

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015

SAT 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007s19b)

Earthsearch I

5. The Pools of Time

Darv and Astra, two of the starship's crew, are in grave danger after being taken prisoner by the inhabitants of Zeldia 5.

Their crew mates Telson and Sharna are in hot pursuit aboard the Challenger...

Starring Sean Arnold.

James Follett's adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Helan Judy Franklin

Thorden John Bott

Spegal Stephen Garlick

Custodian of the Past Eve Karpf

Old Man Godfrey Kenton

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0075znq)

Series 1

The Last Post

The Last Post was the final bugle call for the armed forces before lights out at night.

Over the years it has become inextricably linked with death and the act of remembrance.

This programme includes Officer AD Bridges describing how he prepared the 12 buglers for the year 2000's Remembrance Day service and John Wyatt, a Japanese Prisoner of War talks of his memories of the piece.

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 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jz9)

Episode 2

Kim Drake is retracing her dead boyfriend's journey across Europe in an attempt to discover why he apparently killed himself on their wedding day. In the tough city of Hamburg she discovers that Mike had been economical with the truth ...

Stars Siriol Jenkins as Kim Drake, Neil Roberts as Mike Fisher, Kate Binchy as Anne, Shaun Prendergast as Otto/Burns and Kenneth Cranham as Stone.

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller in six parts.

Directed by Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 01:30 The FAE Sonata (b00sjsbx)

Frei Aber Einsam - 'free but lonely' - was the motto of the great 19th century violinist Joseph Joachim. It's also the name of a Violin Sonata played by Joachim, accompanied by Clara Schumann, that resulted from a collaboration between the composer Robert Schumann and two of his pupils, Johannes Brahms and Albert Dietrich.

On the 200th anniversary of Schumann's birth, Tom Robinson examines the complex relationships between these romantic artists through the prism of this piece of music. Schumann's passionate love for his wife Clara is matched only by Brahms' devotion to her during and following Schumann's decline into mental illness.

Brahms was also a close champion of Joachim, until the violinist's divorce, when they fell out over the composer's support for Joachims' wife. And the FAE Sonata itself was neglected - an innocent victim - until long after Brahms' death.

Tom unpicks the romantic and turbulent story of a musical collaboration with the help of pianist and Schumann champion Lucy Parham, violinist Tasmis Little, Robert John Godfrey of 'The Enid' and Radio 3's Andrew McGregor.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:00 Afternoon Reading (b014qt0b)

Face It

Confirm/Ignore

The third of three short story commissions on the theme of social networking.

Confirm/Ignore, by Nikesh Shukla, is a moving story about coping with grief in the age of social media.

Read by Nikesh Shukla

Produced by Robert Howells

Nikesh Shukla is a London-based author and poet. His first book, 'Coconut Unlimited' was shortlisted for the Costa First Book Award 2010.

SAT 02:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b0376jy0)

The Career Ladder

Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

In this episode, Lucy charts the emergence of the career ladder as a way to motivate staff. The late 19th century saw a huge growth in office clerks. With the increase in staff, came the concept of a career ladder as a way to make up for the drudgery. Lucy looks at the Scottish banks and their early version of the annual appraisal, which often included strikingly

personal comments. With Alan McKinlay of Newcastle University

Readings by Richard Katz, Sasha Pick, Adam Rojko and Kerry Shale

Historical Consultant: Michael Heller

Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b01cqx0h)

Christopher William Hill - Angarrack

Autumn

Sir Richard is dead, and a fire has destroyed Angarrack's library. But are the two events connected - and will Lady Helen be able to use them to her advantage?

Christopher William Hill's black comedy revolves around the future of a crumbling Cornish ancestral estate in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War. Sir Richard Penwerris (Richard Jonson), mired in debt, wishes to bequeath it to the National Trust, much to the fury of his wife, Lady Helen (Lia Williams) who plans to drag the estate, kicking and screaming, into the 20th century. Matters are complicated further by the sudden emergence of an heir to the estate, Rafe Penwerris (Henry Hadden-Paton), whom his father believed to have died in the war. A clash of Titans ensues - with only one winner.

Cast:

Sir Richard Penwerris Richard Johnson

Lady Helen Lia Williams

Rafe Harry Hadden-Paton

Tregunna Tony Haygarth

Ralston Nicholas Boulton

Jepson Peter Cadwell

Prideaux Geoffrey Whitehead

Incidental Music: composed by David Chilton

Producer: Gordon House

A Goldhawk Essential Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kwwqq)

David Nicholls - One Day

Episode 10

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

Seventeen years after the one night they spent together in 1988, memories of that fateful day are still strong - perhaps even stronger, given the events that have shaped and changed their lives for ever.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b01jzff2)

Virginia Woolf - Mrs Dalloway

From Afternoon to Nightfall

Dramatised by Michélene Wandor

Virginia Woolf's classic novel set on a single day in June. As Clarissa Dalloway makes her final preparations for an important party, Septimus visits another doctor and becomes increasingly troubled.

2 of 2: From afternoon to nightfall

Mrs Dalloway Fenella Woolgar

Richard Sam Dale

Septimus Paul Ready

Rezia Susie Riddell

Peter Scott Handy

Sally Liza Sadovy

Elizabeth Emerald O'Hanrahan

Lucy Amaka Okafor

Sir William Patrick Brennan,

Miss Kilman Christine Absalom

Dr Holmes Peter Hamilton Dyer,

Directed by Marc Beeby.

SAT 04:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js9y)

Series 3

Episode 4

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Tom Binns, Peter Serafinowicz, Nick Frost and Marcus Brigstocke.

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.

SAT 04:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)

The Total Hotel Experience

John and his best friend Tony find themselves taking part in a seaside hotel's murder-mystery weekend.

John just wants to play dominoes, but amongst the guests is a woman from his past - with her potatoes.

Written by John Hegley

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnelly, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and Andy Hockley.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

SAT 05:00 Bookcases (b00sxt6h)

Series 1

The Man in White

London 1858: A little bored by Gerald, Cordelia is having fun with the novelist Wilkie Collins, who's having a spell of writer's block with The Woman in White.

Primus has the answer...or does he?

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

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Wilkie Collins David Timson

Simeon Charles Simpson

George Eliot David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 05:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b069h77m)

Series 1

Episode 2

Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite to revisit much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers.

Starring Pete Baikle, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes.

The Stoneybridge Town Council attempt to cover up a possible bribery scandal, Denzil and Gwynned discuss son Codfyll's starring role in a nativity play, the Little Girl's very personal take on having her Tonsils out and Calum Gilhooley tries to get an appointment with a doctor for something "quite urgent".

Mr Muzak sings about the joys of being alone with your computer and the Commissionaire very nearly undergoes an appendectomy. There's more from Talking Facebook and the People's War, with stories from those who were nearly there.

Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy

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

SAT 06:00 William Trevor - My House in Umbria (b00bqv3x)

A train journey in Italy sparks devastation, but a new purpose for one passenger - Mrs Delahunty.

Starring Prunella Scales as Mrs Delahunty, Peter Jeffrey as The General, Richard Pearce as Omar and Sean Barrett as Quinty.

Mrs Delahunty - she's never actually been married, but 'Mrs' suits her better than 'Miss' - has been a Madame in Africa and is now a successful romantic novelist. When a young American girl, an elderly British general and a German traveller survive a terrorist bomb attack on an Italian train, Mrs Delahunty finds a new purpose in life caring for this unlikely group.

Written and dramatised by William Trevor.

Producer: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 07:30 Lucinda Lambton's Elevations and Revelations (b0075xj9)

Tower House

An extraordinary Victorian town house. Architectural historian Lucinda Lambton tours designer William Burges's London home. From August 2000.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01qkwhd)

Embracing Idleness

The writer, Oliver Burkeman, wanders through the archives, thinking about the pros and cons of idleness.

