

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2015

SAT 00:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq83)

Episode 1

The Great Wizard sends student sorcerer Arcos on a mission, little realising how perilous and menacing it will prove to be... A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson in six parts.

Arcos Francis Thomson
Kaddah Trevor Peacock
Vanna Elizabeth Whiting
Shazir Crawford Logan
Bereneth Edward Kelsey
Va Melanie Hudson
Alviza Emma Fielding
Zander Robert Portal
Kishah John Church
Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

SAT 00:30 My Life in Five Songs (b01bmqpp)

Series 4

Elkie Brooks

With hit singles with songs like 'Pearl's A Singer', 'Fool if You Think it's Over' and 'Lilac Wine', Elkie Brooks is one of our most successful female artists.

As a fifteen-year-old she entered and won a singing competition which launched her professional career. Elkie's first big break came when she joined the Rock/Jazz fusion band Dada and then she joined Robert Palmer in the Rock 'n Roll band Vinegar Joe in the early 1970's. She was The Melody Maker face of 1973. Pearl's a Singer was a million seller for her in 1977 and several hit singles followed.

Talking to Phil Cunningham she reveals her love of paragliding, the important part Humphrey Lyttleton played in her life and how she shared a stage with The Beatles.

Still singing and touring Elkie has her own band and will be performing in Scotland in February.

Phil Cunningham opens the programme with Pearl's a Singer and Elkie goes on to pick these 5 songs.

Mavis Staples - Down in Mississippi
Buddy Guy - 74 Years Young
Steely Dan - Reeling In The Years
Ray Charles - Drown In My Own Tears

Bad Company - Seagull

Phil closes the programme with the track Purple Rain from her 2010 album Powerless.

SAT 01:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008y4fg)

Series 1

Episode 6

Exams loom large. Simon Harrison delves into his Health and Safety background for one final ruse. Can he unveil the killer? Mark Tavener's comedy thriller.

CAST:

Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer
Simon Samuel West
Patricia Rebecca Front
with Michael Maloney, Jonathan Coy, Sharon Small, Emily Wachter, Beth Chalmers and Nicholas Boulton.
Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

SAT 01:30 Young, Gifted and Black (b00scjx2)

Adjoa Andoh reflects on the brief but highly influential career of the African American playwright and social activist.

In 1959, Hansberry became the first black woman to have a play produced on Broadway and the youngest recipient of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. An eloquent and impassioned orator for civil rights, Lorraine Hansberry quickly became one of the most famous women in the country.

Friend to the likes of Paul Robeson, James Baldwin and Nina Simone, who composed 'To Be Young, Gifted and Black' in her honour, Hansberry's prescient speeches and artfully constructed drama played a key role in the ongoing civil rights struggle.

In this programme we hear from her sister Mammie Hansberry, poet and playwright Jackie Kay, Chicago Southside historian Timuel Black and theatre directors Michael Buffong and Paulette Randall.

Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007k0t1)

Midsummer Evening

Doctor Fitzpiers and Grace Melbury's paths cross on

Midsummer's Eve in Little Hintock. Read by Juliet Stevenson.

SAT 02:15 The Making of Music (b007njhw)

Series 1

The Birth of Opera

James Naughtie discovers how history has shaped the development of classical music. Opera was invented by a group of Italian intellectuals called the Camerata in Florence around 1600. They stumbled across something extraordinary - why not tell a story in music? It took off and soon theatres were springing up all over Italy - forty in Venice alone.

Reader Benedict Cumberbatch

Produced by Rosie Boulton, Sara Conkey and Lucy Lunt.

BBC Birmingham.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00swqrf)

Trezza Azzopardi - The Song House

Episode 5

An adaptation of Trezza Azzopardi's new novel, a compelling psychological thriller involving a young woman with a secret in her past.

Kenneth has fallen in love with a woman thirty years younger, Maggie, who'd been working for him as a live-in secretary. As for Maggie, she has motives of her own - she's been trying to investigate a traumatic incident in her childhood, when she was abducted by Kenneth's son, William. So far, Kenneth doesn't know what really happened; and William doesn't know who Maggie really is. But as the river floods, all three make their way to the safety of the big house - and a final confrontation. Trezza Azzopardi's novels have been short-listed for numerous awards, including the Booker.

Cast:

MAGGIE.....KAY CURRAM
NARRATOR.....SHARON MORGAN
KENNETH.....JOHN CASTLE
ALISON.....CAROLINE HARKER
WILLIAM.....MARK MEADOWS
RUSTY.....MARILYN LE CONTE
Adapted by Elizabeth Burke. Produced and Directed by: Kate McAll.

SAT 02:45 Femme Fatale: A Biography of Mata Hari (b0179w13)

Episode 5

Now under arrest for espionage in Paris, Mata Hari's fate is in the hands of the Grand Inquisitor. Read by Juliet Stevenson. From July 2007.

SAT 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b052mjzq)

16-20 February 1915

The country may be at war, and the factories at peak production, but there's time for romance in industrial Tynemouth.

Written by Melissa Murray

Story-led by Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 04:00 The National Theatre of Brent's Iconic Icons (b00lxxh0)

Bob Dylan

The multi award winning National Theatre of Brent Artistic Director Desmond Olivier Dingle and the entire acting company (Raymond Box) return, celebrating the living artists deemed by Desmond to be Iconic Icons.

The first iconic icon is the legendary singer, songwriter and artist Bob Dylan. Desmond and Raymond will trace his path from his humble beginnings as Robert Zimmerman in Hibbin, Minnesota, through journeying to bohemian New York, finding his inner voice and becoming the icon that is Bob Dylan.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by John Ramm, and performed by Patrick and John in front of an audience at the Bush Hall in London.

Desmond Olivier Dingle Patrick Barlow

Raymond Box John Ramm

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 04:30 On Baby Street (b00drrz9)

Series 1

Episode 2

Three expectant mothers prepare for their arrivals in different ways. Stars Kathy Burke and Keith Allen. From January 1996.

SAT 05:00 Lucky Heather (b0075zr9)

Wild Bunch

Heather helps a neighbour who is being harassed on the estate and also tries line dancing.

Just this side of nousey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.

Sue Tедdern's six-part comedy series star Lindsey Coulson as Heather. (Carol Jackson in BBC TV's EastEnders until 2015)

With Abigail Hart as Natalie, Ben Crowe as Ryan and Kelly Wright as Emma, Gemma Saunders as Chloe, Elizabeth Kelly as Olive, Harry Myers as Tommy and Dearbhla Molloy as Maev.

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

SAT 05:30 The Vote Now Show (b05wpwcn)

Series 2

Episode 6

The last in a series of election specials from the Now Show team. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by special guests to give their own unique take on the week's shenanigans and the election outcome.

Episode six features John Finnemore, Holly Walsh, Isabel Hardman and Pippa Evans.

Producers: Alexandra Smith, Joe Nunnery and Rachel Wheelley.

Executive Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.

SAT 06:00 Martyn Wade - Gondal (b00cpvsq)

Paralleling Emily Bronte's life at Haworth with a dramatic reconstruction of Gondal, her epic fantasy world set on a Pacific island from which the ideas for 'Wuthering Heights' evolved.

Martyn Wade's play stars Diana Quick as Augusta, Janet Maw as Emily, John Rowe as Lord Eldred, Nathaniel Parker as Fernando, Clive Francis as Alfred, Linda Polan as Tabitha, Moir Leslie as Angelica, David Thorpe as Alexander, Keith

Drinkel as Parry, Annabelle Lanyon as Young Emily, Eric Allan as Gerald, Bernadette Windsor as Young Charlotte and Jill Lidstone as Young Branwell.

