

SATURDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2015

SAT 00:00 Haunted (b01qrjrn)

Esmeralda by John Keir Cross
Felix might finally be free of his wife, but who is the mysterious woman claiming to be his daughter?
A series of stories of the supernatural.

John Keir Cross's tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.
Mr Broome George Baker
Esmeralda Kim Braden

With

Pauline Letts
Katherine Parr
David Gooderson
Crawford Logan

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on BBC World Service in February 1982.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0075zdm)

Series 1

Abide with Me

An exploration of why Henry F Lyte's words and William H Monk's tune have so much significance for the people of Malawi, a railway chaplain, a miner's daughter and a vicar in India.

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.

SAT 01:00 Agatha Christie (b0090sch)

Crooked House

Episode 4

Joy Wilkinson's adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel.

Another murder has struck Three Gables, which means the case against Brenda and Laurence falls apart. The killer is still at large, and Josephine is still in danger.

Charles Rory Kinnear
Sophia Anna Maxwell Martin
Taverner Phil Davis

Josephine Grianne Dromgoole

Aunt Edith Judy Parfitt

Philip Ben Crowe

Magda Anna Chancellor

Roger Simon Treves

Clemency Rachel Sanders

Directed by Sam Hoyle.

SAT 01:30 The Carabinieri Art Squad (b00sm8tn)

Writer and historian Alex Butterworth travels to Rome to meet the Carabinieri squad in charge of protecting Italy's priceless cultural heritage.

A helicopter circles overhead while Italian police officers and archaeologists peer into a 30-foot deep hole made in a field outside Rome. The land may look like ordinary farmland, but beneath the ground there are in fact Etruscan tombs full of treasures. The hole has been made by a group of "tombaroli"- tomb raiders who come in the night to smash open hidden tombs, and grab the artefacts inside. They sell them on to dealers, who in some cases offer them to museums for a massive price.

The police officers in attendance are a members of a special branch of the Italian Carabinieri (the military police) which was set up to try to deal with the problem of stolen art in the country. The unit, known as the Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (Comando Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale in Italian) has its main headquarters in Rome and branches throughout the country. Its job is to try to stop the looting of Italy's cultural treasures- from artefacts in excavations to paintings and statues in country churches.

To try to stop the trafficking, carabinieri officers carry out regular patrols on archaeological sites. They also check items of from auction houses and exhibitions against their vast database of stolen goods. Other officers carry out checks on more contemporary artworks to make sure that they're not forged. Since the unit began in 1969, the success rate has been high, with thousands of artworks recovered.

Alex Butterworth is in Rome to watch the work of the Carabinieri TPC at first hand. He follows the archaeological section on patrol and sees how the huge database is used to recover stolen works which are sometimes changed beyond almost all recognition by the thieves to avoid detection. For example, one vast painting was stolen and then cut into several pieces and sold as separate items.

While watching the officers at work, Alex explores the changing nature of cultural protection and asks what Italy's determination to find its treasures says about the mood of the country.

Producer Emma Kingsley.

SAT 02:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00776s7)

BBC National Short Story Award 2007

The Orphan and the Mob

By Julian Gough. 4 Extra Debut. The comic tale of an orphan desperately needing to go to the toilet. Conor Lovett reads 2007's winning entry.

SAT 02:30 Agatha Christie (b0076m7h)

The 8.55 to Baghdad

Episode 5

Retracing the English crime writer's 1928 journey, Andrew Eames visits the ancient city of Ur, where Agatha met her future husband, archaeologist Max Mallowan.

SAT 02:45 John Bayley - Iris (b007jz11)

Episode 5

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

SAT 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b061tsyr)

13-17 July 1915

In the final omnibus edition of Season 4, a wartime celebrity makes an unexpected visit to Folkestone.

Written by Richard Monks

Story-led by Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Consultant Historian: Professor Maggie Andrews

Music: Matthew Strachan

Sound: Martha Littlehailes

Directed by Lucy Collingwood

Editor: Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 04:00 The 99p Challenge (b00p6c86)

Series 3

Episode 2

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Peter Baynham and David Quantick.

The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Written by Kevin Cecil and Andy Riley.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SAT 04:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k11n)

A Tale of Two Tenting

The two friends head off on a surreal camping trip, with Herman Hessian - a dog made out of an old potato sack.

The first of four comic journeys written by John Hegley in which John and his best mate Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses.

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnery, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and John Korne.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

SAT 05:00 Bookcases (b00srvks)

Series 1

Bronte Country

London 1853: The orderly life of religious publishers, Spavin and Spavin, is set to transformed by an actress and her son.

Cordelia is setting her sights on one of the partners, while her son Primus fancies taking over the firm, starting with hopes of 'acquiring' Charlotte Bronte...

Series 1 of Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy stars Michael Cochrane and Maggie Steed.

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Gerald David Horovitch

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

The Reverend Bronte Geoffrey Whitehead

Charlotte Sarah Jane Holm

Mrs Gaskell/Emily Bronte Frances Jeater

Equity David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

SAT 05:30 Wordaholics (b01dtkjd)

Series 1

Episode 6

Gyles Brandreth hosts the comedy panel show in which guests are challenged to display their knowledge of words and language.

On the panel: Richard Herring, Jennyclair, Alex Horne and Natalie Haynes.

Letter of the week is that cheeky 5th letter of the alphabet - F.

The panellists reveal their favourite words, invent new phobias and try to guess the meaning of some words no longer in our common parlance, taken from a glossary of provincial words from Herefordshire in 1839...words such as cockshut, taplash, pulfin and giglet.

Writers: James Kettle and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 06:00 Saturday Drama (b00vv0n7)

Agatha Christie - And Then There Were None

Ten guests are separately invited to an island by a person none of them knows very well, if at all. When they arrive, it seems they have all been invited for different reasons. Nothing quite adds up.

An anonymous voice accuses each of them of having murdered someone. By the end of the first night, one of the guests is dead.

Stranded by a violent storm and tormented by the nursery rhyme 'Ten Little Soldier Boys', the ten guests fear for their lives. Who is the killer? Is it one of them?

Agatha Christie's famous detective story without a detective.

First published in 1939.

Vera Claythorne Lyndsey Marshal

Cyril Harry Child

Captain Lombard Alex Wyndham

Emily Brent Joanna Monro

Dr Armstrong Sean Baker

Mr Justice Wargrave Geoffrey Whitehead

Anthony Marston Lloyd Thomas

Mr Blore Sam Dale

Narracott Adeel Akhtar

General MacArthur John Rowe

Mr Rogers Wayne Foskett

Mrs Rogers Sally Orrock

Hugo Henry Devas

Gramophone Voice Jude Akuwudike

Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.

'And Then There Were None' was named the world's favourite Agatha Christie novel in a poll in September 2015.

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

SAT 07:30 Michael Bentine - The Reluctant Jester (b01rg0zd)

The Reluctant Jester Strikes Back

It's a Square World

Michael Bentine remembers going the extra mile in creating some madcap pranks for BBC TV's 'It's A Square World'. 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.

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

Recorded at the Paul Robeson Theatre, Hounslow, Middlesex. Michael Bentine CBE was born in 1922 and died in 1996.

Producer: Andy Aliffie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1994.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b0013zrs)

Sellers in the Attic

Comedy writer and historian Glenn Mitchell examines exclusive and lesser known recordings of Peter Sellers and reveals a fascinating wealth of recently discovered recordings presenting a new insight into the life of this comic legend.

After Peter Sellers died in July 1980, the initial rush of glowing eulogies swiftly made way for often highly condemnatory accounts of his personality and behaviour. Some of these are, admittedly, accurate, others take incidents in isolation without regard for the context of the events described, while in some instances the claims rely on inaccuracies and misassumptions.

Fortunately there has been more perspective among recent chronicles but the trend has continued to portray Sellers's personal life as one with few, if any, redeeming features. As regards his work, many accounts have concentrated on the obvious aspects - the Panther films, Dr. Strangelove, perhaps also The Goon Show, but Peter Sellers left far more than that. Mitchell, the writer and presenter of this programme, was only 21 when the actor died but has been collecting Sellers material from an early age. In this personal take on the subject, Mitchell chronicles Sellers' career in parallel with his own lifelong interest in the actor's work. He will examine various recordings, explaining in each instance its place within the canon, and how it may have shaped - or been shaped by - Sellers' life and career.

The programme also explores the softer, compassionate side to the legendary actor's nature, the aspect of the man which once led to him talking a complete stranger - who was perched on a high bridge - out of committing suicide.