In these goal obsessed, triple-dip recession conscious days, the merest hint of idleness can send politicians and headline writers into a state of near apoplexy. Front-benchers from all political parties seem to be tripping over themselves in a bid to establish the supremacy of their moral devotion to the 'hard working families' and upstanding citizens of 'alarm clock Britain'.

Oliver Burkeman steps back from the fray to unravel the complications of idleness and even discover some of its merits. As a non-idler who confesses to that feeling of smugness at having achieved tasks before breakfast time, Oliver nonetheless questions whether our target driven culture can ever bring any sense of contentment or happiness. The crux of the conflict seems to be that although idleness may be the dream, we spend most of our lives actively rejecting it.

And so we admire, despise and envy the idler, all at once.

Oliver consults a diverse range of characters from the archive to untangle some of the complications. These include Bagpuss, Rab C Nesbitt, Tony Hancock, Waynetta Slob and Ronald Reagan, who all help Oliver examine idleness and its relation to childhood, creativity, boredom, social class and subversion.

There are also wonderful insights from 'real people'. There's the testimony of a schoolboy from 1960s Birmingham, dreaming of the island life. Unbothered by the noise of everyday life (including The Queen chasing him for rates) he is able to compose opera by seeking inspiration from nature. A gloriously grand Colonel's wife flagrantly tells of her life of luxury, being fed and watered by her husband with bath time Brandy and Ginger Ales, iced coffees, only occasionally talking to the children through the intercom if she is particularly bored. Then there's the fisherman who believes that idleness and death go hand in hand and that the introduction of the Welfare State could only turn him into a sluggard. And there's the moving testimony of a former miner, who began work in the pits during his school holidays in 1925, and then paradoxically found the greatest moments of happiness and freedom during the months of idleness brought about by the General Strike.

Oliver also meets with the founder of The Idler magazine, Tom Hodgkinson, for a whistle stop history of idleness and the philosophical debate, to discover how the work ethic became so inculcated. Tom argues that at least part of the reason for this is because, by their very nature, pro-idlers are bound to be less zealous in spreading the idleness word.

There's also an appealing aside, when Oliver observes that in the right person, idleness and that special insouciance that can go with it, is simply 'cool'.

With fantastic music, enquiry, and laughter, join Oliver Burkeman, Embracing Idleness.

Producer: Sarah Langan.

SAT 09:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chqrb)

The BBC radio legacy of iconic British comedy actor Arthur Lowe – best loved as Dad's Army's very own Captain Mainwaring.

Arthur's friend, and Dad's Army co-star, Ian Lavender (Private Pike) is our guide over 3 hours:

* Desert Island Discs - Arthur Lowe:

Lost to the BBC archives, but saved by a listener's off air recording, Arthur Lowe's castaway choices heard for the first time since 1970. Arthur tells Roy Plomley about his childhood, his early acting days whilst serving in the Second World War, his time on ITV's Coronation Street, and his joy at being part of the BBC's Dad's Army team – then in its relative infancy.

* Dad's Army:

Ian chooses his favourite episode about the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon from the many radio adaptations.

* Billy's Last Stand:

From 1965, Arthur stars in a startling drama, the first play from Barry Hines (who later wrote the novel 'A Kestrel For A Knave' - filmed by Ken Loach as 'Kes') In this darkly comic tale, Arthur Lowe plays casual labourer Billy who becomes the target of the schemes of parasitic Darkly, played by 'The Men From The Ministry' star, Ronald Baddiley. First heard on the BBC Third Programme.

* With Great Pleasure:

Not heard since 1976, Arthur Lowe's own choice of favourite readings and sketches. Helped by Martin Jarvis, hear Arthur's take on one of his favourite writers, PG Wodhouse, as he plays the ultimate British butler, Jeeves.

Arthur Lowe died aged 66 in 1982.

Producer: Peter McHugh.

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

SAT 12:00 As Time Goes By (b007k9fq)

Series 3

Episode 1

Lionel gets a surprise from Alistair, while Jean interviews a manager for the new branch of her agency.

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Moira Brooker as Judith and Philip Bretherton as Alistair. A six-part adaptation by Bob Larbey of series three of his popular BBC TV sitcom. Two former lovers Jean and Lionel have been reunited unexpectedly after losing contact for 38 years.

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

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1999.

SAT 12:30 Hello Cheeky (b00dy523)

From 09/06/1973

Brought to you from a phone box in Slough and featuring 'The Gang that stole Michael Aspel'.

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

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

Special guest: Michael Aspel.

With musical accompaniment from the Denis King Trio.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

SAT 13:00 AL Kennedy - Subterranean Homesick Blues (b06chs3d)

Series 1 (Omnibus)

After a disastrous affair 20 years ago, are John and Maggie old enough to try again? Comic drama stars Bill Nighy and Anna Calder-Marshall.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06chsm1)

Bill Nighy

Actor Bill Nighy chooses 'Well Did You Evah' by Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra and 'Sign On A Window' by Bob Dylan.

SAT 14:15 Tanika Gupta - The Whispering Tree (b007jy9f)

A year after her mother's death, 14 year old Sharmila prefers to escape into a world of Hindu myths and legends - rather than confront her guilt and pain...

Tanika Gupta's family drama stars Parminder K Nagra as Sharmila, Souad Faress as Madhu, Lyndam Gregory as Ranjeet, Amanda Gordon as Danny and Akbar Kurtha as Sunil.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01qkwhd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Lucinda Lambton's Elevations and Revelations (b0075xj9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Friday Drama (b01ghgtg)

Julian Simpson - Bad Memories

In 2004, a successful architect and his family mysteriously disappear from their home. Six years later five bodies are found in the cellar of their house. They are identified as Jonathan and Imogen Blake and their son, Matthew; Philip Gibson, who was on the missing person's register and a woman, identity unknown. Forensics determine that not only were they

murdered, but the time of death was 1926. Can audio files found with the bodies solve the mystery?

Cast:

Rachel Weir Nicola Walker

Jim Marquez Rupert Graves

Phillip Gibson Steven Mackintosh

Jonathan Blake Anthony Calf

Imogen Blake Jana Carpenter

Matthew Blake Oscar Richardson

Mary Marston Imogen McCurdy

Boy 1 Ashley Cook

Boy 2 Marcus Webb

Written and directed by Julian Simpson.

Recorded by Lucinda Mason Brown and David Chilton at Stanmer House in Brighton.

Sound design by David Chilton

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 19:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chqrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00cxr1s)

Series 2

Courage

The comedian promotes the virtue of courage, with Tim Key and Tom Basden providing feats of cowardice. From August 2008.

SAT 22:30 Tonight (b015pb11)

Series 1

Episode 1

4 Extra Debut. Opinion polls, party conferences and political sat nav. Rory Bremner and Andy Zaltzman's topical sketch show.

From October 2011.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06djgnl)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith talks to Mark Billingham.

SAT 23:00 Saturday Night Fry (b00kqv7w)

1. Pilot Show

Stephen Fry's surreal, erudite sketch show with humorous banter and sketches.

With Hugh Laurie and Emma Thompson.

Special guest: Barry Cryer.

The pilot programme that spawned Stephen Fry's cult series. A show identical in spirit to the great Mary Queen of Scots tapestry that hangs in Osterley House.

Written by Stephen Fry with additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00tmfip)

Series 6

Harry Shearer interviews Stephen Merchant

The new series of the tag team talk show continues as last week's guest, voice of The Simpsons, face of Derek Smalls and political satirist Harry Shearer takes the microphone to interview multi award-winning co-creator of The Office and Extras, and famously tall funny man Stephen Merchant.

