

SATURDAY 08 AUGUST 2015

SAT 00:00 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3bt)

Episode 5

The truth about Isla is revealed. Will Kate and Colleen finally manage to escape.?

Conclusion of Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.

Kate Claire Knight
Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
Strachan Liam Brennan
Old Strachan John Shedden
Donnie Lewis Howden
Isla Eileen McCallum
Octavia Lucy Patterson
DC Carbeth James Bryce
WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford
Dennis Finlay McLean

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. First broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 Fry's English Delight (b012krqz)

Series 4

Brevity

Stephen Fry explores 'Brevity' - from lyrics to headlines and epitaphs to telegrams.

We've always had a taste for the tweet-sized. Proverbs and aphorisms go back to the ancient Greeks. We explore the possible links between the Tweet and the Haiku - including that tiny rarity, an English Haiku. We visit Bunhill Cemetery in London with writer Kevin Jackson to enjoy the necessary terseness of epitaphs and reflect on a poetic exponent, William Blake.

The concision of telegrams created poetry and humour born of economy. We recall Oscar Wilde's famous telegram exchange with his publisher in which he enquires about sales of his recent book with a lone '??' The response was of course, '!' One liner-machine Tim Vine joins Stephen in the studio to discuss his affinity with brevity and 'his passion for small hand grenades of wit' as one reviewer put it. He describes the liberation of the bite-size joke and reflects on why he would make the perfect headline writer.

'The pun is the life blood of the headline' according to Kelvin Mackenzie who recalls the origins of his famous headline from the 1980s - 'Gotcha' and reflects on the importance of short words for any tabloid newspaper editor. Laura Barton, writer for the Guardian, explores her love of short writing and of neologisms in pop lyrics. If 'la la' means 'I love you' and 'wop-bop-a-loop-a' was an expression which captured the freedom of 50s rock and roll, what short word sums up the world today? Aleks Krotoski chooses the word 'Meme' and examines the way technology has given us the means to create ever smaller bespoke packages of information. And more of them. The chopped up doesn't necessarily mean the dumbed down.

Producer: Nick Baker

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 01:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b064fmwy)

Series 1

The Dead Candidate

The con artist tries going straight, but still manages to become embroiled in a dictatorship's shenanigans.

Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.

The films of Orson Welles, such as 'Citizen Kane', 'The Magnificent Ambersons' and 'Touch of Evil' guaranteed his place in the pantheon of silver-screen heroes.

In the celebrated 1949 film adaptation of Graham Greene's novel 'The Third Man', Harry Lime is introduced as one of cinema's most notorious anti-heroes. Sought in post-war Vienna by pulp writer Holly Martins [Joseph Cotton] and British Army Major Calloway [Trevor Howard], Lime manages to steal the show despite being absent for much of it!

This radio prequel to the film, 'The Lives of Harry Lime' earned Welles even more acclaim. His distinctive tones had already served him well as the radio voice of 'The Shadow' between 1937 and 1938, where he portrayed the crusader with distinctly questionable means of thwarting crime.

Stripped of the film cameras, the character of Harry Lime is not ameliorated for this radio outing. He's an out and out rogue. Lime made it to the airwaves thanks to another Harry - Harry Alan Towers, with whom Welles collaborated on 'The Black Museum'. Like its eponymous anti-hero, this series travelled widely, being syndicated across the USA and on Radio Luxembourg.

The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.

Produced by Towers of London.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1951.

SAT 01:20 Inheritance Tracks (b064fmx0)

Beverley Knight

The singer and actress chooses 'Touch the Hem of His Garment' and 'A Change Gonna Come' by Sam Cooke.

SAT 01:30 Percy Edwards Showdown (b00htwx7)

David Attenborough stars in a new role: radio quizmaster - in a show all about Percy Edwards, who enjoyed a 70 year career impersonating birds and beasts.

That was a first, and so is this programme - a documentary game-show, combining the strange story of Percy's life, with archive of his impersonations, interviews with those who knew him, and a quiz.

Contestants include: Bill Oddie and Alex Horne.

Sir David will play bird calls for the teams to identify, some of

which will be Percy's impressions, so can they tell the difference? They will also be asked to identify circumstances - a cry of distress, alarm or a sexy song?

Woven into the rounds will be snippets about Percy's life and impact.

Percy discovered his talent for talking like animals aged seven. Eventually he could produce the sound of over 600 birds, and some other beasts (his was the voice of the killer whale in Orca, the alien in Alien and he provided sheep noises for Kate Bush's song 'The Dreaming').

Percy Edwards died aged 88 in 1996.

Producers: Emma Legg and Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v4m42)

Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell

Episode 5

Written by Rebecca Hunt

The weekend is approaching, together with the imminent anniversary of Esther's husband's death. But an unexpected task is set for Esther by her boss at the Westminster Library.

The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:15 The Generation Gap (b00qsz6f)

Series 1: Respect

Funeral Directors

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Michael Ryan, a funeral director in Newport, and his daughter Louise - who, at 21, is the youngest female funeral director in the world - discuss whether changes in funeral styles mean that our respect for the dead has changed.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (b00yqn7f)

Episode 20

The Guides' heroic last stand at the British Mission in Kabul is watched helplessly by an imprisoned Ash.

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

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Cavagnari Sam Dale

Anjuli Ayesha Dharker

Jenkins Sean Baker

Wally Jonathan Forbes

Ambrose Iain Batchelor

Nakshband Khan Muzaffar Shafeie

Hassan Gul Sagar Arya

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SAT 02:45 Nella Last's Peace: Housewife 49 (b012m9yp)

Episode 5

In 1947's bitter winter, the housewife looks back - and ponders the next generation's prospects. Concluded by Imelda Staunton.

SAT 03:00 Herman Melville - Moby Dick (b00tycss)

Episode 2

Fedullah's enigmatic prophecy is revealed, as Captain Ahab's obsessive pursuit for the great white whale reaches a boiling, wrenching climax...

Now in middle age, sole survivor Ishmael looks back on his younger self and remembers more of this voyage of a lifetime. Conclusion of Herman Melville's 1851 novel dramatised by Stef Penney.

Ishmael Trevor White

Young Ishmael PJ Brennan

Captain Ahab Garrick Hagon

Peter Coffin Howell Evans

Queequeg Sani Muliamaaseali'i

Captain Boomer Mark Meadows

Captain Mayhew Dorian Thomas

Starbuck/Gabriel Richard Laing

Stubb Simon Lee Phillips

Archy Adam Redmayne

Daggoo Kobna Holdbrook-Smith

Specially composed music by Stuart Gordon.

Directed at BBC/Cymru Wales by Kate McAll.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

SAT 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mdy19)

Series 2

Episode 4

James Walton and the music quiz for all the young, and not so young, dudes.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Dave Gorman and Mary Anne Hobbs 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 2006.

SAT 04:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)

See You Outside Boots in Oxford

Mark and his manic mutt look for the enigmatic Jennifer in the city of dreaming spires. Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

SAT 05:00 Rent (b064fnvq)

Series 4

Episode 3

Maria and Richard are getting to grips with a welcome new

arrival - the nanny.

While Paul and Ruby are about to cope with a rather less welcome 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

With Sarah Parkinson and Toby Longworth.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 05:30 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

Series 1

Episode 2

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides as Natalie Haynes, Michael Rosen, Arthur Smith and Paul Sinha 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: the whole world of words.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

SAT 06:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck (b007k1v3)

Pretty but shrewd Judith Taverner gallops in from the provinces and daringly defies the gaming, drinking and brawling world of Regency London to claim her rights, her fortune - and who knows, perhaps her happiness?

Starring Elizabeth Proud as Judith Taverner, Simon Shepherd as Peregrine Taverner, Steve Hodson as Lord Worth and Gary Cady as Bernard Taverner.

Written by Georgette Heyer. Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

SAT 07:30 Michael Bentine - The Reluctant Jester (b01qrv7)

The Reluctant Jester Strikes Back

It'll Be Alright on the Night

The hazards of live TV and working with animals.

Founding member of The Goon Show and one of the foremost comic minds of his generation - Michael Bentine offers more behind-the-scenes tales of his offbeat and extraordinary life in showbiz, the RAF and civvy street; putting wrongs to right and right to wrongs.

With extracts from some of his most memorable comic performances and eccentric characters.

Recorded at the Secombe Theatre, Sutton, Surrey.

Michael Bentine CBE was born in 1922 and died in 1996.

Producer: Andy Aliffie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1994.

SAT 08:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b00thcn8)

Series 2

Sir Jonathan Miller

Another chance to hear the audio memories of the writer, director and comedy performer Sir Jonathan Miller who died in November. This programme was first broadcast in 2010.