Among the recent finds is a personal recording Sellers made for a television producer whose daughter lost her sight. The never before broadcast recording includes readings of the poet William McGonagall with various comments throughout. Not only is it vintage Sellers but it reveals a remarkable and malleable side to his personality, catching him at a very relaxed moment in his life contrasting with his often cited volatile nature.

Mitchell's own focus will be on the lesser-known Sellers material he has amassed, including home-movie prints, soundtracks, rare interviews and out-takes. The programme also profiles written archives from his first BBC TV and Radio auditions.

Ultimately Sellers in the Attic will tell his remarkable story - by revisiting the less obvious items from his vast legacy, including such gems from the BBC archives as his 1970 performance of the macabre music-hall monologue The Ballad of Sam Hall, recorded at Wilton's in East London.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 09:00 Natalie Haynes' Back to School (b01rfxjr)

Former school teacher, then stand-up and now writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes relives the highlights and horrors of school days, courtesy of the BBC archive:

* Bleak Expectations

Series 1 (1/6) A Childhood Cruelly Kipperd:

Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof reveals the downward spiral of young Pip Bin's life. Stars Richard Johnson, Anthony Head, Celia Imrie and Geoffrey Whitehead. From August 2007.

* The Jason Byrne Show

Series 1 (1/6) Education:

Award-winning Irish comedian Jason Byrne takes aim at the world of classrooms, teachers and school-bullying. With guest Ivan Brackenbury. From July 2008.

* The Burkiss Way

Series 2 (9/13) Skive from School the Burkiss Way:

Can 'Moses Minor' lead the boys of Greystones away from the clutches of their oppressors? Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Chris Emmett and Nigel Rees. From February 1977.

* Clare in the Community

Series 1 (6/6) Stage Fright:

The social worker and control freak's disgruntled husband Brian writes a play based on their marriage. Stars Sally Phillips and Alex Lowe. From December 2004.

* King Street Junior

Series 2 (9/10) Sports Day:

As both pupils and staff get in training, school headmaster Mr Beeston gets a cryptic note. Stars James Grout and Peter Davison. From March 1987.

* Hancock's Half Hour

Series 4 (15/20) The Old School Re-Union:

Surprises are in store as the lad heads back for prize-giving day at his old school. Stars Tony Hancock, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams. From January 1957.

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2013

SAT 12:00 One Foot in the Grave: A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b068hyw4)

Would you believe it? In January 1990, BBC TV broadcast the very first episode of One Foot In The Grave, much of it filmed along England's South Coast.

Doreen Mantle - who played Mrs Warboys - looks back at the history of the classic TV sitcom about the ever grumpy Victor Meldrew (Richard Wilson) and his long-suffering wife Margaret (Annette Crosbie).

It ran for 6 series, plus festive specials and selected episodes were adapted for BBC radio.

Featuring: series writer David Renwick, producer Susan Belbin, Richard Wilson, Annette Crosbie and Angus Deayton.

Producer: Richard Latto.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Solent in December 2014.

SAT 13:00 Bindi Business (b068hyw6)

Series 1 (Omnibus)

Finding herself out of work at 51, Bindi Banerjee decides to start up her own beauty business.

Omnibus of Tanika Gupta's drama series about an eccentric 'olderpreneur's' adventures in business.

BINDI.....Meera Syal

RAJ.....Chris Nayak

ANU.....Krupa Pattani

HEMA.....Rina Fatania

SAM.....Will Ash

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05ql311)

Meera Syal

Actor and writer, Meera Syal chooses 'Dum Maro Dum' from the film 'Hare Rama Hare Krishna' and 'A Case of You' by Joni Mitchell.

SAT 14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b0075nw5)

Martin Bell

Martin Bell explores the psychological aspects of a career as a war correspondent with Professor Anthony Clare.

Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with prominent people from different walks of life. Born in Dublin, author Anthony held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle, In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

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

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00t32rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Saturday Drama (b00vv0n7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Michael Bentine - The Reluctant Jester (b01rg0zd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Paradise Lost in Space (b007jp0g)

5. Things Hot Up

When Norman introduces the Oblivions to the pleasures of the flesh, one thing leads to another...

Colin Swash's sci-fi comedy about two space-age humans stranded on a friendly alien planet.

Norman Tony Robinson

Max David Haig

Stella Louise Lombard

Macari Michael Troughton

Terayz Carla Mendonca

Clive Guy Witcher

Buzz Peter Serafinowicz

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

SAT 18:30 Atomic Tales (b007qtm4)

Unstoppable!

A white-knuckle ride of instellar thrills as a space train hurtles towards Earth

1950s American sci-fi spoof.

Starring the talents of:

John Guerriasio

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 August 2006.

SAT 19:00 Natalie Haynes' Back to School (b01rfxjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Sabotage (b007jvw4)

Series 1

Episode 1

Mark Talbot hosts Sabotage's exciting comedy night with top performers: Aisling Bea, Mike Wozniak, Ben Mellor, James Acaster and Liam Williams at London's historic Hoxton Hall in Hackney.

Producer: Anna Silver.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Hat Trick Productions.

First broadcast in November 2013.

SAT 23:00 4 at the Store (b007jqg1)

Series 1

Episode 3

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Rhona Cameron, Omid Djalili and Steve Gribbin. From December 1998.

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00tgx3w)

Series 6

Ade Edmondson interviews Ruby Wax

The new series of the tag team talk show continues as last week's guest, writer and star of "The Young Ones" and "Bottom", alternative comedy legend Ade Edmondson takes the microphone to interview the UK's favourite sharp tongued American, Ruby Wax.

Ade asks Ruby about the impact her strict parents had on her comedy, her start in entertainment as an RDC wench, her break into TV and those famous celebrity interviews, and how her journey has led her from being a celebrated TV entertainer and comedienne to a qualified expert on Psychotherapy and Neuroscience.

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SUN 06:00 Deepak Verma - The Bandit Queen (b007jymk)

Held without trial in jail for 11 years. How did Indian bandit queen Phoolan Devi become a folk heroine and earn worldwide notoriety? Stars Nisha Nayar.

SUN 07:15 In Drivers' Boots (b068j4q6)

Episode 3

Huw Williams arrives in Bridgwater as he continues his journey along the cattle herding routes of the 17th century. From June 2004.

SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00f9kz2)

Series 5

Granddad

Comedy series by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds. Ed is visited by his new grandson, Smile, and is inspired to write a children's book. However, his daughter is not at all impressed with his flat.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

House Husband Nicholas Boulton

Olive Stephanie Cole

Eli Lisa Coleman

Felix John Fortune

Jaz Philip Jackson

Pearl Rita May

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

TV Man Dan Tetsell

Tim Kim Wall

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead.

SUN 08:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00gszmr)

From 29/03/1971

A bungling burglar, a struggling pianist and the Clegworthy family's Sunday.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With Terence Brady, Pauline Yates and Peggy Ann Wood.

Pianist: Gordon Langford.

Written by Chris Allen, Tony Bilbow and Mike Fentiman.

David Climie, John Graham, Gerald Wiley and John Fawcett-Wilson.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b068j4q8)

The Cricket Pavilion Fire

Cricket ashes of a different kind when the new school pavilion

burns down.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards

June Whitfield as Matron

Austin Trevor as Brigadier Lumley

Roddy Maude-Roxby as Aubrey Potter

Frederick Treves as Alfred Tenyson

Roger Shepherd as Lumley

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio,

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

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

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

Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the

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

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

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

Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio

by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September

1961.

SUN 09:00 Paul Theroux - Deep South: Four Seasons on

Back Roads (Omnibus) (b068j4qb)

From a car park in Tuscaloosa to the backroads of Georgia and Alabama.

Paul Theroux's account of his car journeys through America's southern states.

Five-episode omnibus read by Henry Goodman.

Abridged for radio by Katrin Williams.

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06b5fn4)

Paul Theroux

Travel writer and novelist Paul Theroux chooses 'Maybellene'

by Chuck Berry and 'Different Trains' by Steve Reich.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03lc13d)

The Good Life

Penelope Keith

From Elgar to the Beatles, The Good Life star Penelope Keith

shares her castaway choices with Roy Plomley. From August

1976.

SUN 10:45 Creme de la Crime (b010j4pb)

Series 2

The Lord and Mike Shepherd

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore probe the unsolved case of a vanishing lord. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From May 2002.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b067xfsv)

Series 2

Courage

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

Guy Raz investigates the inner architecture of living systems,

from ant colonies to corporations and social movements.

