

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015

SAT 00:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007jn5v)

Episode 5

Tom plans a third marriage to Elizabeth, but how will they cope with his possessive daughter?

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 00:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gwvwr)

The Flag That Failed

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.

Programme 15. THE FLAG THAT FAILED - The problems in uniting Scotland and England and in creating a Great Britain are encapsulated in a set of designs for a common flag.

This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 00:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b007jy30)

Episode 5

Twelve-year-old Meena's mother finally gives birth, and she decides to form a gang with Anita. Meera Syal reads her own novel.

SAT 00:45 Book of the Week (b00rzt9)

Douglas Rogers - The Last Resort

Episode 5

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The Last Resort by Douglas Rogers, read by Jack Klaff.

Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall Productions. The author tells the story of his parents fight to stay on their backpacker lodge in Zimbabwe despite the political upheaval of the last decade.

The day that Douglas's parents have been dreading finally arrives.

SAT 01:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b016w83r)

Series 4

Enfield, West, Green

Harry Enfield is a comedian and sketch character actor whose creations have made a permanent mark on the nation's psyche and whose catchphrases have echoed around playgrounds and building sites for decades. His monstrous creations include the iconic 80s character Loadsamoney, Stavros the Kebab Shop Owner and Tory Boy. Harry had a bit of a punkish image as a youth, but in fact he's quite posh. So posh that Virginia Woolf once famously referred to his grandparents in a notorious letter to Lytton Strachey. To find out what it was she said about them, either listen in or you could always Google it yourself.

Lucie Green is a solar researcher based at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory, University College London's Department of Space and Climate Physics, a Bletchley-like stately pile tucked away in the Surrey countryside that houses 150 of Britain's top space scientists. She studies activity in the atmosphere of the Sun. She takes a strong interest in science education, and in 2009 was awarded the Royal Society's Kohn award for Excellence in Engaging the Public with Science.

Admiral Alan William John West, Baron West of Spithead GCB DSC PC once ran the entire Royal Navy. From June 2007 to May 2010, he was a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the British Home Office with responsibility for Security and a Security Advisor to Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Prior to his ministerial appointment, he was First Sea Lord, the professional head of the Royal Navy, from 2002 to 2006. He has served aboard 14 ships, and in his first post as a captain, was the last to abandon ship as his vessel had been attacked by the Argentine Air Force during the Falklands war. As Head of Military Intelligence, he once had the honour of using a desk that played a unique role in history.

SAT 01:30 My Life in Five Books (b01394vt)

Series 2

Val McDermid

Treat yourself to a treat from the BBC Radio Scotland archives in this delightful programme where crime writer Val McDermid shares some of her all time favourite books with Stuart Cosgrove. Best selling author Val McDermid grew up in Kirkcaldy then was accepted to read English at St Hilda's College Oxford when she was only 17. Realising that she wasn't suited to a nine to five job Val became a journalist and after training in Devon she worked on national newspapers in Glasgow and Manchester. Following the success of her book Report for Murder published in 1987 Val was able to give up the day job and concentrate on writing, the rest, as they say, is history!

Val picks the following 5 titles and tells Stuart Cosgrove why they are significant books in her life.

1: TREASURE ISLAND by Robert Louis Stevenson

2: THE COLLECTED POEMS by Norman MacCaig

3: THE MURDER AT THE VICARAGE by Agatha Christie

4: SEXUAL POLITICS by Kate Millett

5: INDEMNITY ONLY by Sara Paretsky.

Produced by Mike Walker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 02:00 Detective (b01s513b)

Series 3

5. Murder of a Shy Girl

Reclusive Joan is found dead, but Detectives Brook and Tully wonder how solitary her life really was...

Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr

DS Brook Ray Brooks

DC Tully Stephen Garlick

DS Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Palmer Nigel Greaves

Mrs Stevens Margery Withers

Mr Johnson Arnold Diamond

Mr Sheldon Haydn Wood

Jonathan Evans Mark Straker

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in July 1984.

SAT 02:30 The Bond Correspondence (b00fbczy)

Lucy Fleming embarks upon a quest to discover more about her mysterious uncle Ian, creator of James Bond. Roger Moore is the voice of Ian Fleming.

SAT 03:00 Graham Swannell - Kiss of Life (b05n7tp5)

Married 40 years, Dot tries to make Arthur fully appreciate her and show extra affection. Stars Brenda Bruce and Norman Bird.

SAT 04:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales (b03xh0ft)

The Revenant

An old man's guilt will haunt him and not release him until the truth is told. Read by Charlotte Emmerson.

"The Mistletoe Bride and other Haunting Tales" is a collection of haunting short stories written, abridged and introduced by Kate Mosse. They are all inspired by legends and folktales from the French and Sussex Countryside and each story explores the relationship between landscape and emotion. Grief and Guilt. Loss and happiness. They are timeless in their telling, ranging from the mythical past to the present day. Kate Mosse has chosen 5 out of the collection that exemplify the redemption experienced by the various grief stricken men and women as they come to terms with their destiny.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

SAT 04:15 Frances Byrnes - An Unchoreographed World (b01pr755)

Dancer Margot Fonteyn and her lover are trapped in Holland during the German invasion of May 1940. Stars Sophie Jerrold.

SAT 05:00 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0084hxy)

Series 1

Episode 5

Lady Cabstanleigh holds a party, Mrs McGurgle gets into an argument, Chief Inspector Blunderton follows up a few leads, and Justice Cocklecarrot has to contend with the antics of the Filthistan trio.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 – JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989

SAT 05:30 Rent (b007522v)

Series 3

Episode 1

The new baby needs a name and Richard doesn't want to reveal one of his.

Series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

The Barrister Sally Grace

The Judge Brian Bowles

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

SAT 06:00 David Buck - Barnsdale Wake (b05nxcrt)

In the heart of an English forest, King Richard I is encamped with a group of soldiers, prior to moving against a hunted enemy. To entertain his men, he orders two of his ballad singers to recount tales and legends of Robin Hood.

A Ballad play of the life and times of Robin Hood by David Buck.

Robin Hood Bernard Hill

King Richard Julian Glover

Prentis David Timson

Serjeant John Hollis

Blundel Denis Quilley

Boy Simon Hunt

Little John Nigel Graham

Will Scarlet Henry Stamper

Alan-a-Dale Nigel Anthony

Friar Alan Dudley

Much Timothy Bateson

Characters in Ballads:

Bishop of Hereford Timothy Bateson

Bishop of Pontefract Steve Hodson

Scarlock David Peart

Much James Bryce

The Sheriff Michael Bilton

Monk/Foster Peter Tudenham

Prioresse Simon Hunt

Music by Jim Parker.

Musicians: Francis Baines, Philip Thorby and Christopher Wilson

Director: Martin Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

SAT 07:30 Unearthing Mysteries (b00ghy3x)

Series 1

Kings Valley 55

Professor Aubrey Manning travels to the Valley of the Kings in Egypt to unearth the mystery behind Tomb 55.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00mz53r)

In the Beginning Was the Nerd

Stephen Fry recalls how, in the build-up to the year 2000, the world prepared itself to face a terrifying scare - The Millennium Bug.

Who or what was to blame for such an expensive and unnecessary panic? With the help of the BBC Archive, Stephen travels back to the dawn of the digital age to argue that a major cause was our attitude to the technology and the people we held responsible for it.

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Inside the Music: From Score to Encore (b05nybcs)

Gavin Henderson is passionate about music. Formerly a noted trumpeter in an orchestra, he's been Director of Brighton Arts Festival, Principal of Trinity College of Music and is now Principal of the Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

In this sequence of programmes, he explores the complex creative communities that coalesce to bring a piece of music to life in a concert hall. Becoming a member of a musical ensemble has been described as "more like joining a cause than a profession". He talks to members of orchestras and ensembles to get their personal perspectives on music making. What do they feel about their own instrument? What are relations like between members of the orchestra? Or between an orchestra and a conductor?

It's a world of titanic egos, and creative humility; where the rigours of touring and performing, the frustrations of forever being the second violin and the vagaries of venue acoustics and audience responsiveness can be forgotten in a feat of collective creative expression.

Gavin throws light on some of the less known inner workings of an orchestra and the sometimes intuitive relationships "behind the podium" – such as that between the Orchestral Librarian and Conductor, or piano tuner and pianist.

And he tries to understand and convey what motivates a group of individuals to act like an organism greater than the sum of its parts, bringing pleasure and, occasionally, transcendence, to performers and audience alike.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions

First broadcast on Radio 4 Extra in 2015.

