

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2015

SAT 00:00 Kurt Vonnegut - The Eupho Question (b0088zh5)

A way of producing and harnessing happiness is revealed when a physicist plays out the sound of dark matter during a local radio programme.

The sound lulls the listeners into a state of euphoria, producing an effect not unlike a large dose of sedative.

The ethical and moral implications of marketing this new found product become evident - as the temptation to make money and control huge numbers of people proves too great.

Kurt Vonnegut's short story is read by Stuart Milligan. One of the outstanding figures of modern US literature, Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007) was a cult figure among students in the 1960s and 1970s with his classics of US counterculture.

The bombing of Dresden by allied forces in 1945 was the pivotal moment of his life, which informed his best-known work 'Slaughterhouse Five'.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 Fry's English Delight (b00tj5f2)

Series 3

Future Conditional

Stephen Fry on the future of English.

As English continues to grow and spread, the influences of the places around the world where it has been adopted are being reimported. As Stephen puts it, "we exported brown Windsor soup and re-imported mulligatawny. We exported clogs - back came tap dancing". The McDonald's slogan "I'm Loving it" is an example. So is the youth-speak Jafaican.

This continual process means we can predict some changes in the way we use language. Dr David Crystal, a world authority, thinks the sound "th" might disappear. The very rhythms of our speech might change, and our vocabulary certainly will.

The other huge influence on the way English will change relates to technology. The programme features computer programmes that "read" text. They do this not just to show off. The London School of Economics employs a computer programme to read text in the service of research. So computers will, in some sense, join the swelling billions who use English.

But will they - can they - ever "understand" English well enough for them to read and understand a novel? Professor Margaret Boden, a leader in the field is doubtful. She and Microsoft search engineer Ron Kaplan discuss a test for computers, in the shape of this sentence: "Is the duck ready to eat?"

Nobody knows exactly how English will change, or whether we might, as time travellers, recognise it 200 years hence. But speculating about it is endless fun.

Producer: Nick Baker

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 01:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jq42)

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime

Episode 3

Still thwarted in trying to fulfil his predicted dark destiny, Lord Arthur Savile decides to change his tactics.

Michael Maloney concludes Oscar Wilde's mystery written in 1891.

Produced in Manchester by Katherine Beacon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

SAT 01:30 Still Points, Turning Worlds (b00sj5z5)

When WH Davies wrote his celebrated poem 'Leisure' over a century ago, the myriad stimuli assaulting people's senses now and the demands that sap humanity's powers of concentration in the digital age were unimaginable. But he rightly gauged the detrimental impacts to the human spirit of failing to find moments of peace in a busy world: 'a poor life this, if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'.

In this 'composed feature', producer Alan Hall embroiders together the experiences of a range of people for whom still points and daydreaming provide an escape from the increasingly invasive nature of the turning world about us and offer a foundation for reflection, rejuvenation and creativity. Hearing from Canon Lucy Winkett of St Paul's in the heart of the City of London, an installer of 'energy pods' that offer 'corporate fatigue solutions', an hypnotherapist, staff and pupils from a school that champions 'the Pause' and Kieran MacFeely, a singer-songwriter from the world of pop music (or 'high-end racket') who sought out the peace of the countryside.

'Still Points, Turning Worlds' relishes moments of reverie in an attempt to reclaim the powers of concentration.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2010

SAT 02:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kbz4v)

Marina Lewycka - Various Pets Alive and Dead

Episode 5

As Doro's children reflect on their unconventional lives in a left-wing commune, truths are revealed. Family farce read by Patrick Brennan.

SAT 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00y8vbb)

Episode 10

Ash is caught in a dilemma. He cannot bear the thought of losing Anjali, and yet must negotiate her wedding price. MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Anjali Ayesha Dharker

Jhoti Joseph Samrai

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Guard Adeel Akhtar

Rana Kaleem Janjua

Directors: Marc Beby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b00tdllr)

Stuart Kelly - Scott-land: The Man Who Invented a Nation

Episode 5

His name, image and influence can be seen everywhere; from Scottish banknotes to place names across the globe. Sir Walter Scott invented the modern novel, began Scotland's tourist industry and was the first celebrity author - a heady mix of JK Rowling and Dan Brown long before the age of mass media hype. Lauded by contemporary critics as well as his massive readership in the 19th century, he's hardly read - and even more rarely enjoyed - today.

Stuart Kelly considers the backlash which hit Scott's work after the prolific author's death. Although his critical reputation would never recover, the images of Scotland which Walter Scott created - the romantic landscapes populated by isolated, kilted natives - haunt Scotland to this day.

Stuart Kelly was born and brought up in the Scottish Borders. He studied English at Oxford and is the Literary Editor of Scotland on Sunday.

Reader: Robin Laing

Abridger: Laurence Wareing

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

SAT 03:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

The King Comes into His Kingdom

After the prince's victory in the chariot race, news arrives of his mother and sister.

Conclusion of Lew Wallace's epic tale starring Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Simonides Bernard Hepton

Balthasar Michael Hordern

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Esther Deborah Berlin

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Malluch Gavin Muir

Iras Becky Hindley

Guide Neville Jason

Man at Inn Joshua Towb

Man 1 Don McCorkindale

Man 2 Derek Waring

Man 3 Peter Yapp

Man 4 Peter Whitman

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

SAT 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m52xh)

Series 2

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by David Quantick and Stewart Lee to be put through their musical paces.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 04:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv65)

I'll See You on Tower Pier at 11

Mark Wallington and hellish hound Boogie quest to find the source of the Thames. Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

SAT 05:00 Rent (b062r9w7)

Series 4

Episode 1

Paul and Ruby have moved out of the Reynolds' house, but they're not far away.

Maria and Richard, meanwhile, are getting to grips with a new arrival.

Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and

Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

Barrister Sally Grace.

With Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 05:30 The Kindness of Strangers (b062j2xy)

Inspired by a random act of kindness, author and poet John Osborne wrestles with the idea of donating one of his kidneys to a virtual stranger in this autobiographical tale.

SAT 06:00 William Ingram - Crippen (b063hmy)

TRUE CRIME: One of the most infamous killers in British history, Dr Hawley Crippen was hanged for the gruesome murder of his wife Cora in 1910. He allegedly poisoned and dismembered her, hiding her remains under the basement floor. Crippen then fled to North America with his lover - and was the first person to be caught using the wireless telegraph.

But what really happened on the night she died? A dramatisation of Emlyn William's book Dr Crippen's Diary - interspersing facts with an imagining of his feelings as events unfold in the lead up to his final entry before he was hung. Starring Charles Kay as Dr Crippen, Ivor Roberts as Inspector Dew and Debora Weston as Cora Crippen.

Adapted by Willian Ingram

Pianist Tim Riley

Director Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

SAT 07:30 Fabulous Flops (b0146g6q)

More Fabulous Flops

Episode 4

Paul Roseby concludes his look at Tinseltown turkeys with shows that got big laughs on Broadway for all the wrong reasons.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00772dx)

The Poles and the Planet

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It is a story of courage, sacrifice, rivalries and friendships, but 50 years after the first triumphant crossing of Antarctica, the story of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition is nearly forgotten. Set against the scientific frenzy of the International Geophysical Year of 1957 which saw the launch of the space age, Adam Fowler tracks down the survivors of the last great journey on Earth and asks what legacy they have left.

SAT 09:00 4 Extra at the British Seaside (b038xhc6)

Seaside entertainer Tony Lidington takes a trip to Brighton for BBC Radio 4 Extra and reflects how this city has inspired a wealth of seaside memories captured in the BBC Sound Archive.

Tony came to Brighton in the eighties as a student and set up his own Pierrot Troupe. The Pierroters named after the rotting West Pier which was the subject of a Kaleidoscope feature made in 1995.

There are first hand memories of what it was like to go on a seaside holiday between the wars in 1984 programme called 'Sand Between the Toes'.

Tony meets Max Tyler an expert on the Fol De Rols and he and Tony hear them perform in an extraordinary piece of archive from 1937 when four of the shows hundreds of miles apart were brought together live by the magic of wireless.

There are also insights into Brighton's very own Cheeky Chappie as Tony visits a Fish and Chip Shop in Brighton where the Max Miller Society has set up a museum.

'Casting Shadows' a wonderfully evocative play by Mark Burgess conjures up an imaginary meeting between the actor Laurence Olivier, playwright Terence Rattigan and Brighton's famous seaside entertainer, Max Miller. Roy Hudd headlines as Miller.

Gavin Henderson president of the National Piers Society reveals that seaside Piers were initially places of sophistication, almost the arts centres of their day, and Rachel Clark of the West Pier Trust looks to the future and the plans to create a new vertical Pier on Brighton seafront.