With Brian Goldman, Margaret Hefferman, Janine di Giovanni,

Kimberley Motley and Dr Leana Wen.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio.

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

Series 1

Songsters

Humans aren't the only species who sing. Many birds do and

even another ape.

What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and

repeated phrases, and who is listening?

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural

histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Produce: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

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SUN 14:30 Simon Mawer - Tightrope (b068j5sv)

Episode 2

Marian runs into an old friend in Paris. Her personal and

professional lives are getting complicated. Read by Peter Firth.

SUN 15:45 Katherine Mansfield - Her First Ball (b068j5sx)

When Leila attends her first formal ball, her dance partners

have distinctly different effects on her. Read by Sara Coward.

From September 1996.

SUN 16:00 David Renwick - Angry Old Men (b068j60j)

What happens to the stars of outrageous, ground-breaking TV

comedy as the years go by?

Four formerly daring comic heroes Douglas Doyle, Felix Fox,

Vernon Rees and George Simon, plus their sidekick, Iris Gray

are now old and embittered. Re-united for one eventful night,

30 years on, they face some startling home truths.

Starring Bill Wallis as Felix, Annette Crosbie as Iris, Bernard

Cribbins as Douglas, Peter Bowles as Vernon and Enn Reitel as

George.

Written by David Renwick, creator of the hit BBC TV series

One Foot in the Grave.

Directed by Nigel Bryant.

Made for BBC Radio 4 by Armada Productions.

First broadcast in 1996.

SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00f9k92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (b007xrtx)

3. Dark Forces

Both fighting for the affections of the beautiful Katrina Van Tassel, the rivalry between Ichabod Crane and Brom Bones continues apace.

And now it seems that supernatural forces are about to get involved.

Washington Irving's supernatural classic about two love rivals and a headless horseman:

Concluded by Martin Jarvis.

Musical score and sound design by award-winning composer, David Pickavance.

The Sleepy Hollow choir:

Ayesha Antoine

Delroy Brown

John Cummins

Gerard McDermott

Carolyn Pickles

Sophie Roberts

Nick Sayce

Ella Smith

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2005.

SUN 18:30 The Darker Side of the Border (b00ck4fs)

James Hogg - The Brownie of the Black Haggs

Lady Wheelhope has a reputation as a violent mistress to those under her power. Yet when desire for a mysterious servant overwhelms her, it's her own soul she yields to terrible risk...

Series of 3 Scottish 19th Century tales of terror and mystery.

Written by James Hogg and dramatised by Marty Ross.

Lady Wheelhope Irene MacDougall

The Laird Paul Young

Merodach James Chisholm

Bessie Mary Riggans

Wattie James Bryce

Adam Alec Heggie

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b067xfsv)

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SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

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SUN 20:00 Paul Theroux - Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads (Omnibus) (b068j4qb)

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SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06bsfn4)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 21:45 Creme de la Crime (b010j4pb)

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SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00f9k92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b018xs8f)

Series 3

Bungay

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 5 - In this episode Mark performs a show for the residents of Bungay in Suffolk, where he talks about non-existent castles, haunted pubs and chicken roundabouts. From January 2012.

Written and performed by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

SUN 23:00 Sparkhill Sound (b010y31b)

By Adil Ray and Anil Gupta

Sparkhill Sound is a local radio station serving... Sparkhill. Sparkhill is a part of Birmingham. Birmingham is a city in the West Midlands. All human life is there. Pakistanis, Indians, Somalis, Iraqis, Irish. Even some English. Sparkhill Sound brings them all together on a radio station that tries - but usually fails - to promote harmony.

Performed by Adil Ray, Felix Dexter, Gary Pillai, Vineeta Rishi.

Produced by Bill Dare

Adil Ray is one of the key voices behind Down the Line - playing Mr Khan and MC Raa. He's the creative force behind this spoof radio station based in an ethnically diverse part of

Birmingham, Ray's home town.

SUN 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b00770bs)

Series 3

Porridge Votes

The Scotsmen stand against the Laird in the local by-election. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From September 2006.

SUN 23:45 2000 Years of Radio (b007szjn)

Series 2

Beagle FM

1836: DJ Suzanne Canker joins Charlie Darwin aboard HMS Beagle for his scientific journey.

Plus Grayson Spey delivers the news, castaway on a deserted island, and all the old favourites return.

Series tapping into the radio archive of a bygone age.

Written and performed by Claire Downes, Hazel Grian, Al Holloway, Ben Kozo, Stuart Lane and Patrick McNamara.

Producer: Sean Grundy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Katherine Mansfield - Her First Ball (b068j5sx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 David Renwick - Angry Old Men (b068j60j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00f9k92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

Five Red Herrings

1. The Body in the Burn

Aristocratic sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey, goes on a Scottish fishing holiday in Kircudbright, but ends up catching more than trout - when he's called upon to investigate the death of a local artist.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey.

The British gentleman detective features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers.

'The Five Red Herrings' was first published in 1931. Adapted for radio in eight episodes by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Murdoch Bruce Bennett

Waters Bill Wallace

Campbell/Dr Cameron Trevor Martin

McAdam Alaric Cotter

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Strachan Hazel McBride

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

MON 06:30 Calvin and Hobbes (b00mr2fj)

Phill Jupitus celebrates Calvin and Hobbes, the comic strip about the little boy and his stuffed tiger named after eminent philosophers.

Over the course of ten years, the strip became an international phenomenon, being syndicated in 2,500 newspapers worldwide. It tells the tale of a young boy whose stuffed tiger is as real to him as the people around him, and deals in the process with philosophical issues about free will and the meaning of life, via the perspective of a child with an extraordinary imagination. Its creator, the reclusive Bill Watterson, could have become a multi-millionaire through merchandising deals and film offers, but turned them all down without hesitation.

Phill sets out to discover more about the characters and the man behind them. In Watterson's absence, Jupitus heads to Oxford to speak with artists, merchandisers, booksellers and philosophers to find out what makes the strip so popular, years after Watterson drew the final frame.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 07:00 The Right Time (b00b1pfc)

Series 2

Episode 3

A good reason for getting a piercing - and a prediction of reality TV going over the top...

Sketch show with a mature edge, written and performed by people who've lived a bit.

Stars Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Paula Wilcox, Clive Swift and Roger Blake.

Written by Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Julie Balloo, Ramone Towers, Chris Thompson, Peter Reynolds, John Dowie, Peter Spence, Colin Bostock-Smith, Ronnie Golden and Andrew Nickolds.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b067wft2r)

Series 15

Episode 2

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Arthur Smith, Jon Richardson, Susan Calman and David O'Doherty are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as Pets, Bacteria, Zombies and Water.

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

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

Series 2

Don't Fence Me In

Captain Mainwaring is horrified when some prisoners of war escape from a camp.

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Fraser John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Walker Larry Martyn

General Monteferdi Cyril Shaps

Captain Turner John Ringham

Prisoner of War Sion Probert

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

MON 08:30 Marriage Lines (b068r53p)

Series 2

Episode 13

It's baby's christening day and George is packing for Africa. Richard Briers and Prunella Scales star in their second series based on the mutual love and mistrust of a young married couple.

With Edward De Souza and Joan Sanderson.

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 June 1967.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b007765n)

Series 10

Stephen King

James Walton chairs the literary quiz with John Walsh, Sebastian Faulks, Mark Billingham and Sabrina Broadbent.

Reader is Beth Chalmers. From April 2007.

MON 09:30 King Street Junior (b00t953)

Series 1

Language Units

A difficult day for headmaster Mr Beeston, when a proposed unit for immigrant children produces more heat than the school central heating system.

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 Grout

Mr Holliday Tom Watson

Mrs Stone Margaret John

Mr Long Paul Copley

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Ross Nick Stringer

Engineer Johnny Wade

Miss Sope Valerie Murray

Janet Pru Oliver

Tommy Desmond Askew

Maria Samantha Cahill

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b00vwwq0)

Hans Fallada - Alone in Berlin

Episode 1

From the Novel by Hans Fallada. Dramatised for radio by Shelagh Stephenson

Primo Levi's declaration that Alone in Berlin is "the greatest book ever written about German resistance to the Nazis" is bold and unequivocal. English readers have had to wait 60 years to explore the 1947 novel in which Otto Quangel, a factory foreman (Ron Cook) and his wife Anna (Margot Leicester)

believe themselves morally obliged to take on the full might of the Nazis.