SAT 12:00 15 Minute Drama (b05nybvc)

How Does That Make You Feel

Series 5 Omnibus

Series 5 Omnibus. Meet a group of people who share both a therapist called Martha and a growing set of neuroses.

SAT 13:15 Baldi (b00wh00x)

Series 5

A Very Neglected Fish

Probing a murder set amongst the competitive world of celebrity chefs, Paolo finds himself sampling the world of secret recipes, Italian passions and an unexpected live TV appearance...

Starring David Threlfall as Paolo Baldi - Franciscan priest turned Dublin sleuth

With Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, Owen Roe as Rynn, James D'Arcy as Gavin Farley, Paolo Tullio as Giorgio, Amanda Root as Lucy, Paul Reid as Martin, Nick Dunning as Franco Palametti, Niall Buggy as Tom Harrington and Bronagh Taggart as the Flight Attendant.

Murder mystery written by John Murphy.

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Directed in Belfast by Mark Lambert.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 14:00 The Michael Bentine Show (b00k9dbv)

From 22/04/1984

From duelling kings to a Commons washroom attendant.

Michael Bentine stars in the ultimate one man show written and performed by the host.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.

SAT 14:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b05ncjz0)

From 18/04/1965

Home wine-making tips from Andy Mann, and poetic tributes to those who watch over us at night. With John Laurie. From

April 1965.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00mz53r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 David Buck - Barnsdale Wake (b05nxrtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01mx27b)

Series 2

Episode 3

John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-upper in things like Miranda and Family Guy, records a second series of his hit sketch show.

The first series was described as "sparklingly clever" by The Daily Telegraph and "one of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" by The Guardian. It featured Winnie the Pooh coming to terms with his abusive relationship with honey, how The Archers sounds to people who don't listen to the Archers and how Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde decided whose turn it was to do the washing up.

This episode doesn't feature any of those things, but it does feature a sketch about messengers, a sketch about the history of alchemy and a sketch... Sketch? "Sketch"? Sorry, you know when you repeat a word so often it starts to go weird? "Sketch". Sketch! Ssssssketch. That's got it, better now. Anyway, there's a sketch about that.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is written by and stars John Finnemore. It also features Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan. It is produced by Ed Morrish.

SAT 18:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b0111wsj)

Series 1

The End

Space pirate Kreekpolt knows Abby and Zara can save his daughter's life, even at the cost of their own. Stars Ciara Janson.

Abby - Ciara Janson

Zara - Laura Doddington

Marek - Fraser James

Earl Kreekpolt - Michael Keating

Garstang - Roger Watkins

First Pirate - Alex Mallinson

Persephone - Lisa Bowerman

Daniel - David Warner

Uncle Lindsay - Colin Spaull

Written by Simon Guerrier

Directed by Lisa Bowerman

A Big Finish Production.

SAT 19:00 Inside the Music: From Score to Encore (b05nybcs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01cwrtd)

Series 1

Dishonesty

Stephen K Amos and his pick of the circuit's best stand-ups attempt to unravel the knotty problems of modern life

With the help of Sara Pascoe, Matt Forde, Carey Marx and David O'Doherty, Stephen offers his idiot's guide to dishonesty. Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 22:30 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00klk4r)

Series 1

Episode 3

Understanding phones – and what women never do...or do they? Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along! Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones – the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out suggestions.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

SAT 23:00 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jv3v)

Series 1

Episode 3

Bhangraman must save the world - and the downside of keeping a cow as a family pet

Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Nitin Sawhney, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC Two from 1998 to 2001. Scripted by Sharat Sardana, Richard Pinto and the cast. Produced by Gareth Edwards and Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

SAT 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05p6v7t)

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats again to Doc Brown.

SAT 23:30 Wondermentalist Cabaret (b00y8vsn)

Series 1

Episode 2

Poet, performer, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, Matt Harvey presents this comedy-infused, musically-enhanced, slightly interactive poetry cabaret.

Recorded in front of an audience at the Swindon Arts Centre, he's joined by the poet and musician Zena Edwards and one man house band Jerri Hart.

Fellow poets AF Harrold and Kate Fox battle it out with Zena in a Dead Poets' Slam, while the audience compose their own highly flavoured poem on the subject of cheese.

Producer: Mark Smalley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

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SUN 00:00 Simon Guerrier - Graceless (b0111wsj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 15 Minute Drama (b05nybcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:15 Baldi (b00wh00x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:15 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 David Buck - Barnsdale Wake (b05nxrtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01mx27b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Meera Syal - Anita and Me Omnibus (b007jvtv)

Episode 1

Meera Syal reads her own novel about 12-year-old Meena, growing up in a Black Country village in the 1970s.

SUN 07:05 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj8xc)

An Instant Opinion

"Nowadays, the key question in any political or philosophical movement is, "Can we get it on a badge?"

Leonard Rossiter (1926-1984) delivers a satirical musing on the effect of slogans on badges and t-shirts.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b04pqyx3)

Sue Townsend

The author and creator of Adrian Mole inherits Billie Holliday's version of 'All of Me' and passes on Ben E King's 'Stand By Me'.

SUN 07:15 Whatever Happened to the Teapots? (b00nt9c5)

Episode 4

In the 1980s, Roger Law of Spitting Image went to Stoke-on-Trent to get some novelty Margaret Thatcher teapots made. Now Roger returns to meet up with the craftsmen who helped him get a handle on Mrs T.

Designer pottery and the bottom line. Roger talks to artists about the division in ceramics between art and industry to find out if the two can ever be reconciled.

SUN 07:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n0prf)

Series 1

Seagulls Over Sue Ryder

Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.

See Britain through her eyes – its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese.

In this opening episode, Beauty discovers the glories of Weston-super-Mare's charity shops and experiences the disappointment of her first British funeral.

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Mr Collinson Malcolm Tierney

Jill Pippa Haywood

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen/Bus Driver/Shop Assistant Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Derek/Waiter/Church Reader Christopher Douglas

Minister Dan Tetsell

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

SUN 08:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jpbw)

The Bishop Learns the Facts

Clerical confusion reigns when Noote's friend asks him to marry her.

Starring Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, William Mervyn as the Bishop, Jonathan Cecil as Bishop's Chaplain - the Reverend Mervyn Noote and John Barron as the Dean. With Jo Kendall as Julia and Betty Bascombe as Mary.

The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.

Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.

SUN 08:30 Life With The Lyons (b0140dvt)

The New Job

An ad in the local paper lands Richard Lyon a job as his father Ben's office boy.

Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara.

With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, Selma Vas Dias, Brian Smith, Gwen Lewis and Bob Block.

Life With The Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.

Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1954.

SUN 09:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b010tbk9)

Episode 4

Time has run out for the Watson family and Malebron. The Evil have broken through worlds and have a lock on the hidden Treasures.

The only hope for Helen to find Findhorn to foil the Evil, otherwise the world of Elidor will be destroyed.

Conclusion of Alan Garner's classic fantasy adventure dramatised in four-parts by Don Webb.

Stars Mossie Cassidy as Roland, Raffey Cassidy as Helen, William Rush as Nicholas, Stephen Hoyle as David, Toby Hadoke as Malebron, Fiona Clarke as Mrs Watson, Sarah McDonald Hughes as Jennifer and Gerard Fletcher as the Foreman.

Original music composed by Ian Williams

Directed at BBC Manchester by Charlotte Riches.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2011.

SUN 09:30 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b011j237)

Episode 4

In an emotional climax, both Rusty and her mother decide that their lives have to change. Stars Jessica Marshall-Gardiner.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05nzb31)

Parky at 80

Dennis Potter

From Tommy Dorsey to the Pied Pipers, playwright Dennis

Potter shares his castaway choices with Michael Parkinson.

From February 1988.

SUN 10:45 Tim Franks - Through My Own Fault (b05p22hl)

4 Extra Debut. A worldly priest gets more than he bargained for in the Good Friday confessional. Read by Roger May.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b05mq8x8)

Series 1

Making Mistakes

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

Guy Raz investigates why sometimes we need to make mistakes and face them head-on. With Brian Goldman.

SUN 11:45 Afternoon Reading (b01061jt)

Edna O'Brien - Saints and Sinners

My Two Mothers

'My Two Mothers' by Edna O'Brien

Read by Michelle Fairley

Abridged by Doreen Estall

Produced by Lawrence Jackson

Edna O'Brien is one of the most distinguished writers and figures in the world of letters. Since emerging from Ireland in the early 1960s with 'The Country Girls', her many novels including 'Girl with Green Eyes', 'House of Splendid Isolation' and 'In The Forest' have attracted both praise and controversy. 'Saints and Sinners' is her eagerly awaited new collection. Michelle Fairley's acclaimed recent stage performances include 'Othello' at the Donmar Warehouse and 'Dancing at Lughnasa' at the Old Vic, while her TV and film work includes 'Best: His Mother's Son', 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' and 'Game of Thrones'.