He became famous as a member of the Beyond the Fringe cast and went on to present television programmes and direct opera and theatre productions around the world. Now, in the last of the series "Meeting Myself Coming Back", Sir Jonathan Miller explores his life and work through the BBC Sound archive. In conversation with John Wilson, he looks back at his younger self and discusses the ways in which he has changed and developed.

Revered as a polymath, Jonathan Miller's life has taken in medical studies at university, comedy performing and television presenting with series like "The Body in Question". Throughout his career there has been a tension between his medical career and his reputation as a satirist and director. In this programme he explores the pull of the two worlds upon him and the guilt that he still feels at having abandoned his work as a doctor.

Producer: Emma Kingsley.

SAT 09:00 Up the Workers (b03zbx5n)

Homeworker Nick Baker immerses himself in a study of work - from the hard at it, to the work shy. In his archive exploration, Nick enjoys a choice staffroom edition of King Street Junior and sympathises with a fellow who also works at home in Ed Reardon's Week.

Fascinating facts about offices of the future are revealed, along with the truth about working from home. And work as a form of madness is depicted in a series called You Don't Have to Work to be Mad Here. This features whimsical sackings (sometimes by answering machine message) and a careers adviser who hates her job so much she hides in a strange way.

Plus choice episodes from Kate Kellaway's History of Office Life - and Ricky Gervais reveals how his creation David Brent came to be.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Testbed Productions.

SAT 12:00 Hello Cheeky (b007jnx4)

From 14/04/1973

What do you get when you fall in love? And bizarre events at

Crewe Junction.

Pun-tastic fast-moving comedy sketch series written by and

starring John Junkin, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor.

With musical accompaniment from the Denis King Trio.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1973.

SAT 12:30 The Navy Lark (b007zmr)

Series 3

Families' Day

As the chief fundraises, Cedric Phillips arrives on board HMS Troutbridge to see his brother, 'the Captain'!

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Lt Commander Stanton, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey and Michael Bates as Cedric Phillips. Plus Heather Chasen as Ramona, Tenniel Evans as LS Goldstein, and June Tobin as Charlotte Stanton.

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.

SAT 13:00 Penelope Mortimer - The Pumpkin Eater (Omnibus) (b064yjn)

Helen McCrory and Paul Ready star in Penelope Mortimer's stark portrait of marriage and motherhood from 1962.

Mrs Armitage is encouraged by her successful screenwriter husband, Jake, to talk to a psychiatrist about her apparent compulsion to keep having children.

Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Georgia Fitch.

Mrs Armitage.....Helen McCrory

Jake Armitage.....Paul Ready

Doctor.....Chris Pavlo

Father.....Stephen Critchlow

Philpot/Dinah.....Rhiannon Needs

Bob Conway.....Mark Edel-Hunt

Beth Conway.....Alex Tregear

Giles.....Sam Dale

Journalist.....Neet Mohan

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b064yjq)

Alex Polizzi

Hotelier and TV presenter Alex Polizzi chooses 'Brindisi' from La Traviata and Nina Simone's 'I Put a Spell on You'.

SAT 14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b064yk5p)

RD Laing

A key figure in the 60s, influential psychiatrist RD Laing tells Professor Anthony Clare about the major influences on his life. 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 1985.

SAT 15:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b00thcn8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Georgette Heyer - Regency Buck (b007k1v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Michael Bentine - The Reluctant Jester (b01qxr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jnt)

1. Ruination

Space travel throws the most unlikely people together.

Norman is an idealist with a hand grenade. Max is a cheerful bore who won't stop talking.

Together, they're set to ruin the lives of some decidedly friendly aliens. Forever.

Six-part black-hole sci-fi comedy by Colin Swash

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Captain Rossiter Dan Strauss

Jane Carla Mendonca

Tony Geoff McGivern

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

SAT 18:30 Atomic Tales (b007jx6v)

Their Gaze Was Green

Space heroes Jack and Chip tackle green Venusian terrorists in the 1950s American sci-fi spoof.

Starring the talents of:

John Guerrasio

Jeff Harding

Allison Warnyca

Lewis McLeod

Colin Stinton

Liza Ross

Written by Adam Tandy and Nat Sones.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2006.

SAT 19:00 Up the Workers (b03zhx5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Hardeep at The Stand (b01rh4qv)

Series 3

Episode 6

We're back at The Stand comedy club for more jokes, stories and revelations from some of the world's best comedians.

Hardeep Singh Kohli takes to The Stand's tiny stage to introduce a selection of the world's greatest comedians.

There are many comedians that travel up and down the country using guitars and ukuleles to add in the odd musical number, but Mitch Benn never takes his off and brings not one but two of his joke packed songs to the show, and finds himself on the end of a wonderful interview backstage straight from the stage. On a flying visit to Scotland old friends Hardeep Singh Kohli and Marcus Brigstocke managed to find time for a quick chat, where Marcus shared his vision for the next generation of responsible and open comedy for the country.

SAT 22:15 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b00hhrhp)

Series 2

Stress

It's quite stressful writing a six-part series, planning an

Edinburgh show and taking a holiday.

Will Adam manage to complete the series? And just what is the best way of dealing with stress?

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With Brendon Burns.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

SAT 22:30 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b008xf49)

Series 2

Episode 3

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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0654bdn)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Jess Robinson and Kirsty Newton.

SAT 23:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00zfk7g)

Episode 6

The Che Guevara of radio, with contraband comedy, music and Mark E Smith.

More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.

Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With:

Peter Serafinowicz

Mandy Knight

Dermot Carmody.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

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SUN 06:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus) (b0651j0k)

Episode 4

British attention turns to Afghanistan, and the Guides need the services of a man who could pass for a Shinwari.

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

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ash Blake Ritson

Anjali Ayesha Dharker

Cavagnari Sam Dale

Wally Jonathan Forbes

Battye Jude Akuwudike

The last of four omnibuses of this epic drama spanning 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 (b0117rse)

Series 1

The Carnival

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 - trying to solve an unusual problem?

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 September 1986.

SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00dv2p1)

Series 5

The CV of Dorian Gray

Comedy series by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive email, attempts to survive in a world where the media seems to be run by idiots and lying charlatans.

It's time for Ed to drag out the old jeans, buy a mobile phone and cut ten years off the CV as the new Head of New Media

Development is a genuine 12 year old.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Felix John Fortune

George Simon Greenall

Copper Martin Hyder

Jaz Philip Jackson

Pearl Rita May

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Market Researcher Nicola Sanderson

Marcus Richard Smith

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead.

SUN 08:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00g2gm2)

From 22/02/1971

Trouble at sea, a laughing tax inspector and a right royal surprise.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With Terence Brady, Pauline Yates and Josephine Gordon.

Pianist: Gordon Langford

Written by Terence Brady, John Graham, Allan Scott and Chris Bryant, Gerald Wiley (Ronnie's Barker's pseudonym) and Gordon Langford.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1971.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b0651n98)

The Popularity Ballot

Professor Jimmy Edwards hatches an elaborate plan to win a cash prize in a school popularity contest.

With Roger Shepherd, Roddy Maude-Roxby, Michael Turner Graham Aza, Frederick Treves, Michael Hammond, John Mitchell, John Cazabon and Richard McCarthy.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio,

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

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, MA 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 August 1961.

SUN 09:00 Spirals in Time: The Secret Life and Curious Afterlife of Seashells (Omnibus) (b0651nwf)

Marine biologist Dr Helen Scales tells the story of seashells; from the molluscs that create them to the humans who have used them as jewellery, symbol and even currency.

Helen Scales defines 'molluscs', one of the most ancient and successful animal groups on the planet.

Written and read by Helen Scales

Abridged by Sian Preece

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Helen Scales's doctorate involved searching for giant, endangered fish in Borneo; she's also tagged sharks in California, and once spent a year cataloguing all the marine life she could find surrounding a hundred islands in the Andaman Sea. Helen appears regularly on BBC Radio 4 on programmes such as 'Inside Science' and 'Shared Planet' and has presented documentaries on topics such as whether people will ever live underwater, the science of making and surfing waves and the intricacies of sharks' minds.

First broadcast in 2015.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0651qrc)

Helena Bonham Carter

Actress Helena Bonham Carter chooses 'Look Mummy, No Hands' by Fascinating Aida and 'Not While I'm Around' by Stephen Sondheim.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03857ff)

Edinburgh Winners

Stephen Fry

From Mozart to Meat Loaf. Actor, comic and writer Stephen Fry shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From November 1988.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b0654kxf)

Series 2

The Next Greatest Generation?

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

stage.

Guy Raz hears from the 'Millennials' - people born between 1981-2000 - searching to define themselves and their generation.