When their son is killed "for Fuhrer and Fatherland", the Quangels begin to write anonymous postcards, denouncing the war and the regime, and leave them on the stairwells of public buildings in Berlin. Over two years, the cards become their life. Trapped through a trivial mistake, by their nemesis, Inspector Escherich of the Gestapo (Tim McInnerny) they are put on trial for their lives, but find a strange freedom in a mocking defiance and then in a terrible silence.

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Cast:

Otto Quangel Ron Cook
Anna Quangel Margot Leicester
Escherich Tim McInnerny
Trudel Bauman Jasmine Hyde
Eva Kluge Christine Kavanagh
Enno Kluge Ian Bartholomew
Emil Borkhausen Richard McCabe
Frau Rosenthal Joanna Munroe
Inspector Rusch John McAndrew
Judge Fromm Andrew Sachs
Inspector Zott Nickolas Grace
Inspector Prall Sam Dale
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan.
MON 11:00 Behind the Screen (b068r5lx)

How Dudden Died, by Fr Ronald Knox
Mr Parsons and Wilfred Hope try to solve the mystery of Dudden's death themselves. 1930s 'whodunit' concluded by Nigel Anthony.

Behind The Screen is a collaborative detective serial written by six members of the Detection Club. It was first broadcast weekly on the BBC National Programme in 1930, with each contributor reading his or her own part of the story.

The six authors were Hugh Walpole, Agatha Christie, Dorothy L Sayers, Anthony Berkeley, EC Bentley and Father Ronald Knox.

To reflect the changes of storyteller, we have a different reader for each part of this new version:

When first broadcast, some listeners were puzzled by the method employed in planning a collaborative detective story. If the whole thing were indeed to be written like a game of consequences, with each new writer picking up where the last one left off, how could any consistency be achieved, and how could a satisfactory plot be managed and concluded?

Lord Peter Wimsey creator, Dorothy L Sayers, who co-ordinated the different contributions, explained the process: "The first three authors carried the story along according to their own several fancies; while the last three used their wits, in consultation, to unravel the clues presented to them by the first three."

Abridged by John Peacock

Producer David Blount

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

MON 11:15 Arthur (b0076nrb)

The Sword of the King

Stable boy Arran meets a traveller who makes him confront his true origins and grasp the sword of destiny.

The first of six plays telling the story of Arthur, a powerful tribal leader, who for a time brings political stability to 5th century Britain but - because of a fatal human weakness - fails to deliver a golden age.

Stars Jane Lapotaire as Morgan, Ben Whishaw as Arthur, Ian McDiarmid as Merlin, Eve Best as Young Morgan, Pam Ferris as Gaura, James Laurensen as Ector, Nicholas Boulton as Keir, Christian Rodska as Bryce, Stephen Hogan as Kerwyn and Damian Lynch, Robert Hastie & Jason Chan as the Soldiers.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Marriage Lines (b068r53p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Calvin and Hobbes (b00mr2fj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00cfzk8)

BBC National Short Story Award 2008

The Numbers

By Claire Wigfall. Readings of the stories short-listed for this year's BBC National Short Story Award, which has attracted more than 600 submissions and includes entries by some of the biggest names in British fiction. The stories are read by a selection of the nation's leading acting talent.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b011p5hn)

Christopher Nicholson - The Elephant Keeper

Episode 1

In this adaptation of Christopher Nicholson's vivid and dramatic novel, the central story is about the relationship between a boy and an elephant. But this is no whimsical love story - it's about power, and how power and violence distort relationships. It's about how the rich abuse the poor, and how humans abuse animals. And yet, this is also a simple moving drama, told by a

young man, about the defining love of his life.

Tom is 16 when the story opens, a simple West Country boy, the son of a groom on a country estate in the 18th century.

When his master acquires a pair of elephants, the job of keeper falls to him. Overcoming his fears, Tom begins a relationship with the elephants which will change the course of his life.

Adapted for radio by Elizabeth Burke

CAST

TomStuart McLoughlin

LizzieSarah Ovens

Mr HarringtonBertie Carvel

Mrs HarringtonClaire Cage

Dr ChisholmRichard Mitchley

Producer: Kate McAll

BBC Cymru Wales.

MON 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ks5t3)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 1

Julian Rhind-Tutt reads from the bittersweet novel by David Nicholls.

The friendship between Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhew begins on the day after graduation - the morning after they have spent the night together.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b00vwwq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b007765n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b00tt953)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 The Right Time (b00b1pcf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b067wf2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Haunted (b01qxztz)

The Lamp, by Agatha Christie

A sickly young boy settles at a new address, but his ghostly playmate has other ideas...

Agatha Christie's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Mrs Lancaster Judy Cornwell

Mr Windburn Timothy Bateson

Marco Ferraro Geoffrey

Radnor William Eadle

Arnold Diamond Doctor

Simon Meacock Child

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075x2r)

Diran Adebayo and Sarah Walker

Louise Doughty and her guests novelist Diran Adebayo, and mezzo-soprano Sarah Walker discuss their favourite paperbacks

by AG Macdonell, MG Vassanji and Emily Bronte. From 2000.

AG Macdonell: England, Their England

Publisher: Picador

MG Vassanji: A Book of Secrets

Publisher: Picador

Emily Bronte: Wuthering Heights

Publisher: Penguin Classics.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Marriage Lines (b068r53p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Calvin and Hobbes (b00mr2fj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Behind the Screen (b068r5lx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Arthur (b0076nrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b067wf2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The In Crowd (b007jp55)

Series 4

Episode 1

Compulsive Liars Anonymous and a birthday shock.

Comedy sketch show from Manchester.

Starring Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06b4msv)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is

joined by Iliza Shlesinger.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (b06811fb)

Series 15

Episode 4

A satirical take on politics, media and celebrity.

Featuring Jon Culshaw, Debra Stephenson, Jan Ravens, Lewis

MacLeod and Duncan Wisbey.

Produced by Bill Dare.

MON 23:30 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vhf5y)

July and August

School's out for Barack Obama, Frank McCourt and Germaine

Greer.

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures

from the 1960s to the present day.

Voiced by Jan Ravens, Alistair McGowan, Lewis McLeod,

Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Dolly Wells.

Written by Craig Brown.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

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TUE 00:00 Haunted (b01qxztz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0075x2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Calvin and Hobbes (b00mr2fj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00cfzk8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b011p5hn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ks5t3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b00vwwq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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TUE 04:30 King Street Junior (b00tt953)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Right Time (b00b1pcf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b067wf2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

Five Red Herrings

2. Disappearances

As Lord Peter Wimsey investigates the mysterious death of

unpopular artist, Sandy Campbell - key suspects keep vanishing.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey - the aristocratic

amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Sir Maxwell Jameson Garard Green

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Faron Frances Jeater

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Allcock Peter Wickham

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Betty Heather Bell

Jock Graham Christopher Scoular

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

TUE 06:30 Command Performance (b00rpykt)

Command Performance explores prestigious concerts held in

unique places under special circumstances with presenter Katie

Derham . As you'd expect the command performance is a royal

prerogative and singer Katherine Jenkins gives us further

insight when she explains her recent experience of a

performance for the current Queen at Balmoral.

As we hear for most artists a private performance rarely

features a royal at the top table. Time is devoted to the after

dinner or corporate gig where lucrative money can be made.

Comedian Barry Cryer gives us tips on the best way to approach

these unique events and veteran Roy Hudd also suggests ways

you make the most of these performance opportunities with out

losing your nerve.

After a hard day General Secretary Joseph Stalin liked to relax

watching the ballet. Today a bespoke performance with an artist

is possible. Jazz musician Yolanda Brown was invited to

perform for the President Medvedev at the Winter Palace in St.

Petersburg. Playing for a leading political figure is significant

for an artist, but what about performing for eight global

players? Jools Holland explains his command performance

when he played for Prime Minister Tony Blair at the G8 summit

and why President Bill Clinton had difficulty leaving the event.

For many artists a performance for his Holiness the Pope is a

command performance to be embraced with great relish.

Composer Simon Willis performed for the Pope on two

occasions and reveals what happens behind the walls of the

Vatican, what the changing facilities are like and how the Pope

responds to a performance.

The programme concludes that any one can purchase their own

command performance and music promoter Hugh Phillimore

can help. He has secured the world's leading stars providing the

price is right.

Sugar Productions for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 07:00 HR (b00tt4lt)

Series 2

Remodelling

Sam, fearing the sense of purposelessness that often hits

retirees, decides to redecorate his house. But, his housemate

Peter worries, has he some darker purpose in mind?

