

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2015

SAT 00:00 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.
SAT 00:30 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.
SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)
 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.
SAT 01:30 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.
SAT 02:00 Thomas Hardy - The Woodlanders (b007jx8b)
 Desperation
 Reconciliation is on the cards, with the recognition of unspoken devotion. Concluded by Juliet Stevenson.
SAT 02:15 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.
SAT 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmmj)
 Episode 5
 The Mayor of Montreuil reveals his true identity, while Fantine lies dangerously ill. Victor Hugo's epic stars Joss Ackland.
SAT 02:45 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.
SAT 03:00 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 Littlehales
 Directed and produced by Lucy Collingwood
 Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.
SAT 04:00 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.
SAT 04:30 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.
SAT 05:00 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.
SAT 05:30 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.
SAT 06:00 Alan Ayckbourn - Just Between Ourselves (b007jss4)
 Bittersweet couples comedy about cheery Dennis and poorly Vera, and the arrival of duo Neil and Pam. Stars Peter Vaughan.
SAT 07:30 Michael Bentine - The Reluctant Jester (b01jhyd5)
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 Spanning life, laughter and the paranormal - founding member of The Goon Show and one of the foremost comic minds of his generation - Michael Bentine shares stories of his incredible career in show business.
 Michael Bentine CBE was born in 1922 and died in 1996.
 Producer: Andy Aliffie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1993.
SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b0075qjt)
 Some Like It Hot
 Cleo Laine revisits the golden age of the all-girl swing band in the UK and America.
 From Ivy Benson to the International Sweethearts of Rhythm, she explores the careers of professional women musicians in the 1940s in their own words.
 Cleo speaks to musicians Sheila Tracey, Gracie Cole, Elsie Ford, Helen Wood, Carline Ray, Maxine Kneper, Rosa Bellamy and Viola Smith - plus historians Sally Placksin and Sherrie Tucker.
 Producer: Virginia Crompton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
SAT 09:00 Radio Soaps (b007jpk5)
 Tim Bentinck - aka the dependable David Archer from BBC Radio 4's The Archers - brings you all the dramas in the history of BBC radio soaps. Brace yourself to re-live the all daily goings on from serials past and present:
 * MRS DALE'S DIARY
 [05/01/1948] "I'm rather worried about Jim". The catchphrase of doctor's wife Mary Dale is still fondly remembered from the serial that ran for 21 years based on her daily diary of life with husband Jim and children, Bob and Gwen. Starring Ellis Powell. In the very first episode from 5th January 1948 at **4pm** on the BBC Light Programme, the Dales are preparing to move to Parkwood Hill.
 [01/11/1960] Senator Kennedy has just been elected President of the USA. Great Aunt Hester arrives from Canada - and she's brought with her a rather strange sounding family...
 * WAGGONER'S WALK
 [28/04/1969] 'Moving Pictures' This was BBC Radio 2's replacement for The Dales (as Mrs Dale's Diary was later called) In this very first episode from 28th April 1969 at **4.45pm** - Sixties London is still swinging with three women sharing a flat in Hampstead. Sisters Lyn and Tracy find their new flatmate Barbara a bit square - and there's drama over a painting.
 [21/02/1977] Eight years later and it's the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Lyn has managed to marry and divorce her first husband and is on husband number two. Sister Tracy married an American and has a child. Tackling some tough storylines, Waggoner's Walk ran for 11 years until it was rapidly axed in 1980 after a BBC economy drive
 * CITIZENS
 [27/10/1987] The very first episode of BBC Radio 4's soap opera charting the lives of the residents of Limerick Road in the

