

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2015

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:15 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.

SAT 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00rkdqg)

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 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.

SAT 00:45 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.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:30 Meet the Parents (b01pmsf6)

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.

SAT 02:00 Boxer and Doberman (b00wh02e)

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.

SAT 02:30 Gershwin's Horns (b00bc2r4)

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.

SAT 03:00 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 Strauchan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 04:00 Carys Bray - Sweet Home (b04ygg5p)

Under Covers

Carol Evans's bra has blown off the washing line into some tall leyandii. 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. 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.

SAT 04:15 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 05:55 Kenny Everett - Captain Kremmen (b04ygg66w)

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.

SAT 06:00 Dario Fo - Accidental Death of an Anarchist (b01s63cx)

While in police custody a suspected terrorist 'fell' to his death from the fourth floor of Police HQ.

But someone, disguised as a maniac, has got into the building

and is determined to find out what really happened and who is to blame...

Dario Fo's world famous comic masterpiece is a biting satire on police corruption.

Adapted by award-winning comedian Jeremy Hardy.

Adrian Edmondson Maniac

Jennifer Saunders Maria Feletti

Jill Gascoine Superintendent

Stephen Frost Inspector Bertozzo

John Forgeham Inspector Pissani

Mark Steel Constables

From Gillian Hanna's translation and Gavin Richards' stage adaptation.

Producer: Turan Ali.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.

SAT 07:15 RD Wingfield (b00sw79x)

The Cellar

Behind a bricked-up entrance lurks a suspenseful tale of horror below stairs. Stars John Pullen and Rosalind Ayres.

SAT 07:30 Faking the Classics (b00t5z90)

Shakespeare

How fraudsters and tricksters have set out to fool us with counterfeit passes off as the work of the Bard. Jonathan Bate investigates.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b0076q7j)

Farewell to Winston

Nicholas Witchell remembers the winter's day on 30th January 1965 when the sleet fell - and a generation who had lived and served through the Second World War lost an iconic leader. The grandeur of Churchill's state funeral saw a procession through the City of London, plus the coffin's final voyage down the River Thames to the Royal Festival Hall and on to Waterloo Station. From there the coffin was taken by train to its final resting place at Bladon Parish Church, Oxfordshire.

With excerpts from the original BBC commentary by Richard Dimbleby and Raymond Baxter, the programme recollects the thoughts and feelings of the wartime generation. With interviews with those were in the crowd or part of the procession. Features: Winston S Churchill, Nicholas Soames, Lord Deedes, Lady Soames, and Peter Dimmock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

SAT 09:00 Poetry Pub-lease (b050bb69)

Comedy and poetry have always had strong links, with many comics and poets blurring the boundaries. Now, comedian Kevin Eldon takes us on a three hour walk along the fine line between the two.

With the occasional input of his poet alter-ego, Paul Hamilton, Eldon presents a rich collection of radio comedy that celebrates the risible and funny side of poetry, including Tim Key's *Late Night Poetry Programme*; the *Simon Day Show*; Sir Ralph Stanza's *Letter From Salford* and the classic episode of *Hancock's Half Hour*. The *Poetry Society*.

There is also a look back at the life of the cult poet Hovis Presley, some scholarly input from Cariad Lloyd, and a brand new interview between Kevin Eldon and the magnificent John Cooper Clarke.

Along the way there is a rich mix of poetry that might be funny, sometimes cringe-worthy, occasionally absurd, sporadically nonsensical, but often brilliant.

SAT 12:00 Jonathan Franzen - The Corrections Omnibus (b050bhzz)

Episode 3

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 13:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04dq55n)

Jennifer Saunders

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

SAT 13:15 Dickens Confidential (b01kbz4s)

Series 1

High Society

At the opening of Parliament, Charles Dickens meets Lady Kames and his editorial judgement is scrutinised. Stars Jamie Glover.

SAT 14:00 Dad's Army (b007k1s5)

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 Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1974.

SAT 14:30 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.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b007gq7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Dario Fo - Accidental Death of an Anarchist (b01s63cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:15 RD Wingfield (b00sw79x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 17:30 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.

SAT 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jt88)

Time Slip

Paul Williamson arrives home, only to find himself already there. What exactly is going on? Stars Paul Daneman and Norma Ronald.

SAT 19:00 Poetry Pub-lease (b050bh69)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs (b00tysvb)

Episode 5

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

With live music from Divine Comedy.

Guest comedian: Shappi Khorsandi.

Find out whether animals can have human faces; what annoys Rhod about considerate builders; and the most surprising location for a postage stamp.

Producers: Julia McKenzie and Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2010.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vgvt)

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

SAT 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b00sh2f1)

Series 3

Napoleon Bonaparte

The radical comedian offers his humorous assessment of the life and career of the battling French emperor. From October 2002.

SAT 23:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b00mbv7f)

Series 1

Education

Exploring a fresh theme each week, the award-winning comedian hosts stand-up and sketches. With Ivan Brackenbury. From July 2008.

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SUN 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jt88)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b007gq7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Jonathan Franzen - The Corrections Omnibus (b050bhxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:05 Inheritance Tracks (b04dq55n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:05 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Dickens Confidential (b01kbz4s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Dario Fo - Accidental Death of an Anarchist (b01s63cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:15 RD Wingfield (b00sw79x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 The Rest is History (b04y9v20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Susan Hill - The Beacon Omnibus (b050bmmw)

Frank Prime's quest for fame and fortune is about to spark disaster for his family back at their remote farm. Stars Manon Edwards.

SUN 07:15 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012lk2m)

Episode 2

Poking fun at bands in a surviving series extract from gap-toothed, cad playing comic actor, Terry-Thomas.

Top of The Town ran for two series of 16 hour-long programmes, broadcast weekly between 1953 and 1955.

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 January 1954.

SUN 07:30 Sketchorama (b01kbq7m)

Series 1

Episode 2

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 two of Sketchorama are: The Noise Next Door: Tom Houghton, Charlie Granville, Matt Grant, Tom Livingstone and Sam Pacelli have been performing their own distinctive brand of off-the-cuff comedy for over six years. They have an uncanny knack of transforming audience suggestions into fantastically funny scenes and songs in the blink of an eye, with a perfect blend of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners and epic stories.

