Harker

Simon ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt

Bella ..... Bernice Stegers

Singer ..... David Benson.

**SAT 00:45 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4dz)**

Episode 10

Events finally come to a head as Arabella talks to Anne and Edmund. Revelations and resolutions follow. Read by Claire Skinner.

**SAT 01:00 Jest a Minute (b0170c50)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff. With Markus Birdman, Lloyd Langford, Chris Corcoran and Steve Williams.

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2006.

**SAT 01:30 Meet the Parents (b01jxxzs)**

Series 2

Evelyn Glennie

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Evelyn Glennie talks to her mum about life growing up in Aberdeen and how her parents' musical influences led her to become a musician. She also explains how she had to overcome losing her hearing at the age of 12.

**SAT 02:00 Agatha Raisin (b0119198)**

Series 2

4. The Civil War

The search to find the killer leads Agatha and James to the dreaming spires of Oxford, where they soon get intimate - in a cupboard full of EM Forster first editions...

Penelope Keith stars as PR guru turned amateur sleuth, Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin ..... Penelope Keith

James Lacey ..... Malcolm Sinclair

DC Bill Wong ..... Stephen Hogan

Mrs Friendly ..... Joanna Brookes

Mrs Hicks ..... Lynda Baron

Professor Wolf ..... Simon Treves

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio in October 2005.

**SAT 02:30 The Jazz Baroness (b00cjk31)**

Film maker Hannah Rothschild tells the extraordinary story of her eccentric great aunt Pannonica Rothschild, who settled in New York after World War II and became famous as the Baroness of the Bebop jazz revolution. Such greats as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk were beneficiaries of her patronage.

**SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b00sl3xz)**

JB Priestley - Bright Day

Episode 2

By JB Priestley

Disillusioned scriptwriter Gregory Dawson is remembering his youth in 1912, before the slaughter of the First World War when he was an 18-year old in Bruddersford, Yorkshire: Now in 1946, encounters with the same characters from his past unlock secret events, buried yearnings and give potential for the future. Gregory Dawson/Narrator... Jack Shepherd

Elizabeth Earl... Liza Sadovy

Young Gregory... Dean Smith

Joan Alington... Sarah Smart

Bridget Alington... Sarah Churm

Eva Alington... Lowri Evans

Jock / Harfner... Conrad Nelson

Malcolm Nixey... Fred Ridgeway

Eleanor Nixey... Janice McKenzie

Mr Alington... David Fleeshman

Mr Ackworth... Fine Time Fontayne

Brent / Stanley Mervin... Seamus O'Neill

Ben Kerry... Steve Marsh

Laura Blackshaw... Megan Winnard

Mrs Childs... Olwen May

Hinchcliff... Jake Norton

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths

Producer/Director - Pauline Harris.

**SAT 04:00 Mary Costello - The China Factory (b01qfs6z)**

The China Factory

A student regrets holding certain things back at her factory holiday job to fit in with the women workers. Read by Emily Taaffe.

**SAT 04:15 Drama (b007729k)**

Nicola Baldwin - Edward Alleyn's Devil

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By Nicola Baldwin.

London, 1605. Edward Alleyn was the most famous actor of the Jacobean stage. At the height of his fame, he believed he saw a devil on stage. This snowy, sparkling play investigates what really happened and looks at the consequences that still influence us today.

Edward Alleyn ..... Richard McCabe

William Grogan ..... Brian McCardie

Philip Henslowe ..... Philip Jackson

Ferdinandoo Black ..... Desmond McNamara

Joan Alleyn ..... Christine Kavanagh

Sir Francis Calton ..... Sam Dale

John Pyg ..... Joe Prospero

Robert Sha ..... Joseph Kloska

Miss Wills ..... Bethan Walker

Isack Shackerley ..... Paul Richard Biggin.

**SAT 05:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kk7pr)**

Series 4

Another Year, Another Head

A surprise awaits the school staff at King Street returning from their summer holiday.

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

CAST:

Mrs Eastwood .... Brigitte Forsythe

Miss Lewis .... Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell .... Michael Cochrane

Miss Featherstone .... Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid .... Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan .... Janice Acquah

Mr Long .... Paul Copley

Rory .... Charlie Barker

Natasha .... Leah Verity-White

Paula .... Rebecca McElroy

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

**SAT 05:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b007zmx4)**

Series 3

Episode 2

The editor of the Bugle receives a call from the mysterious Deep Throat, a secret informant at the Parish council. Political satire with Jo Kendall. From July 1990.

**SAT 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04y55y8)**

Firing Blanks? It's Not the End of the World  
What would you do if the universe was to end in two minutes?  
Our hero has the answer. Kenny Everett's 1976 sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**SAT 06:00 Elizabeth Morgan - Dear Countess (b01shs8c)**

"You will indeed be a good husband to me John. You who are so kind will be a perfect lover as a husband."  
So wrote Euphemia Chalmers Gray to her husband to be, John Ruskin. She was soon to discover, however, that the reality was very different from the fantasy into which Ruskin steadily retired.

Derek Jacobi and Timothy West star in Elizabeth Morgan's turbulent tale of John Ruskin's marriage to 'Effie'. Love and tension in equal measure.

John Ruskin .... Derek Jacobi

Effie Ruskin ... Bridget McCann

Mr Ruskin ... Timothy West

Mrs Ruskin ... Elizabeth Morgan

Mr Gray ... Henry Stamper

Mrs Gray ... Eva Stuart

John Everett Millais .... Michael Fenner

Dr Henry Acland .... John Rye

Lady Elizabeth Eastlake ... Madi Hedd

Lady Lewis .... Jean Trend

Mr Roberts .... Nigel Graham

Director: Gerry Jones

First broadcast on Radio 4 in May 1983.

**SAT 07:30 Back to Front (b007k1p2)**

Series 1

1990

The 1990 headline-makers kicked off the newspaper front pages by England in the World Cup. With Terry Butcher and Jim White.

**SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00xnyqf)**

Going to the Flicks

Episode 2

Continuing his two-part survey of the changing experience of British cinema-going over the last century, Barry Norman starts with cinema at a low ebb in the 1970s and moves up to the exciting innovations of the present.

Barry Norman is one of the best-loved critics of film in Britain but for this series he explores not the pictures on the screen but the changing experience of participating in one of the most popular cultural activities of all - simply going to the cinema. He starts in the 1970s, when film was at a particularly low ebb and ticket sales had fallen to an all-time low. In conversation with Sir David Puttnam, he recalls his own pessimism about the future of cinema at the time. Moving onto the 1980s, Barry explores the impact of an American import - the Multiplex - on Britain. He then moves onto the challenge of videos and DVDs in the 1990s and is ultimately surprised to find how positive the picture now looks as British cinemas embrace 3D and other innovations and attendance figures continue to rise.

Featuring archive never broadcast before, this series attempts for the first time ever to survey the changing experience of cinema-going in Britain over the last century.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

**SAT 09:00 Dad's Army (b007jw4r)**

Permission to Speak, Sir!: Dad's Army on Radio

They don't like it up 'em!

After winning their frontline TV offensive, how did the Home Guard win the war of the ears with a rear-guard action for radio?

Legendary comedy producer Harold Snoad and actor Michael Knowles reveal how they went about adapting the classic BBC TV hit series for radio - as the writers Jimmy Perry and David Croft were too busy to do it themselves.

Over three hours, enjoy six Dad's Army episodes made for radio:

\* The Enemy Within the Gates: Captain Mainwaring's platoon try to capture Germans for a reward. From February 1974.

\* Don't Forget the Diver: The platoon don crazy camouflage in a drill to attack Captain Square's HQ. From February 1975.

\* The Day the Balloon Went Up: Captain Mainwaring gets carried away with the platoon's war effort. From June 1975.

\* When Did You Last See Your Money?: Corporal Jones panics when he misplaces £500 collected for the servicemen's canteen. From May 1975.

\* If the Cap Fits: Captain Mainwaring promotes fractious Private Frazer, with unexpected results. February 1975.

\* Put That Light Out: Captain Mainwaring's platoon causes havoc in Walmington-on-Sea during an air-raid. From February 1975.

Snoad and Knowles reflect on how the cast took to re-recording the shows without cameras and discuss the changes that had to be made to make the TV scripts work.

The duo's association with Dad's Army continued with their spin off radio comedy series, It Sticks Out Half A Mile. Producer: Martin Dempsey

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in November 2005.

**SAT 12:00 Jonathan Franzen - The Corrections Omnibus (b04y9zl1)**

Episode 2

First ever dramatisation of Jonathan Franzen's darkly comic 2001 novel about the tribulations of a dysfunctional Midwestern family, starring Richard Schiff (The West Wing), Maggie Steed, Colin Stinton and Julian Rhind-Tutt. Dramatised by Marcy Kahan.

Alfred and Enid Lambert, a Midwestern couple in their seventies, are on board a cruise ship in the North Atlantic. Enid is determined to enjoy this long-awaited holiday, but Alfred's behaviour is increasingly unpredictable. Meanwhile, their three adult children face complications of their own.

Cast:

Narrator.....Richard Schiff

Enid Lambert.....Maggie Steed

Alfred Lambert.....Colin Stinton

Gary Lambert.....Richard Laing

Chip Lambert.....Julian Rhind-Tutt

Denise Lambert.....Roslyn Hill

Don Armour.....Shaun Mason

Brian Callahan.....Ian Conningham

Robin Passafaro.....Kelly Burke

Mrs Nygren.....Hannah Genesis

Sylvia Roth.....Elaine Claxton

Ted Roth.....David Acton

Gitanas Misevicius.....Sam Dale

Caroline Lambert.....Jane Slavin

Caleb Lambert.....Adam Thomas Wright

Jonah Lambert.....Sean McCrystal

Directed by Emma Harding

The Corrections was awarded the National Book Award in

2001, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize in 2002. It was included in TIME magazine's list of the 100 best English-language novels since 1923.