With Neil Howe, Natalie Warne, Meg Jay, Charlie Hoehn, Kevin Allocca and Tavi Gevinson.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio.

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00kr7bp)

Series 1

Sloths

Sir David muses on the natural history of the sloth - perhaps the most lethargic beast in the animal world, and one that he has admitted to wanting to be.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

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SUN 14:30 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0654llv)

Episode 2

A bank collapses, a heist is averted and Claude makes a daring decision.

SUN 15:45 Ronald Frame Short Stories (b0654lwf)

The Good Life

4 Extra Debut. A man recalls his illusive past and ruminates on his diminishing creative powers. Read by Nigel Anthony.

SUN 16:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)

The Long Road to Waterloo

The 1808-1813 peninsular campaign of the Duke of Wellington continues. Peter Luke's two linked plays, with Michael Pennington.

SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00dv2p1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4s9)

Episode 4

Dr Abbotts finds his 'party trick' used against him, and Paul Smith takes full advantage of the chaos. Stars David Birrell.

SUN 18:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvy3)

4. Ancient Magic

Vezin is wary over a mother and daughter's invitation to witches' Sabbath. Philip Madoc reads Algernon Henry Blackwood's dark tale.

SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b0654kxf)

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SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00dv2p1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b017wyyf)

Series 3

Berwick-Upon-Tweed

In this third series comedian Mark Steel visits 6 more UK towns to discover what makes them and their inhabitants distinctive.

He creates a bespoke stand-up show for that town and performs the show in front of a local audience.

As well as shedding light on the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

During the series 'Mark Steel's In Town' Mark will visit Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Holyhead, Basingstoke, Douglas (Isle of Man), Bungay and Wigan.

Episode 1 - In this first episode Mark performs a show for the residents of Berwick-Upon-Tweed where he talks about war with Russia, Scottish rivalries and rather unusual local slang. From December 2011.

Written by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair. Produced by Sam Bryant.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0654cy6)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Jess Robinson and Kirsty Newton.

SUN 23:00 Mastering the Universe (b00wstg6)

Series 1

Christmas

Professor Joy Klamp explores ways to make the festive season

truly miserable. Stars Dawn French. From December 2005.

SUN 23:15 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076gv2)

Series 1

Heinrich Prikk's Considered Conclusions

Simon Munney conjures all sorts of conundrums in the guise of a philosopher with a severe view. From September 2003.

SUN 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b0076zx3)

Series 3

There's Something About Mrs Naughtie

Mrs Naughtie comes into a large inheritance from her mysterious Uncle Nab and attracts the not altogether unwelcome advances of Hamish, Dougal and the Laird.

Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, Mrs Naughtie, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SUN 23:45 Armstrong and Miller (b00t3vjx)

Episode 2

Battles recreated, and National Trousers Day.

Sketches and songs with Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong in their first series for radio.

With Samuel West and Tony Gardiner.

Written by Ben Miller, Alexander Armstrong and Tony Gardiner.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1998.

MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2015

MON 00:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4s9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions (Omnibus) (b0651j0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Paul Murray - The Mark and the Void (b0654llv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Ronald Frame Short Stories (b0654lwf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010x8rh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00dv2p1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b0654qby)

Series 1

Five Thousand Pengoes and a Kiss

A dissident's wife engages the con artist to help her to escape from Hungary to Austria.

Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.

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The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.

Produced by Towers of London.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1951.

MON 06:20 Inheritance Tracks (b0654qk6)

Mari Wilson

Singer Mari Wilson chooses 'The Folks Who Live on the Hill' by Peggy Lee and 'How Can You Mend a Broken Heart' by the Bee Gees.

MON 06:30 Camel Train (b0076yyp)

Matthew Parris joins the traders and their camels following the ancient salt route in Ethiopia's Danakil Depression. From 2006.

MON 07:00 The World As We Know It (b00ftbx1)

The Murderer Is in This Very Room

Things have become a little boring recently in the household. So, Johnny holds a video festival to try and entertain everyone and The Stranger suggests a game of murder mystery...

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 June 1999.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b063zxxk)

Series 63

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Alban Arena in St Albans. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Omid Djalili with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jnj5)

Series 2

Brain Versus Brawn

Disguised as firemen for an exercise, the Walmington-on-Sea platoon must tackle a real blaze.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunne

Private Fraser John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martin

The Waitress/The Policewoman Avril Angers

Colonel Pritchard Robert Raglan

Mr. Fairbrother/The Corporal Stuart Sherwin

Announcer John Snagge

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 (b0654tx1)

Series 2

Episode 9

Can Kate and George agree on a place to live together with baby Helen?

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 May 1967.

MON 09:00 Genius (b008m9f6)

Series 1

Stewart Lee

From a self-cleaning fish tank with a twist to a CD player-cum-microwave oven?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Stewart Lee to select the public's best loopy idea.

The first of three radio comedy series where 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 King Street Junior (b00th9m3)

Series 1

Redeployment

A visitor from County Hall brings news that provokes a mixed reaction from headmaster Mr Beeston and some members of his teaching staff.

Plus Mrs Rudd has lost her teacup... Created and written by Jim Eldridge, ten series of this comedy about King Street Junior School ran between 1985 and 1998.

King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Eric Brown Peter Davison

Mr Beeston James Groun

Mr Holliday Tom Watson

Mr Long Paul Copley

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mrs Stone Margaret John

Mr Davison Jon Glover

Mrs Rudd Vivienne Martin

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

MON 10:00 Shelagh Stephenson - Nemesis (b0076v19)

4 Extra Debut. Having led the race to make the atomic bomb, Robert Oppenheimer soon finds himself isolated and reviled in a paranoid post-war America.

Stars Colin Stinton as Oppenheimer, Amanda Donohoe as Frances Tyler, Julian Wadham as George Tyler and Andrew Sachs as Bernard Peters.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 11:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00116tj)

The Devil

Old Granny Greer outwits a miserly son when she strikes a deal to sit with his ailing Mother until she dies.

The first of five French stories adapted to an Irish setting and read by James Ellis.

Recorded on location in a picturesque thatched cottage at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum in Holywood.

Producer: Heather Brennan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 11:15 Baldi (b0080483)

Series 1

Devil Take the Hindmost

Crime-solving priest Paolo Baldi investigates the death of a student on campus, following the trail to an arrogant clique that dabbled in the occult. Is there a rational explanation, or was the Devil really involved?

Starring David Threlfall as Paolo Baldi, Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, TP McKenna as Father Troy, Gerard McSorley as Doctor Graham, Owen Roe as Superintendent Rynne and Margaret D'Arcy as Mrs Reid.

Murder mystery written by Annie Caulfield.

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

Directed in Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jn5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Marriage Lines (b0654tx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b0654qby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:20 Inheritance Tracks (b0654qk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

MON 13:30 Camel Train (b0076ypp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v6ln8)

Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell

Episode 6

Written by Rebecca Hunt

Black Pat continues to lay siege to Esther and Beth issues an invitation to a lunch party.

The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzr17)

Series 2: Sex

Agony Aunts

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the second series of five programmes is Sex.

Irma Kurtz, the original Cosmopolitan agony aunt, talks to her younger counterpart Simone Bienne, who works as a sex and relationship expert for various publications. How has the nature of problems changed?

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039pd0)

Gutter Baby

Police detective serial set and recorded on location in Mumbai.

When a baby is rescued from a gutter, it falls on the only female police officer on hand, Alia Khan, to look after it. Stuck with a new partner and a boss who is determined to put her in her place, Alia has to fight to be noticed.

This fast-paced, six-part police thriller follows Alia Khan, a young woman inspector in the Bandra Division of the Mumbai Police Force, as she attempts to solve a series of crimes, make sense of her troubled past and cope with being a woman in a male-dominated and chauvinistic police force.

Sound Recordist: Hitesh Chaurasia

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Editing Assistants: Andrew Lewis and Aditya Khanna.

Script Editor: Mike Walker

Assistant Producer: Toral Shah

Producer: Nadir Khan

Music: Sacha Putnam.

Writer: Ayesha Menon

Director: John Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00tf34)

Elena Gorokhova - A Mountain of Crumbs

Episode 1

Elena Gorokhova wishes her mother had come from Leningrad, the world of Pushkin and the tsars, lace ironwork and pearly domes. Its sophistication might have left a permanent mark of refinement on her soul.

But she didn't.

She came from the provincial town of Ivanovo in central Russia, where chickens lived in the kitchen and a pig squatted under the stairs.

She came from where they lick plates.