Harry asks Stephen what his like to be part of a creative double act with Ricky Gervais, broadcasting radio from the bushes and sharing a hot tub with playboy bunnies.

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SUN 07:15 In Drovers' Boots (b06cj5j7)

Episode 5

Huw Williams arrives at London's Smithfield Market and ends his journey along 17th-century cattle herding routes. From June 2004.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllnq)

Series 4

An Audience With

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

A timely visit from the vicar interrupts Arthur's artistic flow as he pens a new novel, and reminds him that he needs to organise entertainment for a fundraiser that night.

The choice of headlines is obvious, but who will he get to support? Surely some auditions in the Shoulder of Mutton will tempt some local talent out of the woodwork.

With Steve Delaney, Mel Giedroyc, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.

A Komedija Entertainment/Smooth Operations production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Educating Archie (b06cjlqj)

From 30/10/1950

Radio ventriloquism from Peter Brough and schoolboy, Archie Andrews.

With Max Bygraves, Julie Andrews, Hattie Jacques and Robert Moreton.

Running from 1950- 1958, Educating Archie introduced a number of soon-to-be household names to listeners, including Tony Hancock, Benny Hill, Harry Secombe, Dick Emery, Hattie Jacques, Bruce Forsyth and Max Bygraves - all taking a turn in tutoring Archie.

With the Tanner Sisters, the Hedley Ward Trio and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Robert Busby.

Producer: Roy Speer

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1950

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b06cjj2l)

This Is Your Life

Scheming school Headmaster Jim needs the cost of an airfare from Australia.

Professor Jimmy Edwards submits a weekly school report

With special guest: Eamonn Andrews

June Whitfield as Matron

Roddy Maude-Roxby as Aubrey Potter

Frederick Treves as Alfred Tennyson

Roy Dotrice as O'Reilly

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 Misha Glenny - Nemesis: One Man and the Battle for Rio: Omnibus (b06cjjb5)

A story of drugs and guns. Modest young man Nem becomes don of Brazil's largest favela in Rio. Read by the author, Misha Glenny.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06cjk8l)

Maxine Peake

Actress Maxine Peake chooses 'The Unicorn Song' by Brobdingnadian Bards and 'Alone Again Or' by Love.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06cjj1n)

Coding

Dame Wendy Hall

From Adele to Handel, computer scientist Wendy Hall makes her castaway choices. With Kirsty Young. From July 2014.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b06cjjch)

Series 2

How It All Began

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

Guy Raz investigates our origins as a species - who are we, where do we come from and where are we headed?

With Spencer Wells, David Christian, Jack Horner, Louise Leakey and Juan Enriquez.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio.

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)

Series 1

Dragons

What did Sir David do when he was confronted by a ten-foot-long grey-scaled reptile, with a long yellow forked tongue whipping in and out of its mouth?

He didn't run and, in fact, was one of the first to film it: the Komodo dragon.

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

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

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SUN 14:30 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b06cjlxm)

Omnibus

1968: Jill, mother to Harriet, Roland and Alice, arrives unexpectedly at her parent's home, children in tow.

Sian Thomas continues Tessa Hadley's tender and witty novel about siblings, secrets, misunderstandings and passion. Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks. Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end. While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.

Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast in 2015.

SUN 15:45 Katherine Mansfield - The Montana Stories (b007648f)

The Doll's House

The Burnell children invite their classmates to see their new toy, all except the pauper Kelsey girls. Read by Emilia Fox.

SUN 16:00 Ken Kesey - One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (b0089hkg)

Committed to a mental institution in 1950s America, the rebellious and psychopathic McMurphy confronts the harsh, unforgiving discipline of Nurse Ratched.

Starring Bob Sherman as Randle Patrick McMurphy, Margaret Robertson as Nurse Ratched, William Roberts as Dale Harding and Kerry Shale as Billy Bibbet.

Martyn Read was commissioned in 1987 by the BBC World Service to adapt the play from Dale Wasserman's stage show based on Ken Kesey's novel.

Produced by David Hitchinson for the BBC World Service.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00glnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Rosemary Timperley - Shadows of the Past (b06cjr80)

"When I saw the outside of the house I knew it. And that staircase - I knew that. And the tree outside your window - that's an old friend."

An amnesiac seeks answers in the house where he was traumatised as a child.

Written by Rosemary Timperley

Trader Faulkner Colin

Kate Binchy Anne

Francis de Wolff Richard Harrow

Marjorie Westbury Miss Craig

Ronald Herdman Mr Lord

William Eedle Mr Brown

Katherine Parr Sister Norley

Producer: Betty Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1972.

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SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06cjk8l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06cjl1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00glnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen (b007k1z7)

A Guest at the Dentons

Pauline the Restart Officer, Matthew Chinnery the Vet and Barbara the Cabbie - just some of the resident misfits of a remote Northern town.

The first incarnation of the award-winning black comedy, about the "local people" of Spent - before it hit TV.

Starring Mark Gatiss, Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton.

Written by the cast and Jeremy Dyson.

The League of Gentlemen won a Perrier Edinburgh Festival award in 1997 and this radio series debuted in the same year.

They also won a Sony Radio Award. The cult series switched to TV for three series on BBC 2 from 1999, plus stage shows and a feature film.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06djjmt)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith talks to Mark Billingham.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b069nrnn)

Series 13

Episode 2

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.

SUN 23:30 Tina C (b0076q68)

Tina C's Tiny Island Tour

Scotland

The country singer and global activist promotes her new album in Glasgow and traces her tartan in Edinburgh. Stars Christopher Green. From January 2005.

SUN 23:45 2000 Years of Radio (b00769xp)

Series 2

Greensleeves FM

It's 1616 and DJ Suzanne Canker is annoying Shakespeare's widow.

More extraordinary archive radio recordings from the past two millennia of the wireless.

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 2002.

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015

MON 00:00 Rosemary Timperley - Shadows of the Past (b06cjr80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Angarrack - Omnibus (b01cv8h2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 In Drivers' Boots (b06c5j7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b06cjlxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Katherine Mansfield - The Montana Stories (b007648f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Ken Kesey - One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (b0089hkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00glnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzfm)

Episode 3

Ex-Stasi Agent, Otto, has sent Kim to Copenhagen in search of clues to solve her fiance's death. Will the mysterious Victor solve the riddle, and why does Charles always turn up like a bad penny?

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller in six-parts.

CAST:

Kim Drake Sirioli Jenkins

Mike Fisher Neil Roberts

Anne/Jean Kate Binchy

Frank/Otto Shaun Prendergast

Stone Kenneth Cranham

Miss Gee Ann Davies

Todd Jack Klaff

Charles Okon Jones

Wilson Peter Gunn

Doris Meyer Joanna Wake

Helga/Prostitute Melanie Hudson

DI Dear Eric Allen

DS Love/Victor Jonathan Tafler

Directed by Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

MON 06:30 Calling Hereford (b00mwrh9)

Since 1978, staff at the world's largest earth satellite station in Herefordshire have watched global news unfold - immediate, uncensored and unedited. Foreign correspondent Hugh Sykes visits the site and meets the workers who have seen world history in the raw.

MON 07:00 The Right Time (b00fvbqz)

Series 2

Episode 5

Seeking treasure with metal detectors - and B & B holidays - with a twist!

Sketch show for people growing older disgracefully. 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, Colin Bostock-Smith, John Pidgeon, Jan Etherington, Peter Spence and Andrew Nickolds.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b069r813)

Series 15

Episode 4

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.

Sarah Millican, Victoria Coren Mitchell, Holly Walsh and Katherine Ryan are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as princesses, diets, sauce and paper.

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 (b007jp3q)

Series 2

When Did You Last See Your Money?

Corporal Jones panics when he misplaces £500 destined for the servicemen's canteen.