Producer Lawrence Jackson's credits for Radio 4 include four series of the popular murder-mystery 'Baldi', two series of John Connolly's 'Ghost Stories' and the Classic Serial 'Barry Lyndon'. For Radio 7 his credits include C.S.Lewis' 'Out of the Silent Planet' and 'Perelandra', G.K.Chesterton's 'The Man Who Was Thursday', Daphne Du Maurier's 'The House on the Strand' and classic ghost stories by Sheridan Le Fanu and Algernon Blackwood.

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SUN 13:30 Elsie, Doris, Gert and Daisy by Annie Caulfield (b01kq0wh)

Celia Imrie and Susie Blake star in Annie Caulfield's imaginative celebration of the classic music hall duo, Elsie and Doris Waters, and their immortal gossipy characters Gert and Daisy.

Larking about in a recording studio, Elsie and Doris created the ebullient Cockneys, who were to take them away from the East End and into a world they'd only ever dreamed about.

Doris Walters Celia Imrie

Elsie Walters Susie Blake

Gert Tilly Vosburgh

Daisy Tessa Peake-Jones

Older Elsie Ann Beach

Older Doris Barbara Atkinson

Sam David Bradley

Young Sam Chris Wright

Mother Patience Tomlinson

Father Geoffrey Whitehead

Jack Warner Stephen Critchlow

Young Jack Guy Edwards

Lord Woolton David Timson

Mary Jill Graham

Kenneth Roger May

Kenneth's Mother Zulema Dena

Pianist: Colin Guthrie
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 15:30 Life With The Lyons (b0140dvf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Mel's Mix: The Best of The 4 O'Clock Show (b05p29x6)
 Mary Berry's Simnel Cake, Bjork on the Moomins and Sherlock Holmes
 Mel Giedroyc with the best of this week's shows, including the dawn chorus, Mary Berry's Simnel Cake and Philip Ardagh on Sherlock Holmes.
SUN 17:00 Alan Garner - Elidor (b010tbk9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Michelle Magorian - Back Home (b011j237)
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SUN 18:00 Emily's Ghost by Colin Finbow (b05p2h6p)
 Young Emily goes to live with her family in an inherited country house.
 When she begins to see and hear strange things, Emily fears that she is being haunted.
 Colin Finbow's unusual ghost story is set in Edwardian England. Stars Anna Jones, Kate Buffery, John Rowe and Anna Massey.
 Emily Anna Jones
 Mama Kate Buffery
 Papa John Rowe
 Miss Rabstock Anna Massey
 Dawson Gareth Armstrong
 Crabtree Tina Gray
 Ghost Emily Howes
 Edward Michael Tucek
 Louise Oona Beeson
 James Daniel Main
 Will Nicholas Yeoman
 Grandpa Colin Pinney
 Polly Cathy Sara
 Sharon Elaine Claxton
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.
SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b05mq8x8)
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SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05nz63l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 Tim Franks - Through My Own Fault (b05p22hl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Beauty of Britain (b00n0prf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nz1bk)
 The African Village
 Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith about an ageing rock star and his search for fulfilment.
 Trillionaire rocker Dave Mabbutt contemplates the purchase of an African village to complement his afternoons-only radio station.
 Dave Mabbutt Mark Williams
 Dom Russell Tovey
 Naomi, the Charity Worker Ayesha Antoine
 Dave's Mum Lynda Bellingham
 Ken, the Maintenance Man Phil Cornwall.
SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b05nj0yg)
 Series 12
 Episode 5
 This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.
 Nish is joined by Natasia Demetriou, London Hughes and Chris Kendall.
SUN 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b00pxng6)
 Series 5
 Living in a Movie
 The journalist and documentary maker Jon Ronson talks to the conflict photographer Jason Howe. Jason had gone to Colombia to photograph both sides of the war when he met a Colombian woman Marilyn at a bus stop. They quickly became romantically involved but then she revealed she was a paramilitary fighter. Suddenly Jason was living his life as if it were a movie, going down a dangerous path that would end in tragedy.
 Producer: Laura Parfitt
 An Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

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MON 06:00 Detective (b01s647f)
 Series 3
 6. Rough Justice
 A harrowing attack on a child means uncomfortable questions about justice.
 Meanwhile, who robs the robbers?
 Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.
 More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr
 DS Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Tully Stephen Garlick
 DS Harrison Peter Cleall
 Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
 The Judge/Radio Voice Peter Tuddenham
 Mossy Taylor/Friend Harry Landis
 Harry/Barman/Jailer Johnny Wade
 Kirby/Simmonds Nigel Rathbone
 Farrell/Usher Tom Bowles
 Joplin Gordon Clyde
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.
MON 06:30 Arvon Turns Forty (b00fgsg2)
 Novelist Mavis Cheek examines the birth and development of the Arvon Foundation, the creative writing centres that were founded 40 years ago in an obscure North Devon village by a group of poets.
 The original course took a group of 16-year-olds and expected them to live and work like writers. Galvanised by a workshop with Ted Hughes, the Foundation took off and, in doing so, arguably gave birth to the modern Creative Writing movement.
MON 07:00 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)
 Jumpers
 Will caretaker Ramsay have the head for heights for a dangerous job?
 Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-ambitious cleaner Elsie.
 Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elspeth Spurgeon.
 Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.
 With Pat Coombs, John Graham, Joe Dunlop, James Taylor and Frances Jeater.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1983.
MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b05mq1j5)
 Series 71
 Episode 7
 Nicholas Parsons asks Sheila Hancock, Robin Ince, Paul Merton and Graham Norton to play Just a Minute this week. Subjects include 'Death and Taxes', 'The count of Monte Cristo' and 'Why We are Here'. They are here to attempt to speak without hesitation, repetition or deviation of course!
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007j1w7)
 Series 1
 Under Fire
 On fire-watch with Godfrey, Frazer thinks a local resident of Walmington-on-Sea is signalling to the enemy...
 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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Private Frazer John Laurie
 Colonel Square Geoffrey Lumsden
 Mrs Keene Avril Angose
 Murphy David Goodison
 Announcer John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.
MON 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00kfx35)
 From 29/04/1984
 From a monastic order to international space relations.
 Michael Bentine stars in the ultimate one man show written and performed by the host.
 Producer: Jamie Rix
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b01bmz2l)
 Series 15
 Terence Rattigan
 The teams examine the life and work of "Author of the Week", playwright and creator of "Flare Path", Sir Terence Rattigan. Regular captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by

Sir Andrew Motion and children's author, Sue Limb as they answer questions based around Rattigan's life and work, as well as more general literary brainteasers, set by host James Walton. For the finale of the show, the teams are asked to imagine Rattigan discarding his stiff-upper-lip-style and writing a gritty, kitchen sink-style drama.
MON 09:30 The Brig Society (b0376ncx)
 Series 1
 King of Scotland
 Uh-oh - Marcus Brigstocke has been put in charge of a thing! Each week, Marcus finds he's volunteered to be in charge of a big old thing - a hospital, the railways, British Fashion, a prison - and each week he starts out by thinking "Well, it can't be that difficult, surely?" and ends up with "Oh - turns out it's utterly difficult and complicated. Who knew...?"
 This week, he's been volunteered to be the King of Scotland. As an Englishman, Marcus will be going out and about in an attempt to understand the arguments for and against independence, hopefully without getting himself a kilt. Helping him chew the fat, and other Scottish delicacies are Rufus Jones ("Hunderby", "Holy Flying Circus"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head") and Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda")
 The show is a Pozzitive production, and is produced by Marcus's long-standing accomplice, David Tyler who also produces Marcus appearances as the inimitable as Giles Wembley Hogg. David's other radio credits include Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, Cabin Pressure, Another Case Of Milton Jones, Kevin Eldon Will See You Now, Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, The Castle, he 3rd Degree, The 99p Challenge, My First Planet, Radio Active & Bigipedia. His TV credits include Paul Merton - The Series, Spitting Image, Absolutely, The Paul Calf Video Diary, Three Fights Two Weddings & A Funeral, Coogan's Run, The Tony Ferrino Phenomenon and exec producing Victoria Wood's dinnerladies. Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt & Tom Neenan
 Produced by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for the BBC.
MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b00hhflv)
 Scoop
 Episode 1
 Dramatisation by Jeremy Front of Evelyn Waugh's satirical 1938 novel.
 Hapless journalist William Boot is mistakenly sent to report on a war in Africa.
 William Boot Rory Kinnear
 Lord Copper David Warner
 Salter Nicholas Woodeson
 Corker Stephen Critchlow
 Pigge Chris Pavlo
 Erik Olafsen Dan Starkey
 Jakes Paul Rider
 Benito Cyril Nri
 Paleologue Nyasha Hatendi
 Moke Inam Mirza
 Mr Baldwin Jonathan Taffler
 Julia Fenella Woolgar
 John Boot Nicholas Boulton
 Josephine Imogen Front
 Miss Holloway Janice Acquah
 Secretary Manjeet Mann
 Uncle Theodore Malcolm Tierney
 Evelyn Waugh Tim McInnerny
 Directed by Sally Avens.
MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b010dpdz)
 Tales from the Casino
 Ten Miles High
 "They say the floor at the Casino is amazing - a sprung wood floor! And they can fit 1200 people in the ballroom there. Twelve hundred people dancing!"
 David's mate Batty converted him to Northern Soul: lending him obscure records, teaching him dance moves and describing the legendary club. The plan is to hitch-hike to Wigan to experience the Casino for themselves.
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 Written by Laura Barton. Read by Bryan Dick.
 Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 11:15 Loose Ends (b05nk3gk)