Read by Sian Thomas

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Shelagh Stephenson - Nemesis (b0076v19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Genius (b008m9f6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b00th9m3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 The World As We Know It (b00ftbx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b063zxxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b00zzwfq)

The Nine Billion Names of God

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A Tibetan monastery's new computer sparks fears that the world will end. Arthur C Clarke's short story read by John Shrapnel.

MON 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r0zb9)

Eric

Episode 1

When precocious young Eric Thursley summons a demon from the loathsome pit to fulfil his every wish, he certainly gets what he asked for.

Just... not exactly what he asked for. That's the problem with wishes.

Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.

Rincewind Mark Heap

Eric Will Howard

Death Geoffrey Whitehead

Archchancellor Robert Blythe

Parrot Ben Crowe

Demon King Astf!g! Nicholas Murchie

Screwspate Michael Shelford

Mother Christine Absalom

Narrator Rick Warden

Adapted in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Director: Jonquill Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075ttd)

Michael Barber and Zadie Smith

Louise Doughty and her guests, education adviser Michael

Barber and acclaimed first-time novelist Zadie Smith, discuss favourite paperbacks by Sebastian Junger, Stephen E Ambrose and Vladimir Nabokov. From April 2000.

Undaunted Courage, by Stephen E Ambrose

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

Pnin, by Vladimir Nabokov

Publisher: Penguin

The Perfect Storm, by Sebastian Junger

Publisher: Fourth Estate.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jn5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Marriage Lines (b0654tx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b0654qby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:20 Inheritance Tracks (b0654qk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

MON 20:30 Camel Train (b0076ypp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00116tj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Baldi (b0080483)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b063zxxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Party (b011pkqq)

Series 2

It's Technology, Stupid

The young aspiring politicians of the new political party get to grips with technology and whether it is making people stupid. Meanwhile, they launch a recruiting campaign on the internet.

Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a political party run by young idealists.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Ann Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Jared's Mum Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0668f8m)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Jon Holmes is

joined by Angela Barnes.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b064448c)

Series 46

Episode 6

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches along with Laura Shavin, Alice Lowe, David Quantick, Jake Yapp and Harry The Piano. Sports journalist Tom Peck discusses the prevalence of doping in professional sports.

MON 23:30 Pick Ups (b00nw3s1)

Series 2

Heroes and Villains

Sitcom by Ian Kershaw, set around a Manchester taxi company.

It's decision time - will Simon De Vere call time on Irwell Cars, and will Dave choose Milan over Lower Broughton Working Men's Club?

Mike Paul Loughran

Lind Lesley Sharp

Dave Phil Rowson

Alan Parvez Qadir

Simon De Vere James Quinn

Stevie Suranne Jones

Pat the Butcher Andrew Grose.

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2015

TUE 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b00zzwfq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r0zb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0075ttd)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:20 Inheritance Tracks (b0654qk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Camel Train (b0076ypp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v6ln8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzr17)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039pd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00tf34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b063zxxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065c8jq)

Series 1

Love Affair

The conman is in Saudi Arabia, hoping to make a killing on oil leases, and acquires a wife.

Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.

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The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.

Produced by Towers of London.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1951.

TUE 06:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065c8js)

Graham Nash

Musician Graham Nash chooses Samuel Barber's 'Adagio for Strings' and 'Judy Blue Eyes' by Crosby, Stills and Nash.

TUE 06:30 A Fine Defence of Enid Blyton (b00fm031)

Recently Anne Fine decided to re-read some of Enid Blyton's work, to try and discover just what it was about her that she had loved as a child. For years she had ignored Blyton's work, in part because of the constant drip, drip, drip of disapproval that has accompanied her books for many decades. But, on going back to her battered old Blytons, she realised exactly why she had found her books so captivating - they are remarkably good reads - real page turners.

Anne Fine does not deny that Blyton is the creator of creaking plots and cardboard characters the author of jolly and exciting adventures, in which the most enormous amounts of food are consumed by children who are far from obese and a writer dogged by accusations of racism and sexism. And yet her books have outlast all other children's authors. In August this year, she was voted the UK's best-loved writer. Her work has been translated into 40 different languages and she's sold over 500 million books worldwide.

A Fine Defence of Enid Blyton includes extracts from a rare interview with her only surviving daughter, Imogen Smallwood, and contributions her official biographer, Barbara Stoney, as well as the UK's leading Blyton scholar, Dr David Rudd [Professor of Children's literature at Bolton University]. There are also archive recordings of Enid herself, her elder daughter [Gillian Baverstock] and her brother Hanley. The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Anne Fine has written over 40 books for children and adults. She has been Children's Laureate and has won many prizes for her writing [including the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Smarties Prize and the Carnegie Medal].

Producer: Helen Lee

TUE 07:00 HR (b00tg1c3)

Series 2
Gassing

Sam is battling retirement blues with a part-time job working for the Saviours, manning telephone lines to help those in distress. And today's first client is of course Peter, in distress about their faulty boiler.

Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
George Sam Dale

Voice Alison Pettitt
Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

TUE 07:30 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

Series 3

Episode 6

Who does Susan Calman often get mistaken for? What does Vernon Kay consider his career lowlight? What's the naughtiest thing Sara Pascoe did as a child?

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 Susan Calman picks her friend, presenter Vernon Kay picks his old university pal, and comedian Sara Pascoe chooses her mum.

Producer: Matt Stronge.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007k1pt)

Series 2

Episode 7

'Dr McKinlay's Scrapbook', a special musical comedy extravaganza in a spoof eulogy for a TV screen doctor.

Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1966.

TUE 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b0124yrm)

From 21/04/1973

The Sexiest Man Called Nicholas Parsons competition and the man who thinks he's a plum...

Pun-tastic fast-moving comedy sketch series written by and starring John Junkin, Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor. With musical accompaniment from the Denis King Trio.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1973.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b064448c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065chyv)

Series 2

Meet My New Agent

Will struggling writer Woodhouse get a break when he is taken on by a new agent?

The ups and downs in the comic life of a second-class writer. Comedy drama series written by Ronald Hayman.

Woodhouse Tim Pigott-Smith

Gila Zoe Wanamaker

Seamus Stephen Rea

Wilhelmina Susie Bran

Henrietta Miriam Karlin

McVomitory Bill Wallis

Colonel Benjamin Witrow

Mrs Mellon Sheila Hancock

Penelope Celia Imrie

Fenella Maxine Audley

Colonel Benjamin Whitrow

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: Piers Plowright

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1991.

TUE 10:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fvb)

Episode 1

Katherine Hilbery, grand-daughter of a great Victorian poet, is forced to choose between her engagement to the eminently suitable William Rodney, and her attraction to Ralph Denham, with whom she feels a more profound and disturbing affinity. Meanwhile, Suffrage campaigner Mary Datchet has also fallen for Ralph - and she too must decide between her feelings and her dedication to the Women's Suffrage movement.

Kristin Scott Thomas narrates Virginia Woolf's comic novel set in pre-First World War London, challenging all assumptions about the nature of love.

Dramatised in two parts by Lavinia Greenlaw.

Katharine Hilbery Dervla Kirwan

Ralph Denham Jamie Glover

Mary Datchet Susannah Corbett

William Rodney.... John MacKay

Mrs Hilbery..... Phyllida Nash

Mr Hilbery..... Jonathan Nibbs

Mr Clacton..... Paul Nicholson

Mrs Seal..... Jacqueline Tong

Aunt Millicent..... June Barrie

Henry Otway Mark Meadows

Produced at BBC Bristol by Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

TUE 11:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b0013pxv)

Scully's Goat

What befalls an unsuspecting goat when she escapes to pursue her freedom? A French story adapted to an Irish setting.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b00rm21n)

Arabian Afternoons

The Casper Logue Affair

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by Sebastian Baczkiewicz

An absurd black comedy thriller, set in Baghdad. The first of three Arabian Afternoons - contemporary plays inspired by tales from The Arabian Nights.

Junior diplomat Bob Goldacre is in trouble: the American businessman he was looking after has vanished from a Baghdad street. As the suspects pile up, Goldacre is going to have his work cut out if he wants to save his career and make sure that justice is done.

Directed by Abigail Le Fleming.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007k1pt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Hello Cheeky (b0124yrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065c8jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065c8js)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

TUE 13:30 A Fine Defence of Enid Blyton (b00fm031)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v7ygg)

Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell

Episode 7

Written by Rebecca Hunt

Saturday 25th July 1964: Esther and Corkbowl are both preparing for the trip to Chartwell. But Esther is dreading Sunday for other reasons.

The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrj7)

Series 2: Sex

Gay Protest

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the second series of five programmes is Sex. 82-year-old gay rights campaigner Antony Grey was a pioneer. His counterpart is Bobby, a 22-year-old volunteer who goes into schools to help combat homophobic bullying. Laws about homosexuality may have changed, but have attitudes?