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes

of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Nigel Tony Bell

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

TUE 07:30 Mitch Benn Specials (b067x5j1)

Mitch Benn Is the Fat Pink Duke

David Bowie is the first rock star Mitch can remember being aware of.

He was two, David was Ziggy Stardust, and he remembers feeling that while he liked him he didn't really get him. As he's grown up - and David Bowie has grown up right along side - Mitch realises that Not Really Getting David Bowie is the whole point...

Mitch Benn takes you on a whistlestop tour of Bowie's back catalogue, examining his legacy and Mitch's own personal connection to his music.

Comedy series for anyone who's ever bought a record or fallen in love with a song.

Written by and starring Mitch Benn.

Producer: Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)

Series 2

Episode 11

It's Kenneth Horne to the rescue in 'The Gaylords', a tune from Rambling Syd Rumpo, plus Julian and Sandy get all musical in Bona Beats.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

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

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

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

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1966.

TUE 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b00dr4t4)

From 02/06/1973

'This Is Your Life' for the unsung Mr Hilary Crabtree.

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 June 1973.

TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (b06811fb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b068r53r)

Series 2

Why Did You Marry a Writer?

Struggling writer Wodehouse hopes that a new biography will change his fortunes.

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

Colonel Benjamin Witrow

Fenella Maxine Audley

Tommy Ronald Hardman

Penelope Celia Imrie

Jayston Nickolas Grace

Mrs Mellon Sheila Hancock

Benjy Ronald Herdman

Wilhelmina Susie Brann

Muriel Miriam Karlin

MacVomitory Bill Wallis

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: Piers Plowright

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1991.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b00w13n6)

Hans Fallada - Alone in Berlin

Episode 2

From the Novel by Hans Fallada. Dramatised for radio by

Shelagh Stephenson.

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Anna Quangel Margot Leicester

Escherich Tim McInnerny

Trudel Bauman Jasmine Hyde

Eva Kluge Christine Kavanagh

Enno Kluge Ian Bartholomew

Emil Borkhausen Richard McCabe

Frau Rosenthal Joanna Munroe

Inspector Rusch John McAndrew

Judge Fromm Andrew Sachs

Inspector Zott Nickolas Grace

Inspector Prall Sam Dale

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan.

TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b0134d6z)

New Irish Short Stories

The Crippled Man

From the book 'New Irish Short Stories' we celebrate the work of three internationally celebrated masters of the form; William Trevor, Roddy Doyle and Dermot Bolger.

The collection celebrates the range and calibre of Irish storytelling - conjuring a wealth of emotions and taking a look at the beauty of Ireland as it passes through a turbulent time - its eye always on the future.

'The Crippled Man' by William Trevor read by Stephen Rea: William Trevor was born in Mitchelstown, county Cork in 1928. He had won the Whitbread Prize three times and the Hawthornden Award once and has been nominated five times for the Booker prize, most recently for his novel Love and Summer.

Stephen Rea: Nominated for a 'Best Actor' Academy Award for his performance in The Crying Game, Stephen Rea, remains one of the most versatile and gifted actors of our generation.

His numerous film credits include: Interview with a Vampire, End of the Affair, V for Vendetta, The Butcher Boy and Copenhagen. He most recently appeared as the chilling character Gatehouse in the BBC 2 series The Shadowline. New Irish Short Stories were produced / directed by Laura Conway.

TUE 11:15 Arthur (b0076nvc)

The Black Dog

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz. The new king appears to be as tyrannical as his father. Who or what can stop him? Stars Ben Whishaw and Ian McDiarmid.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Hello Cheeky (b00dr4t4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Command Performance (b00rpvkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00p5xk0)

BBC National Short Story Award 2009

The Not-Dead and the Saved

By Kate Clanchy. Penelope Wilton reads the second of five shortlisted stories for the annual prize, chosen from over 680 entries from published writers.

Written by an exciting mix of well known and newer writers, the stories range from the contemporary to the fantastical, and from the funny to the intensely moving. They reflect the very best in short story writing in Britain today, and are read by some of the nation's best-known actors.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pq29)

Christopher Nicholson - The Elephant Keeper

Episode 2

In this second episode of our adaptation of Christopher Nicholson's novel, Tom grows close the elephants and gives them names - Jenny for the female and Timothy for the male. But Timothy is approaching sexual maturity and having a frustrated and aggressive elephant on the estate proves difficult for Tom, though it provides much amusement for the other estate workers. Then one night the elephants escape from their stables and run amok in the gardens of the Harrington Hall. After that Mrs Harrington is determined that they should be sold.

Adapted for radio by Elizabeth Burke

Tom ... Stuart McLoughlin

Lizzie ... Sarah Owens

Mr Harrington ... Bertie Carvel

Mrs Harrington ... Claire Cage

Producer: Kate McAll

BBC Cymru Wales.

TUE 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjz6)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 2

Julian Rhind-Tutt reads from the bittersweet novel by David Nicholls.

It is July 1989, a year after Emma and Dexter first met - and agreed to be 'just friends'. Dex is off travelling in India and Em has slid into a grim waitressing job at a Mexican restaurant. But their letters continue to fly back and forth.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b00w13n6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008m74n)

Episode 3

Clive Anderson and the famed improvisation game with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Jimmy Mulville and Nonny Williams.

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America,

but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson. Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

TUE 16:30 Such Rotten Luck (b068r53r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 HR (b00tt4lt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Mitch Benn Specials (b067x5j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Haunted (b01qylzp)

The Liberated Tiger, by R Chetwynd-Hayes

Roland is dying. But could he possibly be haunting his wife while he's still alive?

R Chetwynd-Hayes's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Mary Rosemary Leach

Roland Leslie Sands

Mrs Parkins Hilda Schroeder

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmr3)

Series 1

Barry Took

Comedian, writer and presenter Barry Took reminisces as he entertains an audience.

Featuring tales of Round the Horne, The News Quiz and Monty Python.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007js3y)

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TUE 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b0134d6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Arthur (b0076nvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Mitch Benn Specials (b067x5j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Bigipedia (b0121z5)

Series 2

The Wisdom of Crowds

In this episode, the wisdom of crowds, the joy of deregulated advertising and Bigipedia throughout history.

At last, the long-awaited release of Bigipedia 2.0 - the infallible, ever-present cyberfriend is back! Now with all errors and mistakes.

Bigipedia 2.0 is now bigger, better and closer - so it looks bigger twice!

Bigipedia was conceived by Nick Doody, and written by Nick Doody, Matt Kirshen and Sarah Morgan, with Carey Marx. It features Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Nick Doody, Neil Edmond, Pippa Evans, Martha Howe-Douglas, Lewis Macleod and Jess Robinson. Occasionally you can hear Matt Kirshen.

Guy Jackson has done some music and that.

Bigipedia is a Pozzitive production, produced by David Tyler. His radio credits include Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, Cabin Pressure, Another Case Of Milton Jones, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, Giles Wemmble Hogg Goes Off, The 99p Challenge, The Castle, The 3rd Degree and even, going back a bit, Radio Active. His TV credits include Paul Merton - The Series, Spitting Image, Absolutely, The Paul and Pauline Calf Video Diaries, Coogan's Run, The Tony Ferrino Phenomenon and Executive Producer of Victoria Wood's Dinnerladies.

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06b4mtk)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Diane Morgan is joined by Iliza Shlesinger.

TUE 23:00 On the Hour (b007k3g0)

Series 1

Episode 1

From disasters and corruption to beachcombing and medical mayhem.

All the news as it happens, if it happens.

Plus all the sport from Alan Partridge

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells,

Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

TUE 23:30 Radio 9 (b0419ml6)

Series 1

Episode 3

"The 'accidentalists' movement in art explained plus sponsored surgery.

Delve into the recesses of a twisted comedy brain.

Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker.

With Sarah Walton, John Stevenson, Stefan Frank, Janice Vee, Matt Wilkinson and Michelle Gomez.
Producers: Johnny Daukes and Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

WEDNESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2015

WED 00:00 Haunted (b01qylzp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Command Performance (b00rpvkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00p5xk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pq29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b00w13n6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008m74n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Such Rotten Luck (b068r53r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 HR (b00t4it)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Mitch Benn Specials (b067x5j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

Five Red Herrings

3. Bicycles

One of six suspects over the death of Sandy Campbell, Jock Graham has let slip that he knows rather more than he pretends. Lord Peter Wimsey investigates.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers. Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Jock Graham Christopher Scouler
Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp
Jaime Mair/The Constable Jonathan Scott
Ferguson Iain Blair

Mrs McGregor Miriam Margoyles

Helen McGregor Yvonne Gillan

PC Ross Gordon Kane

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

WED 06:30 Scientists Go to Hollywood (b00tj5qk)

Adam Rutherford heads to tinsel town to talk to the scientists who have left the lab for the glamour of the film set.