Other parts by John Webb, Jillie Meers, Sirlol Jenkins and Melanie Hudson.

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 07:30 Fabulous Flops (b012wz90)

Fabulous Flops

Episode 4

Paul Roseby recalls doomed musicals about bombing Nagasaki, a travelling executioner and Leonardo da Vinci. With Don Black.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00767cc)

Don't Write, Make a Record

Just 7" of thin vinyl connects generations, continents, lovers and the lost.

From 1935 until the coming of the cassette, anyone, anywhere in the world, from Australia to Argentina, could walk into an auto-recording booth, from the Empire State to Brighton Pier, a Cunard Liner to the NAAFI and make their own short gramophone record.

From the anonymous to the likes of Tennessee Williams, the Beats and Gracie Fields, join Alain Dein on a journey through the grooves of time and memory.

Producer: Mark Burman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SAT 09:00 Braden Back on the Beat (b05vj0c8)

Oldie magazine founder Richard Ingrams presents a retrospective of the pioneering star of TV and radio, Bernard Braden.

Compiled from scouring the BBC Sound Archive and liaising with Bernard Braden's family and long-term friend Gillian Best, this 3 hour showcase features:

* Leave Your Name and Number: 21/07/1950

* Bedtime with Braden: 06/04/1951

* The Ransom of Red Chief: date unknown

* Braden Beside Himself: 04/07/1987

* Offbeat with Braden: 23/09/1978

Born in Canada, actor and broadcaster, Bernard Braden (1916 – 1993) made numerous radio and TV appearances in the UK – many with his wife Barbara Kelly. Braden is particularly remembered as a pioneer of UK TV consumer programmes – 'On the Braden Beat' (ATV) and 'Braden's Week' (BBC).

Producer: Mik Wilkojc.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in May 2015.

SAT 11:30 As Time Goes By (b007k7dc)

Series 2

Episode 2

Will Lionel and Jean's trip to Paris go as planned? Adapted from TV with Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer. From January 1998.

SAT 12:00 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)

Series 2

The Compassionate Society

A new hospital needs a cure, but does MP Jim Hacker know his ACAS from his NALGO?

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service

underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Woolley Derek Fowlds

Sir Ian Peter Jeffrey

Brian Baker Norman Bird

George Arthur Cox

Mrs Rogers Ellen McIntosh

Billy Fraser Peter Acre

James Lawford, MP John Bott

With Narissa Knights, Bernard Brown and Arnold Diamond

Featuring Bryan Martin and Moira Stuart as themselves

Adapted for radio by the producer, Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 1984.

SAT 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00bwshp)

Series 5

Episode 1

John Cleese's magic tricks - and a talking baboon called Dermot.

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 Graeme Garden, David Idle, Eric Idle and Bill Oddie.

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

Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

SAT 13:00 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b05vj34k)

Series 3 Omnibus

Stephen Mangan and Claire Skinner star in Marcy Kahan's award-winning comedy about old flatmates Bill and Bella who

meet once a month for lunch and talk about everything.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05vj4w2)

Gareth Malone

4 Extra Debut. Choirmaster Gareth Malone chooses 'Is My Team Ploughing' by George Butterworth, and 'Dance to Your Daddy' by Nancy Kerr.

SAT 14:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwtk)

Series 1

After the Ball is Over

Feeling useless after both working for the Ministry of Defence during the Second World War, two women set up their own detective agency.

Guy Meredith's comedy thrillers star Anna Massey as Josephine Daunt and Imelda Staunton as Susan Dervish.

With Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie, Kate Buffery as Elizabeth Vavasour, Rupert Vansittart as James Vavasour, Beth Chalmers as Daisy, Ben Crowe as Waiter, Andrew Harrison as Customs Official and Stephen Crichtlow as Salesman.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00767cc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Martyn Wade - Gondal (b00cpvsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Fabulous Flops (b012wz90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b05vjdd4)

Destination Nerva

After saying their goodbyes to Professor Litefoot and Henry Gordon Jago, the Doctor and Leela respond to an alien distress call beamed direct from Victorian England. It's the beginning of a journey that will take them to the newly built Space Dock Nerva... where a long overdue homecoming is expected. A homecoming that could bring about the end of the human race.

Tom Baker is the Fourth Doctor, with his ancient warrior companion, Leela, played by Louise Jameson.

Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs.

A Big Finish production.

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SAT 22:00 4 Extra Stands Up (b03zhyvw)

4 Extra Stands Up

Episode 6

Kerry Godliman introduces a selection of stand up comedians recorded live at The Pleasance Theatre in Islington, London in early 2014.

David Morgan fascinates in the surprising ways couples have met, whilst Rhys Mathewson struggles with making a good first impression. Michael Fabri gives us an insight into some of the troubles of having dyslexia and Matt Winning tells niche jokes and reminisces of his time working for Robert Mugabe.

Plus an insight to the confusing workings of Terry Alderton's mind and Rachel Parris sings away her troubles.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Dabsters Productions.

SAT 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b01kbl1d)

Series 2

Brian Pern

Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's comic characters come to perform at The Mallard while the staff struggle with rivalries, self-doubt and the new owner's vision for the theatre's future.

This week brings washed up rocker, Brian Pern to the Mallard Theatre as he's interviewed on stage by pretend 6Music journalist, Ben (Rhys Thomas).

Cast list:

Brian Pern Simon Day

Emanuel Akinyemi Felix Dexter

Pat Bennet ... Morwenna Banks

Ron Bone / Wozak Simon Greenall

Ben ... Rhys Thomas

Written by Simon Day with additional material from Rhy

Thomas and Felix Dexter

Original music arranged by Steve Burge

Produced by Colin Anderson.

SAT 23:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01fhswh)

Series 2

Money

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne gives full value on the cost of living and luxury.

Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Anna Bengo.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

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SUN 06:00 The Song House Omnibus (b05vjgft)

An older man wants a musical ghostwriter. A young woman has a dark secret. Trezza Azzopardi's compelling psychological thriller.

SUN 07:15 The Old Road (b0075qyf)

On Foot through the Surrey Hills

Patrick Muirhead retraces writer Hilaire Belloc's 1899 journey along the Pilgrims' Way, through the Surrey Hills. From December 1999.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b017pt8w)

Series 3

Car Boot

Spoof reminiscences of a former variety star. Count Arthur Strong is an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origins of the species, all false starts and nervous fumbling, poorly concealed by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance.

Arthur misplaces his book for the review taking place later that day. Arthur and Geoffrey are sent in pursuit of it. A couple of glasses of wine in the green room prior to the radio show help him review the book in his own unique manner.

With Steve Delaney, Sue Perkins, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.

SUN 08:00 Ray's a Laugh (b007jxbb)

From 11/10/49

Ted is 'gonged' and argues with Kitty, and reporter George blunders again.

Starring Ted Ray.

With Kitty Bluett, Peter Sellers, Patricia Hayes, Fred Yule, Leslie Perrins and Wallace Greenslade.

Ray's a Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire and Ted Ray.

Music from Bob & Alf Pearson and The Beaux and The Belles.

BBC Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.

Producer: George Inns

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1949.

SUN 08:30 Life With The Lyons (b0138xvx)

Back in the Autumn

The family are planning their summer holiday, but will it be plain sailing?

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 and Hugh Morton.

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

Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block, Ronnie Hanbury and Bill Harding.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1954.