Jonathan Franzen is the author of four novels (Freedom, The Corrections, Strong Motion, and The Twenty-Seventh City), two collections of essays (Farther Away, How to Be Alone), a personal history (The Discomfort Zone).

Marcy Kahan is a playwright and radio dramatist. Recent radio work includes two series of Lunch for BBC Radio 4 (starring Claire Skinner and Stephen Mangan) and Mr Bridger's Orphan. Theatre work includes 20 Cigarettes (Soho Theatre) and the stage version of When Harry Met Sally (Theatre Royal Haymarket).

**SAT 13:15 Dickens Confidential (b01kbqjv)**

Series 1

Darker Thank You Think

Newspaper editor Charles Dickens gets Jack to probe gory deaths in the River Thames blamed on dark spirits. Stars Jamie Glover.

**SAT 14:00 Yes Minister (b007j160)**

Series 1

Open Government

Newly re-elected, MP Jim Hacker is summoned to the PM's office.

Jim learns from his chauffeur that the new St Edwards Hospital has 300 administrators, cooks and cleaners, but no doctors, nurses or patients. How can he cure it? As usual the Minister doesn't know his ACAS from his NALGO.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker ..... Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby ..... Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard ..... Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker ..... Diana Hoddinot

Frank Weisel ..... Bill Nighy

Sir Arnold ..... John Nettleton

Chief Whip ..... Edward Jewesbury

Nigel ..... Haydn Wood

Radio Presenter ..... Gordon Clyde

Newsreader ..... Bob Docherty

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

**SAT 14:30 Marriage Lines (b04xnlvr)**

Series 1

A Nice Surprise

Can Kate and George cope with an unexpected arrival?

A series based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Starring Richard Briers as George Starling and Prunella Scales as Kate Starling.

With Derek Waring, Frederick Treves, Peter Hawkins, Joan Sanderson, Geoffrey Sumner, Diana King, Philip Guard, Rosemary Miller, Peter Gilmore, Isabel Rennie and John Baddeley.

This 1960's newlyweds sitcom brought Richard Briers and Prunella Scales to prominence. Originating on BBC TV, it was adapted for radio due to its popularity. A decade later, Richard Briers went on to play Tom Good in The Good Life and Prunella Scales went on to star as Sybil in Fawlty Towers. Written by Richard Waring.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1965.

**SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00xnyqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Elizabeth Morgan - Dear Countess (b01shs8c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 The Rest is History (b04wrycv)**

Series 1

Episode 5

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 David Mitchell, Steve Hall 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 January 2015.

**SAT 18:00 Mike Walker - 2025 (b00j0hbm)**

2. Access

Olivia and Irena take a step closer to gaining access to illegal genetic engineering. But who can they trust?

Starring Alphoncia Emmanuel, Mona Hammond and Daniela Nardini.

The conclusion of Mike Walker's futuristic two-part sci-fi serial.

Irena ..... Alphoncia Emmanuel

Olivia ..... Mona Hammond

Dr Beth David ..... Daniela Nardini

Henry ..... David Yip

Anno ..... Su-Lin Looi

Praeger ..... John Rowe

Dr Finzey ..... Alastair Danson

Kate ..... Rachel Atkins

The Shopkeeper ..... Ravin J Ganatra

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**SAT 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jw4r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs (b00tw32q)**

Episode 4

Welsh comic Rhod Gilbert introduces regulars Lloyd Langford and Greg Davies, plus Sarah Millican who takes a weekly look at The Six Stages of Woman.

With live music from Goldheart Assembly, including hits King of Rome and Engravers Daughter.

Guest comedian is Edinburgh Comedy Award winner, Milton Jones.

Join Rhod for his rant on misguided advertising, see what punch lines Lloyd Langford offers up in It's a Set Up and see if Greg Davies can tempt you with a life time supply of chocolate if you accept his Indecent Proposal.

Producers: Julia Mckenzie and Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2010.

**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b050hvjf)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Plus, Arthur Smith chats again to Festival of the Spoken Nerd.

**SAT 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b00sdxyt)**

Series 3

Muhammad Ali

The radical comedian offers his humorous assessment of the life and career of the world heavyweight boxer. From October 2002.

**SAT 23:30 Ivor Cutler - A Wet Handle (b00cgs2)**

Episode 1

'I Am a Yellow Fly' and the tale of a greasy button.

Songs, stories and poems from humourist Ivor Cutler, with Craig Murray-Orr, Dylan Edwards and Beverley Crew.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1997.

**SAT 23:45 Fabulous (b00j6jkj)**

Series 1

Episode 6

Faye causes havoc when she decides to gatecrash her boss's wedding.

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

With:

Olivia Colman

Daisy Haggard

Katy Brand

Adam Buxton

Matthew Holness

Joanna Scanlan

Joanna Neary

Eve Dallas

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

## SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015

**SUN 00:00 Mike Walker - 2025 (b00j0hbm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b00xnyqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:00 Jonathan Franzen - The Corrections Omnibus (b04y9lz1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:15 Dickens Confidential (b01kbqjv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Elizabeth Morgan - Dear Countess (b01shs8c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 The Rest is History (b04wrycv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Julian Fellowes - Snobs Omnibus (b04y9p6z)**

On a chance visit to a stately home, accountant's daughter Edith Lavery meets an extremely eligible earl. Stars Hugh Bonneville.

**SUN 07:15 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)**

Episode 1

After the gap-toothed cad playing actor Terry-Thomas made a pilot in 1953, Top of the Town ran for two series of 16 hour-long programmes, broadcast weekly between 1953 and 1955.

In the first of two surviving series extracts, Terry-Thomas pays homage to the greatest famous face to come out of Finchley - Terry-Thomas!

With Joan Sims and Leslie Mitchell.

Programme based on an idea by Terry Thomas

Script editor: Jimmy Grafton

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1954.

**SUN 07:30 Sketchorama (b01k2h1q)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Award-winning character comedian and doyen of sketch comedy Humphrey Ker presents the pick of the best live sketch groups currently performing on the UK comedy circuit in this brand new showcase - with character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.

Humphrey Ker is himself an established sketch performer, writer, actor and comedian who won the Fosters Edinburgh

Comedy Award for Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh festival in 2011. For five years he was part of the much-loved sketch trio The Penny Dreadfuls, with whom he wrote and performed in a string of Edinburgh festival smashes, two series on BBC7 and two plays for Radio 4.

The sketch groups featured in episode one of Sketchorama are: Delete the Banjax: Writer/performers Caroline May-Jones, Daniel Cook, Gareth Cooper and Samuel Champion. They've enjoyed three critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe Festivals, picking up a ThreeWeeks Editors Award at Ed Fringe 2010 and, with their charmingly chaotic performance style, have become one of the most talked about comedy acts on the circuit.

Lady Garden: The all-female group are Beattie Edmondson, Rose Johnson, Eleanor Thom and Camille Ucan. Since their Edinburgh debut in 2008, their fast-paced shows filled with fantastic character creations have received widespread praise from audiences and critics alike.

Idiots of Ants: Andrew Spiers, Elliott Tiney, Benjamin Wilson and James Wrighton. Since forming in 2007, they have gone on to sell-out four Edinburgh festivals and a run in London's prestigious West End. They have attracted a staggering large internet following, with their 'Facebook in real life' and 'Wii Breakfast' sketches achieving multi-million hits.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 08:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dhlxl)**

Episode 2

"In Prague we did our sightseeing with the aid of a guide. His English was decidedly weak. Indeed it was not English at all.

For the first hour it was difficult to rid oneself of the conviction that the man was choking."

George, Harris and J attempt to navigate Germany by bike, but find their sense of direction sorely tested.

Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas. Music by Jeremy Nicholas. Performed by The Grimthorpe Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

**SUN 08:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s0bj8)**

Series 2

Episode 9

Changing the lodger - and is marriage all wedded bliss?

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 June 1970.

**SUN 09:00 Louisa May Alcott - Good Wives (b008czvf)**

The Big, Busy World

Meg faces marriage troubles, while Jo triumphs in her writing. Stars Buffy Davis, Jemma Redgrave and Gayle Hunnicutt.

**SUN 09:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqjc)**

Tiger! Tiger!

Forced out from the jungle, Mowgli must learn to live with humans. Stars Nisha K Nayar, Eartha Kitt and Freddie Jones.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0001x1q)**

PD James

From Antonio Vivaldi to Oscar Wilde. Crime writer PD James shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

PD James was born in Oxford, later moving to Ludlow on the Welsh Borders where she experienced a childhood which she says had more in common with a Victorian childhood than anything today. She was a well-behaved, quiet child who entertained herself and her siblings by telling and writing stories. Phyllis attended an old-fashioned grammar school where she enjoyed English lessons. She says "I knew I was going to write books".

Because of financial pressures at home, she had to leave school at 16, first following her father into the tax office, then in a theatre where she met her husband, who was training to be a doctor. World War Two intervened and, because her husband returned from work in the Medical Corps with a severe mental illness, Phyllis had to be the main breadwinner, working as principal hospital administrator at the North West Regional Hospital Board, London in charge of five psychiatric hospitals.