Although the silver screen may not be known for its scientific accuracy, in recent years Hollywood does seem to have come calling, where science is concerned. A growing number of scientists seem to be taking time out of their day job to advise Hollywood directors and producers on the portrayal of science, and scientists, in some very well known films and TV series.

Adam visits the set of one of the most well known science based TV shows, CSI New York to meet the writer and co-producer, himself a former forensic scientist. He talks to physicist Brian Cox about his role as science advisor to the Danny Boyle directed movie Sunshine. He meets the new wave of Hollywood movie makers who are turning to the real life scientists to help improve not only the image of science on screen, but to inspire some of their most fantastical plot line, and finds out whether factually incorrect science in the movies really matters?

According to the US National Academy of Science, it does. So much so that they have now set up a programme specifically designed to help their scientists work with the entertainment industry, to improve and foster a positive image of science on screen. Adam meets the producer of one of last year's biggest Hollywood blockbusters about his ambition to keep the science fact in the science fiction as accurate as possible, and how the scientists he worked with came up with some far more intriguing plot twists and turns than anything his writers could have dreamt up.

Presented by: Adam Rutherford; Produced by Alexandra Feachen

WED 07:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jpkv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Felchester Rovers' midfield-maestro Ricky Lenin tackles fearsome Cambridge by infiltrating their team.

Starring Alexei Sayle as Ricky Lenin, Jonathan Kydd as Terry Trotsky, Andrew McClean as Stevie Stalin and Donald Hewlett as the Colonel.

Legendary BBC football commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme is Frank Lee Brian.

Written by Marcus Berkman.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1988.

WED 07:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03jb1wp)

Series 5

Episode 1

The future of farming - battery penguins: Thomas Hardy's exciting idea to make his books even sadder; and the very confusing goings on in a cash-register shop.

Comedy from the lopsided world of David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With Olivia Colman and James Bachman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0082hrc)

Series 3

The Hitch-Hiking Counterfeiter

A retired 'Major' counters a lift on HMS Troutbridge, but the crew soon pay the price.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Major Piccart and Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey.

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 February 1961.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00d7n9j)

Series 6

Episode 4

Schools debate, Merseyside mariachi and trouble at t'mill. Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden and Simon Brett.

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 Liam Cohen, Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

WED 09:00 Puzzle Panel (b00xmkdw)

Episode 4

Brainteasers galore with Chris Maslanka, William Hartston, Professor Angela Newing and Robert Eastaway. From June 1998.

WED 09:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

Alive and Buried

Grumpy Victor Meldrew arrives at work to learn that he's no longer employed and is set to be replaced by a box. With time passing very slowly in his enforced retirement, Victor gripes about newsmakers and worries about becoming a lavatory junkie.

Richard Wilson stars as Victor and Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife Margaret.

Adapted for radio by David Renwick from his BBC TV script.

Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson

Margaret Meldrew Annette Crosbie

Mrs Warboys Doreen Mantle

Nick Swainey Owen Brenman

With Sally Grace and Jeffrey Holland.

Winning numerous awards, six series were made for TV plus numerous specials on BBC ONE from 1990 to 2000.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1995.

WED 10:00 Caesar! (b00ct508)

Series 1

Meeting at Formiae

Julius Caesar secretly seeks senate leaders Cicero and Cato's support to shake up the rule of Rome. Stars David Troughton.

WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b0134dbh)

New Irish Short Stories

Animals

From the book 'New Irish Short Stories' we celebrate the work of three internationally celebrated masters of the form; William Trevor, Roddy Doyle and Dermot Bolger.

The collection celebrates the range and calibre of Irish storytelling - conjuring a wealth of emotions and taking a look at the beauty of Ireland as it passes through a turbulent time - its eye always on the future.

'Animals' by Roddy Doyle read by Brendan Gleeson

Roddy Doyle is the author of nine novels, including The Commitments, Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha, which won the Booker Prize, and The Dead Republic. He has written several books for children as well as pieces for the stage, screen and television. His most recent book is Bullfighting, a collection of stories.

Brendan Gleeson: At the age of 34 Brendan Gleeson embarked on his film career playing Mel Gibson's right hand man in the Oscar Winning Braveheart. Since then he has acted in more than 30 films, including Michael Collins, Cold Mountain, 28 Days Later, Troy, Kingdom of Heaven, In Bruges and The Village. Younger audiences know him as Hogwarts professor Mad-Eye Moody from Harry Potter. He most recently played Sergeant Gerry Boyle in The Guard, which premiered at the 2011 Galway film festival.

New Irish Short Stories were produced / directed by Laura Conway.

WED 11:15 Arthur (b0076nyg)

The Lake

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz. The king seeks Merlin at the Sacred Grove, as Morgan is concerned about his unborn baby. Stars Ben Wishaw and Jane Lapotaire.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0082hrc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00d7n9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Scientists Go to Hollywood (b00tj5qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00vxygv)

BBC National Short Story Award 2010

Tea at the Midland

The first of the shortlisted stories in contention for this major award is Tea at the Midland by David Constantine. What begins as a romantic outing for a couple turns into an afternoon fraught with tension as a piece of artwork exposes fundamental differences in their outlooks on life. The reader is Sian Thomas. It is followed by the award-winning Irish novelist and short story writer, Colm Tóibín, on a very personal selection of extracts from his favourite short stories.

Produced by Gemma Jenkins and Emma Harding.

A link to a free podcast of the story will be available for download for two weeks after broadcast from the BBC Radio 4 website, where you can also watch previews of the other shortlisted stories and join the debate about this year's shortlist.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pkft)

Christopher Nicholson - The Elephant Keeper

Episode 3

In the third episode of our adaptation of Christopher Nicholson's novel, Tom and Jenny the elephant are living happily on Lord Bidborough's estate. The old man is eccentric but kindly and takes great delight in the relationship between the boy and the elephant. But then he falls ill and his son, Charles, arrives from abroad to take over the estate. Charles likes to drink and begins to use 'rides on the elephant' as a way of seducing local women. Uneasy and guilty, Tom is forced to be complicit in this but is bribed by Charles to keep quiet.

Adapted from the novel by Elizabeth Burke.

Tom ... Stuart McLoughlin

Lizzie ... Sarah Owens

Lord Bidborough ... John Rowe

Mr Harrington ... Bertie Carvel

Charles Singleton ... Matthew Gravelle

Producer: Kate McAll

BBC Cymru Wales.

WED 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjyt)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 3

Julian Rhind-Tutt reads from the bittersweet novel by David Nicholls.

Dexter's career in television seems to be taking off, but, as they move into the early 1990s, Emma is still wondering what to do with her life - a dilemma not eased by Dexter's endless parade of girlfriends.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Caesar! (b00ct508)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b00xmkdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jpkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03jb1wp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Haunted (b01qyswf)

The Grey Ones, by JB Priestley

A patient fears evil is at work in the shape of a sinister conspiracy.

Will his psychiatrist be able to help?

JB Priestley's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Patson Tony Britton

Dr Smith Jack May.

Producer: Derek Hoddinott

Director: Martin Williamson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1983.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076sz2)

Nowt So Queer as Folk

Matthew Parris considers what is and what is not normal. With Amanda Mitchison, Jude Collins and actor Mat Fraser. From July 2005.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b0082hrc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00d7n9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Scientists Go to Hollywood (b00tj5qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b0134dbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Arthur (b0076nyg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03jb1wp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Will Smith's Midlife Crisis Management (b00grsdtd)

Episode 6

Comedy series in which comedian Will Smith seeks help and advice - primarily from his godfather Peter - on coping with the onset of middle age.

Will tackles his lack of success with women with the help of Ed, an American love guru.

Will Will Smith

Peter Roger Allam

Ed Simon Greenall

Girlfriend Jill Cardo

First date Janice Acquah

Second date Donna Hughes

Third date Dan Starkey

Waiter Roger Drew.

WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pgjbt)

Series 2

Outlaws

Twm Sion Cati, Jesse James and Bartholomew Roberts.

Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.

With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.

Producer: Sharif Shahwan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2012.

WED 23:30 Hut 33 (b01jz3p2)

Series 3

Spitfire Poker

The Bletchley Park code breakers try help raise money for the town's spitfire fund.