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

Mr Blewitt Timothy Bateson

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b007k9gs)

Series 3

Episode 2

Lionel needs a secretary for his new TV mini-series and Jean discovers jetlag doesn't improve relations with her new manager.

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel. With Moira Brooker as Judith and Philip Bretherton as Alistair.

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

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

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1999.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00776r3)

Series 10

John Keats

James Walton chairs the literary quiz with John Walsh,

Sebastian Faulks, Peter Kemp and Sue Limb. From April 2007.

MON 09:30 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)

Series 2

Episode 2

By Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers.

Maddox refuses to give up a source. Could he really face prison.

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Policeman Henry Devas

Warder Adeel Akhtar

Producer Sally Avens

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A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.

At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.

MON 10:00 Saturday Drama (b0077415)

Backtrack

A volunteer helper at a temporary centre for the homeless finds herself oddly interested in one of the down-and-outs, and for once allows herself to follow her instincts.

Starring Maxine Peake as Jan, Joseph Kloska as Fiz, Mark Straker as Matt and Marcella Riordan as Molly.

Director: Jane Morgan

Writer Jill Hyem (1937-2015) was a major contributor on BBC TV's serial 'Tenko'. This led to her writing for BBC Radio 2's daily soap 'The Dales', 'Waggoner's Walk' and a number of other single radio plays including 'A Shape Like Piccadilly' and 'Equal Terms'.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2007.

MON 11:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r746w)

The Skelper

An outsider in Beannagreagh investigates a poaching contest to ingratiate himself with town locals. Read by Adrian Dunbar.

MON 11:15 Drama (b00xpn9y)

Market

Loco Parentis

Market: Loco Parentis

Jim can't sleep cos his daughter's left for uni, his business is going belly up, and his father is going gaga. Oh, and to top it all he suspects his wife is having an affair with her boss. He needs to escape - but where to? A bitter sweet empty nester comedy

by Gary Brown.

Jim...Reece Dinsdale

Market Manager...Gerard Fletcher

Ken...Bobby Knutt

Lisa...Sue Kelly

Robin...Kathryn Hunt

Jenny...Ellie Meigan-Rose

Steve...Jonicie Elmore

Nurse...Szilvi Naray Davey

Student...Sam Hevicon

Original Music by Steven D Reid

Produced by Peter Leslie Wild

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MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b007k9gs)

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MON 13:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzfm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Calling Hereford (b00mwrh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Baroness Orczy - The Scarlet Pimpernel (b007khnl)

The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel

September 1792: the elusive Scarlet Pimpernel and his men snatch another innocent victim from the jaws of the guillotine - but for the Comtesse de Tournay, old enemies are to be found in England, even in the highest places.

Baroness Orczy's enduring story first published in 1905 is a tale of high adventure and romantic heroism set at the time of the French Revolution. Read by Damian Lewis.

The hero, real identity Sir Percy Blakeney, is a formidable swordsman, master of disguise and always one step ahead of his pursuers, prompting the well-known retort, "They seek him here, they seek him there, those Frenchies seek him everywhere. Is he in heaven or is he in hell? That damned elusive Pimpernel."

The author, herself born into Hungarian nobility, reveals her sympathies towards royalty with a hero who takes on French revolutionaries, rescuing royalists condemned to die on the guillotine. Orczy's parents, themselves, abandoned their baronial estate in Hungary, in 1868, when there were fears of a peasant revolution. She married a struggling English artist, Montague MacLean Barstow, and began writing to supplement their meagre income. Together, they wrote The Scarlet Pimpernel as a stage play and then went on to novelise it. Whilst awaiting replies from various publishers, The Scarlet Pimpernel went into production in the West End, where it ran for four years and broke several box-office records. It was the start of a successful writing career which eventually enabled Orczy to buy an estate in Monte Carlo. She died in Henley-on-Thames in 1947.

Abridged in 8-parts by Sarah Kilgarriff

Producer: Clive Stanhope

Made for BBC Radio 2 by CSA Word Productions

First broadcast in 2003.

MON 14:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b037706p)

The Arrival of Women in the Office

Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

In this episode, Lucy describes how women entered the white-collar workforce in the late 19th century. She visits the Bank of England to find out the story of their first female employee, Janet Hogarth. Such was the concern about women that offices featured different male and female entrances, staggered starting times, separated lunch areas and cordoned workspaces.

Readings by Richard Katz, Sasha Pick, Adam Rojko and Kerry Shale

Historical Consultant: Michael Heller

Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b019rhzn)

W Somerset Maugham - The Painted Veil

Episode 1

by Somerset Maugham

dramatised by Lizzie Nuntery

First published in 1925 to a storm of protest this is a haunting and poignant drama of a woman's spiritual awakening.

Kitty marries for the wrong reasons and is living with her husband, Walter, in Hong Kong. She's in love with another man and when her husband discovers her infidelity he, in an act of vengeance, poses a terrible ultimatum.

Kitty Sarah Smart

Walter Nicholas Farrell

Charles James Nickerson

Shop worker Chris Li

Directed by Pauline Harris.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00vrcwp)

Autobiography of Mark Twain

Episode 1

Read by Kerry Shale. After dozens of false starts Mark Twain embarked on his "Final (and Right) Plan" for telling the story of his life. His innovative notion to "Talk only about the thing which interests you for the moment" meant that his thoughts could range freely.

The strict instruction that these texts remain unpublished for 100 years meant that when they came out, he would be "dead, and unaware, and indifferent" and therefore free to speak his "whole frank mind".

In celebration of the centenary of his death, the University of California Press have released his uncensored autobiography for the first time, exactly as he left it. The author's authentic and unsuppressed voice speaks clearly from the grave as he intended, brimming with humour, ideas and opinions.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Saturday Drama (b0077415)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b00776r3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 The Right Time (b00fvbqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b069r813)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007sw34)

Earthsearch 1

6. Across the Abyss

The starship Challenger, continuing its search for Earth, has left Zeldia 5 and - with Grand Emperor Thorden on board - is heading toward the star cluster, Tersus 9.

Darv is certain that this is where Paradise - a planet discovered by the second generation crew - is to be found.

Starring Sean Arnold.

James Follett's adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Kroll Michael Spice

Fagor Stion Probert

Dren John Webb

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075x7t)

Professor Alan Cook and Siobhan Davies

Louise Doughty, Alan Cook and Siobhan Davies discuss books by AS Byatt, Haruki Murakami and Imogen De La Bere. From August 2000.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 As Time Goes By (b007k9gs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzfm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Calling Hereford (b00mwrh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r746w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Drama (b00xpn9y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b069r813)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The In Crowd (b06cqzvm)

Series 4

Episode 3

Predicting the future and sequin waste.

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 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b06c6rwr)

Series 15

Episode 1

Made for 4 Extra. A satirical review of the week's news,

chaired by Miles Jupp.

MON 23:45 Living with Mother (b0100grq)

Series 1

Spilt Milk

Michael has never had a girlfriend and his mum Susan decides it's time for him to buck his ideas up and get a woman. She wants him out of the house for both their sakes, he's 41 after all!

But Michael is a lazy dreamer. No woman in her right mind would want him. Still, Susan has a plan. Her friend's got a single niece and if needs be, Susan will drag Michael over there. Perhaps the niece will take pity on him. But maybe Michael has plans of his own...

Cast:

Susan: Alison Steadman

Michael: Alexander Kirk

Producer: Anna Madley

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2015

TUE 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007sw34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0075x7t)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b037706p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b019rhzn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00vrcwp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Saturday Drama (b0077415)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b00776r3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Right Time (b00fvbqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b069r813)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgl)

Episode 4

Following the unsuccessful attempt on Kim's life at Elsinor by Miss Gee, Kim turns to Todd for help. In Paris, Kim and Charles meet Seeta, a fugitive with a dreadful secret. Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller in six-parts.