It wasn't until she was 39, whilst working in the hospital, that Phyllis began her first novel, Cover Her Face. "I knew it was something I was going to do, and it was just that life was so busy I didn't get round to it". She chose the name PD James because it looked good on a book jacket, and crime genre because she didn't want to draw on autobiographical details.

The book was immediately accepted by a publisher, and in 1979 she gave up her other jobs to become a full-time writer, focusing on Detective Adam Dalgleish of Scotland Yard as her main character. P D James was awarded the OBE in 1982 and made a Life Peer in 1992.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

**SUN 10:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm0hw)**

Census 2011

Everyone Who Lives Here

Stories to mark the national census. Meg Fraser reads a moving tale of neighbours connecting over a census form, written by Kathryn Simmonds.

Kathryn Simmonds is a short story writer and award-winning poet whose play 'Poetry for Beginners' was broadcast on Radio 4 in 2008. Her collected poems, 'Sunday at the Skin Laundrette' was awarded the Forward Prize for best first collection.

**SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b04y9qz7)**

Series 1

What We Fear

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Guy Raz investigates what it means to be afraid and how we calm down when we're terrified. With astronaut Chris Hadfield.

**SUN 11:45 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00c17lx)**

Gastronomic

Disobeying rules for a silver wedding anniversary recipe book sparks unexpected consequences. Short story read by Lynda Baron.

**SUN 12:00 Julian Fellowes - Snobs Omnibus (b04y9p6z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 13:15 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 13:30 Anthony Hope - Rupert of Hentzau (b01qqsw3)**

Queen Flavia writes a fateful letter to her true love Rudolf Rassendyll. Sequel to The Prisoner of Zenda.

King Rudolf/Rudolf Rassendyll .... Julian Gargrave

Queen Flavia .... Hannah Gordon

Herbert/Bauer .... Nigel Anthony

Hermann / Anton von Strofzing .... David Sinclair

James .... Timothy Alcock

Station-Master / Butler .... Wilfrid Carter

Countess Helga .... Hilda Schroder

Fritz von Tarlenheim .... David Timson

Anton von Strofzing .... David Sinclair

Madame Helsing/Mother Hof .... Diana Bishop

Rischenheim .... Kerry Francis

Rupert of Hentzau .... Martin Jarvis

Chancellor Helsing / Farmer .... Peter Williams

Constable/Thug .... Vernon Joyner

Colonel Sapt .... Nigel Stock

Fraulein Helsing .... Bonnie Hurren

Bernenstein .... Sean Barrett

Simon/Thug .... Fraser Kerr

Rosa .... Cherry Gilliam

**SUN 15:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dhlx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s0bj8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b04ybn0y)**

Orlando Bloom, underwater living and wing-walkers

Highlights from the past week on the 4 O'Clock Show, including Orlando Bloom on being a pirate, the research centre at the bottom of the sea and a group of daredevil wing-walkers.

**SUN 17:00 Louisa May Alcott - Good Wives (b008czvf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 MR James (b007k1j7)**

Sheila Hodgson - The Backward Glance

"The object he handed me was made of black silk, beautifully worked. I put the period at late 18th century. Oh, and one more point about the mask ... across the slits which would normally have been left open for the eyes, there had been stitched something which looked like human skin!"

Based on M.R. James's mysterious tale and scripted by Sheila Hodgson.

CAST:

M.R. James .... David March

Nicholas Pawle .... Paul Meier

Margaret Pawle .... Nicolette McKenzie

Eugene Borelman .... Douglas Blackwell

Kitty Kay .... Carole Boyd

Violet .... Heather Bell

Cabby/Stage Doorkeeper .... William Eedle

Directed by David Johnstone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

**SUN 18:45 EF Benson - The Terror by Night (b04ybn10)**

"Fear lay like a black cloak over my mind; I did not know what I dreaded ... but it was something that was very near."

Inexplicable moods and smells mar a friendly reunion. What can it mean?

Written by the author of Mapp and Lucia, EF Benson.

Read by Brian Gear.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

**SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b04y9qz7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:45 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00c17lx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

**SUN 20:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dhlx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s0bj8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0001x1q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm0hw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Sketchorama (b01k2h1q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00djqn3)**

Series 1

A Life Sadly Smashed Then, Happily, Restored a Bit  
Pip lands in court - can a friend save the day? Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof stars Richard Johnson. From September 2007.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b050hvlb)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Plus, Arthur Smith chats again to Festival of the Spoken Nerd.

**SUN 23:00 The Cornwell Estate (b00w21f3)**

Series 2

Kenny Killigrew

Written by Phil Cornwell

Kenny was an outdoors pursuit expert and mountaineer, now living on the Cornwell estate whose recent divorce has left him with a touch of agoraphobia. When his old friend Pete "Peggie" McRuan arrives, Kenny realises that he should get out more.

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.

Producer/Director: Andrew McGibbon

A Curtains for Radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 23:15 Knocker (b008hm0k)**

Incentativity

Market researcher Ian Dunn carries out a delicate immigration survey. Stars Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox. From December 2007.

**SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b00d7b65)**

Series 4

Being Fanciful

Jon Ronson talks to Elliot Castro, who spent 5 years as a conman, living a 5-star life before his eventual capture. Castro talks about his early school years when he would try to convince his school friends that he had magic powers.

Other contributors include writer Charlie Brooker, who offers his thoughts on travelling first class, and wealth counsellor Theyer Willis, who advises rich people on how to cope with their huge wealth.

**MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015**

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**MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015**

**MON 00:00 MR James (b007k1j7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:45 EF Benson - The Terror by Night (b04ybn10)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0001x1q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm0hw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dhlx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s0bj8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 Sketchorama (b01k2h1q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 Anthony Hope - Rupert of Hentzau (b01qqsw3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Louisa May Alcott - Good Wives (b008czvf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cpqjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ppfj)**

Series 2

5. The Wizard of Evesham

Agatha is alarmed when her new wizard of a hairdresser seems keen to take care of more than just her split ends. She soon discovers that everyone in his salon has a secret and that he practises a very dark magic indeed...

Penelope Keith stars as PR guru turned amateur sleuth, Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin ..... Penelope Keith

James Lacey ..... Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby ..... Liza Sadovy

Mrs Wendle ..... Tina Gray

John Orlando ..... John Cummins

Bobby ..... Matthew Carter

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 2005.

**MON 06:30 The Medal Makers (b00cc102)**

Former Olympic athlete Allison Curbishley explores the secret world of the judges at major sporting events.

In the build-up to Beijing 2008, she talks to some of the men and women from the UK who are off to China to officiate at athletic, equestrian and aquatic competitions. Most are volunteers, they all feel passionate about their sport and put as much effort into judging schoolchildren as they do world champions.

Allison finds out what it's like to be one of these watchful and

discreet figures whose rulings can decide medal places and asks whether they get as nervous before big competitions as the sportsmen and women they are scrutinizing. What does it feel like to be the person who measures the jump that wins the gold? Allison also learns about the technology that has changed their lives, the pinpoint accuracy of the photo finish, the sensitivity of the computers used to identify a false start and why, despite all these advances, there's no replacement for the naked eye.

**MON 07:00 North East of Eden (b01glrpl)**

Plague

The annual festival of St Marcus brings a host of tourists to Paradise Island, but a mysterious illness threatens the torchlight parade.

Rebecca Front and Joan Sims stars in Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on a remote island off the coast of Northumbria.

Dr Marcia Hulme .... Rebecca Front

Auntie Annie .... Joan Sims

Hjorst .... Niall Ashdown

Joseph Gates .... James Garbutt

Mrs Peevis .... Jean Southern

William .... Sammy Johnson

Ralph .... Stephen Thirkeld

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

**MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b04xnd0c)**

Series 14

Episode 3

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Arthur Smith, Sarah Millican, Sandi Toksvig and Graeme Garden are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as death, balloons, farming and Jane Austen.

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

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007ki5)**

Series 1

The Man and the Hour

14th May 1940: George Mainwaring, manager of Swallow's Bank in Walmington-on-Sea, answers his country's wartime call to form a platoon of Local Defence Volunteers - with the help of a misfit bunch of tradesmen and bankers.

Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn

Private Fraser .... John Laurie

Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley

Private Walker .... James Beck

Private Pike .... Ian Lavender

Announcer .... John Snagge

Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.

Producer: John Dyan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1974.

**MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b04y9yzq)**

Series 1

Episode 6

On a visit to her sister-in-law's, Jean and Lionel are less than frank about their romantic past.

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Paul Chapman as Stephen and Moyra Fraser as Penny.

Adapted from his original television series by Bob Larbey.

Producer: Martin Fisher.

A DLT Production in association with the Theatre of Comedy for BBC Radio 2.

First broadcast in April 1997.

**MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b0156mth)**

Series 14

Edgar Allan Poe

James Walton and team captains, John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks delve into the troubled life of Edgar Allan Poe who is this week's "Author of the Week". As well as attempting to solve the usual book-based brain-teasers they also pastiche Poe's work by imagining what it would have been like had Poe attempted to write romantic comedy.

Joining Sebastian and John this week are the novelists, Sue Limb and Philip Kerr.

**MON 09:30 Britain Versus the World (b04ybbkl)**

Series 1

Episode 5

The panel show that pits two British comedians against a team of comics from overseas to find out which side is superior. Joining the British captain, Hal Crutenden, is the English comedian Zoe Lyons while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with Canadian stand-up Tony Law.

The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial.