Bill Oddie, Steve Pemberton, Nikki Bedi, Shobana Jeyasingh, Simon Reeve, Omara Portuondo, Eliades Ochoa, Awna Teixeira

Clive Anderson is joined by Bill Oddie, Steve Pemberton, Nikki Bedi & Shobana Jeyasingh and Simon Reeve. With music from Omara Portuondo & Eliades Ochoa and Awna Teixeira. Producer: Debbie Kilbride.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007jn71)

Episode 6

Tom plans a third marriage to Elizabeth, but how will they cope with his possessive daughter?

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

MON 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h6461)

A Time of Change, a Change of Time

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, enters the final week of his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.

Programme 16 A TIME OF CHANGE, A CHANGE OF TIME

- A rare domestic clock with an equally rare minute hand and quarter-hour chimes reveals the changing relationship Shakespeare's audiences had to time.

This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

MON 14:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b007jy5m)

Episode 6

Meena visits a fortune teller who foretells things about her relationship with Anita.

Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal continues her first novel - abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall.

12 year old Meena Kumar is an Asian girl living a fairly uneventful life in the Black Country village of Tollington near Wolverhampton in the 1970s - surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

MON 14:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzdx)

Episode 1

Recalling her love of swimming, the husband of novelist Iris Murdoch tells his wife's story. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b00hhflv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b01bmq2l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b0124nql)

Series 1

Pilot

In one version of his life, Justin is a well-known local Manchester radio DJ who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything.

In another version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street. And he's the man who hopes for everything. The truth lies somewhere in between.

And at home? Well, naturally, his private life is chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin jnr, and is in the process of taking him to the cleaners. So he's back on the market. As is his house - so he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington. Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be a good thing.

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

Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Justin Justin Moorhouse

Gran Anne Reid

Ray Paul Copley

Lisa Christine Bottomley

Bryn Lloyd Langford

Tanya Susan Cookson

Waiter Jim Poyser

Head Caimh McDonnell

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

MON 17:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00ck2dq)

Series 1

Found Wanting

To Robert's dismay, his sister, Barbara, is about to succumb to temptation in the shape of biker Andy Hunt.

His mother can't help to save her, so he enlists the help of Father Benedict as an avenger...

A six-part black comedy by Martin Davies

Stars Desmond Barrit as Father Benedict, Brenda Blethyn as Mrs Patterson, Paul Parris as Robert Patterson, Charlotte

Coleman as Barbara Patterson, Martino Lazzari as Guy

Entwhistle, Mark Straker as Andy and Claire Skinner as Janet.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

MON 17:30 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jgf)

1. No Conferring by Jonathan Holloway

Your starter for ten-sion.

A Christmas bonding week in an isolated moorland cottage for the 1983 University Challenge team from Bracewell College,

Cambridge, goes horribly wrong...

Spine-tingling tale written by Jonathan Holloway.

Derek Damian Lynch

Dilly Lydia Leonard

Ernest Kenny Blyth

Donald Peter Darney

Emily Jaimi Barbakoff

With Bamber Gascoigne and Jeremy Paxman as themselves.

Director : David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075m76)

Simon Hoggart and Jenny Lacey

Sarah LeFanu and her guests, journalist Simon Hoggart and

broadcaster Jenny Lacey, talk about three favourite paperbacks.

The Original - Michael Frayn

Published by Methuen

Starcarbon - Ellen Gilchrist

Published by Bloomsbury

The Valley of Bones - Anthony Powell

Published by Mandarin.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Arvon Turns Forty (b00fsg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b010dp0z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Loose Ends (b05nk3gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b05mqj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Brig Society (b0376ncx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b05p3cjc)

Series 13

Episode 6

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi

Toksvig. Fred MacAulay and Hugo Rifkind join regular

panellist Jeremy Hardy.

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b007js6h)

The Train

The Ministry of Furniture and methodist pirates.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben

Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Miriam Margolyes, Dan Strauss, Michael Troughton and

Neil Mullarkey.

And Sir Patrick Moore, Sir Robert Stephens and Richard

Baker.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Detective (b01s697j)

Series 3

7. A Well Planned Job

Detective Constable Tully is rather taken with a new informant

who might help them catch Steve Mason.

Can she be trusted though?

Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by

Robert Barr

DS Brook Ray Brooks

DC Tully Stephen Garlick

DS Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Angela Fielding Deidre Costello

Barman/Radio Voice Douglas Blackwell

Jan Fiona Matheson

DS O'Brien/Radio Voice Anthony Jackson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

TUE 06:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00fj2ly)

Episode 1

British jazz bass player Arnie Somogyi and his friend the

Hungarian guitarist Zsolt Bende travel through the Carpathian

Mountains, only eating what they receive in exchange for

playing their music.

With Arnie's double bass squeezed into their tiny hire car, they

go in search of Hungarian specialties, including the country's

staple dish, goulash.

The first of a two-part adventure.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

TUE 07:00 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an

Overcoat (b00nhw1v)

The Overcoat

A humble Russian civil servant's career is stuck in a dismal rut,

until he buys a new coat. With Stephen Moore. From April

2002.

TUE 07:30 Ayres on the Air (b03sb0lq)

Series 5

Self-Sufficiency

Pam Ayres regales her audience with poems, stories and

sketches on another subject close to her heart: self-sufficiency.

Pam discusses her love of allotments, knitting and her more

recent love of beekeeping.

With:

Felicity Montagu

Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam's long-suffering husband 'Gordon'.

Poems include: The Allotment Rustler, Over-Penguinisation,

Behold My Bold Provider, Stuck on You and The Litter Moron.

Sketch writers: James Bugg, Grainne McGuire, Andy Wolton

and Tom Neenan.

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05wb)

Series 1

Episode 4

Censors lambast the BBC - and a cursed tomb in 'The Clissold

Saga'.

Starring Kenneth Horne. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh

Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street,

London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio

comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric

Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer,

Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the

scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and

1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters,

catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser

Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1965.

TUE 08:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b05p67jy)

From 25/04/1965

Meet the World's Worst Weightlifter and Dobby undertakes a

desert island stint with Man Friday.

Starring Ken Dodd.

With John Laurie, Judith Chalmers, Wallas Eaton and Percy

Edwards.

Music from The Migil.

Dobby's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Malcolm Lockyer.

Script by Ken Dodd and Eddie Braben.

Producer: Bill Worsley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1965.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b05p3cjc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23

Dramatisation by Jeremy Front of Evelyn Waugh's satirical 1938 novel.

William finds life as a war correspondent somewhat tedious, but he does fall in love and find himself in the middle of a revolution.

William Boot Rory Kinnear

Katchen Claudie Blakeley

Lord Copper David Warner

Salter Nicholas Woodeson

Frau Dressler Tracy-Ann Oberman

Erik Olafsen Dan Starkey

Secret Policeman Jude Akuwudike

Benito Cyril Nri

Moke Inam Mirza

Mr Baldwin Jonathan Taffler

Uncle Theodore Malcolm Tierney

Sir Jocelyn Hitchcock Michael Simkins

Corker Stephen Critchlow

Pigge Chris Pavlo

News Editor Paul Rider

Hechel Gunnar Cauchery

Evelyn Waugh Tim McInnerny

Directed by Sally Avens.

TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b010dq78)

Tales from the Casino

What Shall I Do?

Rita works in the cloakroom of the Casino, and hasn't been on the ballroom floor since the days when it was called the Wigan Empress. But then Frank starts calling.

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Written by Laura Barton. Read by Melanie Kilburn.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 11:15 Kelvin Segger - Dead Men Tell No Tales (b0075gv4)

A 'dead' man views his funeral preparations, advertising 'kills' another and a third delays his dream. With Michael Maloney.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j05wb)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00fj2ly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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Episode 7

Stepmother Josie struggles when Matthew's three teenage children move in with them.

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

TUE 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h666y)

Plague and the Playhouse

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

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Programme 17. PLAGUE & THE PLAYHOUSE - May 1603 saw not only a new king but the worst plague outbreak since the Black Death. Its impact and reach is told through a series of early seventeenth century proclamations.

This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

TUE 14:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b007jy6w)

Episode 7

Meena is called on to help with baby Sunil and sets about healing the rift with Anita. Meera Syal reads her own novel.

TUE 14:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzg6)

Episode 2

Novelist Iris Murdoch's husband recalls falling in love with the lady on the bicycle in Oxford. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b00hmpzk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05p6jmr)

Syon House

From dining habits to the wonders of metamorphic furniture Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz from the London home of the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House.

With John Bly, Christine Lumia, Clive Stewart-Lockhart and Max Rutherford.

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 16:30 Joyce Grenfell - Hats Off (b00qs7m8)

Farewell to Fun

The poems of Joyce Grenfell read by Maureen Lipman.

Introduced by Janie Hampton. Including Monday Morning Mail and Hats.

TUE 17:00 Stilgoe's Around (b00v3yq9)

Manchester Grammar School (16/04/1984)

Manchester Grammar School welcomes Richard Stilgoe for his amusing look at education. With Sandi Toksvig. From April 1984.

TUE 17:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nhw1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b007j6jc)

2. Myrtle, Mahonia and Rue by Briony Glasco

In an attempt to escape her recurring nightmares, a young landscape gardener decides on a drastic course of action.

An eerie tale by Briony Glasco.

Myrtle Rachel Atkins

Getty Lydia Leonard

Mahonia Gbemisola Ikumelo

Rue Cherie Taylor-Battiste

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

TUE 18:30 Frankly Speaking (b05p6lk7)

Tennessee Williams

American playwright Tennessee Williams faces a three-way interview with John Freeman, John Bowen and Peter Duval Smith.

Recorded during a visit to England in 1959, Tennessee had by then written all his major plays - but despite that was seriously questioning his future in the commercial theatre. He talks candidly of the misery of waiting for the reviews after opening night.

Launched in 1952 on the BBC Home Service, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewers firing direct questions - straight to the point.

Early critics described it as 'unkept', 'an inquisition' and described the guest as prey being cornered, quarry being pursued - with calls to axe the unscripted interview. But the format won out and eventually won over its detractors. Unknown or very inexperienced broadcasters were employed as interviewers, notably John Freeman, John Betjeman, Malcolm Muggeridge, Harold Hobson, Penelope Mortimer, Elizabeth Beresford and Katherine Whitehorn.

Only about 40 of the original 100 programmes survive.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1959.

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TUE 22:00 Ayres on the Air (b03sb0lq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Little Britain (b007jsvm)

Series 1

Episode 1

The sketch show which takes a look at life in Britain in the new millennium - by following the lives of some less than ordinary folk.

Meet Emily Howard - who's a lady, Marjory Dawes and her fat-fighters - and is Daffyd really the only gay in the village?

It became a TV smash hit, but Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball comedy premiered first - on BBC radio.

Written and performed by Matt Lucas and David Walliams.

With Jean Ainslie, Tom Baker, Samantha Power and Paul Putner.

Music: David Arnold.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast as a pilot on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05pbk3n)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is

joined by Simon Munnery.

TUE 23:00 Strangers on Trains (b00dgdjg)

Episode 4

Lone male travellers share their secret feelings about 'home'. With Nat Segnit and Stewart Wright. From August 2008.

TUE 23:15 Ivor Cutler - A Wet Handle (b00cqd9z)

Episode 4

The tale of a yellow fly and shoplifting with a twist.

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

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1997.

TUE 23:30 Vent (b00tr5rv)

Series 2

Things to Do Before You Die

As Mary and Mum read him a lifestyle magazine, Ben's unconscious mind takes him back to 1973 to find a "life coach" who will motivate him out of his coma.

Unfortunately, this mostly involves pointing a gun at his head... Dark sitcom following the thoughts of a coma patient written by Nigel Smith.

Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg. With Nicholas Hutchison, Jo Martin, Mark Perry, John Kay Steel, James Lynch and Tim Whitnall.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

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WED 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b007j6jc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b007jy6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 00:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Detective (b01s697j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Frankly Speaking (b05p6lk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007s5ty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h666y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00fj2ly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b00hmpzk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Hidden Treasures (b05p6jmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Joyce Grenfell - Hats Off (b00qs7m8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Stilgoe's Around (b00v3yq9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nhw1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Detective (b01s8pyy)

Series 3

8. Death at the Weekend

A trio of tragic deaths is overshadowed when an escaped prisoner strikes closer to home.

Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.

Last in the series of tough stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr

DS Brook Ray Brooks

DC Tully Stephen Garlick

DS Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Kathy Lesley Manville

Alan Waters Clive Panto

John Sullivan Henry Stamper

Mr Percival John Hollis

Steve Gray/Doctor Peter Acre

Mrs Walters Stella Tanner

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in August 1984.

WED 06:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00f6m6m)

Episode 2

British jazz bass player Arnie Somogyi and his friend the Hungarian guitarist Zsolt Bende travel through the Carpathian mountains, only eating what they are given in exchange for playing their music.

The odd couple head for their final destination, the unpromisingly named village of Kommando.

Conclusion of a two-part adventure.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

WED 07:00 London Calling (b05p73y9)

It Pays to Advertise

Back to the BBC's early wireless days of 1922.

Colonel Beecham and Admiral Carpenter are concerned that all their hard work producing the BBC's wireless output is beginning to affect their golf swing. Meanwhile, hard-up Children's Hour's Uncle Rex is made an offer he really ought to refuse.

Written by Jimmy Perry, the man behind Dad's Army and Hi-

De-Hi.
John Brown Graham Crowden
Colonel Beecham Jimmy Perry
Roger Eccles Jeffrey Holland
Sergeant Lucas Bill Pertwee
Roger Eccles Jeffrey Holland
Miss Nightingale Joanna Munro
Arthur Toby Longworth
Admiral Carpenter Peter Cellier
Jeffrey Stainton Chris Luscombe
Bobby Bright Leonard Kirby
Rex Murray Logan Murray
Isabel Blair Julie Gibbs
Other parts played by Brian Bowles.
Music by Roy Moore.
Producer: Jo Clegg.
First broadcast nightly on BBC Radio 2 in September 1994.
WED 07:30 Chain Reaction (b05mtcjp)
Series 10
Sharon Horgan talks to Dennis Kelly
Actress Sharon Horgan talks to BAFTA-nominated and Tony Award-winning writer Dennis Kelly - creator of shows as varied as "Pulling", "Utopia" and "Matilda the Musical".
Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.
Producer: Charlie Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0103qmd)
Series 2
Johnson's Diet
Commander Povey discovers there's no official record of HMS Troutbridge - and someone's very hungry.

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

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series on BBC Radio between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1960.
WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)
Series 4
Episode 9
Radio awards time - and John and Mary's intruder.
More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.
Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Written by Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle and Graham Chapman.
Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.
Producer: Humphrey Barclay
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1966.
WED 09:00 Trivia Test Match (b00vdc9q)
From 24/09/1991
Brian Johnston umpires, as Tim Rice and Robin Bailey battle Willie Rushton and Bob 'The Cat' Bevan. From September 1991.
WED 09:30 Edgar Wallace - Educated Evans (b03zxb1)
A Matched Pair
Can the 1920s tipster avoid police plans and see off a new 'educated' rival? Stars Roy Hudd, Andrew Sachs and Pat Coombs. From August 1996.
WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b01m9n85)
John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath
Episode 1
By John Steinbeck
Dramatised by Donna Franceschild
A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit.
Set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl, a family of farmers from Oklahoma head west in search of work, only to discover thousands like them are also on the move.
Stars Robert Sheehan as Tom, Zubin Varla as Preacher Casey, Michelle Fairley as Ma and Steven McNicol as Pa
Michelle Fairley won Best Actress for her performance at the BBC Audio Drama Awards 2013.
Director: Kirsty Williams.
WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b010dsw8)
Tales from the Casino
Three Before Eight
It is all about ritual. Saturday comes and Rob, a seasoned DJ at the Casino, is sorting through and packing his records for the night.
Between 1973 and 1981 Wigan Casino was arguably the ultimate venue for Northern Soul music. Young people from all over the UK regularly made the trek to Wigan to dance to the latest Northern Soul artists. Queues to get in were sometimes

five or six people deep, and stretched quite a way up the road. The highlight was the weekly all-nighter, with Russ Winstanley as DJ, which traditionally ended with three songs that became known as the Three Before Eight: "Time Will Pass You By" by Tobi Legend, "Long After Tonight Is Over" by Jimmy Radcliffe and "I'm On My Way" by Dean Parrish.
These three specially-commissioned stories by Laura Barton (herself from Wigan) hark back to a time when the town threw off the image created by George Orwell and the Casino was voted 'Best Disco In the World' by American Billboard Magazine.