Tony celebrates the Great Days of the West Pier in his 1995 Archive Hour 'Oh What a Lovely Pier!' with contributions from among others the late Corin Redgrave.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions

SAT 12:00 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

Series 2

Uninvited Guests

Calamity strikes when the Home Guard and ARP wardens share the church hall.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike,

Arnold Ridley as Godfrey and Bill Pertwee as Hodges.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1975.

SAT 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jnsb)

Series 5

Settle Out of Court the Burkiss Way

Find out 'What's My Gender', plus a galactic 'Panorama'.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

SAT 13:00 Rachel's Cousins (Omnibus) (b063hy4b)

A Glasgow lawyer arrives at a police station to represent three drunken women - only to find they are her relatives. When they discover they share the BRCA2 cancer gene, they become unexpectedly caught up in each other's lives. By Ann Marie Di Mambro.

Rachel.....TAMARA

KENNEDY

Marilyn.....GABRIEL

QUIGLEY

Josie.....KAREN

BARTKE

Shirley..... SARAH

McCARDIE

Bobby.....ALAN

MCHUGH

AlexROBIN

LAING

KevinSTEVIE

HANNAN

Becca.....NICOLA JO

CULLY

Carol.....VERONICA

LEER

Other parts are played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young

Omnibus of five parts first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b063hz21)

Bear Grylls

Adventurer Bear Grylls inherits 'The Circle of Life' by Elton

John and passes on 'I'm a Believer' by The Monkees.

SAT 14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b063hzdr)

Oleg Gordievsky

Oleg Gordievsky remains under sentence of death. The former

British Secret Agent talks frankly to Professor Anthony Clare.

Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with

prominent people from different walks of life. Born in Dublin,

author Anthony held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree

in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of

Psychiatrists.

After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in

the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and

earned his own vehicle, In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred

to TV.

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00772dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 William Ingram - Crippen (b063hmy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Fabulous Fops (b01466q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Drama (b012fcm)

Torchwood - The Lost Files

Submission

In Ryan Scott's episode, Torchwood are chasing aliens down the

M4, when Jack accidentally blows a hole in the Severn Bridge,

and the SUV hits the water. Whilst submerged John, Gwen and

Ianto hear a strange noise, which, back at the Hub they realise is

a cry for help. They track the cry to its source which turns out

to be the deepest part of the Ocean - the Mariana Trench. Ianto

rings old Torchwood flame, Charlie Roberts, who's an expert in

marine geology, and Jack pulls strings with the US government

to get them all on board the USS Calvin, an Arleigh Burke class

destroyer, which is heading for the Trench. From there they

board the Octopus Rock, the only submarine built to withstand

the pressure at that depth, and follow the signal. But when the

Submarine crashes, the team are left at the mercy of a hungry

alien.

Recorded at The Invisible Studios, by Mark Holden and mixed

at BBC Wales by Nigel Lewis.

A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.

SAT 18:45 Brave New Worlds (b01n70cj)

Fragments of a Hologram Rose

By William Gibson. A tale of virtuality, second lives and online

culture. From 2012's Cheltenham Literary Festival. Read by Jon

Strickland.

SAT 19:00 4 Extra at the British Seaside (b038xhc6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Hardeep at The Stand (b01r5v82)

Series 3

Episode 4

Join Hardeep Singh Kohli for some hilarious stand up comedy

from a selection of the best comedians working in the world

right now. Hardeep At The Stand captures the entire comedy

experience, there's backstage revelations, jokes, anecdotes and

lots and lots of laughter. The masterful Paul Foot delights the

crowd and squeezes into a mop cupboard for a chat with

Hardeep, Benny Boot knocks out some one liners and Canadian

Dana Alexander tells us how she's finding living in the UK.

SAT 22:15 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b00gswf0)

Series 2

Comedy

Want to write comedy? Adam Bloom unveils the six steps to

success.

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With Alistair McGowan and Rob Rouse.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

SAT 22:30 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b008tnzk)

Series 2

Episode 1

Fom something your Dad did to something you save up for...

Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along!

Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones -

the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out

suggestions.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SAT 23:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00yz8v4)

Episode 4

The urban warrior asks do you rave or rock?

More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and

guidance.

Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With Peter Serafinowicz.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus) (b063j417)

Episode 2

M M Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana

Ahmad.

Ash returns to camp with the stolen carbines and is given a new

mission which will transform his life.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua

Jhoti Joseph Samrai

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Biju Ram Inam Mirza

Colonel Sam Dale

Battye Jude Akuwudike

Ambrose Iain Batchelor

Clerk Adeel Akhtar

The second of four omnibuses of this epic drama which spans

the years between the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and the Siege of

the British Mission in Kabul in 1879.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SUN 07:15 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kpszr)

Series 1

The Balloon

Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music

hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s.

Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of

1980s Britain - negotiating the more difficult aspects of charity

fundraising?

Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense

out of life as he did 40 years before...

Written by Allen Saddler.

Producer: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.

SUN 07:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b013fm6m)

Series 5

Undercover Journalist

Milton Jones becomes Britain's best-known undercover

journalist. Which means that Milton Jones also becomes

Britain's most least-effective undercover journalist...

He's joined in his endeavours by his co-stars Tom Goodman-

Hill ("Camelot"), Dave Lamb ("Come Dine With Me") and

Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda").

Milton Jones returns to BBC Radio Four for an amazing 9th

series - which means he's been running for longer than

Gardeners' Question Time and answered more questions on

gardening as well.

Britain's funniest Milton and the king of the one-liner returns

with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes for a

series of daffy comedy adventures

Each week, Milton is a complete and utter expert at something -

brilliant Mathematician, World-Class Cyclist, Aviator,

Championship Jockey...

... and each week, with absolutely no ability or competence, he

plunges into a big adventure with utterly funny results...

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for

creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily

Mail

Written by Milton with James Cary ("Think The Unthinkable",

"Miranda")

David Tyler's radio credits include Armando Iannucci's Charm

Offensive, Cabin Pressure, Biggedia, Another Case Of Milton

Jones, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, Giles Wembley

Hogg Goes Off, The 99p Challenge, The Castle, The 3rd

Degree and even, going back a bit, Radio Active. His TV

credits include Paul Merton - The Series, Spitting Image,

Absolutely, The Paul & Pauline Calf Video Diaries, Coogan's

Run, The Tony Ferrino Phenomenon and exec producing

Victoria Wood's dinnerladies.

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Ray's a Laugh (b007jsec)

From 24/10/58

Ted needs some new golf clubs, but the only way he can afford

them is via cigarette coupons.

Starring Ted Ray. With Kitty Bluett, Kenneth Connor, Rosalind

Knight and Laidman Browne.

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 Bernard Botting and Charles Hart.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1958.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b063j9cg)

The Boxing Championship

Professor Jimmy Edwards must deal with outbreaks of shaving

and mixed ballroom dancing at school.

Roddy Maude-Roxby Mr Potter

Roger Shepherd Lumley

Frederick Treves Alfred Tenyson

With Joan Young, Philip Moran, Graham Aza, David Lott,

Heather Bennett, Jennie Lathan and Angela Shade.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio,

Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentlefolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a

trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents.

Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the

boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95

pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's

only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr

Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio

by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1961.

SUN 09:00 Oliver Sacks - On the Move Omnibus (b063jcjz)

Neurologist Oliver Sacks on his passion for motorbikes and his

bond with his schizophrenic brother. Read by Oliver Ford

Davies.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b063jgb9)

Pam Ayres

Poet Pam Ayres military song 'When the Guards Are on Parade'

and passes on 'Mars for Evermore' by Johnny Collins.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b063jgdr)

Children's Writers

Julia Donaldson

4 Extra Debut. From Schubert to Malcolm Donaldson, Gruffalo

creator Julia Donaldson shares her castaway choices with Kirsty

Young. From November 2009.

SUN 11:00 Mystery Theater (b063jxjt)

Lifeboat: Tallulah Bankhead

Legendary hard-living actress Tallulah Bankhead reprises her

role as Constance 'Connie' Porter in Alfred Hitchcock's 1944

film Lifeboat for this NBC radio adaptation.

Introduced by Alfred Hitchcock.

July 1943: Connie is a glamorous foreign correspondent aboard

a lifeboat alone in the middle of the Atlantic, after the freighter

ship SS Argo was torpedoed by a Nazi submarine. She soon

rescues John Kovak from the ship's engine room (Jeff

Chandler) and sparks fly between the couple as they pick up

other survivors - including a Nazi seaman from the enemy U-

boat.