CAST:

Kim Drake Sirlol Jenkins

Mike Fisher Neil Roberts

Anne/Clearwater/Jean Kate Binchy

Frank/Burns/Otto Shaun Prendergast

Stone Kenneth Cranham

Miss Gee Ann Davies

Todd Jack Klaff

Charles Okon Jones

Seeta Kumar Mamta Kaash

Wilson Peter Gunn

Computer Joanna Wake

DS Love Jonathan Tafler

John Maschler Terence Edmond

Welkin William Roberts

Directed by Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

TUE 06:30 Written in Stone (b00lyf13)

Llewelyn Morgan tells the story of how an ancient stone inscription came to the National Museum of Afghanistan in Kabul.

The journey that the Rabatak Inscription took is a tale of determination and bravery, passing through the hands of an Afghan warlord called Sayad Jafar Naderi, British archaeologist Jonathan Lee and also the Taliban. It is now the job of Omar Khan Masoudi, director of the National Museum, to keep it safe and reunite it with other Afghan treasures that are currently abroad.

The programme explores the lengths to which people have gone to protect the archaeological and cultural heritage of Afghanistan, and the role that history may play in the country's future.

TUE 07:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jplc)

Series 1

Episode 4

Britain's first communist football team tackles Germany. But what about the revolution? Stars Alexei Sayle. From March 1988.

TUE 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bhk9h)

Series 1

Lemon

Welcome to Hardacres, the worst advertising agency in London, and setting of Edward Rowett's new series.

In this opening episode, the agency is shaken by the arrival of a

new accounts chief, Amanda Brook who is determined to rebrand and re-launch the agency as a legitimate business. Inept creative team Joe and Teddy, two recent graduates who are still not entirely sure what it is they're supposed to be doing, find themselves fighting to save their jobs and prove they are not quite as clueless as they appear.

Meanwhile, creative director and advertising legend Rupert Hardacre is appalled to discover Amanda expects him to do slightly more than play golf and drink whisky all day. And receptionist Laura...well, she doesn't care what happens. The team must work together as they head to the Advertise NOW! Awards and find an answer to the question - how do you advertise yourself?

Rupert Hardacre - Nigel Havers
Amanda Brook - Josie Lawrence

Joe - Matthew Baynton
Teddy - Rasmus Hardiker

Laura - Olivia Nixon

Director: Alan Nixon

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007js8b)

Series 2

Episode 13

Sea bound drama with Moby Duck and Kenneth Horne seeks a bona performer for the BBC's DG courtesy of Julian and Sandy. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

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

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer,

Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters,

catchphrases and double-entendres.

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

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1966.

TUE 08:30 Hello Cheeky (b0133g70)

From 16/06/1973

Tim is sick of playing women in the pun-packed sketch show. Fast-moving comedy 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 The News Quiz Extra (b06cr6rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Living with Mother (b0100grq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 George Bernard Shaw - Press Cuttings (b06crer1)

Arthur Lowe stars as General Mitchener in an adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's Press Cuttings.

Written in 1909, Shaw pokes fun at the suffragettes' British campaign for votes for women. General Mitchener (Lowe) is a veteran of the North West Frontier, but how is he going to cope with a suffragette found chained outside a door scraper - who turns out to be the Prime Minister in disguise, dressed in women's clothing?

But Michener has a plan: "The Suffragettes are a very small body; but they are numerous enough to be troublesome - even dangerous - when they are all concentrated in one place.... but by making a two-mile radius and pushing them beyond it, you scatter their attack over a circular line 12 miles long. Just what Wellington would have done."

Co-starring Joan Sanderson as Mrs Banger and Gerald Cross as Mr Balsquith.

Adapted by Jack Willis and produced by David H Godfrey. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1971.

TUE 11:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r7bm7)

My True Kinsman

Tom Burke's surprise encounter with his garrulous, forbidden grandfather sparks an unexpected connection. Read by Adrian Dunbar.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b00y28qf)

Market

Phonebreaker

by Steve Sunderland

Matt's going off the rails. School was a washout and working on his dad's market stall is a dead end job. But when he hears a call for help on a stolen mobile phone, it's a call to action. The trail leads him to an apparently glamorous crowd, and he wades in way out of his depth. An arresting morality tale by Steve Sunderland.

Matt Stephen Hoyle

Paul Joseph Kloska

Jennifer Jessica Blake

Tom James Cartwright

Ian Conrad Nelson

Ruth Fiona Clarke

Andy Oliver Lee

Original Music by Steven D Reid

Produced by Peter Leslie Wild

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TUE 13:30 Written in Stone (b00lyfl3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Baroness Orczy - The Scarlet Pimpernel (b007khpq)

Marguerite St Just

A French republican spy arrives in England. Is the elusive hero's secret identity about to be compromised? Read by Damian Lewis.

TUE 14:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b03775g6)

The Telephone and New Office Technology

Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

Part 5 of 10: The Telephone And New Office Technology New technology including the telephone, telegraph, typewriters, adding machines, and even filing cabinets revolutionised office work in the late 19th century. In particular the telephone was looked on suspiciously in the UK. Britain's chief post office engineer, Sir William Preece, told a House of Commons committee: 'I have in my office, but more for show. If I want to send a message, I employ a boy to take it.'

Lucy visits the stores of the museum of London to see early examples of office technology, including an early private telephone belonging to the Rothschilds.

Readings by Richard Katz, Sasha Pick, Adam Rojko and Kerry Shale

Historical Consultant: Michael Heller

Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for Radio 4.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b1pym)

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Episode 2

by Somerset Maugham

dramatised by Lizzie Nunnery

First published in 1925 to a storm of protest this is a haunting and poignant drama of a woman's spiritual awakening.

Set in 1920's China. Kitty runs to her lover seeking solace and the promise of marriage. Instead she is faced with the terrible truth and is forced to leave for the cholera infested island of Mei-Fan-Tu with husband, Walter.

Kitty Sarah Smart

Walter Nicholas Farrell

Charles James Nickerson

Waddington Conrad Nelson

Chinese worker Chris Li

Directed by Pauline Harris.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00ys4jk)

Autobiography of Mark Twain

Episode 2

Read by Kerry Shale. Mark Twain remembers the annual boyhood visits to his Uncle's farm in Florida. He admits transporting the farm to several other locations in his later work, and his memories of his time there and the characters he met are every bit as vibrant in his newly published autobiography as the writing in the classic stories he based on them.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 George Bernard Shaw - Press Cuttings (b06crer1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008s32f)

Episode 5

Clive Anderson and the famed improvisation game with

Stephen Fry, John Sessions, John Bird and Jimmy Mulville.

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 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jq9s)

Episode 1

Landlord Jack gets an offer from his daughter Nicola to help run his pub when she comes home for Christmas, but his reaction is not what she's expecting...

Joe Turner's six-part sitcom stars Michael Williams as Jack, Lisa Coleman as Nicola, Cherry Morris as Mrs Drummond, Simon Greenall as Andy and Toby Longworth as Various.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

TUE 17:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jple)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bhk9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jld3)

Earthsearch I

7. New Blood

Challenger crew members Telson and Sharna have entered the floating hulk of its sister ship and discovered it houses a population with no knowledge of anything outside their own small world.

To them, Earth is eternity...

Starring Sean Arnold.

James Follett's adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Fagor Sion Probert

Lenart Jane Knowles

Tandor Pauline Lettis

Forty One John Church

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmxz)

Series 1

Peter Jones

Much-loved actor Peter Jones reminisces about his showbiz career as he entertains an audience.