SUN 09:00 Peter Moore - The Weather Experiment (b05vjj7r)

Peter Moore's account of the quest to understand the atmosphere, from storms to creating forecasts. Read by Tim McMullan. Omnibus.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05vjjt7)

Lulu

Lulu: Singer Lulu chooses 'Night Time Is the Right Time' by Ray Charles and 'Uptown Funk' by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars. From May 2014.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05vjwn)

Eurovision

Sir Terry Wogan

After appearing with Roy Plomley and Sue Lawley, Sir Terry Wogan shares his third set of castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

With a career spanning more than five decades, it includes BBC TV chat show Wogan, the Eurovision Song Contest, the quiz Blankety Blank and for many years, hosting BBC Radio 2's breakfast show.

Terry says: "You have to create a kind of little club - you are not talking to an audience, you are talking to one person - and they are only half listening anyway. It's a mistake to think that everyone is clinging to your every word."

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SUN 11:00 An Hour With... (b05vjklw)

Ranulph Fiennes

Sir Ranulph Fiennes has been described by the Guinness Book of Records as 'the world's greatest living explorer'. In his inspirational one-man show Sir Ranulph talks about his life and his career as a member of the SAS and as an adventurer.

Recorded on tour in the summer of 2004, Sir Ranulph enthals his theatre audience with tales of the astonishing feats of physical and mental endurance he has experienced on dozens of expeditions such as the first hovercraft journey up the River Nile and the first polar circumnavigation of the Earth. He also reveals how he finally discovered the legendary Lost City of Ubar after searching for 26 years.

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SUN 14:30 Giant Ladies That Changed the World - Omnibus (b014qt9q)

The National Theatre of Brent, aka Desmond Olivier Dingle and Raymond Box, present the entire epic struggle of the Suffragettes, or the Giant Ladies as they were also known.

SUN 15:45 Afternoon Reading (b011bz30)

The Pocket AA Milne

High Jinks at Happy-Thought Hall

A hundred years ago, A.A. Milne was honing his writing skills as Assistant Editor of Punch with his regular humorous columns and essays. Perfect gems of the form, his stories not only delight in the spirit of the age, they also transcend the years with their insights.

Parodying the country-house weekend, with its uncomfortable joys of evening games such as "Definitions", "The Complete Kitchen" and "High Jinks at Happy-Thought Hall", Milne captures the absurdity and vacuousness of characters in transition from idle youth to the tedium of adulthood.

Of course, no country house weekend would have been complete without "the little play for amateurs", perfectly formed examples of which Milne supplies in read-aloud form. He also shares his experience of being out of his depth in the company of those more suited to society gatherings, in the form of survival hints and tips. One such is to become "an Authority" on something, anything, even if you know nothing - it livens things up.

Milne's stories might have a frivolous veneer, but each one ends with his customary twinkle in the eye, having given us more to think about than we imagined: "...But if you mix in the right society, and only see the wrong people once, it is really quite easy to be an authority on birds --- or, I imagine, on anything else."

When he re-published this collection of his humorous stories much later in his career, he observed that for years his younger self was "a model to which I was failing to live up... in fact he became, as one's past is bound to become, both a rival and a milestone." His talent for comic observation that was to become evident in his tales of Winnie-the-Pooh is obvious in these essays.

As he wrote himself by way of introduction:

"This little book contains the best of what my rival was writing thirty years ago. I contemplate him now with detachment. I have grown to appreciate his quality. So impartial am I become, that I am torn between a desire to tell him how very, very good he is, and a desire to re-write his book for him. But I shall do neither, leaving him to speak for himself."

Read by Ian McNeice

Abridged and Produced by Neil Carrill

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 The Final Twist (b007jzp8)

A world famous actor manager is about to star in his greatest role - his own murder play.

Comedy thriller written by Ken Whitmore and Alfred Bradley.

Starring Donald Sinden as Sir Merlin Foster, Amanda Waring as Eden Dundee, Michael Troughton as Charlie Nicholson and John Hartley as Morten Rifles.

Directed by Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b017pt8w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Drama (b015zm9l)

All the Dark Corners

The Desk

All the Dark Corners: The Desk by Andrew Readman
The first in our chilling series of three plays, Davis Finch is a hack TV writer with aspirations to write a novel. In order to be a real writer he feels he needs a proper desk. The one he buys changes his life. He becomes a success - but at what price? A spooky psychological thriller.

Producer/Director Gary Brown

Davis Finch covets a desk he has seen in an antique shop. He feels it will somehow magically help him write his novel. Make him complete. He gets sacked for his TV hack work and sets to write his novel at the new desk. Then he finds a secret drawer...

SUN 18:45 Afternoon Reading (b0137xd4)

Summer Ghosts

All the Dead Mothers of My Daughter's Friends

"Yes, the ghosts you see at night, they're the souls - the auras, if you like - of good people who didn't deserve to die. That's why they're full of regret, and frightening. Ghosts we see in broad daylight are the ones whose deaths were right and fair - they've been redeemed by death. They were evil while alive..."

In this series of commissioned stories, the idea is to present ghosts or ghostly happenings in the cold light of day. Will something 'unexplained' be as scary in a light that is... well, reliable to the eye!

1. All The Dead Mothers of My Daughter's Friends by Sophie Hannah.

Mel makes a friend at the school gates and learns about the different types of ghosts in the world. Then the theories are tested out...

Reader Tracy-Ann Oberman

Producer Duncan Minshull.

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SUN 22:30 Night Class (b00769ph)

Episode 5

On the day of reckoning for his student potters as an examiner grades their unorthodox work, Johnny Vegas is late. From September 2002.

SUN 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)

2. Civilisation

From Egypt to origami.

The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker. Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With thanks to Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

SUN 23:15 This Is Craig Brown (b00dz9jn)

Celebrity

Get all the gossip on the Beckhams and Daffy Duck. The satirist pokes fun with Barry Norman and Rory Bremner. From March 2004.

SUN 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k1n1)

Series 2

The Poison Pen Letters

The elderly Scotsmen investigate who's been snitching with green ink. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From March 2004.

SUN 23:45 One (b00771mt)

Series 1

Episode 4

The sketch show where no sketch features more than one voice. Written by David Quantick and starring Dan Maier, Lizzie Roper, Graeme Garden, Deborah Norton, Andrew Crawford, Dan Antopolski, Simon Greenall and Kate Gielgud, with Bill Oddie and Jeremy Clarkson as themselves.

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MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

Bolt

1. Threats and Menaces

Champion jockey Kit Fielding is engaged to Danielle de Brescou the niece of his employer Princess Casilia.

The Princess recruits Kit to fend off Henri de Brescou, a dangerous cousin trying to involve her in the armaments business.

But Kit also has problems of his own...

Dick Francis's 1986 racing thriller dramatised in five-parts by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Greening Jack May

Dusty Christian Rodska

Thomas Steve Hodson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Roland Simon Carter

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

MON 06:30 Ladies of Leisure (b00k4gtg)

With its own bell-women and female management team the hotel aims to take advantage of a new rule allowing women in Saudi Arabia to stay in hotels without a male chaperon. For the women it's a chance to relax in a women-only setting and as

they do so, Felicity explores their lives and experiences.

Some see Saudi Arabia's first women-only hotel is a sign of progress - a place where women can conduct business without interference in a male dominated society.

Until recently women couldn't check into any hotel unless accompanied by a male family member or with permission from a male guardian. But others say the new hotel simply reinforces gender segregation in a nation which doesn't even let women drive.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 07:00 The Right Time (b00fvpdt)

Series 1

Episode 4

The sketch show about modern life, with people who've lived a bit of it. Stars Eleanor Bron and Clive Swift. From September 2001.