fictional London suburb of Ditcham. Stars Russell Boulter. Hear why the critics at the time weren't too impressed.
 [04/07/1991] Four years later and the end is nigh for the residents of Ditcham with shock news of a kidnapping. 388 episodes of Citizens were broadcast twice a week until 25th July 1991.
 * WESTWAY
 [21/08/1999] This was the BBC World Service's very own soap which ran for 8 years - branding it " a slice of contemporary London life" set in a health centre.
 In this episode, the matriarch and heart of Westway Health Centre, Dr Margaret Sampson is coming to terms with the death of her husband Mike - and his unconventional plans for his own funeral.
 * THE ARCHERS
 [23/09/1955] Essential drama from the heart of the country. The world's longest running soap opera began in 1951 on the BBC Home Service and is still going strong on BBC Radio 4. In this classic melodramatic episode, Grace Archer - recently married to Phil - gets trapped in a stable fire. Will she survive? Will she manage to wreck the opening of Associated-Rediffusion as ITV was launched London?
 [14/05/1978] Its back to Brian's early days of marriage to Jennifer and a blonde siren called Eva was their German au pair.
 Produced by Jayne Gibson.
SAT 12:00 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.
SAT 12:30 The Goon Show (b007k3lh)
 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.
SAT 13:00 A Small Town Murder (Omnibus) (b05swckp)
 Series 7
 Meera Syal stars as family liaison officer Jackie Hartwell. The body of Abi Hudson, daughter of 60s singer Connie Hudson, has been found floating in the local botanical gardens.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)
 Stephen Fry
 The actor and raconteur chooses the Overture to Tannhauser by Richard Wagner, and 'The Spanish Flea' by Herb Alpert and Tijuana Brass.
SAT 14:15 Daunt and Dervish (b0075stv)
 Series 1
 South of the Border
 Daunt and Dervish have established their detective agency and there's a steady flow of business, in the days just after the end of the Second World War.
 But their lives really become exciting when they rescue a woman from drowning, discover she is not at all what she seems, and find themselves involved in the more shady side of life at the race track.
 Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Bill Nighy as Ted Sharping.
 Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.
 Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

The Queen of Craigielee
"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 death were right and fair - they've been redeemed by death. They were evil while alive..."
In this series of commissioned stories the aim 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!
2. The Queen of Craigielee by Louise Welsh
Photographing the deserted tower block means going to its thirtieth floor, which isn't really the place to be...
Reader Tracy Wiles
Producer Duncan Minshull.
SUN 19:00 An Hour With... (b00sn7d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Gold Fever Omnibus (b05wcv1x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcvsk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wcvj6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0183rh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Very Old Pretenders (b014ggch)
The Patriots
Written by multi award-winning writer Carl Gorham, creator of cult TV animation show "Stressed Eric", the series explores what happens when two Jacobite soldiers from 1745 are found alive and well in a cave in Perthshire and have to be integrated into modern Scottish society by English academic Andrew Merron.
Anthropologist Andrew Merron attempts to introduce two Jacobite soldiers to modern notions of Scottishness. This week, in pursuit of patriotism, he takes them to a tartan shop on the Royal Mile. There, a chance encounter with a key ring brings back memories of the golden days and unlocks a great well of nationalistic feeling. But when they attend a football World Cup qualifier with Scotland taking on the tiny Dickson Isles, it all turns horribly sour.
Cast:
Andrew Merron.....David Haig
Denise Merron.....Rebecca Front
RabJack Docherty
Macdonald.....Gordon Kennedy
Commentator 2 / Train Announcer Jack Docherty
Shuggy McNeil / Commentator 1..... Moray Hunter
Tess McNair Morwenna Banks
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b05y0x1x)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Pierre Novellie.
SUN 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)
3. The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece
The Fall of Troy and the Rise of Greece
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. With guest star Juliet Stevenson.
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 (b00f41tk)
Travel
The Pedants' Association takes a trip to the seaside. The satirist pokes fun with Edward Fox and Rory Bremner. From March 2004.
SUN 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k1wk)
Series 2
The Monster in the Loch
The elderly Scotsmen have a monstrous encounter in the great outdoors. Stars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Alison Steadman. From March 2004.
SUN 23:45 One (b00771sh)
Series 1
Episode 5
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.