Featuring tales of his early years and how he got his breaks on radio and TV.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007js8b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Hello Cheeky (b0133g70)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Written in Stone (b00lyfl3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r7bm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Drama (b00y28qf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bhk9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Bigipedia (b012wjdp)

Series 2

Bigipedia 2.0 - BigiHype!

This episode sees the launch of BigiHype - the surefire way to raise the profile of a new event or an unpopular charity.

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

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 Wemmmbley 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 (b06dp8x2)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth chats to Nick Coyle.

TUE 23:00 On the Hour (b008s3k9)

Series 1

Episode 3

Campaigning to tighten the letter of the law, and war is declared.

The show that's in the thick of the action with a microphone - 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 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vrssk)
November and December

November & December. As winter sets in, John Prescott, Germaine Greer and Nigella Lawson's thoughts turn to home.

A second chance to hear satirist Craig Brown dip 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.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

WED 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jld3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Written in Stone (b00lyf13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Baroness Orczy - The Scarlet Pimpernel (b007khpq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b03775g6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b1pym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b00vs4jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 George Bernard Shaw - Press Cuttings (b06rcr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008s32f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jq9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jp1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bhk9h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)

Episode 5

Acting on information from Seeta, Kim and DS Love follow the trail towards "Bird in Hand". But what secrets will their digging unearth?

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller in six-parts.

CAST:

Kim Drake Sirioli Jenkins

Todd Jack Klaff

Stone Kenneth Cranham

Charles Okon Jones

DS Love Jonathan Tafler

Jill Noone Alice Arnold

John Maschler Terence Edmond

Anne Kate Binchy

Frank Shaun Prendergast

Wilson Peter Gunn

Nelson Kenneth McClellan

Doctor Teresa Streatfield

Directed by Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 06:30 A Funny Sort of Sound (b00192sr)

Julian Clary pays tribute to the wit and ingenuity of comedy musical acts.

He considers the appeal of acts like TV's Mr Muscle, Tony Holland, who won Opportunity Knocks six times in a row by flexing his biceps to the tune of Wheels Cha Cha, and Bob - AKA Tray - Blackman, whose act consisted of bashing a tea tray on his head while singing Mule Train.

Julian also considers how the genre has evolved from the heyday of music hall theatre, and talks to Ken Dodd and Jim Tavaré.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 07:00 The Infinite Monkey Cage (b00snrk2)

Series 2

Popular Science

Physicist Brian Cox and comedian Robin Ince return for a new series of Radio 4's witty, irreverent and unashamedly rational look at the world according to science. In a special programme recorded as part of this year's Cheltenham Science Festival,

Brian and Robin are joined by special guests Ben Miller and Robert Winston to explore the choppy waters of science and fame. Are we entering a golden age of science popularity? Is there a genuine interest in the wonder of science and is science the real star or is it simply being dumbed down as a result of our celebrity obsessed culture? They'll be asking whether science needs to be popular and whether this new wave of enthusiasm has any real impact on science policy, or the

quality of science being done in this country. Has science finally found the S Factor?

Producer: Alexandra Feachem.

WED 07:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03kqg03)

Series 5

Episode 3

An unusually pedantic episode of BBC Radio 4's Gardeners Question Time, digital life after death, and the mysterious world you might find at the back of a stationery cupboard. Offbeat sketches 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 December 2013.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b008746b)

Series 3

Mr Phillips Has Navigation Tuition

Left hand down a bit! HMS Troutbridge's bumbling navigator attempts to pass an examination.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Franklin Pettigreaves, Richard Caldycote as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Ramona 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 (b00df61s)

Series 6

Episode 6

The great Sir Ruddy Shame - and the Ghost of McMuckle

Manse.

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

Written by Simon Brett, Derek Farmer, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

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

Music and songs by 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 (b00yb2vg)

Episode 6

More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Paul Lamford,

Val Gilbert and Professor David Singmaster. From July 1998.

WED 09:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)

In Luton Airport No-One Can Hear You Scream

Victor and Margaret Meldrew return from their holiday in Greece. What could possibly go wrong..?

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 Swaine Owen Brenman

With Jon Glover, Ainslee Foster and Paul Roger.

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 February 1995.

WED 10:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor of Casterbridge (b007jpd3)

The Horse Fair

A drunken night sparks a disastrous chain of events for the respectable, Michael Henchard, that's set to haunt him for years to come...

Stars David Calder as Michael Henchard, Jason Flemyng as Donald Farfrae, Janet Dale as Susan, Andrea Wray as Elizabeth-Jane and Mary Wimbush as the Furmity-seller.

19th century Dorset is brought vividly to life in Thomas Hardy's magnificent story of a man whose impetuous, vital character is the seed of his own downfall.

Music arranged and played by Dave Townsend and the Mellstock Band.

Dramatised in 4-parts by Sally Hedges

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Nigel Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio in 1994.

WED 11:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r7ml8)

Everything Neat and Tidy

Driving his mother-in-law to the clinic each week allows Johnny Barr to grieve for the ambitions of his youth, while Mrs Mac struggles to escape her own grief.

WED 11:15 Drama (b00y5jdw)

Market

The Joey

Sean's family own a fish stall down the market. Except Sean doesn't want to join them. He's become a 'Joey' for his best friend Darren who's a highly paid footballer. A Joey is a sort of friendly factotum, a 'Go to Guy'. No way is he dogsbody. A comedy by Jim Poysler.

Sean.... John Catterall

Darren.... Greg Wood

Tony....Ben Crompton

Shaneice/Sharon.... Danielle Henry

Dad/Halibut....Peter Slater

Ronny....Bernard Gregory

Original Music by Steven D Reid

Produced by Gary Brown

If you want owt - go down the market... They sell everything from pins to pearl earrings, from peaches to pig's trotters, from tripe to tiramisu. See the hanging, marbled haunches of beef down Butchers' Row. Smell the flowers, a fragrant dream. Taste the fresh silvery fish motorwayed down from the North Sea.

Some would say the Market is the last authentic part of the city centre. This northern city once textured by textiles has reinvented itself as a business and financial centre - it bristles with designer shops and bars. A cosmopolitan, twenty-four hour city. Yet slap bang in the centre is a shard of another city. And after countless makeovers, the Victorian City Market remains what it has always been; a place where you can get anything and see anything - a place teeming with life. A place bristling with stories. The market is the real face of the city - mucky, multicultural and magnificent.

'Market' is an umbrella series of six plays about people who work in and around its stalls. Each story is a self-contained quirky tale. Modern morality plays, with a whiff of the fantastical about them.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b008746b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00df61s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 A Funny Sort of Sound (b00192sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Baroness Orczy - The Scarlet Pimpernel (b007khq5)

Lord Grenville's Ball

Lady Marguerite Blakeney is blackmailed into uncovering the identity of the elusive hero. Who could it be? Read by Damian Lewis.

WED 14:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b037gypk)

The Invention of the Manager

Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

Before the 20th century the manager had a rather shady reputation with writers like Adam Smith voicing their suspicions. At the turn of the 20th century, American engineer Frederick Taylor attempted to use science to systematize the principles of management. Taylorist ideas began to be applied to offices, making them 'factories of administration'.

Meanwhile the numbers of managers were increasing in large corporations. But by the fifties, there was dissatisfaction with the plight of the 'organisation man'. Lucy speaks to Alex Werner of the Museum of London and Chris Grey of Royal Holloway, University of London.

Readings by Richard Katz, Sasha Pick, Adam Rojko and Kerry Shale

Historical Consultant: Michael Heller

Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for Radio 4

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01blg90)

W Somerset Maugham - The Painted Veil

Episode 3

by Somerset Maugham

dramatised by Lizzie Nunnery

First published in 1925 to a storm of protest this is a haunting and poignant drama of a woman's spiritual awakening.