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:30 Ayeesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rn3w)

What's Cooking?

The search for a missing husband leads Police Inspector Alia Khan to the door of the Tandoori restaurant where he was last seen.

Set and recorded on location in Mumbai, this fast-paced six-part police thriller continues throughout this week. It follows Alia Khan, a young woman inspector in the Bandra Division of the Mumbai Police Force, as she attempts to solve a series of crimes, make sense of her troubled past and cope with being a woman in a male-dominated and chauvinistic police force.

Sound Recordist: Hitesh Chaurasia

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Editing Assistants: Andrew Lewis and Aditya Khanna.

Script Editor: Mike Walker

Assistant Producer: Toral Shah

Producer: Nadir Khan

Music: Sacha Putnam.

Writer: Ayeesha Menon

Director: John Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00tfmq)

Elena Gorokhova - A Mountain of Crumbs

Episode 2

From the moment she goes to nursery school in the Soviet Union of the 1960s, Elena Gorokhova begins to rebel against being part of the collective and is threatened by the redoubtable Aunt Polya, with a dvoika, in behaviour.

And as she progresses to proper school she knows that membership of the Young Pioneers and later the Komsomol awaits her as it awaits all her fellow students.

Read by Sian Thomas

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Who Goes There? (b0076b0c)

Series 6

Episode 5

Martin Young presents the biographical quiz show.

Team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego are joined by

Agony Aunt Claire Rayner and author David Aaronovitch

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

TUE 16:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065chyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 HR (b00tg1c3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010721b)

The Nine Billion Names of God

The Star

A priest's faith is severely tested during an expedition on a burnt planet. John Shrapnel reads Arthur C Clarke's short story.

TUE 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r5pxv)

Eric

Episode 2

Young Eric Thursley wants to rule the world, and junior wizard Rincewind actually manages to magic him up a tribal kingdom among the Tezumen, in the rainforests of Klatch.

But all that changes when they meet the Tezumen's bloodthirsty deity: Quetzovercoat.

Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.

Rincewind Mark Heap

Eric Will Howard

Parrot Ben Crowe

Ponce Da Quirm Jack Klaff

Demon King Astfjgl Nicholas Murchie

Screwpat Michael Shelford

Quetzovercoat! Robert Blythe

Narrator Rick Warden

Adapted in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

TUE 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jt2k)

Series 3

Norman Evans

Mark Radcliffe looks back at the life and career of comic

Norman Evans.

Like his more famous counterpart and mentor, Gracie Fields,

Norman was born and brought up in Rochdale, where he

worked as a travelling salesman before his talent for comic

speeches was spotted and he took to the stage.

His genius for observing the "humour of everyday life" led to

his most famous sketch show - "Over The Garden Wall" -

playing a northern housewife plagued by "women's troubles"

and "him at home". While Evans is less famous now, he paved

the way for later comedians like Les Dawson.

Series exploring the tradition of influential northern comedians

of the past.

Producer Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007k1pt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Hello Cheeky (b0124yrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065c8jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065c8js)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

TUE 20:30 A Fine Defence of Enid Blyton (b00fm031)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b0013pxv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Drama (b00rm21n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Little Britain (b0084w8)

Series 2

Episode 3

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

2002.

TUE 23:00 Rubbish (b0088np3)

Series 2

Rant

Martin foolishly agrees to go on a sponsored walk with his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend.

Will he be able to keep his rants to a minimum - or will an

audience just encourage him?

Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and

manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in Tony Bagley's sitcom.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Sarah Pippa Haywood

Barney Matthew Cottle

Scott Kevin Eldon

Loud American Ewan Bailey

David Martin Trenaman

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

TUE 23:30 Vent (b01g98f4)

Series 3

When Was the Last Time You Saw Your Godfather?

Ben is invited to be a godfather to an ex-girlfriend's baby,

which doesn't impress Mary and there's a showdown on the

stairlift.

Meanwhile, St Paul gives him some tips on responsibility and

where to get the best olives.

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 Spencer Brown
 Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith
 Karl Matthew Kelly
 Sophie Abigail Burdess
 Priest Richard Johnson
 Director: Nigel Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2015

WED 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010721b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r5pxv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007j2tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065c8jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065c8js)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 A Fine Defence of Enid Blyton (b00fm031)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v7yqg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rn3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b00ffmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0076b0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065cbyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 HR (b00g1c3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065h4z3)

Series 1

Hyacinth Patrol

The coman is in Cristobal, Panama where an accidental sock-on-the-jaw leads to a spy adventure.

Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.

The films of Orson Welles, such as 'Citizen Kane', 'The Magnificent Ambersons' and 'Touch of Evil' guaranteed his place in the pantheon of silver-screen heroes.

In the celebrated 1949 film adaptation of Graham Greene's novel 'The Third Man', Harry Lime is introduced as one of cinema's most notorious anti-heroes. Sought in post-war Vienna by pulp writer Holly Martins [Joseph Cotton] and British Army Major Calloway [Trevor Howard], Lime manages to steal the show despite being absent for much of it!

This radio prequel to the film, 'The Lives of Harry Lime' earned Welles even more acclaim. His distinctive tones had already served him well as the radio voice of 'The Shadow' between 1937 and 1938, where he portrayed the crusader with distinctly questionable means of thwarting crime.

Stripped of the film cameras, the character of Harry Lime is not ameliorated for this radio outing. He's an out and out rogue.

Lime made it to the airwaves thanks to another Harry - Harry Alan Towers, with whom Welles collaborated on 'The Black Museum'. Like its eponymous anti-hero, this series travelled widely, being syndicated across the USA and on Radio Luxembourg.

The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.

Produced by Towers of London.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1951.

WED 06:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065h6f7)

Claudia Winkleman

Broadcaster Claudia Winkleman chooses the theme from the film ET and 'As' by Stevie Wonder.

WED 06:30 Art Attack (b00nf33j)

Episode 1

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the art's subject from the face of the earth, as a publicity seeking stunt and even - and increasingly - to make an artistic comment on the existing artwork. Do these attacks have anything in common? Can art be made by breaking existing art? Why are art attacks continuing?

Programme 1

Tim Marlow looks at some of the most renowned attacks on art carried out in the name of politics and religion. He speaks to Professor Eamon Duffy in the Lady Chapel at Ely Cathedral, which was desecrated in the sixteenth century during the Reformation. A place which is beautiful in its brokenness, with the damage (defaced figures and empty pedestals) clearly visible.

On 10th March 1914, suffragette Mary Richardson attacked Velazquez's Rokeby Venus with an axe at the National Gallery in London. Her motive for the attack was to bring to public attention the cruelty and hypocrisy of the Government's treatment of Emily Pankhurst. Professor Lynn Nead discusses the wider political issues of this act and the public outrage that followed.

For the past three decades, author and photo-historian David King has assembled the world's largest archive of photographs, posters and paintings from the Soviet era. Tim takes a look at his collection and discusses the doctored of photographs by the Communists for propaganda purposes.

The Bamiyan Buddhas, which were arguably Afghanistan's most important historical monument, were destroyed by the Taliban in 2001 causing an international outcry. What does it mean to destroy art for your beliefs?

WED 07:00 Winston (b007m660)

Series 1

Whacko Jolly Dee

The wily village poacher and handyman's plans for a life of bliss with Nancy hit a snag.

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy.

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 4 in May 1989.

WED 07:30 Chain Reaction (b00ms08g)

Series 3

Marcus Brigstocke and Clive Anderson

Comedian Marcus Brigstocke and presenter Clive Anderson get chatting in the tag-team talk show where this week's guest is next week's interviewer. From January 2007.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00805k9)

Series 3

The Falmouth Ghost Ship

The crew of HMS Troutbridge investigate strange lights spotted at sea off the coast of Cornwall.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Tenniel Evans as Sir Willoughby Todhunter-Brown, Heather Chasen as Lady Todhunter-Brown, Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey, Michael Bates as Commander Bracewell and Ronnie Barker as the Liner Captain.

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 (b00wwn0j)

Series 5

Episode 14

'The Incredible Singing Blancmange' - or 'The Dessert Song'.

A musical comedy starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese,

David Hatch, Bill Oddie and Jo Kendall.

Written by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden.

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, Eric Idle, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b065hdj1)

1998

Final

The Great Crescendo - rounds include Noel Coward, Great Buildings in Music and Schubert. With Ned Sherrin in the chair.

WED 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c0r22)

Series 1

The Coining of the Capricorn

Prince Ludovico plans to introduce a new currency to his 16th century Italian domain.

Neal Anthony's comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state.