MONDAY 25 MAY 2015

MON 00:00 Drama (b015zq4p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 Afternoon Reading (b013835j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables Omnibus

(b007jtrc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:15 The Old Road (b0075qz9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Sarah Hall - Wolf Border Omnibus (b05wcz1b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Afternoon Reading (b011bz6k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Liz Lochhead - Blood And Ice (b00y8yw6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0183rh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b00th9yk)
Terminus
1. Corpse
When a horrifically mutilated corpse is found on the railway track near the terminus, DS Julie Enfield's hardest job is to identify the victim.
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield
Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
Imelda Staunton DS Julie Enfield
Nicholas Farrell DCI Michael Stanley
Charles Simpson DS Kevin Richards
Dominic Letts Terminus
Geoffrey Matthews Julie Enfield's Father
David Jarvis Jim Stevens
Maggie McCarthy Sarah
Paul Panting Victim
John Evitts Train Driver
Rachel Atkins Passenger
Tom Bevan Police Constable
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.
MON 06:30 Soho Stories (b00lqz82)
A Thousand Flowers
Thirty years ago, virtually every home-grown programme on British Television was made by either the BBC or ITV. Today, the biggest and most successful, from Big Brother and Spooks to The Apprentice and X-Factor, are made by independent producers. Television executive, programme maker and broadcaster Paul Jackson goes behind some of these multi-million pound success stories to chart the rise and rise of independent producers - from the isolated minnows of the early 1980's to the global monoliths of today.
It is this transformation over the course of just over quarter of a century that Paul Jackson explores in this three part series, aided and abetted by some of those who made the transition from troublesome outsiders into possibly the most influential, and powerful, players in the industry today responsible for making and supplying as much as 50% of what is broadcast in the UK. People like Simon Cowell (the man behind X-Factor and Britain's Got Talent and star of an American show that reportedly drives 60% of the revenue of the Fox Network), Jimmy Mulville (Co-founder and Managing Director of Hat Trick Productions), Paul Smith (the now millionaire behind Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and Slumdog Millionaire), Peter Bazalgette (who brought Big Brother to the UK and helped sell it the world over), and Sir David Frost (one of the earliest independent producers, responsible for such shows from The Two Ronnies to The Nixon Interviews).
Also taking part Sir Paul Fox, Lord Griffiths, Paul Bonner, Lorraine Heggessey, Simon Shaps and Peter Salmon.
With plot twists worthy of Ashes To Ashes, as much tension as Britain's Got Talent and a payday to rival Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?, Paul Jackson draws on his own experiences in the television industry to trace the development of a sector that earns the country almost half a billion pounds a year in exports alone.
Producer: Paul Kobrak.
MON 07:00 The Right Time (b007zhn2)
Series 1
Episode 5
The sketch show about modern life with people who have lived a bit of it. Stars Eleanor Bron and Clive Swift. From September 2001.
MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b05y7t12)
Series 72
Episode 1
Nicholas Parsons returns to host a new series of the popular panel game, recorded at the Shaw Theatre in London. He is joined by panellists Paul Merton, Tim Rice, Liza Tarback and Graham Norton who will attempt to talk without deviation, hesitation or repetition on such diverse topics as English Sparkling Wine and Crows Feet.
Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.
Produced by Victoria Lloyd
A BBC Comedy Production.
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007q93v)
Series 1
No Spring for Frazer
When Private Frazer loses a Lewis gun's butterfly spring, he must track down a coffin.
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, Arnold Ridley as Private