Presented by NBC's Screen Directors' Playhouse on November

16th 1950, the film's director Alfred Hitchcock briefly explains

how he made the movie - based on a story by John Steinbeck.

Adapted for radio by Jack Ruben

Announcer: Jimmy Wallington

Produced by Howard Wiley and directed by Bill Cairn.

First broadcast in the USA on NBC in 1950.

SUN 11:50 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b063jkdz)

Tallulah Bankhead

Hollywood star Tallulah Bankhead speaks frankly to Roy

Plomley about how hopeless she'd be on a desert island.

Revealing how very lazy she is, Tallulah recalls some of her

many performances on stage in London.

The only surviving extract from the first broadcast in December

1964.

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SUN 14:15 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kpszr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Paula Hawkins - The Girl on the Train (Omnibus) (b063jmm1)

Episode 2

Several weeks after her disappearance, Megan's body is found

buried in Corly Woods...

The second of two omnibus editions of Paula Hawkins'

international bestseller with thrilling multi-voice narration.

Starring Sally Hawkins as Rachel, Lyndsey Marshal as Megan

and Zoe Tapper as Anna.

Rachel catches the same commuter train every morning. She

knows it will wait at the same signal each time, overlooking a

row of back gardens. She's even started to feel like she knows

the people who live in one of the houses. 'Jess and Jason', she

calls them. Their life - as she sees it - is perfect. If only Rachel

could be that happy.

And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Now Rachel has a chance to become a part of the lives she's only watched from afar. Now they'll see: she's much more than just the girl on the train...

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: Jenny Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 15:45 Afternoon Reading (b011vg9f)

Alexandros Papadiamandis - The Boundless Garden

The Gleaner

Mark Williams reads from an anthology of 19th century Greek short stories. It's Christmas and Achitisa has neither food nor money. Then she hears from her long lost son in America...

Alexandros Papadiamandis (1851 - 1911) was born on the western Aegean island of Skiathos, where many of his short stories are set.

In these stories he explores the souls of ordinary men and women as they succumb to, or struggle against, the power of evil, and try to deal with life's ambiguities. Aware of the way in which the past breathes life into the present, Papadiamandis also delves into Greek mythology, as it survived through people's belief in supernatural wonders on both land and sea. Mark Williams is well known as one of the stars of the BBC TV's The Fast Show ("Suits you, sir...!") and for the role of Ron Weasley's father in the Harry Potter films.

Translated by Elizabeth Key Fowden

Abridged by Roy Apps

Producer: David Blount

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Tony Mulholland - Conan Doyle's Strangest Case (b063jp8z)

Tony Mulholland's play tells the true story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's obsession with a miscarriage of justice.

Starring Peter Jeffrey as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Convinced that George Edalji has been wrongly convicted of a shocking crime, Doyle assumes the mantle of his famous detective Sherlock Holmes and sets out to solve the case...

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ... Peter Jeffrey

Kathleen Moriarty ... Frances Jeater

George Edalji ... Kim Wall

Shapurji ... Kaleem Janjua

Anson ... Richard Avery

Campbell ... Terry Pearson

Disturnal ... Terry Molloy

Vachell ... Gerry Hinks

Other parts played by Roger Hume, Tina Gray, Simon Carter, Daphne Neville, Alex Jones, Pat Quayle and Sheila Kelley.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SUN 17:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b013fm6m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4bh)

Episode 2

Eleanor discovers more about the work of Abbotsville, where the clones reveal very human-like feelings. Stars Alison Carney.

SUN 18:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxm)

2. Feeling Watched

On impulse, Vesin gets off his train home and decides to spend the night in a small, sleepy, medieval village town whose mysterious inhabitants surreptitiously watch him.

He intends to stay one night but he stays longer than planned and gets to know the streets of the town. He feels watched even though no one appears to take any notice of him.

Vesin starts wondering whether the people actually come alive at night and wonders if the town is in the hands of cats. Vesin begins to feel uneasy and that strange forces are tugging at his very being.

by Algernon Blackwood

An Unabridged Reading in 4 episodes for Radio 4 Extra's The 7th Dimension

Read by Philip Madoc

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

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SUN 19:50 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b063jkdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Oliver Sacks - On the Move Omnibus (b063jcjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b063jgb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b063jgrl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Another Case of Milton Jones (b013fm6m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Cowards (b007jfox)

Series 1

Episode 6

Moustaches and job interviews in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Featuring the talents of writers and performers Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b064fl29)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith is joined by Dane Baptiste.

SUN 23:00 Mastering the Universe (b00sm64n)

Series 1

Holidays

Professor Joy Klamp explores the miserable world of holidaying. Stars Dawn French and Christopher Douglas. From November 2005.

SUN 23:15 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076gmh)

Series 1

The True Confessions of Sherlock Holmes

Simon Munnery debunks the image of some iconic characters, starting with the 'science man' of Baker Street. From August 2003.

SUN 23:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)

Episode 4

Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.

Alan leaves home.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock. Written by Alan Francis, Richard Turner and Anthony Neilson with additional material by Julian Dutton and Barnaby Power.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

MONDAY 27 JULY 2015

MON 00:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus) (b063j4l7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kpzsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Paula Hawkins - The Girl on the Train (Omnibus) (b063jmm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Afternoon Reading (b011vg9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Tony Mulholland - Conan Doyle's Strangest Case (b063jp8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Another Case of Milton Jones (b013fm6m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)

The Black Trunk

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

In his first case, fought in 1894, Sir Edward sets out to save Marie Herman from the gallows - a true story.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer.

With Timothy Block, Zelah Clarke and Nicholas Farr.

Dramatised by Michael Butt. Directed by John Taylor.

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.

MON 06:30 Getting the Gongs (b00kbyxt)

Steve Punt investigates the growing trend for industry awards ceremonies which may not be as well known as the Oscars, but which aspire to be just as glamorous and life-changing.

Practically every week, some branch of industry holds its own awards ceremonies in a top class venue in the UK, complete with silver service dinner, champagne and celebrity guest speaker. The range of sectors represented is vast. There are awards for call centres, for people involved in designing packaging components and for people who get children to eat more seafood. And for the winner, there is the chance to get on a podium, grasp a trophy and feel that, for one glorious moment, you are recognised by your peers as being the best.

Steve goes behind the scenes to find out who takes part in awards ceremonies and why. He talks to the winners, losers and organisers, scrutinises the most curious categories and hears from awards presenters including Gyles Brandreth and Stephen K Amos. He looks at the people who contribute to awards ceremonies by making the awards themselves, or helping to write the category submissions. He also explores the human stories behind the growing lists of categories and gives a uniquely humorous insight into little-known industries with a growing trend for gongs.

MON 07:00 The World As We Know It (b00fks6k)

Babytalk

Donna, Johnny, Patrick and Abigail are the last four people left on Earth along with the mysterious stranger in their cellar.

Thoughts turn to the problem of furthering the species. Patrick sets up a test with a baby doll, to decide who would make the best parent.

Sitcom by Luke Sorba.

Donna Meera Syal

Johnny Toby Longworth

Patrick Luke Sorba

Abigail Carla Mendonca

The Stranger Simon Greenall

Producer: Elizabeth Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b062jy98)

Series 63

Episode 2

The 63rd series of Radio 4's multi award-winning antidote to panel games promises more homespun wireless entertainment for the young at heart. This week the programme pays a return visit to the White Rock Theatre in Hastings. Regulars Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor are once again joined on the panel by Miles Jupp with Jack Dee in the chair. At the piano - Colin Sell. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b00qg755)

Series 2

A Brush With the Law

When a light shines out in a blackout, Hodges hauls Captain Mainwaring to court.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Arnold Ridley as Godfrey and Bill Pertwee as Hodges.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

MON 08:30 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)

Series 2

Episode 7

Can Kate and George organise their baby Helen's Christening? Richard Briers and Prunella Scales star in their second series based on the mutual love and mistrust of a young married couple.

Originating on BBC TV, it was adapted for radio due to its popularity by Richard Waring from his own TV scripts.

A decade later, Richard Briers was starring as Tom Good in The Good Life whilst Prunella Scales starred as Sybil in Fawlty Towers. They remained friends until Richard Briers' death in 2013.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

MON 09:00 Genius (b00b9nzd)

Series 1

John Fortune

A fake brake pedal for nervous passengers to using laughing gas for riots?

Dave Gorman asks John Fortune to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

MON 09:30 The Bricklayer's Lament (b011sqk6)

Back in December 1958, German musician and humorist Gerard Hoffnung was asked to speak at the Oxford Union in a debate entitled "This House Believes Life Begins at 38".