The Boom Jennies: A trio featuring Lizzie Bates, Anna Emerson and Catriona Knox who produce fun, fast-paced, inventive sketch comedy mixed up with some top-notch tunes. Jigsaw: Dan Antopolski (Triple Perrier Award Nominee, BBC New Comedy Award Winner and Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe Award Winner 2009), Tom Craine (BBC National Student Award Winner 2006) and Nat Luurtsema (Chortle Best Newcomer Nominee 2008) have joined forces to create a hydra-headed sketch monster. They enjoyed a self-titled Fringe debut in 2011 featuring well honed, fast paced material.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dtj7q)

Episode 3

"On the Continent they do sincerely believe that every Englishman is mad. They are as convinced of it as is every English peasant that Frenchmen live in frogs".

Approaching the end of their epic journey by bike, George, Harris and J attempt contemplate the Germans as a nation.

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

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

SUN 08:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s3jt)

Series 2

Episode 10

Bona news about a new LP - and who killed Cock Robin? 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 (b008f3c2)

Our Foreign Correspondent

Our Foreign Correspondent: Amy heads to Europe, while Jo makes a friend in New York. Stars Buffy Davis, Gayle Hunnicutt and Anne Marie Zola.

SUN 09:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00cyspl)

Letting in the Jungle

Mowgli mounts a rescue and meets the Father of the Cobras. Stars Nisha K Nayar, Eartha Kitt and Jonathan Hyde.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b050bny6)

Absent Friends

Sue Townsend

4 Extra Debut. From Jack Teagarden to Tchaikovsky, the Adrian Mole author shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From December 1991.

SUN 10:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm31t)

Census 2011

Realm of the Census

Rebecca Elise reads a new story by Louise Welsh, written to mark the national census. A lonely girl takes a low-paid job, chasing census evaders, which leads to a disturbing encounter in a dark tenement.

Louise Welsh is an award-winning novelist, short story writer, playwright and journalist. Her works include novels 'The Cutting Room' and 'Naming the Bones', and stage plays 'Panic Patterns' and 'Memory Cells'. Louise Welsh is Writer in Residence at the University of Glasgow and Glasgow School of Art.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b050bs79)

Series 1

Peering Into Space

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

Guy Raz investigates our sense of wonder and curiosity about our place in the universe. With physicist Brian Greene.

SUN 11:45 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl6vd)

The Ugly Sister

A Cinderella pantomime character wonders if her own Prince Charming is in the audience. Short story read by Lesley Sharp.

SUN 12:00 Susan Hill - The Beacon Omnibus (b050bmmw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 13:15 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012lk2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 13:30 Saturday Drama (b00tjw5p)

Brian Friel - Translations

A new production of Brian Friel's masterpiece about language and power.

It's the summer of 1833. In a hedge-school in Donegal, the schoolmaster's prodigal son is about to return from Dublin. With him are two army officers. Their aim is to create a map of the area, and, in the process, replace the Irish place names with English equivalents. It's an act with unexpected and violent consequences.

Thirty years ago playwright Brian Friel and actor Stephen Rea founded the Field Day Theatre Company in Northern Ireland. A company that aimed to provide a 'fifth province' in which Ireland's political and social troubles could be explored and reimagined. Translations was its first production and became an instant classic. To mark its anniversary, BBC Radio 4 has commissioned a new production, specially adapted for radio by Michael Duke.

Cast:

Yolland.....Samuel Barnett

Lancey.....Mark Bazeley

Doalty.....John Paul Connolly

Jimmy Jack.....Dermot Crowley

Sarah.....Roisin Gallagher

Manus.....David Ireland

Bridget.....Aoife McMahon

Hugh.....Gerard McSorley

Owen.....Eugene O'Hare

Maire.....Eileen Walsh

Director: Kirsty Williams.

SUN 15:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dtj7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s3jt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b050bs7f)

Christian the Chelsea Lion, the Kalina Balalaika Band and Channel Swimming

Highlights from the past week on the 4 O'Clock Show, including Evan Davies playing the comb, Christian the Chelsea

Lion and an inventor of unusual musical instruments.

SUN 17:00 Louisa May Alcott - Good Wives (b008f3c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00c5ypl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)

Student Giovanni becomes obsessed with a mysterious girl living next door. Dark sci-fi romance starring Joseph Cohen-Cole.

SUN 18:30 HG Wells (b007jzbc)

The New Accelerator

In the name of science, HG Wells agrees to sample a new drug designed to speed up both body and mind. Read by Robert Bathurst.

SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b050b579)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:45 Joanne Harris - Jigs and Reels (b00cl6vd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

SUN 20:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dtj7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 20:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s3jt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b050bny6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm31t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Sketchorama (b01kbg7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Elvenquest (b00vy3n6)

Series 2

Episode 1

The return of the fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth. The intrepid band of Questers, led by Elven Lord, Vidar, set off once again on their search for the Sword of Asnagar which is the only thing that can free them from the tyranny of the evil Lord Darkness.

Joining Vidar on the Quest is Dean, the dwarf, Penthiselea, an Amazon warrior princess, Sam, the human, and Amis, the Chosen One (formerly Sam's dog who took human form when he arrived in Lower Earth - he alone can wield the Sword of Asnagar that will defeat Lord Darkness).

In this opening episode, the Questers are saved from near certain death by a strong and charming loner, who goes by the name of Byorthnoth the Brave. But is Byorthnoth quite what he seems? And does it really matter when he has such lovely hair? Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is back from the Void and has discovered that he's lost his immortality...

Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd

Byorthnoth Ben Miles

Amazon Princess, Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vh7c)

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

SUN 23:00 The Cornwell Estate (b00w7cgy)

Series 2

Switzerland McNaughtiehorse

Written by Phil Cornwell.

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. Switzerland McNaughtiehorse, Switzzy to his associates is a Bronx, New York ex-pat living on the Cornwell Estate. He is a dedicated anglophile too and finds the differences in American and British culture fascinating, especially when it comes to his special line of work - 'waste disposal'. Phil Cornwell stars.

Created by Phil Cornwell and Andrew McGibbon.

Additional material by Nick Romero

Producer/Director: Andrew McGibbon

A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:15 Knocker (b008j006)

Profitch

Market researcher Ian Dunn suffers a shocking epiphany. Stars Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox. From December 2007.

SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b00db64g)

Series 4

States of Mind

Jon Ronson looks at how we all exist in different states of reality, according to the balance of our minds.

He talks to ex-Labour spin doctor and psychoanalyst Derek Draper about the sociopathic behaviour in Parliament. Jon also interviews the ex-Norwegian prime minister who resigned after announcing he was depressed and who later went on to be re-elected.

There is also an update on a previous story involving ex-M15 officer David Shayler, who announced he is the Messiah and invites Jon along to his first press conference.

MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2015

MON 00:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - Rappaccini's Daughter (b00qxcff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 HG Wells (b007jzbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b050bny6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 Afternoon Reading (b00zm31t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01dtj7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s3jt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Sketchorama (b01kbg7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Saturday Drama (b00tjw5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Louisa May Alcott - Good Wives (b008f3c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book (b00c5ypl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms34p)

Callan's Return

Ex-killer David Callan, now a dead-end book-keeper, is hired for one last hit on businessman Schneider. Read by Ben Miles.

Originally published in 1969 under the title 'A Magnum for Schneider', James Mitchell's novel tells the story of his infamous TV character, David Callan (originally played by Edward Woodward) and features the other regulars, Hunter, Meres and Lonely.

Callan is washed up. The most efficient killer in Europe is now working in a dead-end job as a book-keeper for an ungrateful and miserable boss. But circumstances force British intelligence chief 'Charlie' Hunter to re-employ him for one last operation. His target - German businessman Rudolf Schneider who works in an office opposite Callan. Is the fact that the two men work in such close proximity a mere coincidence? Or is it all an elaborate plan by Hunter? Callan has his suspicions...

Hunter has given Schneider a red file and Callan is all too aware of the significance of this. Cheerful, friendly, affluent Schneider with his innocent passion for model soldiers must die. Once again Callan's means to an end is petty criminal Lonely, the most frightened little man in the underworld. It is Lonely who gets him the gun, a Nouguchi Magnum 38 calibre. A magnum for Schneider.

The operation is fraught with complications, but Callan's own inhibitions are the most dangerous.

Abridged by Adrian Bean

Producer: Joanna Green

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

MON 06:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wt1)

Paul Morley traces the life and works of Manchester punk poet John Cooper Clarke.

Paul looks back at the punk movement in the mid 1970s, its DIY ethic and popular appeal and how Cooper Clarke, as the poet of the people, fit into the scene.

Through exclusive new interviews with Cooper Clarke, Paul delves into the most significant moments of his life and career, from his first job as a lab technician at Salford University to touring with some of the world's most famous punk bands, his domestic partnership and shared heroin addiction with Nico, the use of one of his songs in The Sopranos, his signing to the same label as Bob Dylan and his appearance in a Sugar Puffs advert.

Cooper Clarke has continued to tour and write new work for 30 years and despite being exasperated by the 1980s' flamboyant reaction to punk's DIY ethic, his influence today should not be underestimated. Jarvis Cocker, Noel Gallagher, Alex Turner of the Arctic Monkeys, Lily Allen and Kate Nash have all cited Clarke as an influence, as his distinctive style continues to pervade popular music.

Contributors include Mark E Smith, Pete Shelley, Kate Nash, Phill Jupitus and Clarke himself.

An All Out production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 07:00 North East of Eden (b01h0kpm)

Cinema Paradiso

Marcia decides to inject a little culture into Paradise and starts a film club.

But will French art triumph over Mad Max III? Probably not.

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 James Garbutt

Mrs Peeviss Jean Southern

Ralph Stephen Thirkeld

William Sammy Johnson

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b05061zg)

Series 14

Episode 4

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.

Ed Byrne, Holly Walsh, Richard Osman and Henning Wehn are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as Ancient Egypt, ice, rubbish and British food.

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 (b007jrv9)

Series 1

Museum Piece

The determination of Captain Mainwaring and his Home Guard platoon to fight to the last man is marred only by one small detail - a total lack of weapons.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles

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

George Jones Eric Woodburn

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b050c2sf)

Series 1

Episode 7

Lionel invites Jean to share a cruise with him but is puzzled when she resists the invitation.

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Paul Chapman as Stephen and Moyra Fraser as Penny.

With Moira Brooker as Judith, Philip Bretherton as Alistair, Jenny Funnell as Sandy and Simon Greenall as Mr Atwell.

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 Quote... Unquote (b00qgxxd)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes.

With guests Ken Bruce, Valerie Grove, Dr Ben Goldacre and Kwame Kwei-Armah.

The reader is Peter Jefferson.

MON 09:30 Britain Versus the World (b050crxj)

Series 1

Episode 6

The final episode of the comedy 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 Cruttenden, is the English comedian Roisin Conaty while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with his fellow German stand-up Christian Schulte-Loh.

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

Host

Ed Byrne

Guests

Hal Cruttenden

Henning Wehn

Roisin Conaty

Christian Schulte-Loh

Programme Associate Bill Matthews

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

MON 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04tr0j)

8-12 December 1914

This week, newcomers spell trouble for St Jude's and the police are unprepared for a crime wave...

Story-led by: Katie Hims

Written by: Sarah Daniels

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed and produced by: Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

MON 11:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rb1t7)

Absent-Mindedness in a Parish Choir

As a stranger returns, Hardy's inimitable Wessex characters recount village tales of Longpuddle life. Read by Richard Mitchley.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b0501kvb)

Nikki Bedi, Tom Conti, Simon Nicol, Sue Webster, Bidisha, Fairport Convention and Rhiannon Giddens

Clive Anderson is joined by Nikki Bedi, Tom Conti, Simon Nicol, Sue Webster and Bidisha for an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy. With music from Fairport Convention and Rhiannon Giddens.

Producer: Sukey Firth.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b050c2sf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms34p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5d)

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 6

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 will recall how, despite Edwin's protestations, she and Bruno made their relationship official. And, aboard ship, she'll make a worrying discovery.

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.

MON 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzk)

The Sky's the Limit

Astronomer Heather Couper charts the history of our growing understanding of the universe and progress of astronomy. From 2008.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qsw2h)

Absent

Separation

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony, a self-employed electrician from Liverpool, has no idea that his wife of eleven years has had enough of him and wants him out of her and their children's lives for good.