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 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

Episode 2

Katharine Hilbery is engaged to the eminently suitable, if faintly ridiculous, William Rodney. They've gone to Katharine's cousins in Norfolk for Christmas, where things are not going well.

Meanwhile, Katharine's secret admirer, solicitor and aspiring writer Ralph Denham has also gone to Norfolk for Christmas, at the invitation of Suffrage campaigner Mary Datchet. Mary's been carrying a torch for Ralph, whilst wrestling with her desire for an independent life...

Narrator Kristin Scott Thomas concludes Virginia Woolf's comic novel set in pre-first world war London, challenging all assumptions about the nature of love.

Ralph Denham Jamie Glover

Katharine Hilbery Dervla Kirwan

Mary Datchet Susannah Corbett

William Rodney.... John MacKay

Mrs Hilbery..... Phyllida Nash

Mrs Seal..... Jacqueline Tong

Aunt Millicent..... June Barrie

Cassandra Otway Rebecca Smart

Dramatised by Lavinia Greenlaw.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

WED 11:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00lbg85)

My Uncle Julius

The Davenport family's boat fails to come in, in more ways than one. A French story adapted to an Irish setting.

WED 11:15 Drama (b00mrpww)

Arabian Afternoons

The Porter and the Three Ladies

The Porter and the Three Ladies

by Rachel Joyce

A wild, dark modern fairytale, set in Damascus. The second in a series of contemporary plays inspired by stories from the Arabian Nights.

It is time for Shahrazad to tell another tale to save her life. In this story within a story, we find out that if Joe doesn't find the exclusive to satisfy his ruthless editor, he will lose his job. He finds three beautiful women in Damascus but what is the truth behind their secret life?

Directed by Tracey Neale.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b00805k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wwn0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065h4z3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065h6f7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

WED 13:30 Art Attack (b00nf33j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v8212)

Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell

Episode 8

Written by Rebecca Hunt

Clementine Churchill takes a stand. Beth and Big Oliver host Sunday lunch.

The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrj9)

Series 2: Sex

Beauty Queens

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the second series of five programmes is Sex.

Lesley Langley, who was Miss UK and crowned Miss World in 1965, compares notes about her experiences with the 2010 Miss England, Katrina Hodge, who is known as Combat Barbie as she is a lance corporal in the army.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rmyj)

Body of Christ

The body of a young girl is washed up on a beach. A tattoo on her ankle leads police inspector Alia Khan on the trail of a child prostitution ring.

Set and recorded on location in Mumbai, this fast-paced six-part police thriller continues throughout this week. It follows Alia Khan, a young woman inspector in the Bandra Division of the Mumbai Police Force, as she attempts to solve a series of crimes, make sense of her troubled past and cope with being a woman in a male-dominated and chauvinistic police force.

Sound Recordist: Hitesh Chaurasia

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Editing Assistants: Andrew Lewis and Aditya Khanna.

Script Editor: Mike Walker

Assistant Producer: Toral Shah

Producer: Nadir Khan

Music: Sacha Putnam.

Writer: Ayesha Menon

Director: John Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00ffms)

Elena Gorokhova - A Mountain of Crumbs

Episode 3

Elena Gorokhova has strong doubts about joining the Young Communist League but she knows she can't go to college unless she is a member, and she longs to read English at Leningrad University.

She loves the romanticism of literature and yearns for a dacha with white gauzy curtains; she wishes her family discussed etiquette instead of lugging buckets of water to beds of tomatoes and dill.

And then her Aunt Mila arrives from Minsk.

Read by Sian Thomas

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b065hdjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c0r22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Winston (b007m660)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Chain Reaction (b00m508g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010gqsf)

The Nine Billion Names of God

Death and the Senator

If a medical space station can cure cardiac conditions, who gets treatment? John Shrapnel reads Arthur C Clarke's short story.

WED 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r9rtv)

Eric

Episode 3

Eric has summoned a demon and wished to meet the most beautiful woman in the world. Unfortunately, this lands him in a wooden horse in the middle of a rather famous siege.

Fortunately, he is accompanied by junior wizard Rincewind, and his indefatigable Luggage.

Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.

Rincewind Mark Heap

Death Geoffrey Whitehead

Eric Will Howard

Lavaeolus Rick Warden

Elenor Christine Absalom

Sergeant Ben Crowe

Demon King Astfgl Nicholas Murchie

Creator Robert Blythe

Adapted in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076qyv)

Lost Opportunities

Matthew Parris chews over the one that got away with writers

Patrick Neate, Ros Taylor and Zinovy Zinik. From March

2005.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b00805k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wvn0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065h4z3)

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WED 20:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065h6s7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 today]

WED 20:30 Art Attack (b00nf33j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00lgr5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b00mrpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Chain Reaction (b00m508g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Will Smith's Midlife Crisis Management

(b00g3dcp)

Episode 2

Comedy series in which comedian Will Smith seeks help and advice - primarily from his godfather Peter - on coping with the onset of middle age. Peter invites Fashion presenter Kathy to help Will dress better.

With Roger Allam, Morwenna Banks, Janice Acquah, Jill

Cardo, Gunnar Cauthery, Lobo Chan, Donna Hughes, Dan

Starkey, Tom Wu.

WED 23:00 Revolting People (b00fy2qr)

Series 2

Still in Trying Times

Ezekiel discovers the real truth about his ginger baby, and sets out to find the ginger father. The others set out to stop him...

Comedy set in Baltimore 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 Jan Ravens

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Penelope Nice

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Dashmount Michael Fenton

Elizabeth Susie Blake

Abraham Smith Philip Pope

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

WED 23:30 1966 and All That (b01phm54)

The 1980s and 90s

Neil Knock-Knock becomes leader of the Labour Party; Jeffrey

Archer reveals he's won the Nobel Prize; Loads of London

goes pear-shaped; and John Minor stands against himself ...

and loses.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1980s and

90s.

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 13 AUGUST 2015

THU 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010gqsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01r9rtv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076qyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b065h4z3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:20 Inheritance Tracks (b065h6s7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:20 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Art Attack (b00nf33j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v8212)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrj9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai

(b039rmyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b00ffms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b065hdjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c0r22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Winston (b007m660)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Chain Reaction (b00m508g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector

(b00fvg6c)

Episode 1

A VIP visitor to a village is soon the target of love and gossip.

A two-part adaptation by Rene Basilio of Gogol's classic comedy - a picture of municipal 'sleaze' and corruption in 19th century Russia.

Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt as Khlestakov, Trevor Peacock as Osip,

Bill Wallis as The Mayor and David Gant as The Judge.

Music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 06:30 Art Attack (b00nk2xr)

Episode 2

An assault on the Mona Lisa with a teacup raises the question, why do people attack art? In two programmes the art historians and broadcasters Tim Marlow (programme one) and Lawrence

Pollard (programme two) investigate centuries of attacks on art works from the earliest times to the present day. Charting the reasons why and telling the stories of some of the most

sensational and provocative attacks, they explore how the wilful destruction of art is as old as art itself and how it shows no signs of stopping. Statues are demolished in the name of religion,

photographs doctored for political reasons, paintings are slashed and protestors even urinate on art works. Art is attacked so that the power of a particular work is nullified, in order to eradicate

the art's subject from the face of the earth, as a publicity seeking stunt and even - and increasingly - to make an artistic comment on the existing artwork. Do these attacks have

anything in common? Can art be made by breaking existing art? Why are art attacks continuing?

Programme 2 -

Lawrence Pollard investigates some of the more bizarre assaults on contemporary art including attacks on Marcel Duchamp's 'Fountain' which has been both urinated on and whacked with a hammer. In this age of anti-art, it is increasingly common for

vandals to claim their actions as 'art'.

Lawrence also visits the Tate Liverpool for their 'Joyous

Machines' exhibition which features the work of Jean Tinguely

- one of the most radical, inventive and subversive sculptors of

the mid twentieth-century. Discussing his work with Lawrence

is Michael Landy, artist and co-curator of the exhibition whose own work has been influenced by the artist and his constructive and destructive tendencies. In 'Break Down' (2001) Landy catalogued and destroyed every single one of his possessions from his birth certificate to his car.

THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)

The Purity of the Turf

After the syndicate disaster, Bertie Wooster ponders what he should bet on next.

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Reverend Heppenstall Maurice Denham

Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Steggles Edwin Apps

Harold Denise Bryer

Charles John Samson

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)

Series 5

Stepping Out; The Vigilant Rabbit

Two stories from one of the world's best storytellers, David

Sedaris, doing what he does best:

How a quest for fitness can become an obsession in "Stepping Out".

An anthropomorphic tale of over zealous security in "The

Vigilant Rabbit".