Set in 1920's China. Kitty, after being virtually forced to live in the cholera infested island of Mei-Fan-Tu with husband, Walter, visits the orphanage where he works as a doctor and bacteriologist. She sees Walter in a new light after she discovers how hard he is working, how the locals adore and admire him, and how he is helping to rid the island of the epidemic.

Kitty Fane Sarah Smart

Walter Fane Nicholas Farrell

Waddington ... Conrad Nelson

Souer St Joseph..... Isabelle Defaut

Mother Superior Caroline Loncq

Beggar man Chris Lee

Chinese consultant - Jing Griffin

Directed by Pauline Harris.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00vs4k2)

Autobiography of Mark Twain

Episode 3

Read by Kerry Shale. In Nevada in 1864 there was a sudden fashion for duelling. At the time Samuel L. Clemens, better known now as Mark Twain, was City Editor on the Virginia City Enterprise. He was just 29 years-old and though ambitious, he claims he had no desire to fight a duel, even for the honour of his paper. But somehow, in spite of his intentions, he managed to provoke the proprietor of the rival Virginia Union.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor of Casterbridge (b007jpd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b00yb2vg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Infinite Monkey Cage (b00snrk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03kqg03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldg)

Earthsearch I

8. Marooned

The Challenger's crew has returned to its solar system to discover that a million years has passed on Earth while only 115 years had passed on their starship.

After their devastating news, the four-strong crew face peril from a once-benign force.

Starring Sean Arnold.

James Follett's adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Sentinel Alexander John

George John McAndrew

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076t5v)

The Sum Is Greater than the Parts

Are Matthew Parris, Julian Baggini, Judith Palmer and David Boyle obsessed by small print or just the bigger picture? From 2005.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b008746b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00df6ls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 A Funny Sort of Sound (b00192sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r7ml8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b00y5jdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03kqg03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Meanwhile, It's Will & Greg (b0196tnh)

Episode 2

Comedy performers William Andrews and Greg McHugh explore the surreal and the absurd through characters and everyday situations in their first sketch show for BBC Radio 4. Along with live sketches recorded in front of an appreciative Glasgow audience, the show also features studio based sketches with Will & Greg as "themselves" exploring a particular scenario and utilising their hilarious relationship with each other and their trademark skew-whiff logic. The studio based sketches allow them to play with sound and atmosphere of the radio sketch form and blend them with the live audience material.

Together with brand new regulars and one-off sketches, the series explores the bizarrely familiar, the recognisably odd and the upbeat offbeat way of life that only exists when the planet is touched by Will and Greg.

Stars William Andrews and Greg McHugh with Gavin Mitchell and Kirsten McLean.

Director: Iain Davidson

Script Editor: Chris Grady

Original music by Alex Attwood.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06dpxf9)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wigglesworth chats again to Nick Coyle.

WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pp6xb)

Series 2

Showbiz

Sarah Siddons, Richard Burton and Caradog (Cor Mawr).

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

With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.

Producer: Sharif Shahwan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in January 2013.

WED 23:30 Hut 33 (b01kbhx3)

Series 3

Entente Cordiale

1942: can the wartime code breakers improve Anglo-French relations with a little derring-do?

James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.

Professor Charles Gardner Robert Bathurst

Archie Tom Goodman-Hill

Gordon Fergus Craig

3rd Lieutenant Joshua Featherstonhaugh-Marshall Alex

MacQueen

Minka Olivia Coleman

Mrs Best Lill Roughley

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

THU 00:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076t5v)

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THU 01:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Puzzle Panel (b00yb2vg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 One Foot in the Grave (b007jn39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Infinite Monkey Cage (b00snrk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03kqg03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Shaun Prendergast - Only the Good Die Young (b007jn1q)

Episode 6

As Miss Gee persuades Kim to tell all about "Bird in Hand", Wilson plays an unexpected hand and Todd approaches his final hour. Will he take the world with him?

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller in six-parts stars Sirlol Jenkins as Kim Drake, Jack Klaff as Todd, Kenneth Cranham as Stone, Ann Davies as Miss Gee and Jonathan Tafler as DS Love.

Directed by Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

THU 06:30 Tribal Gathering (b00c1q5s)

Jane Little visits the world's biggest casino at Foxwoods Resort in Connecticut, owned and run by a tribe of Native Americans once threatened by extinction. The casino was built by the Mashantucket Pequot tribe, who reclaimed the land taken from them by 17th-century colonists and established a sovereign nation.

The doors are permanently open to the thousands of people who gamble billions of dollars every year on the 8,000 slot machines and hundreds of roulette wheels and gaming tables.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sv6fw)

Series 1

Episode 3

Sheila Hancock heads a stunning cast including Mackenzie Crook, Penelope Wilton, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon. This is a 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.

Recently divorced Jan gets two compliments in one day.

Meanwhile her ex husband Frank performs the most embarrassing version of Je T'Aime ever heard, with his new love, Angela.

Across town Rod the local supermarket manager is still sharing rather more than is usual about his private life over the store's tannoy system. Could he be getting closer to Tanya on till 4?

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Rod Mackenzie Crook

Mary Penelope Wilton

Jan Felicity Montagu

Jonathan Kevin Eldon

Esther Katherine Jakeways

Keith John Biggins

Frank Rufus Wright

Angela Lizzie Roper

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

THU 07:30 The Brig Society (b069xxg5)

Series 3

Football Manager

Uh-oh - Marcus Brigstocke has decided to find out about the pure, noble and honest game of football - and also FIFA. He'll be tackling some of the sport's biggest problems, like racism and homophobia - and also FIFA.

And as a football manager, he'll be taking his amateur side all the way to the Premier League. And possibly beyond, if Qatar

pay him enough.

Helping him to kick it out of the park will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head") and Colin Houlst ("Derek")

Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt and Dan Tetsell.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jwjs)

Series 3

Death in the Family

Distraught Harold Steptoe must break some sad news to his father, Albert.

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

Adapted for radio from their TV scripts by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1971.

THU 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080lnf)

Series 1

Episode 6

Judgement day dawns for the shady lawyer, Waldorf T Flywheel.

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 Ravellias 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 July 1990.

THU 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b01cwbfb)

Series 1

Episode 3

Miles Jupp hosts the show in which it's not what you know that matters, but who. And more importantly, how well you know them.

Roisin Conaty, Ed Byrne and Richard Madeley nominate one of their intimate circle to answer a series of questions and they then have to second-guess how their nominees responded.

Roisin picks her best friend, Caroline, Ed chooses his mum, Jill, and Richard Madeley opts for his daughter, Chloe - all with varying degrees of success.

The panel also have to try and predict the responses of legendary football commentator, John Motson, as he is asked "what's your favourite film?", "what would you have been if you weren't a football commentator?" and "which other famous TV coat-wearer would you be? The Fonz, Colombo, or Paddington Bear?"

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

THU 09:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

Series 4

Family Album

"Look at this old dear - roses round her cottage door, a cosy smell of making cake wafting from her kitchen. I can imagine a lot of people buying that, putting it in a frame and claiming it as their own grandmother. Probably easier to cope with than the real thing".

Eleanor's family snaps spark arguments with daughter Sarah over the past...

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

Auntie Lilian Jean Anderson

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.

THU 10:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor of Casterbridge (b007jpdj)

Rivals

Apart for 19 years, the ashamed Michael Henchard is finally reunited with his wife, Susan - but his pain isn't over yet...

Stars David Calder as Michael Henchard, Janet Dale as Susan, Andrea Wray as Elizabeth-Jane, Jason Fleming as Donald Farfrae, Sandra Berkin as Lucetta and Gerry Hinks as Solomon Longways.

19th century Dorset is brought vividly to life in Thomas Hardy's magnificent story of a man whose impetuous, vital character is the seed of his own downfall.