Host

Ed Byrne

Guests

Hal Crutenden

Henning Wehn

Zoe Lyons

Tony Law

Programme Associate Bill Matthews

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**MON 10:00 Dawn Lowe-Watson - Closed to Visitors (b04yf35h)**

Once an artists' colony, Reedbeck Hall is now as a museum. One afternoon, when it's closed, a young man turns up asking to be shown around. The curator, Sally, is apprehensive but she's very persuasive.

Sally lives to regret her decision...

Drama written by Dawn Lowe-Watson.

Sally ..... Deborah Findlay

Frank ..... John Duttine

Pat ..... Ann Windsor

Crispin ..... Jill Lidstone

Police officers ..... John Webb & Steve Hodson

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

**MON 11:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf3h6)**

Everything a Parent Needs to Know

Made for 4 Extra. Carys Bray's collection of short stories, Sweet Home, won the 2012 Scott Prize.

Helen, a single mother, is struggling to bring up her two children, Jessica and Paul, following a painful divorce. We hear her trying different strategies to cope with little Jessica, and her attempts are juxtaposed with extracts from a selection of parenting books. Read by Emma Fielding.

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Bray's stories are never afraid to expose the darkness that exists behind suburban front doors, but at their heart are brave, moving evocations of what it means to be at home with those you love.

Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b04y6kcp)**

Emma Freud, Paul Whitehouse, Ross Kemp, Sharon Horgan, Rob Delaney, Anita Anand, Ephemerals, Tenterhook

Ross Kemp talks to Clive about his new series of 'Extreme World'; TV and Radio journalist Anita Anand tells the story of Sophia Duleep Singh, Queen Victoria's god-daughter, suffragette and revolutionary; Sharon Horgan (award-winning actress and star/co-writer of 'Pulling') and US comedian and best-selling author Rob Delaney discuss their brand new comedy series following an Irish woman and an American man who make a bloody mess as they struggle to fall in love in London. And co-host Emma Freud talks to Paul Whitehouse about his new TV sitcom. With music from Ephemerals and more music from Tenterhook

Producer: Sukey Firih.

**MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007k1s5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b04y9yzq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ppfg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 The Medal Makers (b00cc102)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y3l)**

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 1

Eileen Atkins reads from Salley Vickers' acclaimed new novel, Dancing Backwards

Violet Hetherington's husband has recently died. Alone, she decides to take a cruise-ship crossing to visit her old friend, Edwin, in New York.

As she journeys across the Atlantic the quiet Violet begins to blossom - learning to ballroom dance, taking up smoking again, befriending a famously seething theatre critic. And in her time alone she reminisces about her early adulthood as a student at Cambridge. It's at Cambridge that she meets Edwin. Edwin, it soon becomes clear, is someone she's betrayed and someone she's both terrified and desperate to see again. The story that unfolds about the young Violet holds the secret to that betrayal. Written and abridged by Salley Vickers. Vickers is a critically acclaimed, best-selling novelist whose work includes Mr Golithly's Holiday, Instances of the Number 3, Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You. Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You were both popular Book at Bedtimes. Last year she dramatised her version of the Oedipus myth, Where Three Roads Meet, for Radio 4's Afternoon Play slot. Before becoming a full time writer she was a psychoanalyst.

Produced by Kirsty Williams.

**MON 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00njctx)**

Education in the Moral Home

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially

recorded for the series.

Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution, and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

Until the late-19th century, home was the only schoolroom many British children were to experience, especially if they were girls. But was domestic education really so inferior to formal schooling? Drawing on diaries she has discovered, Prof Vickery explores home education from the perspective of both mother and child.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rd9cq)**

Susan Hill - The Beacon

An Author in the Family

Dramatisation by Anita Sullivan of the novel by Susan Hill.

The Prime siblings have grown up on a remote farm. May has stayed at home to look after her mother, and Colin and Berenice live locally; only Frank has left the area, to become a journalist in London. Then Frank has an idea which will bring him fame and fortune but have disastrous consequences for the rest of the family.

May Prime ..... Manon Edwards

Frank Prime ..... Stefan Rhodri

Colin Prime ..... Iestyn Jones

Elsa ..... Eiry Thomas

Berenice Prime ..... Siriol Jenkins

Radio Interviewer ..... Mark Lawson

Doctor Ford ..... Richard Mitchley

TV Interviewer ..... Sian Williams

TV Interviewer ..... Kirsty Wark

Taxi Driver ..... Dick Bradnum

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**MON 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dh5l)**

Episode 1

Frank Spencer-like moments at the births of his two daughters, as Michael Crawford begins the first of a five-part reading of his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, The Phantom of the Opera - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

**MON 15:00 Dawn Lowe-Watson - Closed to Visitors (b04yf35h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04yf3p4)**

Evan Davies plays the comb, Francois Delaroziere and fur seals Mel Giedroyc presents Francois Delaroziere's giant creatures, John Aitchison goes to the Antarctic to film fur seals and baby penguins, and Evan Davies plays the comb.

**MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00l6g2f)**

Series 4

Unhappy Returns

Bill makes a flying return visit from his new job in Germany.

It's the ideal opportunity for a quiet weekend with Faith but interventions from Hannah and Liza ensures the weekend is anything but romantic...

Sitcom about the battles of married life for ex-divorcees Bill and Faith, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and Faith's teenage children.

Stars James Bolam as Bill, Lynda Bellingham as Faith, Belinda Lang as Liza, Julia Sawalha as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe,

Geoffrey Whitehead as Richard and David Learner as Kevin.

Series three of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

**MON 17:30 North East of Eden (b01glrpl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yf3z7)**

Back to Home Base for Decoration

Our hero heads home to be decorated. Is there a medal big enough for his manly chest?

Captain Elvis Brandenburg Kremmen is the world's most fabulous man.

With an IQ of 498 and a height of 6ft 10 inches, he's a Supreme Athlete, a Concert Pianist, Concorde Pilot, Mountain Climber, Diplomat, Space Captain and Genius.

Just like Kenny, Captain Kremmen was born in Liverpool on Christmas Day in 1950.

Kenny Everett's lovingly crafted sci-fi serial made its debut on London's Capital Radio in 1976.

**MON 18:00 The Write Stuff (b0156mth)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b04ybcx0)**

Bel Mooney and Dr Mark Porter

Sarah LeFanu and guests, writer Bel Mooney and Dr Mark Porter, discuss three favourite paperbacks by Lidiya Ginzburg,

Jonathan Coe, Randolph Nesse and George Williams. From December 1998.

Blockade Diary, by Lidiya Ginzburg

Publisher: Harvill

Evolution and Healing, by Randolph Nesse & George Williams

Publisher: Phoenix

The House of Sleep, by Jonathan Coe

Publisher: Penguin

Producer: Felicity Goodall.

**MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007k1s5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 As Time Goes By (b04y9yzq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ppfg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 20:30 The Medal Makers (b00cc102)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf3h6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b04y6kcp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b04xnd0c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 Britain Versus the World (b04ybbk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 23:00 The Now Show (b04xs4bb)**

Series 45

Episode 2

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches. Featuring Mitch Benn, Pippa Evans, Jon Holmes and Tez Ilyas.

**MON 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b71ds)**

Episode 4

Eating too much and the end of the world.

Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright

With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

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**TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b00l6g2f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yf3z7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:55 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ppfg)**

Series 2

6. The Moment of Truth

Agatha must quickly discover the identity of the poisoner, but James is refusing to help.

Has he really ceased to care for her?

Penelope Keith stars as PR guru turned amateur sleuth, Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin ..... Penelope Keith

James Lacey ..... Malcolm Sinclair

DC Bill Wong ..... Stephen Hogan

Mrs Wendle ..... Tina Gray

Eve ..... Fay Rusling

Bobby ..... Matthew Carter

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 2005.

**TUE 06:30 The Man Who Bought Hendrix's Stage (b00czbwl)**

Phill Jupitus visits Nashville to meet Joe Chambers and view his extraordinary collection of rock memorabilia housed in the Musicians Hall of Fame, a museum celebrating contemporary

music and its creators. Contributors include session men Bobby Woods and Charlie McCoy, country star Nanci Griffith and guitar legend Duane Eddy.

**TUE 07:00 Nineteny-Four (b0148r4n)**

Progress Is Power

'Difficult Day? C'mon, smile it all away!'

Is smiling really the answer to Edward's troubles?

Starring Robert Lindsay.

Futuristic sitcom by Richard Turner and William Osborne with a nod to George Orwell.

Edward ..... Robert Lindsay

Sophie ..... Siobhan Redmond

Charles ..... Paul Shearer

With Stephen Fry, Emma Thompson, Richard Turner, David Goodland and Christopher Barr.

Producer: Nick Symons

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

**TUE 07:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04xp4wx)**

Series 6

Rebecca Front

Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some experiences are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.

This week, Rebecca Front, a self-confessed scaredy cat, is persuaded to take her first ride on a motorbike and read her first book about science. But how much of it did she understand?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**TUE 08:00 Yes Minister (b007j89)**

Series 1

Big Brother

MP Jim Hacker crosses swords with Sir Humphrey over civil liberties

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker ..... Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby ..... Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard ..... Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker ..... Diana Hoddinot

Frank Weisel ..... Bill Nighy

Tom ..... Fulton McKay

Godfrey Finch ..... Gordon Clyde

Floor Manager ..... Haydn Wood

Richard Linley ..... Himself

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 1983.

**TUE 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpnv)**

Marriage and Surgery

Simon Sparrow must sit his surgeon's exam and get married to Wendy all in one morning.