MON 07:30 Dilemma (b05tkvkn)

Series 4

Episode 6

Sue Perkins poses more big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel to see if she can wreck their moral rectitude.

With comedian Dave Gorman, actor and writer Jessica Hynes, poet and playwright Ian McMillan, and musician, writer and stand-up (and Dilemma deviser) Danielle Ward.

As well as defending something utterly indefensible. The panel also face moral problems related to fasting children and West End musicals.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007nf83)

Series 1

The Menace from the Deep

The Home Guard platoon spark chaos when they take over guard duties at the end of the pier in Walmington-on-Sea...

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

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Fraser, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Bill Pertwee as ARP Warden Hodges and David Sinclair as the Second Warden. With John Snagge as the announcer.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in May 1974.

MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b007k7f9)

Series 2

Episode 3

Lionel and Jean agree to move in together, but in to which house?

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Moira Brooker as Judith and Philip Bretherton as Alistair.

A six-part adaptation by Bob Larbey of series two of his popular BBC TV sitcom. Two former lovers Jean and Lionel have been reunited unexpectedly after losing contact for 38 years.

After falling in love in the early 1950s, army officer Lionel was sent to Korea, but they lost touch after a letter he sent to her never arrived. Both assumed the other had lost interest, but their paths have crossed again on his return to England.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1998.

MON 09:00 Booked (b007544j)

Series 1

Episode 5

The Dong with the luminous nose honks hooters with Cyrano de Bergerac, and Obelix encounters the mighty Goliath. Sniff versus biff?

Mark Thomas, Roger McGough, Dillie Keane and Miles Kington deliver their wicked thoughts in the irreverent literary game.

Chaired by Ian McMillan.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

MON 09:30 Says on the Tin (b00h62pp)

Face Cream

Elliott and Esther are on the brink of admitting their attraction when a young actress with a father fixation fixes on Elliott.

Comedy by Christopher William Hill about an American ad man, forced to relocate to London.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Pippa Walker Manjeet Mann

Zadie Joanna Tincey

Baz Inam Mirza

Max Robert Lonsdale

Rutter Stephen Critchlow

Angelique Donnla Hughes

Other parts played by Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Jonathan Tafler and Gunnar Cauthery.

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

MON 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b053c3q7)

23-27 February 1915

Lunatic asylums were being commandeered by the government for use as military hospitals and Robert's careful equilibrium is

shaken.

Written by Melissa Murray

Story-led by Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed and produced by Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

MON 11:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y0qx0)

Fewer Things

A father and son save some chicks from choking. But who will save the boy?

A selection of stories from Adam Marek's dark, often quirky collections read by Carl Prekopp..

Adam Marek is the award-winning writer of two short story collections - Instruction Manual For Swallowing and The Stone Thrower. He won the 2011 Arts Foundation Short Story Fellowship, and was shortlisted for the inaugural Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award. His stories have appeared in many magazines, including Prospect and The Sunday Times Magazine, and in many anthologies including Lemistry and Biopunk and The Best British Short Stories 2011.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions.

MON 11:15 David Pownall (b0075lhr)

Assassins

The Virgin Knife

On July 13 1793, Charlotte Corday, a young girl from Caen in Normandy, journeyed to Paris. Her sole aim was to kill Jean Paul Marat, while he sat in his bath. But what drove her to such extremes?

The first of three plays by David Pownall exploring the hearts and minds of three of history's most celebrated killers.

Samantha Bond stars Charlotte Corday and Gerard Murphy as Jean Paul Marat.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

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MON 14:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007k0wp)

Restlessness

Newly-wed Grace returns to Little Hintock with Doctor Fitzpiers - but not to wedded bliss.

First published in 1887, Thomas Hardy's classic tale of thwarted love and ambition set amongst the woodsmen and women of Little Hintock.

Read by Juliet Stevenson.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

MON 14:15 The Making of Music (b007nt6t)

Series 1

The Sun King

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

11/30. The Sun King

Jean-Baptiste Lully, despite his reputation as a notorious libertine, became the composer to Louis XIV. His music, used in extravagant court dances and spectacles, helped to establish the Sun King's image as a divine monarch.

Read by Laurence Fox and Benedict Cumberbatch.

MON 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmkt)

Episode 1

France 1815: Jean Valjean - sentenced to 19 years hard labour for stealing a loaf of bread - is finally released from prison.

Given shelter by the kind-hearted Bishop of Digne, he's tempted to carry out one more criminal act.

Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice, dramatised in 25 episodes by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin Coghlan.

Starring Roger Allam as Jean Valjean, Jos Ackland as Victor Hugo, David Schofield as Inspector Javert, David De Keyser as Bishop Myriel, Marlene Sidaway as Mme Magloire,

Christopher Godwin as Landlord / Official 1, Peter Darney as Guard 1 / Pascal, Jonathan Forbes as Policeman 1 / Official 2 / Waggoner 2 and Carl Prekopp as Guard 2 / Policeman 2 / Waggoner 3.

Producer: Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

MON 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zm2ny)

Episode 1

The author and journalist embarks on 'One Man's Struggle with the Orchestra's Most Difficult Instrument.' Read by Nicholas Boulton.

MON 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b053c3q7)

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MON 17:30 Dilemma (b05tkvkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007v25z)

Episode 2

Novice sorcerer Arcos is appalled by Kaddah's behaviour. Alvisa is attacked mentally.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson
Kaddah Trevor Peacock
Vanna Elizabeth Whiting
Shazir Crawford Logan
Bereneth Edward Kelsey
Va Melanie Hudson
Alvisa Emma Fielding
Zander Robert Portal
The General Clarence Smith
Producer: Peter Hutchings
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075n8f)

Baroness Blackstone and Julian Le Grand Sarah LeFanu and her guests, Minister for Education and Employment Baroness Blackstone (1997-2001) and lecturer and broadcaster Julian Le Grand, discuss three favourite paperbacks by JM Coetzee, Patrick O'Brian and Jane Gardam. From 1999.

Waiting for the Barbarians by JM Coetzee

Publisher: Vintage

Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian

Publisher: HarperCollins

Going into a Dark House - by Jane Gardam

Publisher: Abacus.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sln)

Series 3

Episode 6

The Luton laureate muses on school puddings and asks his audience 'how long is your dog?' From March 2000.

MON 22:45 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b007rgld)

Series 1

Cutting Corners

Value for money is very important these days. Adam Bloom makes sure you get a full show's worth and are not short changed in any way.

Helping him conserve the Corporation's pennies is Rob Rouse.

Written by Adam Bloom.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b05vnmvg)

Series 14

Episode 1

Made for 4 Extra. A satirical review of the week's news chaired by Sandi Toksvig, with regular panellist Jeremy Hardy and guests Susan Calman, Samira Ahmed and Elis James.

MON 23:45 Creme de la Crime (b007jr0x)

Series 1

20,000 Leaks Under the Sea

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore unravel a case of wartime spying skulduggery. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From September 2001.

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TUE 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)

Bolt

2. Horses Begin to Die

Henri de Brescou, bent upon obtaining authority from the French Government to make plastic guns, threatens Roland, Princess Casilia's frail and elderly husband.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Thomas Steve Hodson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Wykeham William Eedle

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

TUE 06:30 That's No Job for an Asian (b00fn3fp)

Yasmeen Khan explores the current state of British Asian comedy and asks whether the job of being a comedian has become an acceptable alternative to the more traditional professions of doctor, lawyer and accountant. She hears the views of both new and veteran comedians, including Sanjeev Bhaskar, Paul Sinha, Sajeela Kershni and Ahir Shah.