Plus some questions from the studio audience.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

August 2015.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b013fj7r)

Series 2

The Wooden Overcoats

Trouble ensues when Harold brings home coffins on the cart,

sparking a burst of manic superstition from Albert.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as

Harold.

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

(b01kbgjl)

Series 1

Episode 6

Arty Eric bags a bargain and an industrial espionage drama

what Ern wrote.

Special singing guest: Lynsey de Paul

Written by Eddie Braben

With Ann Hamilton and Arthur Tolcher.

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1975.

THU 09:00 Guess What? (b065jht1)

Episode 7

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions.

Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Nigel Dempster and

Frances Edmonds.

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

THU 09:30 Radio Active (b007jrrb)

Series 2

Pick of the Week

The best of your local national radio station's output, including

the one-minute playwright and 'Spot the Sexist'.

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 Richard

Curtis, Jon Canter, James Hendrie and Jimmy Mulville.

Producer: Jimmy Mulville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1982.

THU 10:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon

(b00t18j1)

The Duel

Barry Gerard McSorley
 Redmond Andrew Scott
 Chevalier de Balibari David Kelly
 Bell Barry Sheila Hancock
 Lord Lyndon Kenneth Cranham
 Sir Rumford Bumford Jamie Foreman
 Mme Fitzsimons Tina Kellegher
 Fitzsimons Kevin Flood
 Captain Fagan Frank O'Sullivan
 John Quin Mark Lambert
 Von Potzdorff Don Wycherley
 Ulick Darragh Kelly
 Mick Eanna MacLiam
 Nora Alice Barry
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
THU 11:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00lg8gr)
 The Miller's Tale
 A priest goes to desperate lengths to entice his erring flock back to the fold. A French story adapted to an Irish setting. From July 2007.
THU 11:15 Drama (b00rmxb8)
 Arabian Afternoons
 A Dish of Pomegranates
 A Dish of Pomegranates
 by Peter Jukes
 The third in a series of plays inspired by stories from the Arabian Nights.
 Shared roots and scattered families in the melting pot of modern Jerusalem. Tired after a stressful trip, Ajib is stopped by security officers as he tries to fly out of Ben Gurion airport on his way home to the U.S. They don't think his story adds up. Can he make them believe him? And does he actually know the whole story himself?
 Directed by Mary Peate.
THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b013fj7r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01kbgjl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Art Attack (b00nk2xr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v8lpy)
 Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell
 Episode 9
 Written by Rebecca Hunt
 Sunday afternoon : Churchill's study is the scene of a delicate conversation.
 The reader is Miriam Margolyes.
 Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
 A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrjc)
 Series 2: Sex
 Underwear and Sex Shop Entrepreneur
 Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.
 The theme of the second series of five programmes is Sex. Jane runs an underwear shop in a seaside town, and has recently started stocking sex toys for the older generation. Her son helps out in the shop, and they discuss attitudes to sex across the generations.
 A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rqpl)
 Mad Women
 Police Inspector Alia Khan investigates a psychiatric hospital where women are admitted but never seem to come out.
 Set and recorded on location in Mumbai, this fast-paced six-part police thriller continues throughout this week. It follows Alia Khan, a young woman inspector in the Bandra Division of the Mumbai Police Force, as she attempts to solve a series of crimes, make sense of her troubled past and cope with being a woman in a male-dominated and chauvinistic police force.
 Sound Recordist: Hitesh Chaurasia
 Sound Design: Steve Bond
 Editing Assistants: Andrew Lewis and Aditya Khanna.
 Script Editor: Mike Walker
 Assistant Producer: Toral Shah
 Producer: Nadir Khan
 Music: Sacha Putnam.
 Writer: Ayesha Menon
 Director: John Dryden
 A Goldhawk production for BBC Radio 4
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00ffmv)
 Elena Gorokhova - A Mountain of Crumbs
 Episode 4
 Elena Gorokhova is understandably nervous when the university authorities select her to teach English to visiting American students during the summer break.
 It is the first time she has seen a live American and now she is faced with fourteen of them, staring at her with the same intense curiosity with which she stares at them.
 And she likes what she sees, especially when she is introduced to Robert.
 Read by Sian Thomas

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 15:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon (b00t18j1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Guess What? (b065jht1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Radio Active (b007jrrb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010m6lf)
 The Nine Billion Names of God
 Superiority
 In war, the more technologically advanced side can still be defeated. John Shrapnel reads Arthur C Clarke's short story.
THU 18:15 Terry Pratchett (b01rgj25)
 Eric
 Episode 4
 Demon King Astfjg surfs the space-time continuum in a rage, determined to lure Eric and Rincewind finally to Hell.
 But when they arrive at the Dread Portal, there's a bit of a staff motivation issue.
 Terry Pratchett's many Discworld novels combine a Technicolor imagination with a razor sharp wit, especially when he rewrites Faust as spotty teenage demonologist Eric.
 Rincewind Mark Heap
 Eric Will Howard
 Demon King Astfjg Nicholas Murchie
 Urtleffloggah Jack Klaff
 Duke Vassenego Ben Crowe
 Screwpat Michael Shelford
 Drazometh Robert Blythe
 Narrator Rick Warden
 Last of four parts adapted by Robin Brooks.
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076p87)
 Series 6
 Michael Collins
 Film producer Lord Putnam chooses the Irish nationalist leader Michael Collins. With Humphrey Carpenter. From November 2004.
THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b013fj7r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01kbgjl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Art Attack (b00nk2xr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00lg8gr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Drama (b00rmxb8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 My First Planet (b01g62ph)
 Series 1
 Hairdresser from Space
 Day 7 on the colony, and Mason stirs up an ethical nightmare involving a clone, a murder and some dreadlocks. Meanwhile, Archer the handyman attempts some repairs on his own head.
 A sitcom set on a shiny new planet where we ask the question - if humankind were to colonize space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.)
 Welcome to the colony. We're aware that having been in deep cryosleep for 73 years, you may be in need of some supplementary information.
 Unfortunately, Burrows the leader of the colony has died on the voyage, so his Number 2, Brian (Nicholas Lyndhurst) is now in charge. He's a nice enough chap, but no alpha male, and his desire to sort things out with a nice friendly meeting infuriates the colony's Chief Physician Lillian (Vicki Pepperdine - "Getting On"), who'd really rather everyone was walking round in tight colour-coded tunics and saluting each other. She's also in charge of Project Adam, the plan to conceive and give birth to the first colony-born baby. Unfortunately, the two people hand-picked for this purpose - Carol and Richard - were rather fibbing about being a couple, just to get on the trip.
 Add in an entirely unscrupulous Chief Scientist, Mason and also Archer, an idiot maintenance man who believes he's an "empath" rather than a plumber, and you're all set to answer the question - if humankind were to colonize space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.)
 Written by Phil Whelans
 Produced & directed by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0668g2p)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Jon Holmes is joined by Angela Barnes.
THU 23:00 Lee Mack and Friends at the Fringe (b007klvl)
 Episode 2

BAFTA award-winning Lee Mack introduces another top line-up of fellow comics Andy Parsons, Tim Minchin, Lucy Porter, Alan Cochran and Jim Owen
 Recorded at The Edinburgh Fringe.
 Producer: Will Saunders
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 2005.
THU 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jwpj)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 The Marriage Emporium running low on Indian brides - and "Fifty Ways To Leave Your Mother".
 Starring:
 Sanjeev Bhaskar
 Kulvinder Ghir
 Nitin Sawhney
 Meera Syal
 Nina Wadia
 Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.
 Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.
 Script Editor: Sharat Sardana
 Producer: Anil Gupta.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2015

FRI 00:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010m6lf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:15 Terry Pratchett (b01rgj25)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076p87)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Art Attack (b00nk2xr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v8lpy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrjc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rqpl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00ffmv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon (b00t18j1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b065jht1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Radio Active (b007jrrb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b064418w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fv6gc)
 Episode 2
 The "Inspector" becomes plied with cash and love.
 A two-part adaptation by Rene Basilio of Gogol's classic comedy - a picture of municipal 'leaze' and corruption in 19th century Russia.
 Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt as Khelestakov, Trevor Peacock as Osip, Bill Wallis as The Mayor and David Gant as The Judge.
 Music by Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
FRI 06:30 Put Your Hands Together (b00sq1vv)
 In a self-consciously clap-happy exploration of one of the most delightful and satisfying forms of human action and expression, Nick Baker investigates the meanings and motivations, the sounds and symbolism, the elation and frustration of ritually striking one hand with another.
 The clapping rhythms of football, flamenco, the nursery and the Pentecostal church are all biologically linked yet subtly different. In this anatomy of a basic human ritual, Nick has collected claps as far apart as Fiji - where a clapping ritual accompanies a narcotic-taking ceremony - and China, where young women on busy high streets clap to attract attention to what's on offer in the stores. Choreographer Luke Creswell, an expert clapper, collects clap-routines in bars all over the world. What's linked in all cases, according to Professor Colwyn Trevarthen, is humanity's attunement to one of its many internal biological clocks - the one that gives us walking, chewing and nodding our head. He invites listeners to join in with a simple experiment to demonstrate the rhythm of life. Babies clap early & show awareness of hands in the womb. The clap is not the basis of language development, it is language development. It is display, performance, shared meaning & shared time. Gospel singer Ruby Turner provides musical commentary on how the hand clap moves from babies, through Sunday School, the playground and the church towards soul and

R and B.