Godfrey, Bill Pertwee as ARP Warden Hodges, Joan Cooper as Miss Barker and Timothy Bateson as Mr Blewitt. 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 June 1974.
MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b007k7gr)
Series 2
Episode 4
As Jean's sister-in-law and husband visit, Lionel acts like a psychiatrist.
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 2 in February 1998.
MON 09:00 Booked (b007549n)
Series 1
Episode 6
Dr Faustus brews up with Willy Wonka, and Ma Larkin bares all to the butler from Remains of the Day.
For the last time in this series, Miles Kington, Mark Thomas, Roger McGough and Dillie Keane deliver their wicked thoughts in the irreverent literary game.
Chaired by Ian McMillan.
Producer: Marc Jobst
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007zn0h)
Series 1
Episode 1
Ex-lovers turned cafe-bar owners Pam and Merv discuss love, life and a revamp. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From November 2001.
MON 10:00 Katie Hims - The Earthquake Girl (b05wh9n4)
Edie works in a library and is terrified of causing a world catastrophe.
Edie's sister-in-law, Lila, thinks she should go out and find a man, but she'd rather stay in and write a gothic romance, in fact, Edie would be a library if she could...
Katie Hims' award-winning play stars Saskia Reeves.
Edie Saskia Reeves
Lila/Aunt Ameila Jane Hollowood
Mrs Penny Jean Alexander
Erroll Maroon Burt Caesar
The Hero Philip Rham
Library Supervisor Barbara Marten
Directed at BBC Manchester by Kate Rowland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.
MON 11:00 The Interview (b00770d8)
The Nut House
A gunman walks into a vegetarian restaurant in Edinburgh. Short story written and read by comedian Ian MacPherson. From October 2006.
MON 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xh3kt)
Episode 1
It's 1918, and soldier Davy Powlett-Jones, invalided out of the trenches, must face a new start in life.
RF Delderfield's classic novel of life between the wars. Dramatised in five parts by Shaun McKenna.
Stars Oliver Milburn as Davy Powlett-Jones, John Wood as Algy Herries, John Rowe as Howarth, Anthony Calf as Carter, Alison Pettitt as Beth, Delroy Brown as the Guard, Josh Freeborn as "Nipper" Shawe, Steven Williams as "Chad" Boyer and Steven Roberts as Briarley.
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007q93v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b007k7gr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b00th9yk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Soho Stories (b00lqz82)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00t3tfq)
Tishani Doshi - The Pleasure Seekers
Episode 1
Poet, journalist and dancer, Tishani Doshi, has a Welsh mother and a Gujarati father. This twin inheritance is at the heart of her comic, lyrical and tenderly written first novel about four generations of the Patel-Joneses, who live in a little house with orange and black gates next door to the Punjab Women's Association in Madras. It's an epic story full of vividly drawn characters, whose private lives are played out against the backdrop of the public events of the twentieth century, as the family wrestles with what it means to call somewhere home. This first episode begins in August 1968 when Babo, eldest son of Prem Kumar, becomes the first member of the Patel family to leave Madras and fly to London to further his education. On the night before the flight his father has a terrible premonition of trouble, in the form of a dream in which all his family is lost.

THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b0015kls)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 The Making of Music (b007r036)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmqs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b0013cyr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2nx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b05wn859)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv9c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Older Woman (b03bsg2p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Clare in the Community (b03s754k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxsf)
Terminus
4. Fury
Now that her friend, DS Kevin Richards, has been found murdered, Enfield is full of extra anger.
Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
Nicholas Farrell DCI Michael Stanley
Dominic Letts Terminus
Geoffrey Matthews Julie Enfield's Father)
Elaine Claxton Shelley
Paul Panting Tim Johnson
Peter Whitman Stan Rickman
Maggie McCarthy Sarah
Teresa Gallagher Di
David Jarvis Announcer
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

THU 06:30 Words, Words, Words (b00v1v2c)
Sue Perkins explores the London home of Dr Samuel Johnson, pioneering author of A Dictionary of the English Language (1755). From September 2009.

THU 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)
Series 1
What Price Utopia
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.
The government tries to use the programme for a very dark purpose.
With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune, Gary Waldhorn.

THU 07:30 Best Behaviour (b05vfjtm)
Episode 3
Holly Walsh presents the comedy panel show that lays down the law of modern manners.
The guest panellists are comedians Richard Herring, Helen Zaltzman and Lloyd Langford, who are all pitching their ideas for new best behaviour rules to tackle modern life.
In this edition, the etiquette of travel is under comic scrutiny - including how to solve the phenomenon of 'man-spreading' on public transport, the need to ban emotions from text messages, and the modern menace of cycling on pavements.
The panel also tackles the tricky etiquette problem of a member of the studio audience - 'how do I get out of nodding to the stranger I walk past every day when walking to work?'
Producer: Aled Evans
A Zeppotron production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
Series 1
The Economist
Fuming Harold decides their rag and bone business needs some bite.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Following the conclusion of his hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.
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Harold Harry H. Corbett
With Ian Burford.
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 (b007k0fx)
Series 2
The Skeleton in the Cupboard
MP Jim Hacker gets the better of Sir Humphrey over a crisis in Derbyshire.
Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.
Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom centred around the 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
Dr Cartwright Ian Lavender
Alex Andrews Clive Merrison
Civil Servant Peter Acre
Civil Servant Ellen McIntosh
The Man on the Train William Eedle
Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00v1nhq)
Series 6
Episode 2
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.
Tony Hawks, Arthur Smith, Henning Wehn and Graeme Garden are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Cake, Shoes, Nudity and Walt Disney.
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 (b007jn5w)
Series 5
Surprise, Surprise
Roger plans to surprise wife Victoria, but her sister Anna is not so sure. Stars Nicola Pagett and Bill Nighy. From July 1998.