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, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans, Ronald Adam as Lord Crutchley, Erik Chitty as Sir Mortimer Huxted, Madi Heddi as Mother and Sam Kydd as Harry Hawkins the Taxi Driver.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

**TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b04xs4bb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Tickets Please (b00p5xc2)**

Episode 4

After delays caused by lightning, a 20-piece orchestra in coach G practices. This offers Robin a plangent background for his declaration of love.

But can he seize his chance before the train arrives at Exeter St David's?

Sitcom on rails by Mark Maier.

Robin.....Jeremy Swift

Nadine.....Alex Kelly

Peter.....Malcolm Tierney

Carol.....Tessa Nicholson

Carl.....Nicholas Boulton

Diana.....Melissa Advani

Linda.....Kate Layden

Keith.....Stephen Hogan

Other parts played by Philip Fox, Piers Wehner and Joseph Cohen-Cole

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

**TUE 10:00 Martyn Wade - Burn the Aeneid! (b04yf68n)**

What happens if an author gives instructions for his work to be destroyed when he dies?

The likely answer is an unholy row involving literary executors, members of the family and other interested parties.

It was even so in 19BC, in Brundisium, Southern Italy, at the deathbed of Publius Vergilius Maro, alias Vergil.

Martyn Wade's drama stars Clive Merrison as Varius, David Horovitch as Probus, Linda Marlowe as Drusilla, Norman Rodway as Tucca, Jonathan Adams as Proculus, James Grout as Eros, John Webb as Mucius and Peter Gunn as Envoy.

Producer: Cherry Cookson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 1992.

**TUE 11:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf6c6)**

Sweet Home

An old, German woman arrives in an English village, buys some woodland, and constructs a gingerbread cottage in a clearing.

The locals are suspicious, and concerns increase when the weather worsens, VAT goes up to 20%, the Post Office closes, and the high-speed broadband connection date is postponed. Could the old woman have anything to do with these misfortunes? Read by Emma Fielding.

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Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**TUE 11:15 Drama (b00ryklg)**

Michael Butt - Albert Speer's Walk Around the World

Patrick Malahide stars as Albert Speer or Prisoner Number Five, as he was known throughout his twenty years in Spandau Prison. Michael Butt's play 'Albert Speer's Walk Around the World' takes us on the imaginary journeys Speer devised to engage his mind and keep him from despair. A sympathetic American guard orders him travel books from the library and he plots his routes methodically. But he can't escape from the demons of guilt about Nazi war crimes. Sometimes the scenes he witnesses on his trips are exhilarating; sometimes the people are seductive but sometimes he is glad to be disturbed by the prison guard yelling for him to get back into his tiny cell where he is forbidden to look out of the window. Of the other six inmates, he is closest to Rudolf Hess (Jack Klaff) who he sees as vulnerable and wants to protect, whereas Admiral Karl Donitz (Nicholas Woodeson) constantly baits him and tries to pull rank with him. Donitz can't forgive Speer for his admission of guilt at the Nuremberg Trials.

Speer was Hitler's chief architect and his very efficient Minister for Armaments and War Production. In prison, he is rigorously self-disciplined and sets himself a tough regimen. Prison rules are strict but even as they relax and prisoners start to talk to each other, Speer keeps aloof. To distract himself nine years into his sentence, he designs and creates a garden in the spacious yard of Spandau and is particularly fond of his rockery and flowers. As an architect, he enjoys working out how the great buildings he visits were created and planning his routes so that he when he sets off, he will see and hear and meet the people he has carefully researched. However thoughts come unbidden and there is one judgemental voice in his head that travels everywhere with him.

Technical production: Peregrine Andrews

Director/Producer: Judith Kampfner

Exec Producer: Jill Waters

This is a Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y23)**

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 2

Eileen Atkins reads from Salley Vickers' acclaimed new novel, Dancing Backwards

Violet Hetherington's husband has recently died. Alone, she decides to take a cruise-ship crossing to visit her old friend, Edwin, in New York.

As she journeys across the Atlantic the quiet Violet begins to blossom - learning to ballroom dance, taking up smoking again, befriending a famously seething theatre critic. And in her time alone she reminisces about her early adulthood as a student at Cambridge. It's at Cambridge that she meets Edwin. Edwin, it soon becomes clear, is someone she's betrayed and someone she's both terrified and desperate to see again. The story that unfolds about the young Violet holds the secret to that betrayal. In tonight's episode, Violet remembers the first time she and Edwin met.

Written and abridged by Salley Vickers. Vickers is a critically acclaimed, best-selling novelist whose work includes Mr Golightly's Holiday, Instances of the Number 3, Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You. Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You were both popular Book at Bedtimes. Last year she dramatised her version of the Oedipus myth, Where Three Roads Meet, for Radio 4's Afternoon Play slot. Before becoming a full time writer she was a psychoanalyst.

Produced by Kirsty Williams.

**TUE 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life**

(b00njct8)

The Garden Indoors

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

By the mid-19th century, the majority of the British population lived in filthy polluted towns. Yet the Victorians contrived increasingly ingenious ways to domesticate nature, capturing ferns and sea anemones under glass in their parlours.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rkdgf)**

Susan Hill - The Beacon

Taking Flight

Dramatisation by Anita Sullivan of the novel by Susan Hill.

Frank's misery memoir has been published and is a huge success. Back at the farm, now that mother has died, May must inform her siblings.

May Prime ..... Manon Edwards

Frank Prime ..... Steffan Rhodri

Colin Prime ..... Iestyn Jones

Elsa ..... Eiry Thomas

Berenice Prime ..... Siriol Jenkins

Radio Interviewer ..... Mark Lawson

Doctor Ford ..... Richard Mitchley

TV Interviewer ..... Sian Williams

TV Interviewer ..... Kirsty Wark

Taxi Driver ..... Dick Bradnum

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**TUE 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dn36)**

Episode 2

Actor and singer Michael Crawford reads from his autobiography, including working with Oliver Reed and Michael Winner, and meeting Gene Kelly.

**TUE 15:00 Martyn Wade - Burn the Aeneid! (b04yf68n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04yf71p)**

Christian the Chelsea Lion, whistling and Wallace and Gromit Mel Giedroyc has the next part of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne, and she hears some world-class whistling and the incredible story of Christian the Chelsea Lion.

**TUE 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00tqjff)**

Series 2

Go With the Flow

When Patrick makes a chart to show where all the children are at any one time, it dawns on Stella that one of them isn't always where her little arrow says she is.

Series 2 of Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsy-turvy family life.

Stars Duncan Preston as Patrick, Penny Downie as Stella, Claudie Blakley as Alison, Bruce MacKinnon as Rick,

Catherine Shepherd as Xanthe, Daniela Denby-Ashe as Egg and Rosie Armstrong as Mrs Fox.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

**TUE 17:30 Nineteny-Four (b0148r4n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yf7k8)**

A Hero's Welcome... An Alien's Threat

A rapturous welcome for our hero, but Gort has something up one of his many sleeves. Kenny Everett's 1976 sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**TUE 18:00 The Now Show (b04xs4bb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b04ybftp)**

Ned Sherrin

'I'm word-oriented rather than music-oriented.'

Ned Sherrin shares those moments in performance which send a shiver down the spine with Jeremy Nicholas.

From Cleo Laine to The Kinks, the

writer/producer/director/broadcaster also looks back over his life and career.

Producer: Ray Abbott

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

**TUE 19:00 Yes Minister (b007j89)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011pv6k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 The Man Who Bought Hendrix's Stage (b00czbwl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf6c6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 21:15 Drama (b00ryklg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**TUE 22:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04xp4wx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b007k0r4)**

Pop Song

The Kiwi band want to pen a song for a teen idol without selling out.

Improvised comedy from the satirical pop pair, as they align with established comics to poke fun at all aspects of pop music. Rob Brydon narrates the musical odyssey.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Neil Finn

Greg Proops

Emma Kennedy

Mark Goodier

Additional Material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.

**TUE 23:00 Scrooby Trevitthick (b00rtfhj)**

Councillor

Scrooby Trevitthick is a six part scripted comedy series written by and starring Andy Parsons following on from the first series aired on Radio 4 18 months ago - The Lost WebLog of Scrooby Trevitthick.

This second series continues to follow the exploits of the hapless character of Scrooby (Andy Parsons), an enthusiastic but flawed wannabe who having returned from his wanderings is still trying to find himself by zealously posting his web diaries online.

Each episode features him attempting to make a dent in the national consciousness, and in this series, he's helped by his good friend Sasha (played by Kerry Godliman). However, his desire for success always takes him one step further than prudence dictates.

Episode 4. Councillor. In this episode, Scrooby tries to become a councillor having got into trouble jorjiding his wheelie bin. The cast features a variety of talented comedians including Dara O Briain, Russell Howard, Hugh Dennis, Russell Kane, Rufus Hound, Alun Cochrane, Dominic Frisby, Paul Thorne, Martin Coyote and Barunka O'Shaughnessy.

As always, listeners are encouraged to share their comments with Scrooby at [www.scroobytrevitthick.com](http://www.scroobytrevitthick.com) as he needs all the advice he can get.

The producer is Paul Russell, and this is an Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01nb28b)**

Series 5

Carnapitious Scroosh

More shop-based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. The staff of Fags, Mags and Bags continue their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation.

Ramesh Mahju has built the business up over 30 years and loves the art of the shop. However, he does apply the "low return" rules of the shop to all other aspects of his life. Then there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them whether they like it or not!