TUE 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv111)

Series 1

Families and How to Conceive Them

Friendless, jobless Angus breaks free from his sheltered-life shackles to go on a date.

Nick Ball's sitcom about the unemployed son of a high-flying mother.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 07:30 Lemn Sissay's Homecoming (b05tl3jt)

London

We all leave. We all migrate from childhood to adulthood, from village to town to city, from single to married. We all hate and love where we are from. We are all immigrants of time. There are problems with home and a need to leave. There is a love of home and a need to leave. Goodbye is who we are.

Lemn Sissay explores what "home" means through stand-up, poetry and conversation. It's surely not just a physical location - it's the people, the memories, the feeling. It's not home if you don't belong there, it's just where you live.

The second of two shows was recorded in front of an audience in Lemn's adopted home of London. But he is still perhaps more closely associated with Manchester. He arrived there at the age of 18 with a birth certificate, a fist full of poems and a mouth. It was about to become Manchester. He grew into the talented adopted son of a wonderful, dysfunctional family and thrived. His poems have become landmarks throughout the city. He's tattooed its body. And then he left. He just left.

Talking to Lemn about his journey are Mancunian broadcaster Terry Christian, and artistic director of the Southbank Centre, Jude Kelly.

Lemn Sissay is the author of five collections of poetry. He has also written plays for stage and BBC radio. He was the first poet to write for the Olympics 2012 and received an MBE from the Queen for Services to Literature. He is associate artist at the Southbank Centre, and an (hon) doctor of letters. His radio documentary Child of the State was nominated for the 2010 Sony Awards. If you should google "Lemn Sissay" all the returning hits will be about him. There is only one person named Lemn Sissay in the world.

Written and performed by Lemn Sissay,

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b00hzhpb)

Series 1

Episode 11

Kenneth Horne, Master Spy battles for Britain - and Bona

Homes with Julian and Sandy.

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 May 1965.

TUE 08:30 The Ken Dodd Show (b05vrf9c)

From 17/08/1975

The King of Knotty Ash investigates the world of trading and money, as only he can

Starring Ken Dodd.

With Jo Manning Wilson, Miriam Margolyes, Talfryn Thomas,

Chris Emmett, Michael McClain and John Graham.

Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Dave Dutton, David

McKellar, Maurice Bird, Terry Ravenscroft and Philip and

Mike Brennan.

Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in August 1975.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b05vnmvg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Creme de la Crime (b007jr0x)

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TUE 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b0544072)

2-6 March 1915

A hundred years ago this week, Germany declared a submarine blockage of Great Britain, and - for reasons of their own - our characters begin to feel hemmed in.

Written by Richard Monks

Story-led by Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

TUE 11:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y3ypl)

The 40-Litre Monkey

A simple pet shop purchase leads to a strange encounter with a shop owner committed to growing super-sized animals.

A selection of stories from Adam Marek's dark, often quirky

collections read by Carl Prekopp.

Adam Marek is the award-winning writer of two short story collections - Instruction Manual For Swallowing and The Stone

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magazines, including Prospect and The Sunday Times Magazine, and in many anthologies including Lemistry and

Biopunk and The Best British Short Stories 2011.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions.

TUE 11:15 David Pownall (b05vrjr8)

Assassins

A Mere Five Thousand Pounds

On a sunny day in May 1812, as Napoleon's armies massed on the Russian borders, Liverpoolian timber merchant, John

Bellingham was feeling aggrieved. He entered the House of Commons and shot dead the prime

minister, Spencer Perceval. Second of three plays by David Pownall exploring the hearts

and minds of three of history's most celebrated killers. David

Horovitch stars as John Bellingham. Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

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TUE 14:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx7z)

Suspicious

Grace turns to her former lover Giles, while her husband is devoted elsewhere. Read by Juliet Stevenson.

TUE 14:15 The Making of Music (b007qczw)

Series 1

The Violin

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

12/30. The Violin. The design and production of the violin were perfected in

Cremona around 1700. The music of Antonio Vivaldi established the instrument's popularity.

Read by Laurence Fox.

TUE 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmld)

Episode 2

Jean Valjean has broken the terms of his parole, and is on the run. Dramatisation of Victor Hugo's epic novel with Joss

Ackland. **TUE 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zm6g4)**

Episode 2

The scale of the author's ambition dawns on him, so he starts making allies among the cognoscenti. Read by Nicholas

Boulton. **TUE 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b0544072)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Whispers (b00c6rnk)

Series 2

Episode 5

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Lynne Truss and Michelle Brown join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

TUE 16:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01p311r)

Series 1

A Touch of the Whatsits

Woodhouse may have to face life alone.

The ups and downs of a second class writer

Comedy drama series written by Ronald Graham.

Woodhouse Tim Pigott-Smith

Gila Zoe Wanamaker

Seamus Stephen Rea
 Wilhelmina Susie Bran
 Henrietta Masterson Miriam Karlin
 Hamish McVomitory Bill Wallis
 Gila's Dad Benjamin Witrow
 Gila's Mum Joan Matheson
 With Eva Stuart, Susan Sheridan and Shaun Prendergast as the other members of the Creative Writing Class.
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop
 Director: Piers Plowright

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in September 1989.

TUE 17:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv11l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Lemn Sissay's Homecoming (b05tl3jt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8x)

Episode 3

Shaznir calls on the power of the Deadlands, while Arcos meets a strange Brotherhood.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Rashiq Theresa Streetfield

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

TUE 18:30 Frankly Speaking (b05vrnll)

Flora Robson

The actress Dame Flora Robson answers questions posed by John Freeman and Philip Hope-Wallace.

After she performed a poem at the age of five, Flora was told by her father she'd be "the next Ellen Terry". But the strain of performing caused a breakdown at the age of 12. RADA beckoned - and the actress won fame for her powerful, emotional acting as an adult. Her long career included appearances in 60 films and more than 100 plays. Launched in 1952, Frankly Speaking was a completely novel and ground breaking BBC series. Initially there were three interviewers and the series was both unrehearsed and unscripted.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1960.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00rdzv8)

Series 3

Jenny Eclair

Marcus Brigstocke invites his comic guest Jenny Eclair to try five things she's never done before including having a bikini wax.

Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones. The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and creator Bill Dare had never seen Star Wars.

Producer: Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05wj7w0)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Jessica Fosteckew chats to Rachel Stubbings.

TUE 23:00 Rubbish (b00770g2)

Series 1

Diversity

Meet Martin Christmas, local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive.

Martin is in search for inner peace but is held back by his yearly visit to the diversity workshop, by having to come up with slogans for a rubbish bus and by pagans in the Youth and Leisure department trying to recruit him. Then to top it all he keeps seeing the image of a bloke with metal plate in his jaw. Reece Dinsdale stars in the first of two series by Tony Bagley.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Karen Oriane Messina

Roger Paul Copley

Don Mark Maier

Sarah Nicola Walker

Bryan Neil Edmond

Barney James Lance

Chris Jim North

Adam Paul Reynolds

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

TUE 23:30 Pick Ups (b008w3xx)

Series 1

Episode 5

A sticky DIY mishap for cabbie Dave, and Mike's first job is with the menacing Jess. Taxi firm sitcom stars John Thomson, Sally Lindsay, Ash Tandon, Phil Rowson. From February 2008.