THU 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)
Strains
With their friendship strained, Sebastian continues his drinking and Charles is lured by Paris and art.
Ben Miles and Jamie Bamber star in Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of life, love and a forgotten era.
Dramatised by Jeremy Front.
Charles Ryder Ben Miles
Sebastian Flyte Jamie Bamber
Julia Anne-Marie Duff
Lady Marchmain Eleanor Bron
Rex Mottram William Hope
Cordelia Abby Ford
Mr Ryder Benjamin Whitrow
Mr Samgrass Thomas Arnold
Brideshead Toby Jones
Celia Eve Best
Anthony Blanche Geoffrey Streatfeild
Boy Mulcaster Tom Smith
Kurt Carl Prekkop
Nurse Jemma Churchill
Wilcox Andrew Wincott
Jesus Richard Firth
Monk Martin Hyder
Music by Neil Brand
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

THU 11:00 The Interview (b00770fs)
Sing for Your Supper
Shona thought she had won the lottery. But then reality kicked in. Nick Brooks short story read by Una McLean. From October 2006.

THU 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xj4lg)
Episode 4
Davy wants to give Bamfylde's new headmaster his full support in 1927, but Alcock won't make it easy for him. Stars Oliver Milburn.

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Yes Minister (b007k0fx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Words, Words, Words (b00v1v2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b0015kll)
Tishani Doshi - The Pleasure Seekers
Episode 4
Tishani Doshi's comic yet tender story of four generations of the Patel-Joneses, inspired by her own Welsh-Gujurati background.
Sian and Babo fly to North Wales to meet Sian's family. The young man from Madras will never forget his first impressions of the village of Nercwys and its matchbox houses. But now that they are married, where will they live - Wales, London or Madras? Sian tells Babo that she's come to a decision.
The reader is Indira Varma. Indira appeared recently in the 6 part BBC drama Luther. In 2006 she played Suzie Costello in Torchwood.
Abridged and directed by Nigel Lewis
Producer: Kate McAll.
THU 14:15 The Making of Music (b007r037)
Series 1
Music and Society
James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.
19/30. Music and Society
By the late 1700s, music was becoming part of the social fabric.

Concerts and dances were regularly held in cities such as Bath and Oxford, and playing the piano was the accomplishment of every young lady.

THU 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmqs)
Episode 9
Marius learns of his father's bravery at Waterloo and realises he has been living a lie. Stars Joss Ackland and Leslie Phillips.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00t3cvt)
Jackie Kay - Red Dust Road
Episode 4
Acclaimed poet Jackie Kay traces her biological parents in a journey from Scotland to Lagos.
In September 2009, six years after her first trip to Nigeria, Jackie is invited to participate in a writers' workshop in Lagos. She is determined to visit her ancestral village and hopes to meet not only her father but also some of her half siblings.
Read by the author.
Producer/Abrider: Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00v1nhq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 No Commitments (b007jn5w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Best Behaviour (b05vfjtm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vc8bl)
4. Rescue
Dandy spy hero Lucifer Box must rescue the 'perfect victim' to foil Olympus Mons' dastardly plan to raise the devil.
Mark Gatiss continues his own novel.
Abridged by David Jackson Young.
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076h8y)
Series 4
Dr Samuel Johnson
Poet Kit Wright chooses author and creator of the English dictionary, Dr Samuel Johnson. With Humphrey Carpenter.
From October 2003.

THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Yes Minister (b007k0fx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Words, Words, Words (b00v1v2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 The Interview (b00770fs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xj4lg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Best Behaviour (b05vfjtm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Don't Start (b015czz1)
Series 1
Text
A text sparks the first of Neil and Kim's arguments. Via a Greek chorus, a not eating celery pact and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the couple spectacularly fail to agree.
What do long term partners really argue about? Sharp comedy from Frank Skinner. A masterclass in the great art of arguing. Starring Frank Skinner and Katherine Parkinson.
Well observed, clever and funny, Don't Start is a scripted comedy with a deceptively simple premise - an argument. Each week, our couple fall out over another apparently trivial flashpoint - a text from a friend, a trilly and a bad night's sleep. Each week, the stakes mount as Neil and Kim battle with words. But these are no ordinary arguments. The two outdo each other with increasingly absurd images, unexpected literary references (Androcles and the Lion pop up at one point) and razor sharp analysis of their beloved's weaknesses.