In this episode, new shop regular Mrs Birkett goes head to head with Lovely Sue as they both enter their cat in the Catticus Cat of the Year competition. Meanwhile, Sanjay and Alok start making music with their new cool friend Grebo, who goes by the rapping name of Carnapitious Scroosh.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2015****WED 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y23)**

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**WED 04:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf6c6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:15 Drama (b00rykgl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00tqqjf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b0148r4n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yf7k8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:55 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Jim Broadbent - A Sense of History (b04yf832)**

In keeping his family estate intact, the 23rd Earl has had to resort to the occasional murder and a degree of coercion. But for the breed that "came over with William the Conqueror", this is hardly something new...

The 23rd Earl .... Jim Broadbent

Giddy .... Stephen Bill

Recorded on location in Nettlebed, Oxfordshire.

Adapted by Jim Broadbent from his Channel 4 TV drama.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

**WED 06:30 QE2: Portrait of an Ocean Liner (b00fkbrp)**

After 40 years as arguably the most elegant ship at sea, QE2 docked at her final resting place in Dubai to be converted into a floating hotel. The story of the ship's eventful life, from construction on the Clyde in the 1960s, through refitting as a cruise ship that epitomised a golden age of luxury travel, to service in the Falklands, is told through the words of serving and former staff and recordings made on board the vessel during one of her final cruises.

A Falling Tree production.

**WED 07:00 The Older Woman (b01xpy74)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Can hack journalist Roy impress his former English teacher, Jane by joining a green pressure group?

Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial with a twist.

Starring Zoe Wanamaker as Miss Callaghan, Martin Clunes as Roy Hitchcock, Toyah Wilcox as Elsa, David Troughton as Mr Say, Nicky Henson as Chad, Sue Roderick as Wyn, Steve Hodson as Pavarotti, David Holt as Yeats, Melanie Hudson as Helen and Geoff McGivern as Dick.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

**WED 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04xrl8k)**

Series 2

Balham's Got Talent

Who's got talent?

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Stephen K Amos ... Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen ... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos ... Fatou Sohna

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet

Miss Bliss ... Michelle Buttery

Jayson Jackson ... Frankie Wilson

Mary ... Nadia Kamil

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k26r)**

Series 2

Bringing Back the Barge

The Admiral's barge must be moved to Portsmouth, but

Pertwee has a prior arrangement.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as Number One, Richard Caldicot as Commander Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Bracewell and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral.

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

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

**WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sm5vs)**

Series 3

Episode 12

Tim Brown's Schooldays - and John and Mary in the country. 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, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Dave Lee, Bill Oddie and Leon Cohen.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

**WED 09:00 Foul Play (b002ljzj)**

Series 4

Death and Two Copies, Please

Crime writers Tim Heald and Margaret Yorke puzzle over a case of robbery gone wrong.

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 October 1998.

**WED 09:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1z5)**

George Dupont

The French philosopher remains an enigma, despite an exhaustive biography. Rowan Atkinson's satirical probe. From April 1979.

**WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00j2j2g)**

LG Gibbon - Sunset Song

Episode 1

Gerda Stevenson's dramatisation of the 1932 novel by Lewis Grassie Gibbon, set in north-east Scotland before and during the First World War.

Chris Guthrie is torn between her love of the land and her ambition to become a teacher. As Chris' domineering father struggles with the harshness of the land, her mother's fear of childbirth leads her to despair.

Chris Guthrie ..... Lesley Hart

John Guthrie ..... Liam Brennan

Jean Guthrie ..... Bridget McCann

Will Guthrie ..... Gordon Brandie

Miss Munro ..... Estrid Barton

Long Rob ..... Matthew Zajac

Chae Strachan ..... Douglas Russell

Kirsty Strachan ..... Shonagh Price

Margot Strachan ..... Sally Reid

Ewan Tavendale ..... Finn Den Hertog

Directed by David Ian Neville.

**WED 11:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yf8jk)**

Scaling Never

Young Jacob is the son of a Mormon church leader. When his sister Issy dies, he hopes that she might be resurrected - in the same way that miracles occur in the Bible and in the Book of Mormon. Read by Emma Fielding.

This story - Scaling Never - was the basis for Carys Bray's triumphant first novel, A Song for Issy Bradley, which was broadcast on Book At Bedtime on BBC Radio 4.

Carys Bray's collection of short stories, Sweet Home, won the 2012 Scott Prize.

With psychological insight and lightness of touch frequently found in fairy tales, Carys Bray delves under the surface of ordinary lives to explore loss, disappointment, frustrated expectations and regret. Described as 'not just excellent, but significant', by poet and critic Robert Sheppard, these dark and lyrical stories illuminate extraordinary and everyday occurrences with humanity and humour.

Bray's stories are never afraid to expose the darkness that exists behind suburban front doors, but at their heart are brave, moving evocations of what it means to be at home with those you love.

Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**WED 11:15 Drama (b00s0fn5)**

Richard Lumsden - The Six Loves of Billy Binns

By Richard Lumsden

Tom Courtenay stars as a 110-year-old who wants to remember what love feels like one last time before he dies. His past loves are ready to remind him.

Director .... Sally Avens.

**WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k26r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sm5vs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Jim Broadbent - A Sense of History (b04yf832)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 QE2: Portrait of an Ocean Liner (b00fkbrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y25)**

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 3

Eileen Atkins reads from Salley Vickers' acclaimed new novel, Dancing Backwards

Violet Hetherington's husband has recently died. Alone, she decides to take a cruise-ship crossing to visit her old friend, Edwin, in New York.

As she journeys across the Atlantic the quiet Violet begins to blossom - learning to ballroom dance, taking up smoking again, befriending a famously seething theatre critic. And in her time alone she reminisces about her early adulthood as a student at Cambridge. It's at Cambridge that she meets Edwin. Edwin, it soon becomes clear, is someone she's betrayed and someone she's both terrified and desperate to see again. The story that unfolds about the young Violet holds the secret to that betrayal. In tonight's episode, Violet and Edwin embark on a shared career and, aboard ship, one of the dance hosts begins to take more than a little interest in her.

Written and abridged by Salley Vickers. Vickers is a critically acclaimed, best-selling novelist whose work includes Mr Golightly's Holiday, Instances of the Number 3, Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You. Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You were both popular Book at Bedtimes. Last year she dramatised her version of the Oedipus myth, Where Three Roads Meet, for Radio 4's Afternoon Play slot. Before becoming a full time writer she was a psychoanalyst.

Produced by Kirsty Williams.

**WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00njctb)**

Exporting the Home

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never

been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

Prof Vickery explores the kind of homes the British struggled to create in India, using the diaries and letters of colonial settlers.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rkdgk)**

Susan Hill - The Beacon

Alone

Dramatisation by Anita Sullivan of the novel by Susan Hill.

The death of her mother releases May from her duties but triggers memories of an earlier breakdown. Meanwhile, Frank's success gathers pace as news breaks that the book is to be made into a film.

May Prime ..... Manon Edwards

Frank Prime ..... Steffan Rhodri

Colin Prime ..... Iestyn Jones

Elsa ..... Eiry Thomas

Berenice Prime ..... Siriol Jenkins

Radio Interviewer ..... Mark Lawson

Doctor Ford ..... Richard Mitchley

TV Interviewer ..... Sian Williams

TV Interviewer ..... Kirsty Wark

Taxi Driver ..... Dick Bradnum

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**WED 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dqsc)**

Episode 3

Success in 'No Sex Please, We're British', but a marriage fails.

Michael Crawford continues reading from his autobiography.

**WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b00j2j2g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04yfdzk)**

Channel swimming, hula dancing and Mel C

Mel Giedroyc follows an attempt to swim across the English Channel and has a go at a spot of hula dancing, and former Spice Girl Mel C tells us two of her favourite songs.

**WED 17:00 Thinking of Leaving Your Husband? (b00s2w20)**

A Mathematical Improbability

Thinking of Leaving Your Husband is a four-part comedy drama by Charlotte Cory which explores a middle-aged woman's attempts to find herself a new romantic interest by joining an internet dating site. The series gives us two virtuoso acting performances by Lia Williams, who as Sarah, our heroine, appears in every scene, and Henry Goodman who not only plays Sarah's ex-husband Malcolm, but every one of her would-be lovers.

Sarah is distraught that she has been so deceived by her lying Dutchman. She is all for giving up the search to find a perfect partner. But Tania persuades her, for self-interested reasons, to go on a 'speed-dating' evening, where Sarah finally meets Tony, the mathematics professor and lover of ballroom dancing, whom she knows on the internet as 'Midnight Magic'. They are immediately attracted to each other - but leave without exchanging contact numbers and Sarah finds that Tania has wiped her details from the internet dating site. What are the mathematical chances of Sarah and Tony ever meeting again?

Sarah ..... Lia Williams

Tony, and all Sarah's internet dates ..... Henry Goodman

Mother ..... Miriam Margolyes

Tania ..... Frances Barber

Francis Parker ..... Roger Hammond

Phoebe-Jane ..... Hayley Roberts

Sound Design by Lucinda Mason Brown &

Original Music by David Chilton.

Series initiated by Nick Russell Pavier

Director: Gordon House

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 17:30 The Older Woman (b01xpy74)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yfdzm)**

Gort: The Ugly Truth

Gort gets his bumps felt. Meantime, Carla goes back the Kremmen's apartment. Kenny Everett's 1976 sci-fi serial

starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**WED 18:00 Foul Play (b00zljzj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076h37)**

Winning Prizes

Musician Martin Isherwood, physicist Len Fisher and journalist

Lucy Cavendish discuss the winning of prizes and awards.