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WED 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

Bolt

3. Hostile Intelligence

Danielle de Brescou is followed and terrified by two men in hoods, while two of Princess Casilia's finest racing horses are slaughtered with a bolt gun.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Wykeham William Eedle

Lord Vaughanley Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

WED 06:30 Doonesburyland (b008md8z)

An insight into the world of Gary Trudeau and his cartoon creations, BD, Zonker and Duke.

The Guardian's Steve Bell and Martin Rowson give their interpretations of the Doonesbury world, while the US satirist Joe Queenan takes a stroll around Trudeau's Studio.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 07:00 The Older Woman (b039wqbg)

Series 2

Episode 5

Roy Hitchcock has surprisingly managed to interest TV in his video diary. Should he now become celibate in order to be an artist of integrity?

Meanwhile, Jane resolves to remain celibate - at least as far as Colin's romantic intentions are concerned...

Series two of Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial mixing fantasy with reality.

Starring Martin Clunes as Roy Hitchcock, Geraldine James as Jane Gallagher, Nicky Henson as Chad Mann, David Troughton as Colin, Tilly Vosburgh as Marina and Sue Roderick as Wynn. Other parts played by Alistair McGowan, Melanie Hudson and Peter Serafinowicz.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994.

WED 07:30 Clare in the Community (b03q98yj)

Series 9

Away Day West Hey

Clare and the rest of the Sparrowhawk team are forced to take part in a team-building away day, much to Clare's disapproval. Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her. Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Liza Tarbuck

Simon Andrew Wincott

Libby Sarah Kendall

Joan Sarah Thom

Student Alex Tregear

Young Clare Alex Tregear

Jenny Carolyn Pickles

Producer: Alexandra Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b05vrv5r)

Series 2

The Potarneyland Fishing Limit

Instead of going on leave, the Admiral sends the crew of HMS Troutbridge off on fishery protection...

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 the Skipper and Tenniel Evans as 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 April 1960.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00v3nlg)

Series 5

Episode 2

Celebrating Spring - and 'Champion the Wonder Mouse'. 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 and Geoff Hales.

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 Light Programme in April 1967.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b05vrvwgw)

1998

Heat 1 from 1998

A music quiz chaired by Ned Sherrin with Sue Edwards of London, Henry Crocker from the Wirral and Harvey Goodman of Nottingham.

WED 09:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv8g)

Mum, Will You Shut Up Please Now You're Dead?

Nick's sister Jane is so upset over his return to the family fold after 10 years, that she suffers a severe nose bleed.

His mother is so upset that she falls down dead on the spot.

To cap it all, Tony's best friend Dave is now leader of the Morris Dancing Surivalist Militia.

It's high time our hero paid a visit to his teenage sweetheart, the Bronte obsessed Emily, who has waited patiently for his return.

Nick Revell's epic comedy saga continues.

Tony Nick Revell

Jane Alison Steadman

Emily Claire Skinner

Obadiah David Swift

Alice Maggie Steed

Dave Peter Serafinowicz

Mrs Womersley Joanna Brooks

Joanna Natalie Walter

Jeff Peter Gunn

The Narrator Alistair McGowan

Music composed by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

WED 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b054tznz)

9-13 March 1915

The Battle of Neuve Chapelle drew to a close while the men at Marshalls are spoiling for a fight.

Written by Richard Monks

Story-led by Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Directed and produced by Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

WED 11:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y6v7m)

Remember the Bride Who Got Stung?

A father resorts to drastic measures on a family picnic.

Carl Prekopp reads a selection of stories from Adam Marek's dark and quirky collections.

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Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions.

WED 11:15 David Pownall (b0075hyg)

Assassins

Sic Semper Tyrannis

April 14th 1865: Thirty minutes into the performance of 'Our American Cousin', at the Ford Theatre, Washington, John Wilkes Booth entered President Abraham Lincoln's State Box, and shot him dead.

What set of remarkable circumstances led up to an event that in its time was as momentous as the assassination of JF Kennedy? The last of three plays by David Pownall exploring the hearts and minds of three of history's most celebrated killers.

Nathan Osgood stars as John Wilkes Booth and Carlos Antonio as Davey Herold.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b05vrv5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00v3nlg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Doonesburyland (b008md8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx82)

Separation

The injured Doctor Fitzpiers writes to Grace, and hopes are raised and dashed. Read by Juliet Stevenson.

WED 14:15 The Making of Music (b007qczy)

Series 1

The Puritans

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

13/30. The Puritans. Despite destroying church organs across the land, Oliver Cromwell privately not only appreciated music but also employed composers who used to work for the king to write for him and his new regime.

WED 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmly)

Episode 3

Jean Valjean wins respect as the Mayor of Montreuil, but life is less rosy for Fantine. Victor Hugo's epic stars Joss Ackland.

WED 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zmdk5)

Episode 3

The author heads to America to hone his skills, and picks up some bizarre but sound advice. Read by Nicholas Boulton.

WED 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b054tnzn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b05vrgwg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Older Woman (b039wqbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Clare in the Community (b03q98yj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8l)

Episode 4

One word is the key to the Grimoire. But is Arcos able to harness its magical power?

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Elizabeth Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Zander Robert Portal

The General Clarence Smith

Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076n65)

The Good Life

What makes for a good living, a life of leisure, or one of selfless charitable deeds?

Indeed, is the good life as same as a good life? That's the topic hotly debated by Matthew Parris' three guests, pianist Simon Townley, broadcaster Anita Robinson, and academic Rogan Taylor.

Not surprisingly, they can't even agree as to what goodness itself is.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Doonesburyland (b008md8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y6v7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 David Pownall (b0075hyg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Clare in the Community (b03q98yj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b015mvsj)

Series 1

Episode 4

John Finnemore, writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-up in things like Miranda and That Mitchell and Webb Look returns with half an hour of his own sketches, each funnier than the last. Although, hang on, that system means starting the whole series with the least funny sketch. Might need to rethink that. OK, it's a new show filled with sketches written and performed by John Finnemore, but now no longer arranged in strict order of funniness. Also, he's cut the sketch that would have gone first.

This week's show features some musical interludes from the zoo, and a sketch that only a fool wouldn't find funny.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is written by and stars John Finnemore. It also features Carrie Quinlan (The News Quiz, The Late Edition), Lawry Lewin (The Life & Times of Vivienne Vyle, Horrible Histories) and Simon Kane (Six Impossible Things).

Producer: Ed Morrish.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05wj7z9)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Jessica Fostekeew chats to Rachel Stubbings.

WED 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00ls6bt)

Series 1

Episode 4

More fun and frolics round at Arthur Smith's home in Balham, south London.

With comedians Stewart Lee and Reginald D Hunter.

Plus music from Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Will she be in Arthur's kitchen?

Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

WED 23:30 The Harpoon (b007k4lf)

Series 1

Episode 2

A special 'Looking Ahead to Autumn' issue of your nostalgic favourite weekly paper.

With Julian Dutton, Peter Baynham, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson and Bryonie Pritchard.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

THU 00:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq8l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076n65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 The Making of Music (b007qczy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zmdk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b054tnzn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

Bolt

4. The Killing Game

Prince Litsi faces terror, hanging by his finger tips from the top of the old stand at Bradbury race-course.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Wykeham William Eedle

Hodges Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

THU 06:30 Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me (b00kdtpty)

Peter White gets to grips with Jorge Luis Borges, the much-loved Argentinean poet, essayist, and short-story writer, whose tales of fantasy and dreamworlds are classics of 20th-century world literature.