Luckily, the BBC was on hand to record the debate and they managed to capture Gerard giving a hilarious comic speech, which included the now legendary Bricklayer's Lament story.

This half hour documentary, narrated by Jack Dee, tells the story of the speech and how The Bricklayer's Lament really came about. It includes contributions from Ian Hislop, who was a fan from an early age, and Inspector Morse creator Colin Dexter, who was taught by Gerard during the Second World War.

The programme will reveal how an early incarnation of the R4 comedy panel show Just a Minute was to play a pivotal role in the eventual success of The Bricklayer's Lament.

The programme also features many classic clips of Gerard Hoffnung speaking at the Oxford Union debate, as well as other recordings he made in the fifties. These include snippets of the hilarious interviews he gave to the Canadian broadcaster Charles Richardson.

Also included are revealing interviews with Gerard's widow, Annetta, who shares her memories of this amazingly talented man.

The Bricklayer's Lament is a fascinating insight into how this recording came about and a loving tribute to a unique personality who entertained so many generations.

Produced by Paul Russell

An Open Mike Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Saturday Drama (b007l4zn)

John Fletcher - The Shocking Tale of Margaret Seddon

Frederick and Margaret Seddon take wealthy Mrs Barrow into their Islington home as a lodger. During the scorching summer of 1911, Mrs Barrow dies, leaving all her money to Fred, but suspicions are aroused.

Was her death caused by the heatwave, or the 'English Cholera' - or could arsenic-laced fly papers have something to do with it?

John Fletcher's Edwardian murder story is based on real events. Margaret Seddon Lynne Seymour

Fred Seddon Bertie Carvel

Miss Barrow Annette Badland

Hook/Attorney General Isaacs Dick Bradnum

Benny/Vicar Brendan Charleson

Dr Sworn/Hangman Dorian Thomas

Maggie Anwen Carlisle

Ada Isabel Lewis

Director: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

MON 11:00 Book of the Week (b00xcd9n)

Judith Flanders - The Invention of Murder

Episode 1

By Judith Flanders.

"We are a trading community - a commercial people. Murder is, doubtless, a very shocking offence; nevertheless, as what is done is not to be undone, let us make our money out of it." Punch, 1842

Over the course of the nineteenth century, murder - in reality a rarity - became ubiquitous: transformed into novels, into broadsides and ballads, into theatre and melodrama. Seeing therein the foundation of modern notions of crime, "The Invention of Murder" explores this fascination with deadly violence by relating some of the century's most gripping and gruesome cases and the ways in which they were commercially exploited.

The Ratcliffe Highway murders of 1811 were particularly dreadful: two separate sets of killings in which seven people lost their lives. It was a case that shocked the nation - this was half as many people as had been murdered in the entire previous year throughout England and Wales - and forced the establishment to rethink the policing of major cities.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 11:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qx2y)

Roll Jordan Roll

Rehearsing for the Brecon Jazz Festival, Megan keeps playing a certain melody but where does it come from?

Her musical detective trail leads to the 1880s and the visit to Swansea of a choir of emancipated slaves...

Stars Rakie Ayola as Megan the Fifth, Margaret John as Megan the Third, Helen Griffin as Megan the First, Don Warrington as Frederick Loudin, Philip Harries as Owan and Rhodri Hugh as the Rev Davies.

Written by Alan Plater.

Stories based on original material researched and collected by Jen Wilson of the Women's Jazz Archive, Swansea.

Composer and Musical Director: Paula Gardiner

Music: Ayla Gardiner, Richard Roberts, Peter Churchill, Nia Lynn, Dyfrig Morris and Lee Williams.

Directed in Wales by Alison Hindell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Getting the Gongs (b00kbyxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 1

1912: Widow Charlotte lives in an isolated manor in the North West, but her children resent her new husband Edward...

Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph.

Read by Hattie Morahan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

MON 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj26c)

Episode 11

Leaving the Karidkote party, Ash rejoins the Guides in Rawalpindi.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Jhoti Joseph Samra

Kaka-Ji Rao Paul Bhattacharjee

Wally Jonathan Forbes

Zarin Christopher Simpson

Khoda-Daad Sam Dastor

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjg)

Kate Summerscale - The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

Episode 1

Deborah Findlay reads from Kate Summerscale's account of a Victorian murder case that gripped the nation.

1/5. On a summer night in 1860, a gruesome murder takes place in a remote Georgian country house. The household reverberates with shock, not least because it seems the murderer is still among them. Jack Whicher of Scotland Yard, the most celebrated detective of his day, is called to the scene. With only an inept local police force to help him, he faces an unenviable task.

MON 15:00 Saturday Drama (b007t4zn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Genius (b00b9nzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b008jdf4)

Series 2

Episode 4

Pamela has had enough of men, including Merv, so she joins a women's group. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From May 2003.

MON 17:00 The World As We Know It (b00fks6k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b062jy98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vcnf1)

George Eliot - The Lifted Veil

Episode 1

The Lifted Veil is a novella by George Eliot, first published in 1859. Quite unlike the realistic fiction for which Eliot is best known, The Lifted Veil explores themes of extrasensory perception, the essence of physical life, the possibility of life after death, and the power of fate. The novella is a significant part of the Victorian tradition of horror fiction.

Latimer recalls the first time he knew for certain he could see in to the future.

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Read by Nigel Cooke

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016pyp1)

The Linen Mill

The beautiful singing of a young girl is often heard in a Belfast office block but why is she doomed to haunt this building forever?

Inspired by some of Ireland's most renowned female ghosts, Haunting Women is a group of stories from across the centuries, reliving five tragic tales of women who are doomed to haunt the island for eternity.

Producer: Gemma McMullan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075tfz)

Virginia Ironside and Jeremy Lewis

Louise Doughty and advice columnist Virginia Ironside and Jeremy Lewis, editor of the 'Oldie' magazine discuss favourite paperbacks by Truman Capote, Italo Calvino and Patrick Hamilton. From 2000.

Music for Chameleons by Truman Capote

Publisher: Penguin

If On A Winter's Night a Traveller by Italo Calvino

Publisher: Vintage

Hanover Square by Patrick Hamilton

Publisher: Penguin.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Murder Most Foul (b03cnf5k)

The Surgeon's Knife

TRUE CRIME: True tales of murder from the days when police cars had bells and the men from the Yard wore trilby hats.

Two bodies are found in a Scottish ravine. Dr Buck Ruxton's wife and maid are missing.

Nick Ross looks back at a case of murder from 1935. With Marc Zuber, Anthony Bate and Timothy Carlton.

Written by John Scotney. Producer: Mark Savage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

MON 20:30 Getting the Gongs (b00kbyxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Book of the Week (b00xcd9n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qx2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b062jy98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Bricklayer's Lament (b01lsqk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b064y5qx)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is joined by Sharon Horgan.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b062n4nq)

Series 46

Episode 4

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis with Gemma Whelan, Jon Holmes and Mitch Benn present the week's news through stand-up and sketches. This week the cast are joined by Elis James and BBC Technology Correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones.

MON 23:30 Pick Ups (b00nrrdc)

Series 2

All Bar Nun

Sitcom by Ian Kershaw, set around a Manchester taxi company. Alan and Lind reveal hidden talents, while Dave seeks a nun's advice on infidelity.

Mike Paul Loughran

Lind Lesley Sharp

Dave Phil Rowson

Alan Parvez Qadir

Shelly Naomi Radcliffe

Drunk Mark E Smith

Tanya Janie Connolly.

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2015

TUE 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vcnf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016pyp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0075tfz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Getting the Gongs (b00kbyxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj26c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Saturday Drama (b007t4zn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Genius (b00b9nzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The World As We Know It (b00fks6k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b062jy98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jtlz)

The Camden Town Murder

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Did Bob Wood really murder Emily Dimmock by slitting her throat?

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer.

With Timothy Block, Kellie Bright, Nicholas Farr, David Glover and Jonathan Tafler.

Dramatised by Michael Butt. Directed by John Taylor. A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.

TUE 06:30 Death By Chocolate (b00ybdzh)

From Brighton's chocolate-cream poisoner to chocolate hand grenades, Jo Brand looks at the sinister history of the sweet treat. From March 2007.

TUE 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0076h5s)

Series 3

All You Need Is Love

Saffron is worried because Trevor is staying out after work more frequently.

Annie McCartney's comedy drama about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road, Belfast, who are saved from their own chaos by Sally, their cleaning lady.