Tony Craige Els

Clare Gillian Kearney

Nick Robert Hitchmough

Aggy Annabelle Dowler

Josh Alfie Davies

Sean Carl Prekopp

Directed by Claire Grove.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00r3ykb)

Max Hastings - Did You Really Shoot the Television?

Episode 1

Max Hastings recalls the marriage of his Fleet Street parents, roving reporter Mac and glamorous editor Anne.

He came into this world as 'the elephant'. Was everyone prepared?

With additional readings by Nigel Hastings as Mac and Joanna Monro as Anne.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

MON 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04tr0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b050cvd2)

Hurricanes, Nail Polish and a Psammead

Mel Giedroyc goes behind the scenes of a London beauty salon and we get introduced to the Psammead in the first part of E Nesbit's classic tale *Five Children and It*.

MON 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00lbt12)

Series 4

Short Change

Bill and Faith's dreams of a luxury riverside flat disintegrate thanks to her children Hannah and Joe.

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, Brian Bowles as Dennis and David Learner as Clayton.

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 (b01h0kpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 Quote... Unquote (b00qgxxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075gbk)

Mick Aston and Penelope Leach

Sarah LeFanu and her guests, archaeologist Mick Aston and childcare specialist Penelope Leach, discuss three favourite paperbacks by Oliver Rackham, RL Stevenson and William

Golding. From 1999.

The Illustrated History of the Countryside by Oliver Rackham

Publisher: Phoenix

Travels with a Donkey by RL Stevenson

Publisher: Everyman

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Publisher: Faber & Faber.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 As Time Goes By (b050c2sf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms34p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rb1t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b0501kvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b05061zg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Britain Versus the World (b050crxj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vhlh)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Diane Morgan chats to Phil Wang.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b04yk373)

Series 45

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week's news via topical stand-up and sketches featuring guests Marcus Brigstocke and Nish Kumar.

MON 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00bxbnt)

Episode 5

The Jane Austen industry and car user manuals.

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.

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015

TUE 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qsw2h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 00:45 Book of the Week (b00r3ykb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Quote... Unquote (b00qgxxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 A Good Read (b0075gbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms34p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04tr0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rb1t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:15 Loose Ends (b0501kvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Second Thoughts (b00lbt12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 North East of Eden (b01h0kpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms576)

Preparation

Hunter has tasked Callan to kill German businessman Rudolf

Schneider. Now all he needs is a gun from Lonely.

Read by Ben Miles.

Originally published in 1969 under the title 'A Magnum for Schneider', James Mitchell's novel tells the story of his infamous TV character, David Callan (originally played by Edward Woodward) and features the other regulars, Hunter,

Meres and Lonely.

Abridged by Adrian Bean

Producer: Joanna Green

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

TUE 06:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dc2mt)

Ancestors

John Sessions series charting the history of popular

entertainment in the UK.

But rather than the usual wade through the shifting sands of film and TV celebrity, John is covering the period before

electronic media.

He starts with our medieval ancestors and attempts to unpick a few myths about wandering minstrels and motley fools keeping the toiling peasants entertained.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 07:00 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014hq46)

Power Is Happiness

Edward Wilson is drawn further into the mysterious machinations of the government.

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, Pam Ferris, Richard

Turner and David Goodland.

Producer: Nick Symons

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

TUE 07:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04yky5d)

Series 6

Gyles Brandreth

Marcus Brigstocke persuades his reluctant guest 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, Gyles Brandreth is persuaded to spend a day doing

absolutely nothing, and writes his first ever pop song.

Produced by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

TUE 08:00 Yes Minister (b007jibc)

Series 1

The Economy Drive

MP Jim Hacker plans to slim down the Civil Service. His own economy drive will set a personal example - won't it?

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 Frederick Peter Cellier

Nellie Valerie Murray

Ron Watson Milton Johns

Jane Carol Boyd

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in November 1983.

TUE 08:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b050cx7p)

From 20/10/1963

Down Your Way is in the village of Knotty Ash, Doddy croons a

ditty and the World's Worst.

Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally

edited for sale abroad.

Starring Ken Dodd. With Judith Chalmers (*Wish You Were*

Here), John Laurie (*Dad's Army*), Wallas Eaton, Percy

Edwards, Peter Hudson and The Barry Sisters.

BBC Revue Orchestra. Conducted by Malcolm Lockyer

Script by Ken Dodd and Eddie Braben.

Produced by Bill Worsley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1963.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b04yk373)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Bristow (b007tdnn)

Series 3

Of Moles and Men

The office rebel returns with some inside information which

most surely lead to promotion.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow

Frank Dickens' sitcom is based on his famous long-running

newspaper cartoon strip about the Chester-Perry buying clerk.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Gert Liz Frazer

Daisy Joan Sims

Fred Stokes David Battley

Miss Glockling Carol Starks

Teacher Jane Booker

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Fudge Jon Glover

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

TUE 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04v5r6y)

15-19 December 1914

As Christmas approaches, a spirit of generosity and

recklessness fills the air, as all Folkestone is encouraged to give

themselves to the war.

Written by: Shaun McKenna

Story led by: Katie Hims

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

TUE 11:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbq6c)

Tony Kytes, the Arch-Deceiver

A comic tale of a local swain who courts rather too many maids

at once. Read by Richard Mitchley.

TUE 11:15 Father Brown Stories (b010y0sr)

Father Brown - The Secret Garden

By G. K. Chesterton.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Paris, 1911. A dinner party given by Aristide Valentin, Chief of the Paris Police, is disturbed by the discovery of a stranger lying murdered within the grounds of his high-walled garden. Who is he? How did he get there? And which of the distinguished guests has committed the gruesome crime?

Time for Father Brown to step forward. Intuitive and unassuming, his unremarkable exterior conceals a profound knowledge of human frailty. Who better than a priest to understand the nature and prevalence of evil?

Directed by Kirsteen Cameron.

TUE 12:00 Yes Minister (b007j1bc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b050cx7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms576)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dc2mt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5g)

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 7

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 Bruno's recent marriage is beginning to look rocky.

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.