Stars Tom Goodman-Hill as Archie, Robert Bathurst as

Professor Charles Gardner, Fergus Craig as Gordon, Alex

MacQueen as 3rd Lt. Joshua Featherstonhaugh-Marshall, Olivia

Colman as Minka and Lill Roughley as Mrs Best.

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

THU 00:00 Haunted (b01qyswf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076sz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Scientists Go to Hollywood (b00tj5qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b00vxygv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pkft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjyt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Caesar! (b00ct508)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Puzzle Panel (b00xmkdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jmxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jpkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03jb1wp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jw80)

Five Red Herrings

4. Bunter Investigates

As Lord Peter Wimsey continues his hunt for the murderer of Scottish artist Sandy Campbell, his manservant Bunter takes the initiative.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Parker Stephen Thorne

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Bob Anderson Henry Knowles

Ferguson Iain Blair

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

THU 06:30 The Big Noise (b00sqkgj)

A music project in Scotland is aiming to improve life for the kids of Stirling.

The Simon Bolivar National Youth Orchestra under conductor Gustavo Dudamel stole the show at both the Proms and the Edinburgh Festival, offering real proof of the talent and virtuosity that has emerged from the El Sistema programme in Venezuela.

Can Scotland's version of El Sistema - dubbed The Big Noise - achieve as much in the deprived area of The Raploch near Stirling? Lesley Riddoch finds out.

In June 2008, Sistema Scotland, the brainchild of former bishop and current chair of Creative Scotland Richard Holloway, got underway in the Raploch. Its aim - to inspire and galvanise the education and motivation of children from all backgrounds

through involvement in orchestral musicianship. Ability is irrelevant. Anyone can join.

It's a project that's not lacked critics. Some argue it takes attention and money away from existing outreach projects.

Others resent the insistence on classical music. Richard Holloway is convinced it will boost confidence, pride and empathy, and thereby articulatory and educational ability, both in children and in the wider community.

Two years on, the Big Noise's first full orchestra is launched and Lesley Riddoch takes stock to analyse what the Venezuelan initiative can do in a UK context.

Producers: Amanda Hargreaves and Bronwen Tulloch.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)

Series 1

Episode 1

Sheila Hancock heads a stunning cast including Mackenzie Crook, Penelope Wilton, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon in this clever, funny and touching series about a small town in the middle of Northamptonshire as it prepares for a talent night.

Written by and also starring Katherine Jakeways.

Get to know the local supermarket manager who shares rather more than is usual about his private life over the store's tannoy system. Recently divorced Jan has been trying unsuccessfully to 'find herself' with a trip abroad to an elephant sanctuary. But it is at home in Wadenbrook that she starts to feel happier with herself as her friendship blossoms with ex-teacher Mary. And, joy of joys, could it be that Jan is going to experience a touch of romance at last?

Meet driving instructor and forthright self-defence teacher Esther and her gentle and put-upon Jonathan as they struggle to start a family and we meet possibly the only happy couple in town, Ken and Keith, as they attempt to teach their pet whippets to dance for the town talent night.

In this opening episode, Mary starts rehearsals for the town talent night and is shocked by 12 year old Gregory's slide show of Victorian ladies.

Meanwhile Esther sends her husband Jonathan out to collect money for the Leicestershire Infertile Males Project but he ends up at The Bricklayer's Arms looking at pictures of elephants with Jan.

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Rod Mackenzie Crook

Mary Penelope Wilton

Jan Felicity Montagu

Jonathan Kevin Eldon

Esther Katherine Jakeways

Keith John Biggins

Landlord Rufus Wright

Gregory Sam Cotton

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b0680s8t)

Series 5

Loggerheads

One of the world's best storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4 doing what he does best.

This week, we find how turtles have featured in the writer's life since childhood in Loggerheads and we hear a final extract from his peerless diaries.

Produced by Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jld2)

Series 2

Homes Fit for Heroes

Harold quarrels with his Dad Albert over his plan to pack him off to travel the world.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Miss Lottersby Marie Makino

Matron Olwen Brookes.

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

Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

THU 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ynfd)

Series 1

Episode 4

It's a dog's life for shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel when a Pekingese goes missing.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellis Frank Lazarus

With Lorelei King and Graham Hoadly.

Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

THU 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b01c7snf)

Series 1

Episode 1

Rachel Johnson, Desmond Lynam and Mark Steel nominate one of their nearest and dearest to answer a selection of questions.

Anything from "Who would you like to be stranded on a desert island with?" to "What is your favourite film?" to "How much is a pint of milk?"

Then they attempt to second-guess how their nominee responded. If they can get it right, or come close, they get points.

Miles Jupp takes the chair.

Plus special guest - renowned film director and food critic, Michael Winner gives answers which the panel must try to predict.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

THU 09:30 After Henry (b007jqn4)

Series 4

Sunday Lunch

"In certain circumstances you steam fish when someone's ill or something. You don't steam potatoes."

Sarah and her mother Eleanor argue over cooking the veg.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Sarah Prunella Scales

Eleanor Joan Sanderson

Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

THU 10:00 Caesar! (b00ctjz4)

Series 1

The Arena

As Julius's appointed heir, young Octavian uses his legendary skills to outwit enemies and rule Rome. Stars Richard Johnson.

THU 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b012wjcv)

New Irish Short Stories

Winter

From the book 'New Irish Short Stories' we celebrate the work of three internationally celebrated masters of the form; William Trevor, Roddy Doyle and Dermot Bolger.

The collection celebrates the range and calibre of Irish storytelling - conjuring a wealth of emotions and taking a look at the beauty of Ireland as it passes through a turbulent time - its eye always on the future.

'Winter' by Dermot Bolger read by Dearbhla Molloy

Dermot Bolger is a novelist, poet and publisher, whose ten

novels include The Family on Paradise Pier, The Journey

Home, The Woman's Daughter and A Second Life.

Dearbhla Molloy is a highly credited actress on both stage and screen. Dearbhla played Gertrude to Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet, in the West End for The RSC, and was nominated for a Tony Award for her role in Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa.

Alongside her amazing theatre credits Dearbhla has appeared in Waking the Dead, Foyle's War, Midsomer Murders and New Tricks.

New Irish Short Stories were produced / directed by Laura Conway.

THU 11:15 Arthur (b0076p1n)

The Moon Eats the Sun

By Steve May. Now married to Gwenfar, Arthur rules from

Camelot. Keir starts war with Pellyn but Arthur wants peace.

Stars Philip Glenister.

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jld2)

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THU 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ynfd)

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THU 13:00 Wimsey (b007jw80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Big Noise (b00sqkgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b0156mv2)

BBC National Short Story Award 2011

The Dead Roads

The fifth story in contention for this major award is by DW

Wilson. Violence threatens to break out as three friends road trip across Canada.

Reader: Trevor White

Abridger: Alison Joseph

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Established and newer writers bring an exciting mix of short fiction to Radio 4. Now in its sixth year the BBC National Short Story Award is an exciting annual award that celebrates the best of the contemporary British short story. The five stories

shortlisted for the award will be announced on the evening of Friday, 9th September, on Radio 4's flagship arts programme

Front Row, and the winning entry live from the award ceremony on Monday, 26th September.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pldr)

Christopher Nicholson - The Elephant Keeper

Episode 4

When Charles, Tom's drunken master, offers to take another

young girl for a 'ride on the elephant, Tom knows that he plans to rape her. To save the girl he encourages Jenny the elephant to stampede. The master is furious and lashes out at Tom with a metal hook, disfiguring him. What happens next, in this fourth episode of our adaptation of Christopher Nicolson's powerful novel, propels Tom on a new and even more wretched path.

Adapted for radio by Elizabeth Burke

Tom ... Stuart McLoughlin
Charles Singleton ... Matthew Gravelle
Ellie ... Rebecca Newman

Alice ... Kate Sobey
Susan ... Grace Williams
Producer: Kate McAll
BBC Cymru Wales.

THU 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjyw)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 4

Julian Rhind-Tutt reads from the bittersweet novel by David Nicholls.

Alcohol is beginning to take over Dexter's life, but the frenzied world of media partying seems to need that kind of fuel. His old friend Emma has qualified as a teacher and has begun to shake off her romantic feelings for Dex.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

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THU 16:30 After Henry (b007jqn4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b0680s8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Haunted (b01qyrxk)

The Dead Man of Varley Grange, by Anonymous

Jack is set for a good time in a friend's new property, but why do strange rumours persist about the house?