THU 22:45 Warhorses of Letters (b0168114)
Series 1
Episode 1
Deep in the British Library tucked into the slipcover of a book on the history of Blenheim Palace a packet of extraordinary letters has been discovered.
"Dear Marengo brackets Napoleon's horse close brackets, I've never written a letter like this before..."
Thus begins the first passionate letter from Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse, to his hero Marengo in this epistolary equine love story. A story of two horses united by an uncommon passion, cruelly divided by a brutal conflict. Stephen Fry stars as Marengo, the seasoned, famous and just-a-little-bit-short mount of Emperor Napoleon. Daniel Rigby stars as Copenhagen, the frisky young racehorse who as our story begins is about to be the new mount for the Duke of Wellington.
Introduced by Tamsin Greig.
In this opening episode, the early days of their romance and the early days of the Peninsular Campaign, and as their love blossoms the shadow of impending combat looms over our two

heroes.
Marengo Stephen Fry
Copenhagen Daniel Rigby
Narrator Tamsin Greig
Written by Robbie Hudson and Marie Phillips.
Director: Steven Canny
Producer: Gareth Edwards.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
THU 23:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01bm0pr)
Series 4
Episode 1
Comedian-activist Mark Thomas and his studio audience consider policy proposals for a People's Manifesto.
This week's agenda:
1) Excluding Non-Doms from free access to the NHS
2) Every citizen to be given £10,000 in quantitative easing vouchers, to be spent in the next 6 months
And
3) Proportional voting rights for MPs based on the size of their majorities
"Any Other Business" policies are also taken from the studio audience throughout the show.
Written and presented by Mark Thomas
Produced by Colin Anderson.
THU 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b019h88c)
Series 1
Religion
More historical heroism - as Saint David, Saint Patrick and Gerald of Wales are put to the Totaliser Test.
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

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FRI 00:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vc8bl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076h8y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Words, Words, Words (b00vly2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b005kll)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 The Making of Music (b007r037)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmq5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00t3cyt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00v1nhq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 No Commitments (b007jn5w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Best Behaviour (b05vfjtm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxtt)
Terminus
5. Clue
The "Lucky Charm" killer has claimed 4 lives. DS Enfield now believes the murderer is female. Then someone sends her a photograph...
Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
Nicholas Farrell DCI Michael Stanley
Dominic Letts Terminus
Geoffrey Matthews Julie Enfield's Father
Maggie McCarthy Sarah
Elaine Claxton Shelley
Claire Russell Rachel
David Jarvis Station Announcer
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
FRI 06:30 Star Wars on the South Bank (b00rtbg2)
Almost thirty years ago serious plans were made to simulate a Mars colony on the Southbank of the River Thames. Such an outrageous idea would be dismissed outright if it wasn't dreamt up by one of Britain's greatest social reformers - Michael Young.
Lord Young of Dartington, who died in 2002, was committed to building institutions dedicated to social improvement. He initiated or played a major role in creating the Consumers' Association, the Open University, as well as Labour's 1945 manifesto - Let us face the future. But then in 1984 he launched the Argo Venture, a collective of Britain's finest scientists, thinkers and space experts who were calling for the planting of human colonies in space. His son, the author and journalist Toby Young, asks was the Argo Venture an idea too far?