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 The Navy Lark (b007k26r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**WED 21:15 Drama (b00s0fn5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**WED 22:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b04xr18k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00y0f0)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Comedy sketch show which answers the questions you probably never asked:

\* How did the mouse get in the beans?

\* Why should you think twice before sponsoring a dog?

Starring Kevin Bishop, Stephen K Amos, Doon Mackichan,

Justin Edwards and Jessica Ransom.

Written by Madeleine Brettingham, Jason Hazeley, Joel Morris,

Steve Dawson, Andrew Dawson, Timothy Inman, Jane

Lamacraft, Stephen Carlin, James Kettle and Justin Edwards.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

**WED 23:00 On the Hour (b0090br1)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Alan Partridge is at the Olympics. Barbara Wintergreen is in

America.

All the news as it happens, if it happens from the BBC's urgent

and incisive news overview.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick

Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Armando Iannucci, Richard Herring,

Steven Wells, David Quantick, Andrew Glover and Stewart

Lee.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

**WED 23:30 The Skivers (b007xwy1)**

Series 2

William Franklyn

Dolphins - and Sue Lawley's big secret is revealed.

The return of Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch

show with special guest - sssh! William Franklyn, who's mixing

the drinks.

Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

#### THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015

**THU 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y25)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dqsc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

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**THU 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yfdzm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:55 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wg37w)**

Series 2

Murder Is Child's Play

When two rival Glasgow gang-leaders (and would-be children's

authors) find themselves competing head-to-head for a

prestigious literary award, it's up to Boxer and Doberman to

stop full-scale gang warfare - especially with campaign to win

"European City of Kindness".

Alastair Jessiman's comedy police drama features grizzled old-

school detective, DI Bob Boxer - and his slightly less grizzled

and more instinctive young sidekick, DS Shona Doberman.

It's a case of Taggart meet The Naked Gun as the duo take to

the road in Boxer's arthritic Austin Princess...

DI Boxer ..... Finlay Welsh

DS Doberman ..... Anita Vettesse

Butcher Brawley ..... James Bryce

Rosa Caputo ..... Ann Scott Jones

"The Shadow" ..... Cameron McNeie

Joe Macnamarra ..... Alastair Jessiman

Director: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in

2010.

**THU 06:30 Postcards From the White City (b00b71dq)**

4 Extra Debut. Using original postcards, local-born Robert Elms

discovers how the 1908 exhibition gave the area of London its

name. From May 2008.

**THU 07:00 Any Other Business (b012xws9)**

Episode 2

There's a hurricane of change in Chesbury, with Labour back in

power but with a wafer thin majority.

Lucy Flannery's local government sitcom

Starring:

Nelson David

John Duttine

James Grout

Rosy Fordham

Nick Hardy

Howard Lew Lewis

Toby Longworth

Jan Ravens

Vivienne Rochester

June Whitfield.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

**THU 07:30 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04xrwjh)**

Series 2

Ethical Filing

Bridget Christie's taken her activism to a whole new level. Well,

sort of.

Multi-award winning series about modern feminism.

Bridget thought that she'd be able to put her feet up after her

last series, she expected it to bomb. Sadly it was a huge success.

But it's OK, because actually she's solved the feminist struggle

all by herself.

She's assisted by token man, Fred MacAulay.

Written by Bridget Christie.

Producers: Alison Vernon-Smith and Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**THU 08:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jqc5)**

Hidden Treasure

Pike and Hodges call in a clairvoyant to help them locate the

rumoured booty hidden somewhere on the pier in Frambourne-

on-Sea.

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

Madame Zara ..... Betty Marsden

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 October 1984.

**THU 08:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq4j)**

Politics

David Jason and company elect to poke fun at the Houses of

Parliament.

With Sheila Steafel, Royce Mills and Chris Emmett.

Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and

Professor Gabraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the

universe and the meaning of life.

Scripted by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton, Barry Pilton

and Alastair Beaton.

Music by John Owen Edwards

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.

**THU 09:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)**

Series 3

Janet Street-Porter

Comedy quiz presented by a fresh guest host every episode.

All the questions are about the host.

Broadcaster and Youth TV Pioneer Janet Street-Porter takes the

chair.

Facing up to a quiz based on her career, whims and interests are

panelists - Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Nick Doody and Will

Smith.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

**THU 09:3**

LG Gibbon - Sunset Song

Episode 2

Gerda Stevenson's dramatisation of the 1932 novel by Lewis Grassic Gibbon, set in north-east Scotland before and during the First World War.

After her father's death, Chris is determined to stay and work the farm alone if need be. Joined by Ewan Tavendale in marriage and on the farm, Chris gives birth to a son. But the outbreak of the First World War brings devastating change to her family, the rural landscape and the community.

Chris Guthrie ..... Lesely Hart

Ewan Tavendale ..... Finn Den Hertog

Chae Strachan ..... Douglas Russell

Long Rob ..... Matthew Zajac

Mistress Munro ..... Estrid Barton

Kirsty Strachan ..... Shonagh Price

Rev Colquhoun ..... Fraser Sivewright

Rev Gibbon ..... Keith Hutcheon

Directed by David Ian Neville.

**THU 11:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yfsy)**

The Rescue

While shopping in a large supermarket, a father starts to watch the rescue of some miners in Chile on one of the televisions on display in the store. He's planning to go and visit his drug-addict son, who has hit 'rock bottom'. He hopes that, somehow, some day, his son too may be rescued. Read by Emma Fielding.

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Bray's stories are never afraid to expose the darkness that exists behind suburban front doors, but at their heart are brave, moving evocations of what it means to be at home with those you love.

Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**THU 11:15 Flaw in the Motor, Dust in the Blood (b00pl6sh)**

Thomas's dreams are like thriller plots. Trevor Preston's exploration of a man's complex bipolar disorder. With Rory Kinnear.

**THU 12:00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jqc5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq4j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wg37w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Postcards From the White City (b00b71dq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y27)**

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 4

Eileen Atkins reads from Salley Vickers' acclaimed new novel, Dancing Backwards

Violet Hetherington's husband has recently died. Alone, she decides to take a cruise-ship crossing to visit her old friend, Edwin, in New York.

As she journeys across the Atlantic the quiet Violet begins to blossom - learning to ballroom dance, taking up smoking again, befriending a famously seething theatre critic. And in her time alone she reminisces about her early adulthood as a student at Cambridge. It's at Cambridge that she meets Edwin. Edwin, it soon becomes clear, is someone she's betrayed and someone she's both terrified and desperate to see again. The story that unfolds about the young Violet holds the secret to that betrayal. In tonight's episode, Violet and Edwin's happy life together faces its first challenge when an interloper arrives.

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**THU 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00njctd)**

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Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

The roots of the suburb lie very deep; but for snobs and bohemians, the adjective 'suburban' has always been the ultimate put-down. Prof Vickery listens to the experiences of those who moved there.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rkdgm)**

Susan Hill - The Beacon

Truth and Lies

Dramatisation by Anita Sullivan of the novel by Susan Hill.

Alone at the farm, May remembers how they learned of Frank's book. Back in London, Frank is haunted by memories and afraid to be alone.

May Prime ..... Manon Edwards

Frank Prime ..... Steffan Rhodri

Colin Prime ..... Iestyn Jones

Elsa ..... Eiry Thomas

Berenice Prime ..... Siriol Jenkins

Radio Interviewer ..... Mark Lawson

Doctor Ford ..... Richard Mitchley

TV Interviewer ..... Sian Williams

TV Interviewer ..... Kirsty Wark

Taxi Driver ..... Dick Bradnum

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**THU 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dwb6)**

Episode 4

Creating Frank Spencer in 'Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em' and taking on risky stunts. Michael Crawford reads his autobiography.

**THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b00j5t19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04yftdf)**

Sea Horses, Swazzling and Roger McGough

Mel Giedroyc hosts the penultimate episode of Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, read by Ray Fearon. Plus the Northern Lights and two of Roger McGough's favourite poems.

**THU 17:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx5n)**

Miss Willow and the One-Eyed Gentleman

"I'm afraid you're too trusting for your own good, Miss Willow.

Believe me, appearances can be very deceptive..."

Hapless vicar Timothy Carswell visits some of the more sinister members of his flock.

Stephen Sheridan's six-part series stars James Grout as the Reverend Timothy Carswell, Margaret Courtenay as Miss

Tilling, Jean Heywood as Miss Tapp, Jacqueline Tong as Hilary

and Patricia Hayes as Miss Willow.

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

**THU 17:30 Any Other Business (b012xws9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yftdh)**

Gort Uncaught

Kremmen and Carla head for the Pleasure Planet, but what is lurking among their smalls? Kenny Everett's 1976 sci-fi serial starring the world's most fabulous starship captain.

**THU 18:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076f5w)**

The Man in the Iron Mask

Military historian Richard Holmes nominates the mysterious

Man in the Iron Mask. With Humphrey Carpenter and John

Noone. From May 2003.

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?

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04xrwjh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Down the Line (b00q076z)**

Series 1

Freedom of Speech

Award-winning spoof phone-in show, with talk radio host Gary Bellamy. Stars Rhys Thomas and Paul Whitehouse. From May 2006.

**THU 23:00 Nick Mohammed in Bits (b00mt9h)**

Lila

It's the start of term time, and second year student Lila is going to teach the Freshers everything she knows. Featuring Nick Mohammed as Lila with Colin Hault as the reporter and Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon) as Lila's best friend.