Dramatised for radio by Patricia Mays.

Fred Lester George Baker
Jack Darrant Jeremy Clyde

Other parts played by:

Adrian Egan
Gareth Armstrong
David Ashford
Jane Thompson
Narissa Nights

Producer: Derek Hoddinott

Director: Martin Williamson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076r8w)

Series 7

George Sand

4 Extra Debut. Mary Kenny nominates the 19th-century French novelist, while biographer Belinda Jack offers expert advice.

With Francine Stock. From April 2005.

THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jld2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ynfd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Wimsey (b007jw80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Big Noise (b00sqkgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b012wjcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Arthur (b0076p1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b0680s8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b068xzh)

Series 13

Episode 1

This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.

THU 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b007jtzz)

Series 1

Appearances

"Look at us - hooves, goat's legs, human torso, red eyes and a pair of shrunken cow's horns. We look like something that's escaped."

No wonder Satan's starting to feel self-conscious about his appearance.

Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Grout

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Gary, The Demon Steven O'Donnell

Other characters played by Philip Pope, Felicity Montagu and Michael Fenton Stevens.

Poducer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

THU 23:30 Sounding Off with McGough (b007k44n)

2. World Inhabitants

Roger McGough's poetic reflections on the inhabitants of the world.

With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator

Andy Roberts.

Recorded in Bath.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

THU 23:45 The Shuttleworths (b007k1wl)

Series 1

Mini-Break in Giggleswick

Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth and his family are in North Yorkshire. Stars Graham Fellows. From October 1993.

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FRI 00:00 Haunted (b01qyrxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076r8w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b007jw80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 The Big Noise (b00sqkgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b0156mv2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pldr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Caesar! (b00ctjz4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01c7snf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 After Henry (b007jqn4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b0680s8t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b006sr7j)

Five Red Herrings

5. Alibis

Lord Peter Wimsey battles to verify the whereabouts of key suspects in the murder of unpopular Scottish artist, Sandy Campbell.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Mrs Smith-Le Mesurier Sheila Mitchell

Waters Bill Wallace

Mrs Faron Frances Jeater

Faron Gordon Gardner

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1978.

FRI 06:30 The Hull Truck Story (b00jts6p)

Charting the build-up to the move of the Hull Truck Theatre company from its intimate home in a former chapel to a new and larger, purpose-built venue in the centre of Hull.

The programme also tells the story of how the company and its creative director, playwright John Godber, have come to occupy a special place in the hearts of many theatregoers.

FRI 07:00 Bookcases (b00svclm)

Series 1

Gone for a Burton

London 1855: Primus's latest publishing coup is the explorer

Richard Burton, but drink and other substances seem to have

destroyed Burton's sense of direction.

Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy stars Michael Cochrane

and Maggie Steed.

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Katie Joiner Frances Jeater

Richard Burton Norman Rodway

Waiter David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

FRI 07:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b068sp4g)

Series 1

Episode 1

Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite.

Pete Baikle, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes revisit some much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers..

This opening episode features The Stoneybridge Town Council attempting to adapt to today's technology, Denzil and Gwynedd discussing Gwynedd's plan to enter the Miss Swansea competition, The Little Girl's very personal take on Divorce and Calum Gilhooley getting some customer feedback of his own. Plus sketches about Facebook's downside, the dangers of watching TV in middle age, vague War memories from people who were almost there and the perils of having to look after your own, ageing parents.

In 2013, the group got back together for Radio 4's

Sketchorama: Absolutely Special, which won a BBC Audio

Drama Award in the Best Live Scripted Comedy category.

Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2015.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

Series 5

The Male Suffragettes

The lad says women are holding men back, so he forms a group to re-establish male superiority.

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: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1958.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b00qpjpm)

Series 5

The China Story

Neddie Seagoon is Britain's ambassador in China, and he's after cash.

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 Bruce Campbell.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1955.

FRI 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js7q)

Series 3

Episode 3

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Ben Moor and Nick Frost.

The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Written by Kevin Cecil and Andy Riley.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

FRI 09:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)

The Quest for the Holy Spectacles

John discovers that Jesus wore glasses, but whatever happened to them? And John and Tony travel to Glastonbury and Loch Ness.

Another comic journey in which John and his best friend Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses.

Written by John Hegley

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnelly, Terry Malloy, Sunny

Ormonde and John Korne.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

FRI 10:00 Caesar! (b00ctml6)

Series 1

Peeling Figs for Julius

His name is now a byword for depravity, but growing up in Tiberius's court, how evil was Emperor Caligula? Stars David Tennant.

FRI 11:00 Martin Sorrell - Accrington Stanley (b010tbkm)

Not the football club, but a one-legged, partially sighted wheeler-dealer from Lancashire. Bernard Cribbins tells the tale. From January 1995.

FRI 11:15 Arthur (b0076p4t)

The Grail

By Steve May. Two young men arrive at Camelot only to find drought and sickness. Merlin wants to appease the gods. Stars Ian McDiarmid and Jane Lapotaire.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b00qpjpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b006sr7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Hull Truck Story (b00jts6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b01mw08q)

BBC International Short Story Award 2012

East of the West

The next of the ten shortlisted short stories in contention for the BBC International Short Story Award 2012. In East of the West by Miroslav Penkov the division between East and West is the backdrop for this story about a broken hearted man reflecting on love and loss.

The BBC Short Story Award is well established as one of the

most prestigious for a single short story. The Award is celebrating the Olympic year by going global, and for one year only it reflects the richness and versatility of the short story internationally, with a shortlist of ten rather than the usual five. The winner and the runner-up will be announced live on Front Row on Tuesday, 2nd October. The story will be available as a free download following broadcast.

Read by Paul Hilton
Abridged by Viv Beeby
Produced by Elizabeth Allard.
FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b011pppe)

Christopher Nicholson - The Elephant Keeper
Episode 5

Tom has fled to London where he and Jenny the Elephant are working in a seedy Menagerie. A country boy, he is shocked by the poverty and filth of the city. Then one day he thinks he sees his old sweetheart, Lizzie, in the streets and follows her. We soon see what this woman has become but for Tom in his loneliness and isolation, this is love. In this final episode of our adaptation of Christopher Nicholson's novel, Tom begins to hatch a plan to take the elephant back to her former home, the Indies. At last, he has hope of escape - of escaping England, his position in the class system, and all the violence and abuse - thanks to the elephant.

Adapted for radio by Elizabeth Burke

Tom ... Stuart McLoughlin

Lizzie ... Sarah Ovens

Lord Bidborough ... John Rowe

Mrs Harrington ... Claire Cage

Charles Singleton ... Matthew Gravelle

Producer: Kate McAll

BBC Cymru Wales.

FRI 14:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ksjyy)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 5

Julian Rhind-Tutt reads from the bittersweet novel by David Nicholls.

Emma has bought a flat with her boyfriend Ian, and is drifting away from Dexter and his drug-fuelled lifestyle. Can their friendship bridge the difference between their worlds?

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 Caesar! (b00ctml6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Bookcases (b00svclm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b068sp4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Haunted (b01qyntg)

Which One? by R Chetwynd-Hayes

1940: A fire warden team are put to the severest test during a bombing raid. Will they all survive?

R Chetwynd-Hayes's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Drayton Reginald Marsh

Hughes Garrard Green

Raymond Robert Glenister

Smithers Adrian Egan

Jackson Nigel Graham

David Graham Conway.

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0075zjv)

Series 1

Bridge Over Troubled Water

An anthem of love and support, Bridge over Troubled Water was released in 1970 and instantly became a hit on both sides of the Atlantic.

But for the Simon and Garfunkel partnership things were becoming less harmonious.

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b00qpjpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b00s6r7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Hull Truck Story (b00jts6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Martin Sorrell - Accrington Stanley (b010tbkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Arthur (b0076p4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b068sp4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Awards (b068y99w)

2015

Heat two

The next heat in comedy's most prestigious new talent competition from the BBC's Potterrow venue at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Our host, Susan Calman presents some of the best new stand-up and sketch comedy talent from across the UK.

Judges for this heat are comedian Paul Sinha, BBC Comedy

Producer Sam Bryant and editor of comedy website Chortle, Steve Bennett.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner and Laura Baron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2015.

FRI 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k1qh)

Belfast

Goldilocks, Robert the Bruce and body awareness.

From Queen's University, Belfast.

Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter.

With Peter Baynham, Ronni Ancona and John Thomson.

Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC Two in 1995.

Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in October 1993.