Laura Barton was born in Lancashire in 1977. She is a freelance writer of features and music columns, notably 'Hail, Hail, Rock 'n' Roll' for the Guardian. Her first story for radio, The Carpenter, was broadcast in 2009 as part of Sweet Talk's We Are Stardust, We Are Golden series for BBC Radio 4. Twenty-One Locks, her debut novel, was published in 2010. Laura lives in London.

Written by Laura Barton. Read by Daniel Rigby.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:15 Drama (b0076xlv)

Natalia Power - The Man Who Built Tunnels

The Man Who Built Tunnels

Natalia Power's haunting tale of unrequited love.

The 79-year-old Duke of Portland receives a visitation from a once famous opera singer.

Duke Alec McCowen

Adelaide Emma Fielding

John Hargreaves Anthony Glennon

Lodge keeper Stephen Critchlow

Wheatley Kim Wall

Maisie Ella Smith

Directed by Martin Jenkins.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0103qmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Detective (b01s8pyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00fm6m6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007s74h)

Episode 8

After more family conflict, Matthew's daughter Becky finds an unexpected ally in her stepmother Josie.

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of

adjusting to a step-family.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

WED 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h73pq)

London Becomes Rome

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.

Programme 18. LONDON BECOMES ROME - A set of designs for the Coronation Procession of James I reveals the extent of classical knowledge amongst Shakespeare's audience. This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

WED 14:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b00fy2qp)

Episode 8

With Meena and Anita back on track, the girls begin to tackle the tricky subject of sex. Meera Syal reads her own novel.

WED 14:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzhg)

Episode 3

Novelist Iris Murdoch's husband reflects on married life and recalls their wedding day in 1956. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b01m9n85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Trivia Test Match (b00vdc9q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Edgar Wallace - Educated Evans (b03zxb1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx9v)

Series 1

Spy Story

Why does the bear suck his paw in winter? And what does the answer have to do with the First Secretary's dinner suit?

The British Ambassador and his team plan their campaign for a diplomatic dinner.

Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landon as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Stephen Greif as the United States Ambassador, Susie Brann as Mrs

Newton and Peter Howell as George Sommers.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

WED 17:30 London Calling (b05p73y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jps)

3. Voices From Another Room

An artist starts to hear voices discussing a murder, involving him. Worse, the voices are in the future, and the murder is about to happen ...

An eerie tale by Philip Martin.

CAST:

Tom Swinnerton Neil Dudgeon

Jane Swinnerton Jenny Howe

Richard Cardin Chris Moran

Natalie Hansen Katie McGuinness

Lily Machin Jaimi Barbakoff

Music by Tom Smail.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076ksg)

Obsessive Compulsives

Matthew Parris repeatedly quizzes Franca Davenport, Stephen Foster and Dominic Holland about ceaseless compulsion. From March 2004.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b0103qmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Detective (b01s8pyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 The Goulash Archipelago (b00fm6m6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b010dsw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b0076xlv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Chain Reaction (b05mtcjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00y2sdt)

Series 1

Parking Enforcement

Through the medium of four open letters, the comedian Tom Wrigglesworth investigates the myriad examples of corporate lunacy and maddening jobsworths in modern Britain.

In this series his subjects range from traffic wardens to estate agents, with Tom recalling his own funny and ridiculous experiences as well as recounting the absurd encounters of others.

Tom finds himself baffled by the weird world of parking enforcement.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05pbk6x)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is joined again by Simon Munnelly.

WED 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00mg0wp)

Series 3

Episode 3

Warring curators, wedding cleaners and a dodgy alarm system all add to the unwanted pressure on Walter.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David

Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopoulos Chris Pavlo

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

WED 23:30 The Iganodon (b0075cjo)

Big Fat Liars

Don O'Reilly discovers smoking and hiding do not mix - and they all come second in a run-in with some very insistent pirates.

The passengers and crew of 'The Iganodon' are still adrift in the Woe Betides.

Three-part comedy adventure by Paul Lucas.

Sam Varley Paul Haigh

Mr Brook Bernard Cribbins

Don O'Reilly Dermot Crowley

Isabel Rosemary Leach

The Captain John Arthur

Laura Sally Phillips

Harriet Patsy Byrne

Other parts played by Fred Harris and Kevin Eldon.

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

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THU 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b00fy2qp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 00:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Detective (b01s8pyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Off the Page (b0076ksq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Edgar Wallace - Educated Evans (b03zxb1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 London Calling (b05p73y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

1. Mrs Trevelyan

The debonair sleuth investigates when three murders are linked to 'Alex'.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

'Spider' Williams Alan Dudley

Mulroy Michael Harbour

Lady Weyman Betty Hardy

Webb/Shaw Ronald Herdman

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Carl Latham Simon Lack

Donald Black Victor Lucas

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Dr Kohima's Maid Ann Murray

Dot Hilda Schroder

Walter Day/Lang Anthony Viccars

Sir Ernest Cranberry Geoffrey Wincott

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Producer: Martin C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1968.

THU 06:30 Passing the Hat (b00mqhqr)

Jolyon Jenkins explores the world of street performance and busking, and takes to the streets of Cardiff as part of a course with the School of Busking, founded by Mario Morris. Jolyon meets fellow students, including a German juggler and a naked unicyclist, and learns tips from the Great Sprendo and Gazzo, the world's finest exponent of the cups and balls.

THU 07:00 Pottin On (b00ksx2)

Taking a Break

Pam decides she wants to go on an exciting adventure holiday, but Gordon would much prefer the usual caravanning. Pam and Gordon Grant are a couple at odds running a garden centre and growing older...

Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

Starring Pam Ayres and Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam and Gordon Grant.

With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald and Alex Tregear.

Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

THU 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03gvqz)

Series 9

The Personal Statement

Episode 1: "The Personal Statement"

He's back. Despite many thwarted attempts at literary success and a lifetime of scripping and scraping to keep mind, soul and cat together, the curmudgeon's curmudgeon can never be kept down for long and returns to Radio 4 for a new series.

Ed Reardon once more finds himself grabbing at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, throws his way, with his only source of regular income coming from teaching the increasingly savvy and adventurous pensioners their module in short story writing. Jaz Milvane continues to be his nemesis, somehow making money out of mad schemes whilst Ed makes nothing and his love life remains, like his payment of utility bills, erratic to say the least.

As we renew our acquaintance with Ed we find him grovelling to his former girlfriend Fiona, claiming to be a 'changed man'. But as she quite rightly points out, he's still wearing the same socks and sandals. As Ed tries to get back into her good books, he finds himself retiring from the writing trade and applying for real jobs. So it is, he writes a personal statement and attends his first interview for a salaried position since, well, ever.....

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

THU 08:00 Brothers in Law (b05p9vvd)

Series 1

Without Due Care

Barrister Roger Thursby defends an accident-prone artist.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mantering.

With guest star Jon Pertwee as Ford O'Hara.

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

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

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.

Produced by David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1970.

THU 08:30 Not in Front of the Children (b05p9vz3)

Series 1

While the Brood's Away

Sending the children off for a holiday with friends is one thing - but what do you do with your life while they're away?

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Mathew.

The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.

Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes. Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969.

Jennifer Wendy Craig

Henry Francis Matthews

Trudi Roberta Tovey

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Amanda Jill Riddick

Biddy Madeleine Howell

Roy David Dodimead

Fred Simmons Jeffrey Segal

Elizabeth Karen Newport

Johnny Christopher Reynolds

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1969.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b019rgtc)

Series 2

Episode 5

Angus Deayton hosts the show which is totally different every time, as it's the panellists themselves that devise the format. Each of the contestants has brought their own round for the other panellists to play. But will they be beaten at their own games?