Sally Frances Tomelty

Saffron Ali White

Trevor Gerard McSorley

Fintan Gerard Murphy

Clare Marcella Riordan

Anna Hannah R Gordon

Simon Lloyd Houston

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Student Raymond Lau

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

TUE 07:30 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)

Series 3

Episode 4

What's Lucy Porter's least favourite town to perform in? Has Cornelius's pal Jonathan ever won any money as a result of a tip from Cornelius? Who is Tom Wigglesworth's all time hero? All these burning questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

In this case, comedian Lucy Porter picks her agent, comedian Tom Wigglesworth picks his father, and Cornelius Lysaght picks an old school friend.

Producer: Matt Stronge.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)

Series 2

Episode 5

Master Spy Kenneth Horne's on the case of a remote-control guided nuclear banana - and Kenneth Williams throws a fresh tantrum over the show's script.

With 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 April 1966.

TUE 08:30 The Burkis Way (b00dghc4)

Series 5

Wave Goodbyes to CBes the Burkis Way

The cult sketch show team's last-ever episode.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. With special guest David Jason.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b062n4nq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Romantic Friction (b00764mh)

An Ending..?

Brian has gone to the Shetland Isles to make giant fibreglass ducks and romance writer, Anna's head is throbbing because she's been hitting the cooking sherry.

Her book is on hold, her characters are unhappy and her publisher is nagging her for a finished copy. Is there any chance of a happy ending?

Samantha Bond and Hugh Bonneville star in Michelle Read's

4-part comedy-drama

Anna Samantha Bond

Brian Hugh Bonneville

Deirdre Beth Chambers

Fertility Doll Adjoa Andoh

Buddah Kammy Darweish

Brenda Michelle Read

Bob Andrew Wincott

Minnie Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Book Michael Fenton Stevens

Dougie Ewan Bailey

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

TUE 10:00 Saturday Drama (b0076x96)

The Great Chocolate Murders

By John Fletcher.

When people start falling ill all over 19th-century Brighton, everyone thinks that the lack of proper sewers has caused a cholera epidemic. Little do the police suspect that a middle-aged spinster is responsible.

With Sian Thomas, Chris Donnelly, Jennifer Hill, Dorien

Thomas, Brendan Charleson.

Directed by Kate McAll.

TUE 11:00 Book of the Week (b00x8hl2)

Judith Flanders - The Invention of Murder

Episode 2

By Judith Flanders.

Over the course of the nineteenth century, murder - in reality a rarity - became ubiquitous: transformed into novels, into broadsides and ballads, into theatre and melodrama. "The Invention of Murder" explores the Victorian fascination with deadly violence by relating some of the century's most gripping and gruesome cases and the ways in which they were commercially exploited.

Despite rising crime figures - and increasingly crowded cities - the public were reluctant to accept the establishment of an organised police force. This episode examines the reasons for that unwillingness and offers a fascinating insight into the origins of modern policing.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

TUE 11:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qvgd)

The Great Pork Pie Mystery

Musical detective Megan's mystery melody quest leads her to a 1920s Swansea tearoom. Stars Rakie Ayola and Margaret John.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jlzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Death By Chocolate (b00ybzdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kt9w8)

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 2

A train accident upsets Emerald Torrington's birthday celebrations

Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged by Alison Joseph.

Read by Hattie Morahan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

TUE 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj25z)

Episode 12

Confronting the bigotry of a fellow officer lands Ash in trouble, and he's sent away to Gujarat to cool his heels.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy

Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua

Wally Jonathan Forbes

Stiggins Sean Baker

Commander Sam Dale

Gobind Sam Dastur

Raikes Jude Akwudike

Sarji Sagar Arya

Crimpley Iain Batchelor

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjj)

Kate Summerscale - The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

Episode 2

Deborah Findlay reads from Kate Summerscale's account of a

Victorian murder case that gripped the nation.

2/5. Certain that the local police's chief suspect is innocent.

Whicher begins to piece together the family history of those at Road Hill House. Before long, he uncovers a web of deception and concealment going back decades. Finally, convinced that his instincts are correct, he makes an arrest that shocks disbelieving locals.

TUE 15:00 Saturday Drama (b0076x96)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Who Goes There? (b00766zc)

Series 6

Episode 3

Martin Young chairs the biographical quiz show about the noteworthy and notorious.

Batling team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego welcome entertainer, Geoffrey Durham and novelist, Jenny Colgan.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

TUE 16:30 Romantic Friction (b00764mh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Two Doors Down (b0076h5s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vxfjg)

George Eliot - The Lifted Veil

Episode 2

Nigel Cooke reads George Eliot's disturbing tale of clairvoyance and mind-reading.

Latimer's brother has fallen in love with Bertha. Her thoughts though are the only ones Latimer cannot read.

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016q309)

The Wedding Bouquet

Could the tale of a tragic marriage from 1677 have implications for a couple tying the knot today? Stars Alison McKenna.

TUE 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007mw9s)

Series 3

Arthur Askey

'Big-hearted', but also a comedic radical. Mark Radcliffe profiles one of Britain's most successful comic performers.

Series exploring the tradition of influential northern comedians.

Producer Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007jrlz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Murder Most Foul (b03ddyqt)

Cabin 126

TRUE CRIME: True tales of murder from the days when police cars had bells and the men from the Yard wore trilby hats.

Can you be convicted of murder if there is no body?

Nick Ross looks back at the death of the actress Gay Gibson, on board an ocean liner in 1947.

Stars Graham Blockley as James Camb. With Ian Lindsay and Mark Straker.

Written by John Scotney. Producer: Tim Suter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

TUE 20:30 Death By Chocolate (b00ybzdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Book of the Week (b00x8hl2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qvgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Little Britain (b008m9f5)

Series 2

Episode 1

Back where it started out. Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball TV smash hit, without the cameras. From February 2002.

TUE 23:00 Rubbish (b0084j26)

Series 2

Insomnia

Martin Christmas works in the council's recycling department - a job as it reflects the rubbish going on in his personal life.

Martin has a new boss who delights in winding him up...

Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in series 2 of Tony

Bagley's sitcom.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Barney Matthew Cottle

John Neil Dudgeon

Dawn Emma Kennedy

Little Girl Nicole Shortland

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

TUE 23:30 Vent (b01f9xz7)

Series 3

Stirrings in the Night

Ben and Mary's love life is in jeopardy, so Blitz recruits Lord

Byron to offer the couple some useful relationship advice.

Starring Neil Pearson.

Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling

through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitz Leslie Ash

Nurse Jo Martin

Derek Stephen Frost

Marley/Lord Byron Spencer Brown

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2015**WED 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vxfjg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016q309)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007mw9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jlzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Death By Chocolate (b00ybzdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kt9w8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj25z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Saturday Drama (b0076x96)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00766zc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Romantic Friction (b00764mh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Two Doors Down (b0076h5s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)

A Hint of Arsenic

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Sir Edward sets out to prove Harold Greenwood innocent of killing his first wife.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer. With Timothy Block, Robert Blythe and Zelah Clarke.

Dramatised by Michael Butt and directed by John Taylor. A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.

WED 06:30 Hot House Kids (b00gkz12)

Episode 1

Former prima ballerina Deborah Bull investigates the advantages and the pitfalls of being an elite performer in the arts and sport and what young people need to succeed. She also looks at the physiological advantages and problems of attaining perfection, discovering the optimum and the safe age to begin meaningful training.

Deborah started ballet training at the age of seven - dangerously close to the age at which, however hard she worked, she would have been too late to consider a career on the international ballet stage today. The ability to excel at complex and extreme physical endeavours in ballet and other performing arts and sport requires a combination of two things: a highly trained body and an expert brain.

To achieve the levels of excellence necessary to compete on the global job market today you have to start young, taking advantage of the brain's early plasticity and the increased potential for muscle flexibility in pre-adolescents. In the UK, most little girls (and some boys) start serious dancing and music training at around the age of seven. A UK child has some degree of choice and control and, after a few years, the ability to decide whether or not to pursue one of the activities as a professional career. However, in some countries in Eastern Europe and Asia children enter full time training as young as three - gymnastics and ballet training are key examples - and endure challenging physical and mental regimes to ensure that they are ready to compete - and achieve the highest standards as soon as they reach double figures.

On a journey that takes Deborah to the Ukraine, she visits the National Ballet School in Kiev, the elite football training centre at Dynamo Kiev and the National Gymnastics centre in Kiev where she discovers why elite athletes are achieving such high levels of achievement in Eastern Europe.

Because of the growing number of top-class performers coming out of Asian countries she also has contributions from members of the national ballet school in Korea.

In this first programme Deborah looks at the physiological development of a young person, what happens to the body and the brain of an elite child and what key things are needed to help nurture and realise its potential. She also discovers that if a child is to avoid some of the short- and long-term injuries which result in top class training he or she may have to compromise on standards.