TUE 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfzpp)

Cathedrals of the Cosmos

Astronomer Heather Cooper reflects on the importance of the sun to ancient agrarian society. With Timothy West.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qxb6)

Absent

Mediation

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony has left his wife assuming that he can see his children whenever he wants to, but Clare has other ideas.

Tony Craigie Els

Clare Gillian Kearney

Diane Alison Pettitt

Paul David Seddon

Sean Carl Prekopp

Directed by Claire Grove.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk2)

Max Hastings - Did You Really Shoot the Television?

Episode 2

Max Hastings recalls the marriage of his Fleet Street parents, roving reporter Mac and glamorous editor Anne. Mac is made a star contributor of *Eagle* magazine and his gifts for delusion soar.

With additional readings by Nigel Hastings as Mac and Joanna Monro as Anne.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

TUE 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04v5r6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b050g7ty)

Iain Stirling, Rabbits and £10 Notes

Mel Giedroyc chats to comedian and ex-CBBC presenter Iain Stirling and we hear the second part of *Five Children and It*, by E Nesbit.

TUE 17:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00ttmvh)

Series 2

Brideshead Unvisited

Rick's ex-girlfriend is getting married and the whole family is invited. Stella's doubts about an occasion involving the entire Bartholomew clan prove to be justified...

Series 2 of *Lucy Clare* and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsyturvy 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

Terence Frisch as the photographer.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

TUE 17:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014hq46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 The Now Show (b04yk373)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 18:30 Comedy's Coming Home (b008142h)

Kulvinder Ghir

One of the stars of *Goodness Gracious Me* attempts to bring stand-up to his homeland. But will he get a rude awakening? From March 2002.

TUE 19:00 Yes Minister (b007j1bc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b050cx7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms576)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dc2mt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbqc6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Father Brown Stories (b010y0sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04yk55d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b007k0zr)

Suzanne

The Kiwi band's future is threatened when Bret goes on a date. 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

Emma Kennedy

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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0528332)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Diane Morgan chats to Phil Wang.

TUE 23:00 Scrooby Trevithick (b00r0z6w)

Journalist

Scrooby Trevithick 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 Trevithick*.

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 5. Journalist. In this episode, Scrooby tries to become a journalist having had a mishap with an inflatable.

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.scroobytrevithick.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 (b01ng89q)

Series 5

Turn Around Dave Eyes

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, Dave embraces internet dating and gets close to someone who is passing themselves off as 80s rock goddess Bonnie Tyler. Meanwhile Ramesh has a wobble about his Meat Loaf date with Malcolm as it falls on a delicate family anniversary.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015

WED 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfzpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qxb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 00:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Now Show (b04yk373)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

WED 01:30 Comedy's Coming Home (b008142h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01ms576)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dc2mt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04v5r6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbqc6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:15 Father Brown Stories (b010y0sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Ring Around the Bath (b00ttmvh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014hq46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01msf8g)

Doubt

Callan is keen to know why Hunter wants Schneider dead. So he conducts some background research of his own. Read by Ben Miles.

Originally published in 1969 under the title 'A Magnum for Schneider', James Mitchell's novel tells the story of his infamous TV character, David Callan (originally played by Edward Woodward) and features the other regulars, Hunter, Meres and Lonely.

Abridged by Adrian Bean

Producer: Joanna Green

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

WED 06:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dj1cr)

Elizabethan London

Elizabethan London, from Bankside theatre to ringside

gambling, from merry jigs to brutal bear-baiting.

John Sessions continues his series charting the history of popular entertainment in Britain, from medieval minstrels to Victorian freakshows.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

WED 07:00 The Older Woman (b021n6sq)

Series 1

Episode 3

Journalist Roy's plan to insinuate himself further into his old teacher Jane's good books gets a boost when she needs his help to save a tree.

But a major obstacle remains in the path of fulfilment, in the macho form of Chad Mann - Media Hero and Jane's current lover.

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, Geoff McGovern as Dick, John Baddeley as Mickey, Keith Drinkel as the Reporter, David Holt as the Host and Melanie Hudson as the Presenter.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

WED 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04ykd7f)

Series 2

The BFF

Best Friends Forever.

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 Sohma

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet

Miss Bliss ... Michelle Butterly

Jayson Jackson ... Frankie Wilson

Roy ... Ryan Watson

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00y37bf)

Series 2

The Mock Action

HMS Troutbridge heads to an exercise off of Dover, but Mr Phillips gets lost in fog...

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as Number One, Richard Caldico 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.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmm)

Series 3

Episode 13

Merry cross the Mersey - the team poke fun at Liverpool.

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 Bill Oddie and Eric Idle.

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

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

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

WED 09:00 Foul Play (b00zshr3)

Series 4

Murder for Starters

Crime writers Robert Barnard and Lindsey Davis probe who wielded a deadly skewer.

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 (b007k271)

Barry Good

A wry, startling, in-depth probe into the life of a spoof pop star.

Stars Rowan Atkinson. From November 1979.

WED 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vj17f)

22-26 December 1914

This week, the Grahams host a family Christmas and

Folkstone's yuletide festivities don't go entirely to plan.

Story-led by: Katie Hims

Written by: Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehailes

Directed and produced by: Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

WED 11:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbw3r)

The History of the Hardcomes

Recollections of Tony Kytes' wedding bring to mind the unusual circumstances of the Hardcomes. Read by Richard Mitchley.

WED 11:15 Drama (b00txj8j)

A Nice Little Holiday

By Sarah Wooley

1961. The South of France. On holiday with his mistress,

Jocelyn Rickards, John Osborne has embarked on a passionate affair with his future third wife while, in London, Osborne's current wife gives birth to a son.

From the idyllic French farmhouse, Osborne penned his infamous 'Damn you, England' letter which caused such a furore back home that they found themselves under siege and their nice little holiday turned into a nightmare - with Osborne only just escaping alive.

Jocelyn Rickards ... Tracy Wiles

John Osborne ... Robin Laing

Tony Richardson ... Tobias Menzies

Christopher Isherwood ... Richard Greenwood

Don Bachardy ... James Anthony Pearson

Major ... Matthew Zajac

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b00y37bf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01msf8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5j)

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 8

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's faced with a difficult choice - help her dear friend Edwin when he needs her most, or stand by her marriage to Bruno.