Featured rounds:

Lucy Porter's "Who's the Daddy?" in which the other three, childless, male panellists must complete the quote from a 70's parenting bible.

Tom Wrigglesworth's "Dodo's Den" in which each contestant must pitch their idea for a new invention that they think will make them their millions. Examples include the "Herring Aid" and the intriguingly titled "Bam".

Robert Popper's brilliant parlour game, "ORAG" aka "The Opposite Rhyming Animal Game", which is pretty much, er, self-explanatory...

And Lloyd Langford devises a quiz based on Welsh talisman and eccentric, Dr William Price, in his round "The Price Is Right".

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

THU 09:30 The Sit Crom (b00ly726)

The General Inspection

Cromwell arrives, weeps and investigates as well he might since

Father Francis has donned a night shirt and taken to the roof

leads singing Ave Maria.

Mercy's disguise is revealed, Father Francis is perplexed in his

hole, Tobias denigrates the vegetables, Arise Higgs and his

platoon are billeted on Firebasket Hall and Gazebo has lethal

orders.

Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War.

Sir John Firebasket Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa Miriam Margolyes

Father Francis Nickolas Grace

Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs Alun Armstrong

Posthumous Nicky Helson

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Cromwell Bert Paraby

Colonel Thundery Peter Howell

Music by Colin Sell.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b01mhtd2)

John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath

Episode 2

By John Steinbeck

Dramatised by Donna Franceschild

A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl.

The Joads have travelled from Oklahoma to California in search of work, only to discover thousands like them have also been on

the move. Following a violent altercation with some locals, they head back on the road with their dream of a promised land temporarily in tatters.

Director: Kirsty Williams.

THU 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b0128pyw)

Three for My Baby

Awesome Day

These stories take their cue from the Johnny Mercer classic 'One For My Baby' - made famous by Fred Astaire, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and especially Frank Sinatra. Each of these specially-commissioned pieces tell of a 'brief episode' of the kind the song alludes to but doesn't describe. In other words, these are stories about doomed love: affairs that turned sour, were thwarted by circumstance or were never, ever, going to work.

Awesome Day by Shena Mackay

"Rick looked up at the clock above the counter. A quarter to three. It was always a quarter to three at the Wooden Nickel ...

It had been quarter to three when he and Meriel first came to the Wooden Nickel and it was still quarter to three when they left." Meriel loves the theatre. Rick loves Meriel. Or is it New York he's in love with?

Shena Mackay was born in Edinburgh. She is author of two novellas, three collections of short stories and eight novels. Her novel Dunedin and the collection of short stories, The Laughing Academy, both won Scottish Arts Council Book Awards and the bestselling The Orchard on Fire was shortlisted for the 1996 Booker Prize and the McVitie's Prize. Her most recent book, The Atmospheric Railway: New and Collected Stories was published in paperback in 2010. Shena lives in Southampton.

Reader: Burn Gorman

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007rfcf)

Age Gap

Two women are thrown together in a rest home. Dark comedy about growing older. Stars Phyllida Law and Imelda Staunton.

THU 12:00 Brothers in Law (b05p9vvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Not in Front of the Children (b05p9vz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Passing the Hat (b00mqhqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007jn8h)

Episode 9

Elizabeth faces a dilemma now that Tom's daughter Dale has decided to move back into the family home.

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

THU 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h75y2)

The Theatres of Cruelty

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.

Programme 19. THE THEATRES OF CRUELTY - A human eyeball in a silver setting provides a striking insight to the theatre of cruelty in Elizabethan and Jacobean Britain.

This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

THU 14:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b00fwq9n)

Episode 9

Tough times for Meena, with a stay in hospital and major changes in her circle of friends. Meera Syal reads her own novel.

THU 14:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzjq)

Episode 4

Iris Murdoch's husband remembers the eerie, early signs of Alzheimer's shown by his novelist wife. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b01mhtd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 It's Your Round (b019rgtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 The Sit Crom (b00ly726)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Anything Legal (b00828m9)

Episode 2

City commuters Charles and George finally admit they've both lost their jobs and take action...

Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.

'A Tale of Two City Gents' by Wally K Daly.

Charles Donald Hewlett

George Michael Knowles
Mr Rollings Jon Glover
The Ticket Collector Renu Setna
Black Market Job Salesman Ron Pember
The Waitress Sonia Fraser
Theme music by Jim Parker.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.
THU 17:30 Potting On (b00ksx62)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jsy)
4. Sally Go Round the Moon
Are the pressures of her job the reason Sally is hearing the voice of a child that no-one else can hear? Or is she being haunted?
A ghostly tale by Natalia Power.
CAST:
Sally Jaimi Barbakoff
Laura Rachel Atkins
Receptionist Frances Jeater
Stacey Wilson Ioan Meredith
Simon David Thorpe
Voice Jessica Crossley
Pianist and Musical Director: Clement Power
Director: Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076hxj)
Charles Dickens
Satirist and writer Armando Iannucci chooses novelist Charles Dickens. With Humphrey Carpenter. From November 2003.
THU 19:00 Brothers in Law (b05p9vwd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Not in Front of the Children (b05p9vz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Passing the Hat (b00mqhqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b0128pyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007rfcf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b03gvqlz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (b05pb18b)
Series 12
Episode 6
Made for 4 Extra. This week's stories bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.
THU 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b016x4sv)
Series 1
April 21st to 25th
Damien is reluctantly drawn into accepting a job for a supermarket's online magazine, whilst Anthony resolves to start the "courgette diet" and lose a few pounds.
More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - written by and starring Miles Jupp.
In a mixture of narrative, dialogue and recipes, Damien unflinchingly captures every angle of his day-to-day life, "no matter how grizzly or, indeed, how gristly".
The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for a simple Lobster Bisque, a comforting Lardy Cake, relaxing Nettle Tea and easy Wiener Schnitzel.
Damien Trench Miles Jupp
Anthony Justin Edwards
Geraldine McBeef Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey
Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
Producer: Sam Mitchell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
THU 23:30 Hut 33 (b00vs38k)
Series 2
Royal Visit
It's panic stations at Hut 33.
A member of the royal family is paying a visit but the top brass suspect that he might be a Nazi sympathiser. The team has to delay him and make sure he doesn't see any of the codebreaking machines.
James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Charles Robert Bathurst
Gordon Fergus Craig
Joshua ... Alex McQueen
Minka Olivia Colman
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Duke of Kent Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

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FRI 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jsy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b00fwq9n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 00:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jzjq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Great Lives (b0076hxj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007jn8h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h75y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Passing the Hat (b00mqhqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b01mhtd2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 It's Your Round (b019rgtc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 The Sit Crom (b00ly7z6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Anything Legal (b00828m9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Potting On (b00ksx62)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jr9b)
Paul Temple and the Alex Affair
2. Dr Kohima
The police have asked suave sleuth Paul Temple to help them find the mysterious 'Alex' - but who's tracking whom?
Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
Paul Temple Peter Coke
Steve Marjorie Westbury
Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason
Inspector Crane Haydn Jones
Carl Latham Simon Lack
Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell
Ricky Frank Henderson
Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre
Sergeant Duncan McIntyre
Producer: Martin C Webster
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1968.
FRI 06:30 The Blues Dance (b00b7bcs)
Don Letts tells the story of the Blues Dance or Jamaican private club in Britain. Crowds gathered to listen and dance to heavy bass lines of reggae, pumped out from huge speakers. The first wave of West Indian immigrants set up informal basement parties in West London, but the phenomenon would later gain prominence across the UK.
Contributors include Linton Kwesi Johnson, Vivien Goldman, Jazzie B, King Tubby, Trevor Sax, Daddy G, Ali Campbell, Caroline Coon, Lenny Henry and Tippa Irie.
FRI 07:00 Rent (b05pb40g)
Series 3
Episode 2
Maria needs a day out, so Paul has to look after the baby - but can he be trusted?
Series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.
Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby, Dave Lamb as Paul, Sally Grace as the Mother and Sarah Parkinson as the Checkout Girl.
Producer: Liz Anstee.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.
FRI 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01n1rpw)
Series 2
Episode 4
John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-upper in things like Miranda and Family Guy, records a second series of his hit sketch show.
The first series was described as "sparklingly clever" by The Daily Telegraph and "one of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" by The Guardian. It featured Winnie the Pooh coming to terms with his abusive relationship with honey, how The Archers sounds to people who don't listen to the Archers and how Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde decided whose turn it was to do the washing up.
This episode doesn't feature any of those things, but it does feature some other things, and don't worry, they're funny too.
John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is written by and stars John Finnemore. It also features Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan. It is produced by Ed Morrish.
FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)
Series 3
The Student Prince
The lad is lured to Moravia as an unknowing decoy for the endangered Crown Prince.
Starring Tony Hancock
With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and 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 January 1956.