As he did to great effect with his Milton documentary, 'Visions of Paradise', Peter uses his own blindness as a way of probing a great writer's experience of his loss of sight. It's a novel and compelling way of opening up Borges' work.

Labyrinths, intricate puzzles and game-playing characterise Borges' short stories such as 'Fictions', 'The Aleph', and indeed 'Labyrinths'. We'll relate this to his years of close reading of world literature, his playfulness, and the fact that through his long years of myopia, he stocked his mind with books, preparing for the blindness that he knew would come.

Borges detested the regime of the dictator General Peron. So it wasn't until the end of Peronism in 1955 that the author was appointed Director of the National Library in Buenos Aires. By then he was almost completely blind: "I speak of God's splendid irony in granting me at once 800,000 books and darkness," he noted. We visit the National Library and find out how Borges' work is currently being converted into Braille for the country's blind readers.

To compensate for his loss of vision, Borges turned again to poetry, a form of writing that he could more easily revise in his head than on paper. He also continued his pursuit of knowledge, acquiring a taste for the old Anglo Saxon language and Old Norse.

Producer: Mark Smalley.

THU 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)

Series 1

Androids in Love

Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

A top Shakespearean actor guests on the show as an android. With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune and Leslie Phillips.

THU 07:30 Best Behaviour (b05tm8wt)

Episode 2

Holly Walsh presents the comedy panel show that defines the dos and don'ts of modern manners.

The guest panellists are comedians Mark Steel, Isy Suttie and Tom Allen - who are all seeking to supply the top tips for best behaviour in the 21st century.

In this edition, the social minefield of parties is up for debate - including the suggestion of a new rule banning all small talk, and the desperate need for the end to evening-only wedding invitations.

The panel also have the opportunity to offer advice on the social conundrum from a member of the studio audience: 'My friend has hijacked my baby-sitting job. How can I win it back?'

Produced by Aled Evans

A Zeppotron production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rq30b)

Series 1

The Stepmother

Harold's not too happy to meet his dad Albert's new girlfriend. Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H. Corbett

Emma Joan Lovell

Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

THU 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jltg)

Series 2

The Greasy Pole

Blending jobs with chemicals makes an explosive mixture for MP Jim Hacker.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around hapless MP Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Woolley Derek Fowlds

Joan Litterer, MP Brenda Blethyn

Sir Wally Macfarlane Freddie Earle

Professor Henderson Jerome Willis

Lord Crichton Geoffrey Toone

Lady Crichton Helena Breck

The Protestor Helen Atkinson Wood

Newsreader Moira Stuart

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1984.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00txgz9)

Series 6

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Chris Addison, Susan Calman, Rufus Hound and Armando Iannucci are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Henry Ford, Biscuits, Rain and Squirrels.

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

Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 09:30 No Commitments (b00wbr92)
Series 5
Charity Begins at Home
Charlotte decides to give up the theatre to take on voluntary work. Stars Rosemary Leach and Celia Imrie. From July 1998.
THU 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b055jyzq)
16-20 March 1915
A week of discoveries, and some exotic flotsam that washes up on Long Sands.

Written by Sarah Daniels
Story-led by Shaun McKenna
Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews
Music: Matthew Strachan
Sound: Martha Littlehailes
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

THU 11:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y7lmj)
The Thorn
Removing a thorn from Wellie Page's toe turns out strangely for Wellie.
Carl Prekopp reads a selection of stories from Adam Marek's dark and quirky collections.
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Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions.
THU 11:15 Bruce Bedford - Carnival King (b00lvvny)
A London city slicker tries to win the cup for his float in a Somerset village parade. Stars James Groux and Sarah Neville.

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rq30b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Yes Minister (b007jltg)
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THU 13:00 Dick Francis (b007jzpb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me (b00kdtpt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx86)
Sickness

With Giles lying desperately ill, Grace believes that only one person can save him. Read by Juliet Stevenson.

THU 14:15 The Making of Music (b007qd00)

Series 1
The Restoration
James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

14/30. The Restoration
The return of Charles II from exile heralded a revival in English music. Among several composers to emerge was Henry Purcell, who wrote a song for the king's birthday when he was only 11. Read by Simon Russell Beale.

THU 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmmg)
Episode 4
Poorly Fantine fears desertion, while Jean Valjean resolves to let God decide his fate. Victor Hugo's epic stars Joss Ackland.

THU 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zn04d)
Episode 4
The author recalls his school days where his playing skill developed, before a disastrous performance. Read by Nicholas Boulton.

THU 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b055jyzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00txgz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 No Commitments (b00wbr92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Best Behaviour (b05tm8wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq9v)

Episode 5
Young novice sorcerer Arcos learns an unpalatable truth about his father from Kaddah.

A fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.
Arcos Francis Thomson
Kaddah Trevor Peacock
Vanna Elizabeth Whiting
Shazir Crawford Logan
Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson
Alviza Emma Fielding
Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild
Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1991.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076hpt)
Series 4
Octavia Hill

4 Extra Debut. Trade unionist and politician Brenda Dean chooses National Trust founder Octavia Hill. With Humphrey Carpenter. From November 2003.

THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rq30b)

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THU 22:00 Best Behaviour (b05tm8wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (b0117wtr)

Series 4
Julia Donaldson

Another brave celebrity revisits their formative years by opening up their intimate teenage diaries, and reading them out in public for the very first time.
This week, comedian Rufus Hound is joined by the author of The Gruffalo, Julia Donaldson. Donaldson's diaries are a vivid account of her obsession with Mick Jagger and the lengths she went to in order to meet the elusive Rolling Stone.

Producer: Harriet Jaie
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:00 My Boozie Hell, by Little Johnny Cartilage (b00d67yf)

Frank Wignall
You and Yours presenter John Waite investigates the shocking claim that the Cartilages were not a real family.

The not-terribly-true autobiography of 1970s idol Little Johnny Cartilage.
Written by and starring Johnny Meres.

With:
John Waite
Ben Miller
Peter Serafinowicz
Geoff McGivern
Rosemary Martin
Deborah Berlin.

Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.

THU 23:15 Date With Fate (b0092wr7)

Love Bites
We've all been visited by the doubt that perhaps we've chosen a less than perfect soul-mate
Martin's proposal to his girlfriend does not go according to plan.

Harold Wing Pinerio is your host.
The last of four comic close encounters with fate written by Gary Parker and Phil Whelans.

Harold Wing Pinerio Charles Gray
Martin Paul Raffield
Wendy Gillian Bevan

Journalist/Sheila Tracy Wiles
Liam James Nesbitt
Others Stephen Critchlow

Guitar played by Tim Hope.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

THU 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b0196r9b)

Series 1
Seafarers
Prince Madoc? Swansea Jack?

Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.
With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.
Producer: Sharif Shahwan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in January 2012.

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015
FRI 00:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jq9v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jq9v)

Bolt

5. Nemesis for Two
Champion jockey Kit Fielding gets wind that Henri de Brescou plans to kill more horses. Kit is determined to put a stop to this needless slaughter.

Conclusion of Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan
Princess Casilia Sian Phillips
Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter
Wykeham William Eedle
Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Henri John Bull
Greening Jack May
Thomas Steve Hodson

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson
Allardeck Bill Wallis

Dramatised by John Ashe.
Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

FRI 06:30 Hip-Hop China-Style (b009jg3c)

Hip-hop artists in Beijing are unearthing forgotten parts of the Chinese language and traditional instruments. Stephen Armstrong explores this very distinctive fusion of East and West and examines the different generational responses to this music.