WED 07:00 Winston (b007k4s2)

Series 1

Without a Doubt

The whole fabric of Nancy's family is cracking up. Her brother William and younger sister Rosie are threatening to leave for London, and her Father has become a secret drinker again - and it's the fault of Winston the village poacher...

Peter Timmiswood's bawdy comedy serial.

CAST:

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.

WED 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b062kx4n)

Series 2

Coffee

Comedian Simon Evans continues his series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - we are addicted to. If you crave your daily coffee, can't get by without a cigarette, feel that mid-afternoon slump without your sugar-fix, or can't face an evening without a glass of wine, you are definitely not alone. But have you ever thought about the economics that has made your addiction possible? Who does it profit? And would you want to make some canny investments that take advantage of our human weaknesses?

In this series, Simon Evans looks at the economics, history and health issues behind these oh-so-addictive commodities. This time it's coffee.

How much are we now drinking as a nation? And how much of the price of a cup of coffee is actually the coffee beans? Are we giving coffee growers the best deal when we buy Fairtrade coffee or should we be seeking out Direct trade coffee? And could this be the least harmful of all addictions? Perhaps even a positive addiction, with the coffee shop being, as Steven Johnson said (in his recent 'Where good ideas come from' TED talk), 'a place where ideas can have sex'?

Simon speaks to specialist coffee experts Onny Loisel and Michael Cleland. He is also joined by economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset-Webb, as he walks us around the economics of this very familiar commodity and pokes fun at our relationship with it.

Presented by Simon Evans, with Onny Loisel and Michael Cleland, Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset Webb.

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007ys7l)

Series 3

Povey's Unexpected Leave

It's a case of better the devil you know, when a temporary new Captain arrives on board HMS Troutbridge.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson, Richard Cildicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey, Michael Bates as the Laundry Manager and Tenniel Evans as the Clerk.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1961.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)

Series 5

Episode 12

The sound archives of the BBC - and noises animals make.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Bill Oddie and Jo Kendall.

Written by Graeme Garden, David Hatch, 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 Leon Cohen and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b063r08q)

1998

Semi-final 2

Ned Sherrin hosts the music quiz with Pam Gulliver of Reading, London's Thomas Dyer and Dick Hobbs from East Sussex. From March 1998.

WED 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00bs464)

Series 1

The Caramba Campaign

Ludovico - the henpecked Prince of Monte Guano - hears two neighbouring states are set to go to war. His wife Plethora

badgers him into leading his ragbag of conscripts in search of booty, accompanied by his sons and mistress Rosalie...

Neal Anthony's comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy.

Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Paul Bigley as Alessandro, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Nick Romero as Salvatori, Christopher Kelham as Guido and Kim Wall as Brother Michael.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

WED 10:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt0gv)

Episode 1

When Magnolia Hawks climbs aboard the Cotton Blossom Floating Palace Theatre, a whole new world opens up and so her remarkable life begins...

Edna Ferber's epic controversial novel dramatised by Moya O'Shea.

Kim.....Lysette Anthony

Magnolia.....Samantha Spiro

Parthy.....Laurel Lefkow

Andy.....Morgan Deare

Young Magnolia.....Shahrazad Matthews

Gaylord.....Ryan McCluskey

Julie.....Samantha Dakin

Steve.....Henry Devas

Elly.....Leah Brotherhead

Schultzky.....Jude Akuwudike

Jo.....Nonso Anozie

Queenie.....Tracy Ifeachor

Sophy.....Joanna Monro

Windy.....Sean Baker

Pete.....Mark Caven

Mr. Mowson.....Iain Batchelor

Music by Neil Brand and banjo played by Mike Hammond.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

WED 11:00 Book of the Week (b00xcdk9)

Judith Flanders - The Invention of Murder

Episode 3

By Judith Flanders.

Over the course of the nineteenth century, murder - in reality a rarity - became ubiquitous: transformed into novels, into broadsides and ballads, into theatre and melodrama. "The Invention of Murder" explores the Victorian fascination with deadly violence by relating some of the century's most gripping and gruesome cases and the ways in which they were commercially exploited.

The decreasing age of the British population - in the 1820s half the country was under 25 - meant there was a lucrative market for lively entertainment. Children flocked to penny gaffs: unlicensed theatres which offered cheap entertainment, often dramatisations of notorious murders. One of the most infamous, the Red Barn Murder of 1828, was being performed as a melodrama even before the prime suspect was put on trial.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

WED 11:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qss0)

Beacons

Musical detective Megan's mystery melody quest comes full circle when she gets a surprise. Stars Rakie Ayola.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007ys7l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of**Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Hot House Kids (b00gkz12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b01ktfwb)

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 3

Tension mounts following the arrival of another mysterious visitor.

Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph.

Read by Hattie Morahan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

WED 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj261)

Episode 13

Ash's peace is shattered by news from Bhithor, where the Rana is dangerously ill.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Street Vendor Kaleem Janjua

Bukta Adeel Akhtar

Commissioner Sam Dale

Gobind Sam Dastor

Sarji Sagar Arya

Manilal Christopher Simpson

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjl)

Kate Summerscale - The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

Episode 3

Deborah Findlay reads from Kate Summerscale's account of a Victorian murder case that gripped the nation.

3/5. Whicher's prime suspect Constance Kent is brought before the judge at Temperance Hall to face questions about the murder of her younger brother Saville. After a convincing performance by her defence team, Whicher's case seems to be crumbling. With the release of both Constance and the local police's suspect, nursemaid Elizabeth Gough, the truth seems as elusive as ever.

WED 15:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt0gv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b063r08q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00bs464)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Winston (b007k4s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b062kx4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vfxhb)

George Eliot - The Lifted Veil

Episode 3

Nigel Cooke reads George Eliot's disturbing tale of clairvoyance and mind-reading.

Latimer has had a clairvoyant vision that he will marry his brother's wife, Bertha. But how can that possibly be?

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016r25v)

The Waiting Wall

Grandmother Sarah returns to the village she grew up in, and relives the scandal and tragedy of her sister. Stars Doreen Keogh.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076qr3)

Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned
Matthew Parris, Rachel Royce, Harry Thompson and Libby Potter discuss the dangers of a woman scorned. From March 2005.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007ys7l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wmxgc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Murder Most Foul (b03f882y)

The Major, the Scone and the Dandelions
TRUE CRIME: True tales of murder from the days when police cars had bells and the men from the Yard wore Trilby hats. One lump of arsenic or two? There were good reasons for Mr Martin to refuse an invitation to tea with the Major...

1920s Hay-on-Wye: Nick Ross reviews the case of Major Armstrong's fetish and his poorly wife.

Stars Aubrey Woods as Major Armstrong, John Rowe as Dr Hincks and Petra Bridgen as Mrs Armstrong.

Written by John Scotney. Producer: Mark Savage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

WED 20:30 Hot House Kids (b00gkz12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Book of the Week (b00xcdk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Alan Plater - The Devil's Music (b007qss0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b062kx4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Cabin Pressure (b012x12f)

Series 3

St Petersburg

Some vodka and an unwary bird could spell the end of the line for MJN Air and when Carolyn meets her ex-husband the atmosphere turns even icier.

John Finnemore's sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small and many jobs are too difficult.

With special guest Timothy West

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Gordon Shappey Timothy West

Tommo Paul Shearer

Producer/Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2011.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b064y5tc)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is joined by Sharon Horgan.

WED 23:00 Revolting People (b00fnrmh)

Series 2

And Yet Even More Trying Times

Samuel is left a fortune by his puritanical Aunt Sybil. But only if his family can fulfil her final wish.

Comedy set just before the American Revolution.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses

Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Mary Oliphant Jan Ravens

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Penelope Nice

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Snavelly Phillip Pope

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

WED 23:30 1966 and All That (b01075px)

The 1940s

The French Resistance struggle to victory under General de Gaulle.

Hitler gets stuck in a bunker with his Gerbil.

And John Humphrys interviews Winston Churchill.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1940s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THURSDAY 30 JULY 2015

THU 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vfxhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016r25v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076qr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Hot House Kids (b00gkz12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kfbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj261)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b009ppj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt0gv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b063r08q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00bs464)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Winston (b007k4s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b062kx4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm10)

A Death at Christmas

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Sir Edward faces a complex case over a troubled ex-soldier charged with murder.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer.

With Timothy Block, Robert Blythe and Jonathan Taffler.

Dramatised by Michael Butt. Director Michael Fox.

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.

THU 06:30 Hot House Kids (b00gqzvy)

Episode 2

Former prima ballerina Deborah Bull investigates the advantages and the pitfalls of being an elite performer in the arts and sport and what young people need to succeed, as well as the psychological advantages and problems of attaining perfection.