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.

WED 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfppzr)

Stories of the Sky

Astronomer Heather Couper reflects on how early man mapped

the stories of his mythology onto the constellations in the sky.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxb8)

Absent

Assessment

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony goes to a solicitor. He wants 50-50 access to his children, but his wife threatens to fight him all the way.

Tony Craigie Elean

Clare Gillian Kearney

Helen Joanna Monro

Morley Bruce Alexander

Sean Carl Prekopp

Josh Alfie Davies

Directed by Claire Grove.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk4)

Max Hastings - Did You Really Shoot the Television?

Episode 3

Max Hastings recalls the marriage of his Fleet Street parents, roving reporter Mac and glamorous editor Anne.

Mac leaves for Africa in the footsteps of his relation, Lewis: there's Stone Age Man to track down.

With additional readings by Nigel Hastings as Mac and Joanna Monro as Anne.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

WED 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vj17f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b050gqb8)

Richard Branson, Raspberry Jam and Invisible Wings

Mel Giedroyc gets out her pots to find out how to make the perfect raspberry jam, and Richard Branson shares his

Inheritance Tracks. Plus the third part of Five Children and It.

WED 17:00 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)

Flux

Caroline is running Household Solutions on her own from the student rooms she is renting - just leaflets through doors, offering a family back-up service.

After a chance meeting, Sylvia is sure she could be helpful to the business. Caroline is sure she couldn't.

Sylvia persists and, against her better judgement, Caroline gets drawn in. Can they manage to turn their service into a good business?

Sitcom in four parts by Lesley Bruce.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

Tanya Alison Pettit

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

WED 17:30 The Older Woman (b021n6sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 Foul Play (b00zshr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076jxf)

Middle Age

Novelist Carol Clewlow, TV writer and novelist David Nicholls and veteran soul singer Tony Cassidy discuss 'middle age'.

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 2004.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b00y37bf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00spmmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01msf8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbw3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b00txj8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b04ykd7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00w1zxc)

Series 2

Episode 2

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

Why is Bagpuss a bad influence for children?

How can a seance go badly wrong?

Why did the Vikings never use consumer focus groups?

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, Mike Ryan, Stephen Carlin, James Kettle and Dale Shaw.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vhnp)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Diane Morgan chats to Phil Wang.

WED 23:00 On the Hour (b007jimp)

Series 2

Episode 3

The Tube system goes berserk, an earthquake in Corinth and

the anniversary of space.

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, Stewart Lee and Patrick Marber.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

WED 23:30 The Skivers (b007y85)

Series 2

Adam Ant

The secrets of Des Lynham and Sue Cook are revealed.

Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Adam Ant - with his greatest hits heard as never before...

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 29 JANUARY 2015

THU 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfppzr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Foul Play (b00zshr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Off the Page (b0076jxf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01msf8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vj17f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rbw3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:15 Drama (b00txj8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Older Woman (b021n6sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01mthst)

The Job

Schneider invites Callan round for dinner on Sunday. Callan has the gun. Sunday is the day he must use it...

Concluded by Ben Miles.

Originally published in 1969 under the title 'A Magnum for Schneider', James Mitchell's novel tells the story of his infamous TV character, David Callan (originally played by Edward Woodward) and features the other regulars, Hunter, Meres and Lonely.

Abridged by Adrian Bean

Producer: Joanna Green

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

THU 06:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00d198j)

The Sporting Hero

A look at the hundred-year period from the Restoration of 1660 onwards, and the rise of a new figure in popular entertainment: the sporting hero.

Plus, the importance of the increasing use of printing, as a way of spreading popular entertainment around the country and of establishing popular tunes and songs.

John Sessions continues his series charting the history of popular entertainment in Britain, from medieval minstrels to Victorian freakshows.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

THU 07:00 Any Other Business (b0132mzx)

Episode 3

The new mayor has to chair his very first council meeting - and he's scared witless.

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 June 1995.

THU 07:30 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04ykd5j)

Series 2

Episode 3

Bridget Christie tries to find a feminist icon who doesn't want

to replace the word 'feminism' with 'bootylicious'. She also discusses how adverts have ruined her sex life, and why Twitter is a sexist's natural habitat. 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 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

Series 1

The First Brief

Rookie barrister Roger Thursby unwittingly aids a habitual fraudster.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel *Brothers in Law* was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Roger Thursby Richard Briers

Henry Blagrove Richard Waring

Sally Mannering Ann Davies

Grimes John Glyn-Jones

Special guest stars:

Green Kenneth Connor

The Judge John Le Mesurier

Other parts by Malcolm Hayes and Fredrick Treves.

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts.

Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

THU 08:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq6z)

Travel and Leisure

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 Galbraith, 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 (b007s27h)

Series 3

Lorraine Kelly

Breakfast TV queen Lorraine Kelly is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

On the panel: comedians Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3yc)

Series 2

Free-Range Angels

Alison and Maud make merry with a Thai take-away.

Second of two series of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.

Starring Denise Coffey as Alison, Miriam Margolyes as Maud, Joss Ackland as Father, Geoffrey Whitehead as Bernard, Chris Emmett as Mr Mullet and Nicholas Grace as Leslie.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

THU 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vr10n)

29 December 1914 to 2 January 1915

Folkestone is uneasy about the move from 1914, and all its hope and fear, into 1915 with all its hope and fear.

Written by: Katie Hims

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

THU 11:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rch8j)

Andrey Satchel and the Parson and Clerk

The master thatcher regales the travellers with Andrey's attempt to get married while still in his cups. Read by Richard Mitchley.

THU 11:15 Bruce Bedford - Black Ice (b01hbdc)

In 1911 - as a prelude to Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole - three men set off in the darkness of the Antarctic winter. Departing from Scott's over-wintering hut, they were out to secure examples of the eggs of the Emperor Penguin.

Their survival, in temperatures of minus 60 or 70, can only be ascribed to astonishing courage and willpower.

Bruce Bedford's dramatised account stars Crawford Logan as Edward A. 'Bill' Wilson, Richard Greenwood as Apsley Cherry-Garrard and John Walsh as Henry R. 'Birdie' Bowers.

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

THU 12:00 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01mthst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00d198j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5l)

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 9

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

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 arrives in New York and, in some trepidation, sees Edwin face to face again at last.