FRI 07:00 Lucky Heather (b0075s45)

The Searchers
Emma thinks that her mother is having an affair and asks Heather to investigate...

Just this side of nosey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.

Sue Teddern's six-part comedy series star Lindsey Coulson as Heather. (Carol Jackson in BBC TV's EastEnders until 2015)

With Abigail Hart as Natalie, Ben Crowe as Ryan and Kelly Wright as Emma and Zeina Harding-Roots as Gill.

Director: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

FRI 07:30 Boswell's Lives (b05vh1p4)

Series 1
Boswell's Life of Johnson
by Jon Canter
Comedy as James Boswell, Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer, pursues other legends to immortalise. Today he attempts to write a biography of another famous Johnson - Boris - when he is Mayor of London, but finds him a fiendish opponent especially on the whiff-whaff table.

Directed by Sally Avens.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007lrqy)

Series 4
The New Secretary

The lad's plan to hire help is thwarted by the very scary Grizelda Pugh.

Starring Tony Hancock.
With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hatie Jacques.

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 November 1956.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007k31h)

Series 4
The Collapse of the British Railway Sandwich System
Captain Seagoon investigates a mustard-and-cress-flavoured mystery at Clapham Junction station.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1954.

FRI 09:00 The National Theatre of Brent's Iconic Icons (b00tbhbf)

Tracey Emin and How She Done the Bed
The multi award winning National Theatre of Brent's Artistic

Director: Desmond Olivier Dingle and the entire acting company (Raymond Box) returns triumphantly to Radio 4 in the second of an occasional series celebrating the rare but rarefied beings deemed in Desmond's expert view to be Iconic Icons. The second Iconic Icon is Tracey Emin.

Desmond and Raymond enact the controversial story of Tracey Emin and her ground breaking, but unmade, Bed. They also chuck in the entire history of modern art, popular culture in the 1990's and the first ever recreation of the female soul on radio. Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by John Ramm, and performed by Patrick and John in front of an audience at the Bush Hall in London, this latest addition to the Brent canon will be as essential and massive a contribution to the current artistic life of this country as the rest of their work. And, of course it will be very funny.

Director: Patrick Barlow

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 On Baby Street (b00dyhd1)

Series 1

Episode 3

Expectant mum Geraldine is angry, Shona is upset and Yvette feels queasy. Stars Keith Allen and Kathy Burke. From January 1996.

FRI 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b05n1m96)

23-27 March 1915

Amid appeals for more women to join the workforce, Marshalls loses two of its best employees.

Written by Sarah Daniels

Story-led by Shaun McKenna

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehailes

Directed and produced by Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

FRI 11:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y83fb)

Dead Fish

A boy steals a fish from the marketplace, prompting a chase. But can he be caught?

Carl Prekopp reads a selection of stories from Adam Marek's dark and quirky collections.

Adam Marek is the award-winning writer of two short story collections - Instruction Manual For Swallowing and The Stone Thrower. He won the 2011 Arts Foundation Short Story Fellowship, and was shortlisted for the inaugural Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award. His stories have appeared in many magazines, including Prospect and The Sunday Times Magazine, and in many anthologies including Lemistry and Biopunk and The Best British Short Stories 2011.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b011tzkz)

Sarah Daniels - But If You Try Sometimes

By Sarah Daniels

Chloe has cerebral palsy and is certain she will lose her adored carer Rose, when Rose falls for an apparently perfect man.

Rose Lesley Manville

Chloe Amy Golden

Chloe's voice Alex Tregear

Alex Jelena Budimir

Director Sally Avens

Sarah Daniels is an acclaimed writer for stage, screen and radio. Her play 'Masterpieces' was voted one of the best plays of the last Century. Lesley Manville is an award winning actress best known for her work with Mike Leigh and was recently nominated for several awards for her work on his film 'Another Year'.

Amy Golden is a young actor with cerebral palsy who has appeared in several productions for Chicken Shed Theatre Company where she often works with Jelena Budimir.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007lrqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007k31h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Hip-Hop China-Style (b009jg3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx8b)

Desperation

Reconciliation is on the cards, with the recognition of unspoken devotion. Concluded by Juliet Stevenson.

FRI 14:15 The Making of Music (b007qd02)

Series 1

Bach in Leipzig

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

15/30. Bach in Leipzig

From a bustling town in Germany, a civic employee produced some of the most sublime church music ever written. Despite being frequently at loggerheads with his employers, Johann Sebastian Bach continued to compose at a prolific rate.

FRI 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmyy)

Episode 5

The Mayor of Montreuil reveals his true identity, while Fantine lies dangerously ill. Victor Hugo's epic stars Joss Ackland.

FRI 14:45 Jasper Rees - I Found My Horn (b00zn5ch)

Episode 5

The day of the big performance arrives, but is a year of

endeavour enough to impress Jasper's peers? Read by Nicholas Boulton.

FRI 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b05n1m96)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The National Theatre of Brent's Iconic Icons (b00tbbhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 On Baby Street (b00dyhd1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Lucky Heather (b0075s45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Boswell's Lives (b05vh1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

Episode 6

Is Shazir the real enemy? Can Arcos and his hero friends escape the Palace of Memory?

Conclusion of the fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Liz Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alviza Emma Fielding

Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Xander Robert Portal

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in October 1991.

FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Songs (b01bwgvv)

Series 4

The Proclaimers

With hits including 'Letter From America', Craig and Charlie Reid from the Proclaimers select songs for Phil Cunningham. From February 2012.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007lrqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007k31h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Hip-Hop China-Style (b009jg3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 The Stories of Adam Marek (b03y83fb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b011tzkz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Boswell's Lives (b05vh1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Victor Lewis-Smith (b05vsw0)

Episode 3

The power of blowing raspberries and unusual fortune telling. The darkly comic world of Victor Lewis-Smith.

Award-winning controversial comedy surfaced on BBC Radio 1 in 1990 in the shape of Victor Lewis-Smith. The writer and producer took a comedy cudgel to the self-satisfied, mid-Atlantic style of the very network he was appearing on - with hoax phone calls, sketches, plus comic takedowns of high profile celebs. It's all deliciously sandwiched between the original jangly Radio 1 jingles made by JAM Creative Productions in Dallas, USA.

Winner of the British Comedy Awards 1990 for Best Radio Comedy.

After making a series of late night programmes for Radio 1, Victor took aim at TV in 1993 with BBC TWO's Inside Victor Lewis Smith, before sparking another stir on Channel 4 in 1998 with TV Offal.

Written by Victor Lewis Smith and Paul Sparks

Produced by Victor Lewis Smith

First heard on BBC Radio 1 in April 1990.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05y0wyq)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Pierre Novellie.

FRI 23:00 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b007xrx7)

Series 2

Episode 3

The comedy guru's radio drop-in centre provides live Select Committee action. With Jack Dee and Dave Gorman. From June 2006.

FRI 23:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b0076f8c)

Series 2

A Few Bevvies

Can poet-in-residence Sir Ralph Stanza bring the healing power of poetry to a Salford social club?

Written by and starring James Quinn.

With:

Judy Flynn

Neil Bell

Mark Chatterton

Tony Melody

Produced in Manchester by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

FRI 23:45 I, Regress (b01bb70f)

Series 1

Episode 5

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an

unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

Ep 5: Dr Berry's latest patient, Christian Parcel (Nick Lucas) finds himself in the worst place on the planet thanks to some 'experimental hypnotherapy'. But events take a twist that even Dr Berry himself finds hard to control, thanks to a football pitch, a nightclub and a very unusual tattoo...

The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

Produced by Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.