To achieve the levels of excellence necessary to compete on the global job market today a performer needs to start young, taking advantage of the brain's early plasticity and the increased potential for muscle flexibility in pre-adolescents. But in some cases the cost can be the stable emotional development of the child.

In certain countries of Eastern Europe and Asia children can enter full-time training as young as three - gymnastics and ballet training are key examples - and undergo challenging physical and mental regimes in order to ensure that they are ready to compete and achieve the highest standards as soon as they reach double figures. For the growing child as it moves into adolescence, interaction with a parent is vital to its emotional development. Yet, as the programme discovers, the intense training regime needed to house gifted children to the supreme levels of performance frequently involves taking the child away for hours of training.

On a journey that takes Deborah to the Ukraine, she visits the National Ballet School in Kiev, the elite football training centre at Dynamo Kiev and the National Gymnastics centre in Kiev, where she discovers why elite athletes are achieving such high levels of achievement in Eastern Europe. Back in Britain she visits the Chelsea Academy, the Yehudi Menuhin School and the Central School of Ballet to find out if our softly, softly approach will work in such a competitive market.

The programme also includes contributions from members of the National Ballet School of Korea, reflecting the growing number of top-class performers today emerging from Asian nations.

THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rgl7)

Honorita Glossop

When Bingo Little's new love lands Bertie Wooster in bother - who can save the day?

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Sir Roderick Glossop Andrew Cruickshank

Aunt Agatha Joan Sanderson

Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Lord Rainsby James Villiers

Honorita Glossop Miriam Margolyes

Oswald Glossop Denise Bryer

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

THU 07:30 It's a Fair Cop (b062n1fc)

Series 2

Property Predicament

Policeman turned comic Alfie Moore gives himself a headache seizing items from a real-life Bob the Builder.

Series in which the audience makes the policing decisions as Alfie takes them through a real-life crime scenario.

Written and performed by Alfie Moore.

Script Editor: Will Ing

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)

Series 2

The Siege of Steptoe Street

Albert and Harold are besieged by all their creditors demanding money.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Robert Dorring as Mr Stacey the butcher

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 was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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 June 1967.

THU 08:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)

Series 1

Episode 4

Baby talk for Eric and it's bath-time for Ernie - but is he really that hairy?

Special singing guest: Wilma Reading.

Written by Eddie Braben

With Ann Hamilton and Arthur Tolcher.

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.

THU 09:00 Guess What? (b063r9k0)

Episode 5

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.

Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Geoffrey Durham and Hattie Hayridge.

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998

THU 09:30 Radio Active (b007jrkv)

Series 2

Good Day Sport

Get the all the sport results you need and all those you don't - from your local national radio station.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with James Hendrie and Jimmy Mulville.

Producer: Jimmy Mulville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1982.

THU 10:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt4px)

Episode 2

Parthy has shocking news about Gaylord, as Kim receives a telegram in her Cotton Blossom dressing room. Stars Samantha Spiro.

THU 11:00 Book of the Week (b00xf8nz)

Judith Flanders - The Invention of Murder

Episode 4

By Judith Flanders.

Over the course of the nineteenth century, murder - in reality a rarity - became ubiquitous: transformed into novels, into broadsides and ballads, into theatre and melodrama. "The Invention of Murder" explores the Victorian fascination with deadly violence by relating some of the century's most gripping and gruesome cases and the ways in which they were commercially exploited.

As the century progressed, so did advances in medical knowledge and expert witnesses were soon playing a major part in criminal trials. This episode looks at the sensational case of

Adelaide Bartlett, who was accused of murdering her husband with chloroform in 1886. Newspapers and magazines pored over lurid details of the Bartletts' marriage and the case was responsible for inspiring a rash of fiction.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

THU 11:15 Drama (b00xhzbv)

Deborah Wain - Notes to Self

by Deborah Wain.

Doreen has been in a care home for two years. Her son Robert visits but finds it hard to have a meaningful relationship with his mother, unlike his partner Karen. A performance at the home reveals music to have a powerful effect on Doreen. Can it offer an opportunity for Robert to make a new connection with her? A drama about Alzheimer's disease based on real experiences and interwoven with recordings of music sessions carried out in care homes and day centres.

Music performed by David Barnard, James Dinsmore and Rebecca Watson with participants in the Lost Chord music session at The Linney Centre and residents and carers at the Richmond Care Home.

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Hot House Kids (b00gqzvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv41j)

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 4

Following some shocking revelations, Charlotte plans her escape.

Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph.

Read by Hattie Morahan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

THU 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj263)

Episode 14

Ash's plan is diverted at the last minute, and he has to decide whether pity justifies the same terrible deed as love.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Bukta Adeel Akhtar

Anjali Ayesha Dharker

Gobind Sam Dastor

Sarji Sagar Arya

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjn)

Kate Summerscale - The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

Episode 4

Deborah Findlay reads from Kate Summerscale's account of a Victorian murder case that gripped the nation.

4/5. Constance Kent confesses to the murder. After a short trial, the death sentence is passed, but Queen Victoria spares her life. It is only after the trial that Constance's motives begin to come to light, and the case is by no means satisfactorily concluded.

THU 15:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt4px)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Guess What? (b063r9k0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Radio Active (b007jrkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rgl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 It's a Fair Cop (b062n1fc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vfxkv)

George Eliot - The Lifted Veil

Episode 4

Nigel Cooke reads George Eliot's disturbing tale of clairvoyance and mind-reading.

After his brother's death, Latimer realises that his chilling premonition may just come true...

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016r256)

The Shimmering Dress

In 19th-century Ireland, the beautiful Cecilia rejects the squire's advances. But can she ever escape him? Stars Alison McKenna.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076nys)

Series 6

Marvin Gaye

4 Extra Debut. Writer and broadcaster Tim Marlow chooses innovative soul singer Marvin Gaye. With Humphrey Carpenter and Norman Jay. From November 2004.

THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jzmr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Murder Most Foul (b03g8w4n)

The Body in the Trunk

TRUE CRIME: True tales of murder from the days when police cars had bells and the men from the Yard wore trilby hats.

For Tony Mancini the prospects of acquittal looked slim in May 1934. The police had discovered the body in his flat, and there seemed little doubt as to the murderer - but with Norman Birkett defending him, he still had a chance. Nick Ross narrates.

Stars Peter Hugo-Daly as Tony Macini and Anthony Bate as Norman Birkett.

Written by John Scotney. Producer: Tim Suter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

THU 20:30 Hot House Kids (b00gqzvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Book of the Week (b00xf8nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Drama (b00xhzbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (b062n1fc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00db5bt)

Series 2

A Happy Life Broken and Then Mended a Bit

You're cordially invited to cover before the terrifying spectacle of the Martian invasion, where only Pip and some geese stand between Mr Benevolent's army of long-eared purple space villains and all that is good and true....

The final chapter of the Victorian comic epic, and the whole planet is in terrible danger when Pip's evil ex-guardian Mr Gently Benevolent summons a massive Martian invasion. Is this the end for Pip, Harry and the rest of the human race? And will Pippa's goose sanctuary be all right? Listeners are cordially invited to cover before the terrifying spectacle of the army of long-eared purple space villains...

Mark Evans's epic comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Chapter the Last: A Happy Life Broken and then Mended a Bit

Sir Philip.....Richard Johnson

Mr Benevolent.....Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit.....James Bachman

Young Pip.....Tom Allen

Sternbeater.....Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Fecund.....Sarah Hadland

Mr Parsimonious.....Laurence Howarth

Pippa.....Susy Kane

Sundry learned gentlemen.....Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

THU 23:00 The Party Party (b007jx5p)

Episode 6

Microcosm is host to revenge, greed and attempted murder.

Starring Hugh Laurie, Robert Glenister and Clive Mantle. From June 1987.

THU 23:30 Miranda Hart's Joke Shop (b00mvf1)

What an Excuse

The shopkeeper's mother plans a wedding, but the prospective bride has other ideas. With Patricia Hodge. From September 2008.

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2015

FRI 00:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vfxkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016r526)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076nys)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Hot House Kids (b00gqzvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv4lj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj263)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Edna Ferber - Show Boat (b01nt4px)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b063r9k0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Radio Active (b007jrkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rgl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 It's a Fair Cop (b062n1fc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2zd)

The Case of the Green Bicycle

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall

Hall.

Did Ronald Light shoot a woman cyclist dead? Sir Edward sets out to prove his innocence.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer.

With Jonathan Tafler and David Alistair.

Dramatised by Michael Butt.

Director Michael Fox

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.