Written and abridged by Salley Vickers. Vickers is a critically acclaimed, best-selling novelist whose work includes *Mr Goliightly'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.

THU 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzt)

Mirror of the Earth

Astronomer Heather Couper looks at the history of astrology which began as a way of advising rulers on their military campaigns.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxbb)

Absent

Reality

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony is outraged when his parenting skills are assessed during his children's visits. But his son Josh has a solution: that his parents spend half the week each in their house.

Tony Craigie Els

Clare Gillian Kearney

Helen Joanna Monro

Morley Bruce Alexander

Sean Carl Prekopp

Ryan Michael Shelford

Nick Robert Hitchmough

Directed by Claire Grove.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk6)

Max Hastings - Did You Really Shoot the Television?

Episode 4

Max Hastings recalls the marriage of his Fleet Street parents, roving reporter Mac and glamorous editor Anne.

At last, the story of the family's beleaguered TV set.

With additional readings by Nigel Hastings as Mac and Joanna Monro as Anne.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

THU 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vr10n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b050gzw3)

Harry Potter Fan Power, Magnificent Castles and Shuffling Songs

Mel Giedroyc discovers the true power of Harry Potter and vlogging fandom, and visits some incredible castle ruins. Plus the fourth part of *Five Children and It*, by E Nesbit.

THU 17:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx6f)

Mrs Garland's Good Deeds

"The over 70's keep fit club has got completely out of hand, Mr Critchley. Can't you see how cruel it is expecting pensioners to vault over a horse?"

More crazy happenings for hapless vicar Timothy Carswell.

Stephen Sheridan's six-part series starring James Groux..

Reverend Timothy Carswell James Groux

Mrs Garland Rosemary Martin

Simon Garland Daniel Strauss

Critchley Fraser Kerr

Dr Warlock Christopher Good

Miss Shaw Auriol Smith

Mr Vaughan Michael Turner

Mr Shaw Ronald Herdman

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

THU 17:30 Any Other Business (b0132mxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:00 The Personality Test (b007s27h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00tpsvk)

Series 22

Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill's is the Great Life chosen by Lord Digby Jones, former Director General of the CBI. Expert contribution comes from Professor David Reynolds. Both men have vivid

memories of the day in 1965 when, as children, they heard that Churchill had died. Surprisingly this is the first time that Churchill has been nominated in the series.

Considered by many a busted flush in the 1930s, Churchill is now remembered as our greatest wartime leader - his speech before the Battle of Britain still sends a shiver down the spine. But his great qualities and personal flaws remained inextricably linked.

David Reynolds has uncovered a stark revelation about Churchill's real state of mind at the time he made that speech, while Digby Jones argues that the ability to instil confidence in people even when there is little rational hope of victory is one of the signs of a great leader. He believes that no one made his mark on the last century in the way that Churchill did.

David Reynolds does not subscribe to the Great Man theory of history. He is the Professor of International History at Cambridge University. Known to Radio 4 listeners as the writer and presenter of "America, Empire of Liberty", he has also written extensively on Churchill, including the book "In Command of History" about Churchill's memoirs of World War Two. The presenter is Matthew Parris.

THU 19:00 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01mthst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00d198j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rch8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Bruce Bedford - Black Ice (b01hbdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04ykk5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Down the Line (b00q9ztf)

Series 1

Religion and the Decline in Anglican Congregations

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

THU 23:00 Nick Mohammed in Bits (b00tpn6r)

Daniel Thornthwaite

Character comedian Nick Mohammed (Reggie Perrin, I'm Sorry I've Got No Head) plays a wildlife expert on the edge of sanity in this fly on the wall look at the making of a major new documentary series. Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon) and Colin Hoult co-star as his hapless colleagues.

Bits showcases 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 (b00cm9p6)

Series 1

Douz

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

Carolyn finds she's taken more on board than she meant to when the Scottish Cricknet Team, a Frenchman and the Sahara Desert all run out of petrol..

Carolyn Knapp-Shappie Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappie John Finnemore

Yves Jutreau John Sessions

Habib Ali Amadi.

Captain Jessop Rufus Jones

Lachlan Robert Harley

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

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FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015

FRI 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 00:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 The Personality Test (b007s27h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b00tpsvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 James Mitchell - Red File for Callan (b01mthst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00d198j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04vr10n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rch8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:15 Bruce Bedford - Black Ice (b01hbdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Any Other Business (b0132mxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

Strong Poison
Old Bailey

Lord Peter Wimsey attends the trial of Harriet Vane, a young mystery writer accused of poisoning her former lover with arsenic. The evidence against her seems overwhelming, but the shrewd, debonair sleuth harbours doubts over her guilt. Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, Carleton Hobbs as the Judge, Charlotte Mitchell as the Dowager Duchess, Ann Bell as Harriet Vane and Stephen Thorne as the Attorney-General.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Strong Poison was first published in 1930.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Chris Miller.
Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

FRI 06:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dpw98)

Episode 4

High-diving elks, the sporting munificence of Charles Dickens and the explosion in music hall entertainment all help bring to a close the merry little stroll John Sessions has been taking through the history of popular entertainment in the UK. Having joined the restoration celebrations of 1660 and witnessed the rise of a new popular entertainment phenomenon, the sporting hero, John now ventures into the industrial heartlands of Victorian Britain to see how the masses were kept amused before the dawn of cinema and the emergence of a global entertainment industry worth billions of pounds.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b0080qvk)

Series 3

Episode 4

Council leader Mrs Roberts insists an electrical substation be raffled off. Political satire with Jo Kendall. From July 1990.

FRI 07:30 Gloombsbury (b01mx2sp)

Series 1

The Trials of Attempting an Elopement

A stellar cast of Miriam Margolyes, Alison Steadman, Nigel Planer, Morwenna Banks, Jonathan Coy and John Sessions breathes life into the colourfully chaotic characters of Gloombsbury, a riotous comedy about the Bloomsbury Group. The six-part series from the pen of Sue Limb is an affectionate send up of the infamous literary group whose arty and adulterous adventures dominated the cultural scene in the early 20th century.