Do our biological predecessors clap? Perhaps we've been exposed to too many tea commercials. Or maybe chimpanzees have been too exposed to us, primatologist Alison Fletcher explains.

Producer: Tamsin Hughes

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:00 Rent (b065k7zn)

Series 4

Episode 4

Maria and Richard's lives are now being ruled by Eva, the nanny, while Paul and Ruby have to contend with his disreputable cousin, Dave.

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 and Toby Longworth.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 07:30 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)

Series 1

Episode 3

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides as Susie Dent, Natalie Haynes, Jack Whitehall and Milton Jones 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: the whole world of words.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007w3y4)

Series 4

The Emigrant

The lad is keen to emigrate, but is met with refusals from other countries including Australia and Canada.

Can Sid help him to leave Britain?

Stars Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Denis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007mwv5)

Series 5

The Spanish Suitcase

Neddie Seagoon's brave act lands him in prison, and a jewel thief is on the loose.

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 December 1954.

FRI 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mjktm)

Series 2

Episode 5

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 Stewart Lee and David Quantick 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 2006.

FRI 09:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jv8w)

A Curry at Kelmscot

Jennifer joins Mark and his mutt's Thames quest, but there is a surprise on their menu. Stars Timothy Spall. From January 1993.

FRI 10:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon (b00t1bsd)

The Squire

Redmond Barry pursues and wins the widowed Lady Lyndon to take the title of Barry Lyndon and play the role of country

squire.

However, once arrived at the summit of his good fortune, his luck begins to change for the worse.

Conclusion of William Makepeace Thackeray's classic novel about the rise and fall of an Irish adventurer in the 18th century.

Dramatised by Don McCampbell

Barry Gerard McSorley

Lady Lyndon Tina Kellegher

Chevalier de Balibari David Kelly

Bell Barry Sheila Hancock

Earl of Crabs Kenneth Cranham

Wiggins Jamie Foreman

Redmond Andrew Scott

Furniture Dealer Mark Lambert

Poynings Don Wycherley

Ullick Darragh Kelly

Brendan Eanna MacLiam

Maggie-Rose Alice Barry

Directed at BBC Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

FRI 11:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00ljmsm)

The Umbrella

When a man's new umbrella is ruined, his wife cunningly replaces it within budget. A French story adapted to an Irish setting.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b00vcqld)

Andrea Earl - The Climb

The Climb by Andrea Earl

A feel good drama about three men who venture on a climb of their lives.

Ropes, crampons, grappling irons at the ready; D-day has arrived. Frankie, John and Bud are ready, well as ready as they'll ever be. But this is not a mountain, nor a great hill they are preparing to climb tonight - it's Blackpool Tower.

Furthermore, Frankie has Down's syndrome, John is blind and Bud is only 3'6". It was Frankie's idea as he wants to follow in the footsteps of his hero Sherpa Tenzing. The men are forced to pull together as a team in a race against time in an attempt to reach the top as the police try to intercept their highly dangerous (and highly illegal!) deed.

Producer/Director - Pauline Harris.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007w3y4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007mwv5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Nikolai Gogol - The Government Inspector (b00fvg6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Put Your Hands Together (b00sq1vv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00v8m6n)

Rebecca Hunt - Mr Chartwell

Episode 10

Written by Rebecca Hunt

Sunday evening, Esther returns home to find Black Pat waiting for her.

The reader is Miriam Margolyes.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:15 The Generation Gap (b00qzrjg)

Series 2: Sex

Prostitution

Series in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the second series of five programmes is Sex.

Helen worked as a bar hostess and prostitute in the 1970s. She talks to Maria, who is currently funding her way through university by being a sex worker. How do their experiences differ?

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 Ayesha Menon - Undercover Mumbai (b039rwcc)

Five-Star Death

A dead glamour model in a five-star hotel leads Police inspector Alia Khan on the trail of Bollywood's leading heart-throb.

Set and recorded on location in Mumbai, this is a fast paced six-part police thriller. It follows Alia Khan, a young woman inspector in the Bandra Division of the Mumbai Police Force, as she attempts to solve a series of crimes, make sense of her troubled past and cope with being a woman in a male-dominated and chauvinistic police force.

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Sound Design: Steve Bond

Editing Assistants: Andrew Lewis and Aditya Khanna.

Script Editor: Mike Walker

Assistant Producer: Toral Shah

Producer: Nadir Khan

Music: Sacha Putnam.

Writer: Ayesha Menon

Director: John Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00tffmx)

Elena Gorokhova - A Mountain of Crumbs

Episode 5

Robert has returned to Texas but he writes to Elena every week and wonders if she might visit him.

He explains that he can get her a visitors' visa if she goes as his fiancée but Elena explains that it is not getting into America that is the difficult part but getting out of the USSR.

They both understand that there is only one way to achieve this - but are they ready to get married?

Read by Sian Thomas

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon (b00t1bsd)

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FRI 17:00 Rent (b065k7zn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b010tbkp)

The Nine Billion Names of God

The Sentinel

The story from which Arthur C Clarke developed the film '2001: A Space Odyssey' with Stanley Kubrick. Read by John Shrapnel.

FRI 18:15 The Smell by Patrick McGrath (b007jm2c)

Patrick McGrath reads his disturbing Gothic Tale about a father's demonic control over his family.

Producer: Pan Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 18:30 Fry's English Delight (b012qq71)

Series 4

Persuasion

The language of persuasion interrogated. Advertisers, lawyers, cold callers and politicians are all, in a way, language experts.

And we are all targets for people who try to persuade us of something, whether to buy a particular brand of soap powder, change our car insurance, or vote for a political party, for instance. And most of us at one time or another try to persuade other people to do something that we want them to do for us. It might be that it's to give us a job, come on holiday with us, or lend us a fiver until pay day. Is it possible to maximize your chances of success with the right approach, and by simply using the right words control someone else's behaviour?

How did the great persuaders of the past sway their audiences? We look at rhetoric and gesture, as well as hearing from an advertising executive, a professor of political history, a legal expert, and someone who runs one of the country's most successful telemarketing companies. Just how good do you have to be to sell someone something over the telephone? How hard is it to sell anything face-face with your client? We hear what happens when someone from one of Britain's most influential management training institutions observes a man selling sausages for his living from a stall in a London market. Does a humble street trader use the same devices as a vast multinational corporation when it comes to getting you to put your hand in your pocket? You will listen, won't you? You know you deserve it.

Producer: Ian Gardhouse

A Testbed Production for BBC Radio 4.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Put Your Hands Together (b00sq1vv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Five Stories by James Ellis (b00ljmsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b00vcqld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Shappi Talk (b00lpmz7)

Series 1

Religion

Comedy series in which Shappi Khorsandi examines what it is like growing up in multi-cultural families.

Joining Shappi is Bengali comic Paul Sinha sharing his experiences of religion in his family. Shappi will also be joined by another 'related' guest- and she chats to ex Mayor of London Ken Livingstone.

There'll also be a chance for Shappi to chat with the audience and a song from Hills Barker.

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:30 Absolute Power (b007r395)

Series 1

Episode 5

Prentiss and McCabe are set their hardest challenge so far - to substantially increase listening figures for BBC Radio 3.

Will this prove a wheeze too far for the Wheeze-master Generals?

Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spin with contacts at the highest level of government.

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

With:

Rebecca Front

Roger Sloman

Philip Fox

Beth Chalmers

Mark Tonderai

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b01qn1xq)

For two hours, six nights a week, the Comedy Club offers the best comedy around. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to MC Grindah, DJ Beatz and Chabuddy G from People Just Do Nothing.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b014r5qh)

Series 4

Alan Davies

Marcus Brigstocke invites reluctant vocalist, actor Alan Davies to sing in public for the first time.

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 (b010m9tg)

Series 4

Episode 7

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, Julia Davis, Robert Popper, Adil Ray and Arabella Weir.

Producers: Charlie Higson and Paul Whitehouse

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.