He recruited an amazing cast of volunteers; the Scientist James Lovelock, the astronomer Lord Martin Rees and the Science writer Nigel Calder amongst others. Young's legacy was indisputably great but was this latter-day Georgian folly, born of a grandee legendary enthusiasm? Was the whole project set for failure? Could a serious British Mars Programme exemplify the spirit of the early 21st century?
In this programme Toby Young talks to Lord Martin Rees, Professor Colin Pillinger and hears from passionate advocates of Martian colonisation, but what was his father looking for in Space?
Produced by Barney Rowntree
A Somethin Else production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 07:00 Lucky Heather (b0075s9h)
Unforgiven
Recently widowed Denis hires Heather to trace his first love Yvonne.
Just this side of nosey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.
Sue Teddem'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, Tom George as Craig, Beth Chalmers as Lisa and Dearbhla Molloy as Maev.
Director: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.
FRI 07:30 The Rivals (b03b2g2b)
Series 2
The Problem of the Superfluous Finger
By Jaques Futrelle.
Dramatised By Chris Harrald.
Inspector Lestrade was made to look a fool in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Now he is writing his memories and has a chance to get his own back, with tales of Holmes' rivals. He begins with his collaboration with "The Thinking Machine"
Professor SFX Van Dusen, trying to solve a strange case involving self-mutilation.
Producer: Liz Webb.
FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)
Series 4
Michelangelo 'Ancock
The lad takes up sculpting. But when he runs out of rocks, it's Sid to the rescue.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie 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 (b007k370)
Series 4
The Silent Bugler
It's 1902 and British secret agent Seagoon is heading to Dresden on a deadly mission

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 (b013217g)
The Dalai Lama, or How the West Was Won
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The most award winning National Theatre of Brent - Artistic Director Desmond Olivier Dingle and the entire acting company (Raymond Box) - returns triumphantly to Radio 4 in the last of an occasional series celebrating the rare but rarefied beings deeded in Desmond's expert view to be Iconic Icons. Previous celebrates include Bob Dylan and Tracey Emin. The final and climactic iconic icon is his holiness the Dalai Lama. Desmond and Raymond trace his journey from two year old yak boy to disaffected teenage Dalai to the mature Lama, exiled from his country, separated from his people, but spiritually at one with himself and the world, and possessor of a top twinkly smile. They also present Buddhism in a Nutshell. Written and performed by the National Theatre of Brent, who are Patrick Barlow and John Ramm, 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 and spiritual life of this country as the rest of their work. And, of course it will be very funny.
Desmond Olivier Dingle Patrick Barlow
Raymond Box John Ramm
Director: Patrick Barlow
Producer: Liz Anstee
A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 09:30 On Baby Street (b00f3c0g)
Series 1
Episode 4
Yvette's dad takes Kelly out. Unlike Ian, Shona adores Beatrix Potter. Stars Kathy Burke and Jenny Eclair. From January 1996.
FRI 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2r7)
Stormy Waters
Charles is overwhelmed by meeting Julia again on board ship, but will his relationship with the Marchmain family still prove to be jinxed?
Ben Miles and Jamie Bamber star in the conclusion of Evelyn Waugh's novel of life, love and a forgotten era.
Charles Ryder Ben Miles
Sebastian Flyte Jamie Bamber
Mr Ryder Benjamin Whitrow
Lady Marchmain Eleanor Bron
Rex Mottram William Hope
Julia Anne-Marie Duff
Cordelia Abby Ford
Mr Samgrass Thomas Arnold
Brideshead Toby Jones
Wilcox Andrew Wincott
Celia Eve Best
Anthony Blanche Geoffrey Streatfeild
Boy Mulcaster Tom Smith
Cara Liza Sadovy
Nanny Hawkins Ann Beach
Lord Marchmain Edward Petherbridge
Doctor Sean Baker
Father MacKay Jonathan Keeble
Dramatised by Jeremy Front.
Music by Neil Brand
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
FRI 11:00 The Interview (b00770g9)
The Good Shepherd
Is a new member of the congregation the answer to a cash-strapped pastor's prayers? Laura Marney short story read by James Fleet. From October 2006.
FRI 11:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xjth7)
Episode 5
Davy Powlett Jones draws daggers with Bamfylde School's headmaster Alcock in 1929. One of them will have to go. Stars Oliver Milburn.
FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)
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FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007k370)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxtt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Star Wars on the South Bank (b00rtbg2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00t5kln)
Tishani Doshi - The Pleasure Seekers
Episode 5
Tishani Doshi's comic yet tender story of four generations of the Patel-Joneses, inspired by her own Welsh-Gujarati background.
Babo and Sian are living happily in their own house, with orange and black gates, next door to the Punjab Women's Association. Now they have two small daughters, Mayuri and Bean. When Bean is taken to Grandmother Ba's house for her naming ceremony, Ba warns the young parents that they'd better stop there because Bean will keep their hands full, at which the tiny baby laughs, her first proper laugh. By the time she's six, she's regularly seeing ghosts. Then Sian gets a phone call - it's bad news from Wales.
The reader is Indira Varma. Indira appeared recently in the 6 part BBC drama Luther. In 2006 she played Suzie Costello in Torchwood.
Abridged and directed by Nigel Lewis
Producer: Kate McAll.
FRI 14:15 The Making of Music (b007r038)
Series 1
Haydn and the Esterhazys
James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.
20/30. Haydn and the Esterhazys
Employed by the hugely wealthy Esterhazy family, Joseph Haydn lived mainly in their isolated palace and produced music on demand. Of his prolific output, Haydn himself admitted that he was cut off from the outside world and forced to become original.
FRI 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmqj)
Episode 10
Marius finds student life is both happy and harsh. Valjean and Cosette have a tough decision to make. With Roger Allam.
FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00t3cyw)
Jackie Kay - Red Dust Road
Episode 5
Acclaimed poet Jackie Kay traces her biological parents in a