FRI 08:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)
Episode 1
Fast moving sketches and a plethora of comedy characters starring Ian Carmichael, Joan Sims and Hugh Paddick.
Films like Private's Progress and I'm All Right Jack helped make Ian Carmichael a major star of both British stage and screen. Play it Cool was his first radio comedy series promising a variety of potty and pompous situations.
Written by Eric Merriman - best known for his work on numerous series of Beyond Our Ken.
With music from Rosemary Squires, The Mike Sammes Singers and The Ken Thorne Orchestra
Produced by John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1964.
FRI 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00hy94k)
Series 1
Episode 1
James Walton's pop music history quiz with Andrew Collins, Tracey MacLeod, Stewart Lee and Martin Freeman. From December 2004.
FRI 09:30 Richard Barton: General Practitioner! (b00757q4)
Episode 2
Slimey Kenwood-Gore makes Dick's hackles rise. What kind of pressure is he putting on Amanda Cadwallader with Old Archie only just buried? Richard finds out that Kenwood-Gore has designs on the village, Cadwallader Hall included. But for what? Dick realises there's a connection with a shady character in his past. Could Kenwood-Gore's intentions be as dastardly? Dick intends to find out.
Richard Barton Robert Bathurst
Old Dick Barton Moray Watson
Jock Iain Cuthbertson
Young Dick Barton Julian Dutton
Sally Phillips Matilda Ziegler
Mrs Cadwallader Doreen Mantle
Kenwood-Gore David Daker
In 1946, Edward J Mason wrote the first episode of Dick Barton - Special Agent. The BBC Light Programme's hugely popular serial followed the adventures of the ex-Commando and his mates Jock Anderson and Snowy White. Despite facing a series of never-ending cliff-hangers at the hands of dastardly villains, our hero always triumphed. "With one bound Dick was free!".
Half a century later, Edward J's son Lol created Richard Barton, son of Dick, in an affectionate homage to one of BBC Radio's most enduring heroes.
Producer: Jo Clegg
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.
FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b01mmqms)
John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath
Episode 3
By John Steinbeck
Dramatised by Donna Franceschild
A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl.
Just as the Joads money and food run out, they find work on a peach farm. But Tom discovers they're breaking a strike led by their old friend Casey the Preacher. Tom and Casey are ambushed by a Deputy Sheriff and a mob of vigilantes and Casey is killed. In his fury, Tom hits back before running for his life.
The Joad family's dream of a promised land is about to end.
Director: Kirsty Williams.
FRI 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b01292gb)
Three for My Baby
Mighty
These stories take their cue from the Johnny Mercer classic 'One For My Baby' - made famous by Fred Astaire, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and especially Frank Sinatra. Each of these specially-commissioned pieces tell of a 'brief episode' of the kind the song alludes to but doesn't describe. In other words, these are stories about doomed love: affairs that turned sour, were thwarted by circumstance or were never, ever, going to work.
Mighty by Tom Connolly
It has been going well for the Man and his lover. So much so that they plan to start a family. But the arrival of a cat in the neighbourhood seems to call his lover back to a painful past ... Tom Connolly is a film-maker and writer. His first novel, The Spider Truces, was published in 2010. This is his first story for Radio 4. He lives in a remote corner of the Rother Valley, in East Sussex.
Reader: Tom Goodman-Hill
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b00sfykg)
Nicola Jones - Scorched
Nicola Jones's tense, fast-moving thriller follows a man trying to re-interpret his memories of the long hot summer of 1976. Who is to blame for his sister's disappearance, and what really happened to her?
In 1976, Mike's sixteen year old sister, Evie, walked out of the house and never came back. There didn't seem to be any explanation, but Mike was thirteen at the time and didn't want to upset his Mum by asking too many questions. Now Mike is in his forties, his Mum is dead and a rare visit to his home town provides him with an opportunity to investigate the events of that scorching summer and reinterpret them from an adult

perspective.

A meeting with an old school friend forces Mike to question his father more closely. Is he guarding a dark family secret? Is he telling the whole truth?

Written by Nicola Jones.

Mike - Tom Roberts

Bern - Kim Wall

Young Mike - Gabriel Towell

Evie - Chandeepp Uppal

Sylvia - Bharti Patel

Jason - Robert Wilkinson

Taxi driver - Sean Connolly

Produced and directed by Peter Leslie Wild

Nicola Jones has written one previous radio play, "Angels in Disguise" for Radio 7's Man in Black series.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jr9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Blues Dance (b00b7bcs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Joanna Trollope - Other People's Children (b007jn8y)

Episode 10

Relationships falter under the strains of living as a step-family when decisions need to be made.

Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family.

Concluded by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

FRI 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h7cdr)

Shakespeare Goes Global

Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, brings to an end his object-based history. During the past four weeks he has taken artefacts from William Shakespeare's time and explored how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.

With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asked what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. Carefully selected objects shed light on the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and revealed much about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.

In this, the final programme of the series, Neil considers how William Shakespeare made the transition from successful playwright to possibly the greatest dramatist the world has known

Programme 20 SHAKESPEARE GOES GLOBAL - The publication of the First Folio of Shakespeare's collected plays in 1623 began the process of turning an early modern playwright into a global phenomenon. An annotated copy of the Collected Works of Shakespeare reveals the extent to which Shakespeare has inspired and influenced audiences across the globe and through the ages.

This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

FRI 14:30 Meera Syal - Anita and Me (b007jvvd)

Episode 10

On the eve of her 11-plus, the exam seems to be the least of Meena's worries. Meera Syal reads her own novel.

FRI 14:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jz11)

Episode 5

Iris Murdoch's husband reflects on his wife's inner world after the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Read by Oliver Ford Davies.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b01mmqms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00hy94k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Richard Barton: General Practitioner! (b00757q4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0085j96)

Series 1

Episode 6

The First Attempt To Reach The Moon - and a slice of Edwardian life.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

FRI 17:30 Rent (b05pb40g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jwx)

5. Ghosting

For a rising young novelist, ghost-writing seems to be the worst of all possible worlds. But when Michael agrees to ghost the autobiography of the super-model Vita, he finds her life dangerously seductive. How much will he risk the book, and the

woman?

A sinister tale by Gregory Evans.

CAST:

Michael Hagen Jimi Mistry

Vita Honeysuckle Weeks

Hildy Frances Jeater

with Francine Stock as Herself

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Songs (b00nz121)

Series 1

Lorraine McIntosh

Lorraine McIntosh is a singer, actress and now a composer. As female vocalist with Deacon Blue she enjoyed the success that comes when a band sells over 6 million records. Equally at home in front of a camera Lorraine appeared in films and on TV and she's now turned her hand to writing songs. In conversation with Phil Cunningham she reveals the 5 songs that are really special to her.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Paul Temple (b007jr9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Blues Dance (b00b7bcs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b01292gb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b00sfykg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01n1rpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)

Series 2

2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'

"I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery"

"My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?"

Sarah Millican is a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion,

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah Sarah Millican

Marion Ruth Bratt

Terry Simon Daye

Rachel Isy Suttie

Ian William Andrews

Jeff Kevin Eldon

Clive Malcolm Tierney.

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

FRI 23:00 The Consultants (b008j2v3)

Series 3

Episode 2

Chesney throws a festive party for his colleagues. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.

FRI 23:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b01d2hg0)

Series 1

About Dating

Nathan struggles with his family who disapprove not only of his career but his girlfriend too. Can he persuade them to accept either?

This is the story of young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who becomes the first in his family to graduate from University - only to opt for a career in comedy - much to his family's annoyance who want him to get a 'proper job' using his architecture degree.

Each episode shows the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his family as he pursues his career against their wishes.

A mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with scenes from his family life.

Written by: Nathan Caton. Additional material by: Ola and Maff Brown.

Nathan Nathan Caton

Grandma Mona Hammond

Mum Adjoa Andoh

Dad Curtis Walker

Monica Chizzy Akulolu

Samantha Alex Tregear

Script Editor: James Kettle

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 23:45 Tina C (b01bb7qh)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Europe

Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs.

Where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession.

So Tina has set off on a six country tour to prove it - and her next stop is Europe.

Tina C Christopher Green

With:

Paul Mason

Victoria Inez Hard

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and

Christopher Green

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.