Bits is a series of character pieces showcasing the best of Nick Mohammed's idiosyncratic characters in a series of one off comic plays.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

**THU 23:30 Cabin Pressure (b00chy5c)**

Series 1

Cremona

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no

job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

Arthur is struck dumb when a film star joins the flight, and

Douglas has to disguise 30 knights of Camelot in a hurry.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey ..... Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey ..... John Finnemore

Hester Macaulay ..... Helen Baxendale

Percival ..... Rufus Jones

Gawain ..... Robert Harley

Lancelot ..... Ali Amadi

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

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**FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2015**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00njctd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rkdgm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019dwb6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b0076f5w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wg37w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 Postcards From the White City (b00b71dq)**

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**FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b00j5t19)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

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**FRI 05:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx5n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 Any Other Business (b012xws9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yftdh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:55 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wh02c)**

Series 2

The Black Widow

When Boxer and Doberman are called to investigate the brutal murder of a popular Scottish actor, they become entangled (as you do) in a web of intrigue.

Things get even stickier when Boxer seems to fall for the murdered man's widow - seductive breakfast TV star Marion Swann. Doberman's suspicions are aroused. Boxer is just aroused...

Alastair Jessiman's comedy police drama features grizzled old-school, cardigan-wearing detective, DI Bob Boxer - and more instinctive, BlackBerry-wielding young sidekick, DS Shona Doberman.

Listen out for a blink-and-you-miss-it cameo from one of the stars of the show which "inspired" Boxer and Doberman - ITV's Taggart. (Clue: his appearance is a tea-time treat...)

DI Boxer ..... Finlay Welsh

DS Doberman ..... Anita Vettesse

Marion Swann ..... Juliet Cadzow

Mackenzie Baxter ..... Sean Scanlan

Joe Macnamarra ..... Alastair Jessiman

Director: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

**FRI 06:30 Gershwin's Horns (b00c2r4)**

Rainer Hersch explores the musical significance of unusual instruments, including cannons, car horns, anvils, typewriters and salad bowls. All have featured in concert performances over the past 200 years, but who plays them?

With the help of two leading British percussion players, Mick Doran and Neil Percy, Rainer explores the soundscape that can be conjured up by bowing a cymbal, rubbing a plastic cup on a gong or hitting a car suspension spring with a hammer.

**FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00805nv)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Mrs Roberts faces fallout from an outspoken member of the parish council. Political satire with Jo Kendall. From July 1990.

**FRI 07:30 The Rest is History (b04y9v20)**

Series 1

Episode 6

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 Josh Widdicombe, Roisin Conaty 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 January 2015.

**FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k15z)**

The Holiday Camp  
Sid hires the Lad to run his new venture, but then he discovers a surprise next door.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly, Kenneth Williams and Denis Wilson.

Announcer: Kenneth Williams

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 May 1955.

**FRI 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrtn)**

Bringing the House Down

A new office block is on the agenda. But it's a bit too close to home for Mildred.

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 September 1970.

**FRI 09:00 Jest a Minute (b0178910)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.

With Lucy Porter, Milton Jones, Lloyd Langford and Chris Corcoran.

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2006.

**FRI 09:30 Gush (b04yg54m)**

Episode 2

Prince Saudi's oil deal will bring peace to the civilised world. What could possibly go wrong?

Well, Cravate and Pomeroy's bitter rivalry could mess things up for a start.

Meanwhile, in a 1960s flashback, Cravate's wedding to Lady Arabella ends in a vow to end all vows.

Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's epic tale of power, love, passion and oil.

Foxwell Cravate ..... Martin Jarvis

Max Pomeroy ..... Mac McDonald

Arabella Derbyshire ..... Felicity Montagu

Iolanthe Diamond ..... Caroline Quentin

Charles Ambrose Fortescue de Vere ..... Jonathan Coy

Prince Saudi ..... Julian Dutton

With Toby Longworth and Steve Steen.

Church organist: John Whitehall

Producer: Colin Swash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

**FRI 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04sy4tx)**

1-5 December 1914 (Season 2 start)

Epic drama series set in Great War Britain. In the first omnibus edition of Season 2, everyone is looking to do their bit for the war effort. With Deborah Findlay, Rachel Shelley, Katie Angelou.

Written by: Sarah Daniels

Story-led by: Katie Hims

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

**FRI 11:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04yg5pg)**

Under Covers

Carol Evans's bra has blown off the washing line into some tall leyardii. As she struggles to retrieve it, two teenage girls next door laugh cruelly at their elderly, widowed neighbour. Their thoughtless comments are juxtaposed with Carol's own recollections of her deceased husband - with whom she continued to enjoy a warm and loving relationship following her mastectomy. Clever and moving story read by Emma Fielding.

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Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**FRI 11:15 Nan Woodhouse (b007jx5f)**

Now or Never

Age is no barrier for a group of older people who decide to make their wishes come true. Stars Thelma Barlow and Katherine Parr.

**FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k15z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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**FRI 13:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wh02c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Gershwin's Horns (b00bc2r4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00r9y29)**

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 5

Eileen Atkins reads from Salley Vickers' acclaimed new novel, Dancing Backwards

Violet Hetherington's husband has recently died. Alone, she decides to take a cruise-ship crossing to visit her old friend, Edwin, in New York.

As she journeys across the Atlantic the quiet Violet begins to blossom - learning to ballroom dance, taking up smoking again, befriending a famously seething theatre critic. And in her time alone she reminisces about her early adulthood as a student at Cambridge. It's at Cambridge that she meets Edwin. Edwin, it soon becomes clear, is someone she's betrayed and someone she's both terrified and desperate to see again. The story that unfolds about the young Violet holds the secret to that betrayal. In tonight's episode, Edwin discovers that Violet's been keeping a rather surprising secret from him.

Written and abridged by Salley Vickers. Vickers is a critically acclaimed, best-selling novelist whose work includes Mr Golightly's Holiday, Instances of the Number 3, Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You. Miss Garnet's Angel and The Other Side of You were both popular Book at Bedtimes. Last year she dramatised her version of the Oedipus myth, Where Three Roads Meet, for Radio 4's Afternoon Play slot. Before becoming a full time writer she was a psychoanalyst.

Produced by Kirsty Williams.

**FRI 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00njctg)**

Alternative Homes

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

Homes were exposed to huge forces of change in the 19th and 20th century, responding to industrialisation, pollution, and the imperial mission. Prof Vickery explores how they remained idealised havens in a heartless, dirty world.

'Home means a place to go to when you are in trouble. A place sadly altered by war. A place to glorify when away and rely on always...' So reported one woman to the Mass Observation survey. Prof Vickery explores the enduring pull of a home of one's own.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00krdgq)**

Susan Hill - The Beacon

Inheritance

Dramatisation by Anita Sullivan of the novel by Susan Hill.

Frank turns up unexpectedly at the farm and the will is read.

May Prime ..... Manon Edwards

Frank Prime ..... Steffan Rhodri

Colin Prime ..... Iestyn Jones

Elsa ..... Eiry Thomas

Berenice Prime ..... Siorol Jenkins

Radio Interviewer ..... Mark Lawson

Doctor Ford ..... Richard Mitchell

TV Interviewer ..... Sian Williams

TV Interviewer ..... Kirsty Wark

Taxi Driver ..... Dick Bradnum

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

**FRI 14:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019fx7g)**

Episode 5

The tribulations and ultimate triumph of 'The Phantom of The Opera'. Michael Crawford concludes reading from his autobiography.

**FRI 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04sy4tx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b04yg61h)**

Instruments of Ice, Living in the Wild and Hidden Treasure

Mel Giedroyc presents a guide to living in the wilds of Lanarkshire, hears Robert Burns' very own violin and the final chapter in Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

**FRI 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kn418)**

Series 4

In the News

The difference between fact and fiction and opinion...that's easily defined isn't it? Ask Miss Reid.

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King

Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Stars Brigitte Forsythe as Mrs Eastwood, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Michael Cochrane as Mr Maxwell, Teresa Gallagher as Miss Featherstone, Jacqueline Beatty as Miss Reid, Janice Acquah as Mrs Khan, Paul Copley as Mr Long and Amanda Gordon as Miss Spivey.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

**FRI 17:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00805nv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04yg66w)**

A Sticky End

The thrilling conclusion to this space adventure with the World's Most Fabulous Man. Kenny Everett's sci-fi serial from 1976.

**FRI 18:00 Jest a Minute (b0178910)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Meet the Parents (b01pmf56)**

Series 3

AL Kennedy

Award-winning, Scottish novelist AL Kennedy returns to her mother's house in Bidford-upon-Avon for a good old blether. Their stories literally take us around the world from Stratford to Australia and back to Dundee. Their shared love of literature and Shakespeare is inherent and their conversation is peppered with lovely anecdotal stories from Alison's childhood and the books they would often read together.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007wwdf)**

Series 2

Peter Purves

John discovers Blue Peter's Peter Purves has always wanted to play a nasty character. Would he audition for the role of Captain Hook in the drop-in centre's production of Peter Pan? The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield. Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

With Phil Nichol and Milton Jones.

Additional material by Martin Willis.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vgp3)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to Josie Long.

**FRI 23:00 Eric Idle - Radio 5 (b04yg6ys)**

From 26/05/1973

"Radio 2 has on at the moment a rather lovely blue frock". Continuity confusion from Eric Idle.

An eclectic hour of music choices with self-penned sketches, for which Eric provides all of the voices.

Radio 5 was Eric Idle's first solo venture, post-Monty Python, for BBC Radio 1.

Ever the innovator, Idle's Radio 5 pre-dated the real BBC network of that name by some 18 years!

Producer: Clive Burrows

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 medium wave and VHF in May 1973.