The series follows the fortunes of Vera Sackcloth-Vest (Margolyes) - writer, gardener and transvestite - and her urge to escape from the tranquillity of her rather cramped little castle in Kent which she shares with her dotting but ambiguous husband Henry (Coy), who is 'something in the Foreign Office'. Vera's heart is forever surging with exotic passion for Ginny Fox (Steadman), a highly-strung novelist who adores her, or the beautiful but shallow Venus Traduces (Banks).

As the scene shifts from Kent to London, and Cornwall to Monaco, this close-knit coterie is divided by misunderstandings, jealousies and rows.

In episode one, Vera longs to elope to Mediterranean sunshine with one of her bosom chums. But her first choice, Ginny, is stubbornly impervious to adventure and Venus Traduces is fully booked for elopements until next April. Will Vera run off instead with the perky waitress at Lyons' Corner house? Meanwhile, what is Vera's husband Henry up to as telegrams fly between him and Archie Pinkerton-Poker at the Foreign Office?

Produced by Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)

Series 2

The Chef That Died of Shame

The regular Hancock cast play different characters - in the rise and fall saga of a pie-stall cook, Percy Higgins.

Starring Tony Hancock

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

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 (b010v747)

Fair Exchange

The bungling bureaucrats mix up the designs for the new pound note.

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 (b017gnw5)

Series 2

Episode 4

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff. With Elis James, Jon Richardson, Lloyd Langford and Chris Corcoran

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Wales in 2006.

FRI 09:30 Gush (b050h4wd)

Episode 3

Foxwell Cravate and Max Pomeroy face execution by ritual disembowelment.

Will Lady Arabella's wives coax Prince Saudi into making a last-minute reprieve?

Or will Iolanthe Diamond start reminiscing about her 1973

Oscar-winning performance in Tinseltown?

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

With Julian Dutton, Toby Longworth and Steve Steen.

Producer: Colin Swash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

FRI 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04wwwcc)

5-9 January 1915

Epic drama series set in Great War Britain. In the final omnibus edition of Season 2, Folkestone mourns one of its missing and the Grahams await a special delivery...

Written by Katie Hims

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehailles

Directed and produced by: Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dringgoole.

FRI 11:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rcw0n)

An Incident in the Life of Georjy Crookhill

Anxious not to be outdone, the registrar relates a story of treachery among thieves. Read by Richard Mitchley.

FRI 11:15 Steve Walker - Haunted By More Cake (b04xf4pw)

With a tea party going on in his stomach, Lionel has fallen in love with a guest. How can Uncle Ginger help? Stars Graham Crowden.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010v747)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dpw98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00rdv5n)

Salley Vickers - Dancing Backwards

Episode 10

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 will finally put their demons to rest.

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.

FRI 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfzpw)

Three Wise Men

Heather Couper reviews ancient associations of stars and planets with deities and astrology's link to maths and the 24-hour day.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00qszbd)

Absent

Departure

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony has proved himself as a father but his access to his children remains the same. His wife wants a new start 200 miles away.

Tony Craig Eals

Clare Gillian Kearney

Miss Farrow Alison Pettitt

Josh Alfie Davies

Ryan Michael Shelford

Nick Robert Hitchmough

Directed by Claire Grove.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00r3yk8)

Max Hastings - Did You Really Shoot the Television?

Episode 5

Max Hastings recalls the marriage of his Fleet Street parents, roving reporter Mac and glamorous editor Anne. More trouble for Mac, and Anne's later 'business' with the small Picasso.

With additional readings by Nigel Hastings as Mac and Joanna Monro as Anne.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

FRI 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b04wwwcc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 4 O'Clock Show (b050h6yf)

Idina Menzel, Tall Stories and Stolen Jewels
Mel Giedroyc hears from the star of Frozen and Wicked. Idina Menzel, and listens to some true-life tall stories. And we hear the final part of Five Children and It, by E Nesbit.

FRI 17:00 King Street Junior Revisited (b00ktvtv)

Series 4

It's Behind You

Christmas is coming but goodwill is in short supply among the staff panto cast. Stars Marlene Sidaway and Brigit Forsyth.

FRI 17:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b0080qvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 Jest a Minute (b017gnw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Meet the Parents (b03726mq)

Series 4

Michelle McManus

Michelle McManus talks to her parents about how her dreams of becoming a pop princess turned to reality when she won Pop Idol back in 2003. They discuss what Michelle's success has had on the family and the highlights of her career which include singing for the Pope and the Queen.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b010v747)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dpw98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Thomas Hardy Short Stories (b01rcw0n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Steve Walker - Haunted By More Cake (b04xf4pw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Gloombsbury (b01mx2sp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jqkk)

Series 2

Katrina Leskanich

The UK's 1997 Eurovision song contest winner Katrina Leskanich drops in and reveals she always buys new socks as she doesn't know how to darn. John decides to teach her this important skill, so that she need not be so wasteful. Meanwhile, wife Mary gets the ironing board out and Robert Wyatt tries to impress an impresario.

The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Additional material by Martin Willis.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b051vj15)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to Mark Thomas.

FRI 23:00 Hey Hey We're the Monks (b09mxd6)

When unlikely new monk recruit, Gary Woodcroft, joins the brethren at Buckley Abbey, life in the order is never going to be the same...

Bill Bailey stars as Gary Woodcroft

Gary Woodcroft Bill Bailey

Father Abbott Graham Crowden

Brother Francis Paul Brooke

Brother Bernard Howard Lew Lewis

Brother Dominic Osian Barnes

Gary's Mum Hilda Braid

DSS Officer Catherine Tate

Living Embodiment of Cider Simon Bates

Divine sitcom written by Dan Tetsell and Danny Robins.

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2013.

FRI 23:30 The In Crowd (b00fbc2)

Series 1

Episode 1

Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store with Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward. From August

2001.
FRI 23:45 Self-Storage (b01g97vg)
Series 1
Break-Up
No woman, no job. Dave has no choice but to stow everything.
Following the breakup of his marriage, Dave moves all his
possessions into The Storage Garden, meeting security guard
Ron and mysterious 'neighbour' Geoff.
Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.
Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.
Dave Reece Shearsmith.
Geoff Mark Heap.
Ron Tom Goodman-Hill.
Judy Rosie Cavaliero.
Sarah Susan Earl.
Boss Phil Nichol.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.