FRI 06:30 A Thor in One's Side (b00772pf)

In 1947, a crew of intrepid and hard-bitten Norwegians first set out on what was, on the face of it, a pretty flimsy premise - that you could cross the mighty Pacific Ocean from Peru to Polynesia with nothing more solid than a balsa wood raft.

That raft, the Kon-Tiki, and the exploits of those Norwegians, led by the visionary Thor Heyerdahl, were to become world renowned.

Tony Robinson tells the story of Heyerdahl's epic journey and its lasting effect on popular archaeology.

Producer: Geoff Ballinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 07:00 Rent (b063rvm6)

Series 4

Episode 2

Paul and Ruby are busy house hunting. Meanwhile Maria and Richard are in the money - what will they do with it all?

Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and

Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

With Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 07:30 Wordaholics (b01c7lk6)

Series 1

Episode 1

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides as Stephen Fry, Natalie Haynes, Milton Jones and Lloyd Langford vie for supremacy in the ring.

Wordaholics is clever, intelligent, witty and unexpected. There are toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang, Greek gobbledegook, plus the

panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words. Find out the meaning of words like giff-gaff, knock-knobbler

and buckfitches - the difference between French marbles, French velvet and the French ache - hear the glorious poetry of

the English language, as practiced from writers varying from William Shakespeare to Vanilla Ice - and spend half an hour

laughing and learning with some of the finest Wordaholics in the business.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)

Series 4

Agricultural 'Ancock

The lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.

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 February 1957.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jish)

Series 5

The Last Tram (from Clapham)

London's trams are no more, but boss Neddie Seagoon must

pursue the one that got away.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

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 November 1954.

FRI 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mb1r1)

Series 2

Episode 3

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry

pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Danny Kelly and Clare Grogan to be put through their musical paces.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

FRI 09:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

Sonning, I'll Definitely Meet You in Sonning

Mark and his manic mutt are rowing up the Thames, but will Jennifer ever come on board? Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

FRI 10:00 Stephen Fagan - The Intersection (b01fhjrq)

Working in a London auction house, Chris meets his father by chance for the first time in 10 years.

Chris has grown up and his father has grown old.

Neither of them knows whether their meeting will prove to be an important beginning - or just a sad accident...

Family drama by Stephen Fagan.

Starring John le Mesurier as Father, Frank Grimes as Chris, Jane Knowles as the American woman, Christopher Scott as

George, Alan Dudley as Lord Wrighton, Haydn Wood as Lord Soper and Stephen Garlick as Bernie.

Director: Margaret Windhau

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981

FRI 11:00 Book of the Week (b00xf9t2)

Judith Flanders - The Invention of Murder

Episode 5

By Judith Flanders.

Over the course of the nineteenth century, murder - in reality a rarity - became ubiquitous; transformed into novels, into

broadside and ballads, into theatre and melodrama. "The Invention of Murder" explores the Victorian fascination with

deadly violence by relating some of the century's most gripping and gruesome cases and the ways in which they were

commercially exploited.

The public imagination was particularly stirred when new technology was used to bring criminals to justice. This episode

looks at one such case in which an enterprising railway clerk used the electric telegraph to send a description of a suspected

murderer ahead of the train he was travelling on, so that the suspect could be met by police at his journey's end. And,

bringing us right up to the final years of the century, how the funeral of an acclaimed actor - and murder victim - was

captured on film for posterity.

Read by Robert Glenister.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

FRI 11:15 Carolyn Bonnyman - Talking Latin (b0076kc6)

Five years after vanishing, Karen meets with her husband and facts have to be faced. Stars Julie Duncanson and Billy

McElhaney.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jish)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2zd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 A Thor in One's Side (b00772pf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv7wq)

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 5

A horse and child unite the beleaguered party guests and the train crash survivors demand release.

Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged by

Alison Joseph.

Concluded by Hattie Morahan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

FRI 14:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yj263)

Episode 15

Safe and with the woman he loves, Ash cannot work out how to marry her.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kalem Janjua

Bukta Adeel Akhtar

Anjuli Ayesha Dharker

Stiggins Sean Baker

Zarin Christopher Simpson

Mrs Viccary Joanna Monro

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b009ppjq)

Kate Summerscale - The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

Episode 5

Deborah Findlay reads from Kate Summerscale's account of a Victorian murder case that gripped the nation.

5/5. Only in 1928, with the arrival of an anonymous letter from Sydney, do the real events at Road Hill House back in 1860 finally come to light.

FRI 15:00 Stephen Fagan - The Intersection (b01fhjrq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mb1r1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Rent (b063rvm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Wordaholics (b01c7lk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Book at Bedtime (b00vfxmc)

George Eliot - The Lifted Veil

Episode 5

Nigel Cooke reads George Eliot's disturbing tale of clairvoyance and mind-reading.

As Latimer begins to lose his mind-reading powers - an old friend persuades him to take part in an extraordinary experiment.

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:15 Dermot Bolger - Haunting Women (b016q02f)

The Riding Crop

A bitter dispute between sisters 200 years ago means a precious wedding gift must be cared for in the present.

FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b012fbpn)

Series 4

The Mouth

"If you were an intelligent designer, would you combine the food processor and the word processor in the same unit?" asks Stephen Fry in this intimate portrait of the most important part of speech.

Evolutionary biologists can't agree whether the complexities of eating and speaking are linked. But the evolution of the mouth is important. It date stamps the start of language and of modern humanity. As soon as we had the equipment to speak, we started, for example, to make art. We hear from a lipreader, who explains why we all hear mouths with our eyes. Ventriloquist Nina Conti explains how she has learned to over-rule the automatic functions of her mouth. A facial surgeon gives us the tour of the inside of the mouth and a psychologist discusses humanity's earliest form of happy oral communication - or language. The smile. But are smiles conscious or unconscious? The psychologist and the lipreader also explain what distinguishes English mouths. And it's not the stiff upper lip.

The programme gives us key information about the development of language. The human mouth's structure is unique among primates. If chimpanzee or neanderthal mouths had developed the same physical structure, would they be able to speak? The answer comes with the help of a monkey, interviewed by Stephen in the studio. He just happened to come along with Nina Conti.

We also learn of a design fault unique to human mouths. The benefit of the power of speech has a potentially fatal downside.

Producer: Nick Baker

A Testbed Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007y1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jlsb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Murder Most Foul (b03h3kxy)

Sheer Plod

TRUE CRIME: True tales of murder from the days when police cars had bells and the men from the Yard wore trilby hats.

Luton 1943: the discovery of a body in the River Lea sparks off a nationwide manhunt. But first the police must discover the identity of the dead woman.

Nick Ross looks back at the case. Stars Norman Jones as Chief Inspector Chapman and Ronald Herdman as Bertie Manton.

Written by John Scotney. Producer: Tim Suter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Carolyn Bonnyman - Talking Latin (b0076kc6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Shappi Talk (b00lh4yp)

Series 1

Racism

Iranian comedian Shappi Khorsandi was brought to this country as a child and grew up in a very unusual and un-British family. Her father was one of Iran's top satirists and the family were forced to leave their home country as her father was termed a political dissident. As she grew up, it became apparent that the Khorsandi household was a little different from some of the families that Shappi had been friends with.

Shappi Talk takes this alternative background for Shappi to host a four part comedy series where she takes four elements of this upbringing to hilariously reveal what it was like growing up in a non-British family.

Joining Shappi will be comedian Felix Dexter who was born in St Kitts and moved to the UK as a child and each week Shappi also chats to another guest 'on location' and this time she's joined by Meera Syal.

There'll also be a song from comedian Hills Barker.

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:30 Absolute Power (b007q93w)

Series 1

Episode 3

Prentis McCabe - the machiavellian doctors of spin - get involved in the race for London Mayor.

Mark Tavener's comedy about the two specialists in government and media relations.

Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.

With:

Tony Gardner

Siobhan Hayes

Colin McFarlane

Hugh Parker

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06542lt)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Iain Stirling.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b014gmfm)

Series 4

Ian Hislop

Marcus Brigstocke invites Private Eye editor and broadcaster Ian Hislop to try new experiences, including buying his first ever pair of jeans.

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 the film Star Wars.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

FRI 23:30 Down the Line (b010626t)

Series 4

Episode 5

The return of the ground-breaking, Radio 4 show, hosted by the legendary Gary Bellamy; brought to you by the creators of The Fast Show.

Down The Line stars Rhys Thomas as Gary Bellamy, with Amelia Bullmore, Simon Day, Felix Dexter, Charlie Higson, Lucy Montgomery, and Paul Whitehouse.

Special guests are Rosie Cavaliero, Dave Cummings and Adil Ray

Producers: Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.