journey from Scotland to Lagos.

Jackie reads the final extract from her memoir, including an emotional conclusion to her Nigerian odyssey.

Producer/Abrider: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2r7)

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FRI 16:00 The National Theatre of Brent's Iconic Icons (b013217g)

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FRI 16:30 On Baby Street (b00f3c0g)

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FRI 17:00 Lucky Heather (b0075s9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Rivals (b03b2g2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vfjsh)

5. Desperation

Will spy hero Lucifer Box reach cult leader Olympus Mons' Satanic lair, deep beneath the Swiss Alps, in time to prevent the sacrifice of the "perfect victim"?

Mark Gatiss concludes his own fiendishly gripping adventure. Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

FRI 18:30 My Life in Five Songs (b01d2fq2)

Series 4

Kate Rusby

Kate Rusby's been described as one of the most talented folk singers of her generation.

Headlining at many national folk festivals and touring widely she's built a loyal following of fans and is one of our best known contemporary folk singers.

Her unwavering love of folk music hasn't stopped her collaborating with other well-known musicians and singers including Eddi Reader, Roddie Woombles and Ronan Keating. Kate's recording of the Ray Davis song The Village Green Preservation Society was used as the theme tune for the successful TV series Jam and Jerusalem.

Kate tells Phil Cunningham about her five special songs and reveals a newly found skill. She's a dab hand at stripping wallpaper and painting having recently restored a house in her home village which is now her family home.

Phil starts with Kate's song 'I Courted a Sailor' and Kate goes on to pick these five songs.

1: Nic Jones - Little Pot Stove

2: Hot Rize - Won't You Come and Sing For Me

3: The Cardigans - Lead Me into the Night

4: Aberfeldy - Slow Me Down

5: Damien O'Kane - Summer Hill.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007k370)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jxtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Star Wars on the South Bank (b00rtbg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 The Interview (b00770g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 RF Delderfield - To Serve Them All My Days (b00xjth7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 The Rivals (b03b2g2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Victor Lewis-Smith (b05wpkw3)

Episode 4

Victor has a tiff with his weighing machine, orders a Chinese and advertises 'cremagrams'. 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 (b05xv6x0)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith is joined by Jamali Maddix.

FRI 23:00 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b007k0lj)

Series 2

Episode 4

The comedy guru's radio drop-in centre examines prison overcrowding. With Clive Anderson and Jo Caulfield. From June 2006.

FRI 23:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b0076fcx)

Series 2

Speeches

Sir Ralph hosts a literary lunch at Salford's Munchbox

Cafeteria, but there's another poet in town...

Written by and starring James Quinn.

With:

Judy Flynn

Alison Darling

Mark Chatterton

Stephen Hoyle

Jemma Thompson

Carol Ann Duffy

Produced in Manchester by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

FRI 23:45 I, Regress (b01blj2g)

Series 1

Episode 6

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 6: Dr Berry treats some intimidating east-ender twins with unexpected past lives. Can he pull off the double?

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 February 2012.