Music arranged and played by Dave Townsend and the

Mellstock Band.
Dramatised in 4-parts by Sally Hedges
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Nigel Bryant
First broadcast on BBC Radio in 1994.
THU 11:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r80ry)
The Gold in the Sea
Old farmer Con's fishing trip off the Donegal coast sparks a story of a sunken ship and elusive treasure. Read by Adrian Dunbar.
THU 11:15 Drama (b00yj3mq)
Market
Castaway
By Michael Stewart
Andrew is proud of his beard and his liberal attitudes. Then Akram Khan buys some computers off his stall. He is a successful businessman, he lives in a house Andrew admires. Andrew is sanguine about this - until he fits a wi-fi router in Mr Khan's house.
Andrew.....Kevin Eldon
Tom.....Marshall Lancaster
Sarah.....Deborah McAndrew
Akram.....Ian Aspinall
Mrs Khan...Balvinder Sopal
Original Music by Steven D Reid
Produced by Gary Brown
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Richmond
Lady Marguerite is obliged to condemn to death one of two innocent men, her brother or the elusive hero? Read by Damian Lewis.
THU 14:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b037hmxy)
Sex and the Office
Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

In this episode, Lucy charts the changes in workplace attitudes to sex. In the thirties and forties, secretaries were popularly seen as 'office wives' fulfilling similar duties to the wife in the domestic sphere. In the early sixties, the American writer Helen Gurley Brown argued for more equality with her controversial book *Sex and The Single Girl*. By the seventies, feminism brought new criticisms of the role of women in the office. Lucy talks to Julie Berebitsky of Sewanee, University of the South.

Readings by Richard Katz, Sasha Pick, Adam Rojko and Kerry Shale

Historical Consultant: Michael Heller

Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for Radio 4.
THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01b11jr)
W Somerset Maugham - The Painted Veil
Episode 4

by Somerset Maugham
dramatised by Lizzie Nunnery
Set in 1920's China. Kitty has started working in the orphanage run by the French nuns. When she collapses one day she fears it is cholera but discovers she's pregnant. Her husband Walter, who adores children, demands to know if it's his child.
Kitty Fane Sarah Smart
Walter Fane Nicholas Farrell
Waddington ... Conrad Nelson
Souer St Joseph..... Isabelle Defaut
Mother Superior Caroline Loncq
Girl in orphanage - Shamae Griffin
Chinese consultant - Jing Griffin
Directed by Pauline Harris.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00vs4kd)

Autobiography of Mark Twain

Episode 4

Read by Kerry Shale. The Morris Incident was a cause celebre which blasted apparently far bigger stories off the front pages of the American Press. For Mark Twain, the fascination of the incident lies in what it tells you about the character of President Roosevelt.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 James Follett - Earthsearch (b007jldt)

Earthsearch I

9. Star Cluster - Tersus Nine

Having destroyed the warrior android Fagor, the crew have returned safely to the starship Challenger.

With their search for Earth resumed, they're heading - in a state of suspended animation - for Tersus Nine.

Starring Sean Arnold.

James Follett's adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

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Angel One Sonia Fraser

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Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1981.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076rh9)

Series 7

Robert Louis Stevenson

Series of biographical discussions with Francine Stock. Poet Douglas Dunn nominates Robert Louis Stevenson, explaining that the first book he ever read was *Treasure Island* and that he has loved its author ever since. Biographer Claire Harman fills in the details of a short but energetic life that began in

Edinburgh and ended on the island of Samoa.

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THU 21:15 Drama (b00yj3mq)

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THU 22:00 The Brig Society (b069xxg5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b06cwl1z)

Series 13

Episode 3

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 (b007k1r9)

Series 1

Redemption

The Wrath of God is invoked, sparking a heart-to-heart with Satan and a special request...

Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Groot

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Gary, The Demon Steven O'Donnell

Other characters played by Philip Pope, David Swift, Penelope Nice, Michael Fenton Stevens and Nigel Pegram.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

THU 23:30 Sounding Off with McGough (b007k4lr)

4. Heroes and Villains

Roger McGough's poetic reflections on relatives and retsina.

With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator Andy Roberts.

Recorded at the Bath Festival.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

THU 23:45 The Shuttleworths (b007k2df)

Series 1

Islock of the Community

It's a frustrating day for Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth, but solace awaits. Stars Graham Fellows. From October 1993.

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FRI 06:00 VI Warshawski (b007j14z)

Bitter Medicine

1. Friendship

Private eye V.I. Warshawski suspects all is not well at a hospital after the death of a young girl who was pregnant.

Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Sharon Gless.

V.I. Warshawski is Sara Paretsky's tough, smart and likeable female private investigator.

Dramatised in six parts by Michelene Wandor.

V.I. Warshawski Sharon Gless

Fabiano Robert Harper

Bobby Mallory Bill Hootkins

Alan Humphries Chris Scott

Malcolm Tregiere Colin McFarlane

Lottie Herschel Eleanor Bron

Carol Joanna Monro

Mrs Alvarado Shirley Dixon

Consuela Teresa Gallagher

Peter Burgoyne William Dufres

Producer: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.

FRI 06:30 Secrets of Stonehenge (b00850mr)

Francis Pryor reports on a vast archaeological project in Wiltshire, where a team led by Prof Mike Parker Pearson challenged existing theories about the Neolithic society that built Stonehenge, the reason for the site's location and its purpose.

FRI 07:00 Bookcases (b00szhvl)

Series 1

The Prosser Prize

London 1858: Primus is determined that Spavin and Spavin's entry should win this distinguished literary award, even if it means seducing the sponsors.

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

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Simeon Charles Simpson

Mrs Prosser Frances Jeater

Prosser Geoffrey Whitehead

Thackeray David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 07:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b06bfd59)

Series 1

Episode 3

Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite to revisit much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers.

Another meeting of the highly confused Stoneybridge Town Council and there's Denzil and Gwynedd, the far from devoted Swansea couple.

We also hear from the Little Girl with her own take on Teenagers, Mr Muzak talks about going to a club with like-minded individuals, and Calum Gilhooley pontificates with Google HR on their logo changes. There's a talking version of Facebook and more from the Regional News team

Starring Pete Baikie, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes.

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 (b0080218)

Series 5

The Publicity Photograph

The lad's new image leads to a major makeover away from the camera.

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 (b007swcz)

Series 5

The Sinking of Westminster Pier

Oyster-loving Neddie Seagoon takes to the River Thames, which is soon draining away.

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

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

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

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1955.

FRI 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b007jw52)

Series 3

Episode 5

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Tom Binns, Peter Serafinowicz, Nick Frost and Marcus Brigstocke.

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 (b007k1s6)

The Hiking Holiday

John and his best friend Tony find face dodgy hotels and sinister monks, but love is in the air...

Written by John Hegley.

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnelly, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and Andy Hockley.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Edyvean.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

FRI 10:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor of Casterbridge (b007jpdx)

The Conjuror and the Choir

Battling regrets from his drunken actions two decades before,

Michael Henchard reaches breaking point.

Stars David Calder as Michael Henchard, Sandra Berkin as Lucetta, Andrea Wray as Elizabeth-Jane and Jason Fleming as Donald Farfrae.

19th century Dorset is brought vividly to life in Thomas Hardy's magnificent story of a man whose impetuous, vital character is the seed of his own downfall.

Music arranged and played by Dave Townsend and the Mellstock Band.

Dramatised in 4-parts by Sally Hedges

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Nigel Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio in 1994.

FRI 11:00 Brian Friel Stories (b01r81tx)

The Death of a Scientific Humanist

When her brother Cormac is refused burial on consecrated ground, Angela Cassidy must make other plans. Read by Adrian Dunbar.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b00yqhrr)

Market

Eclipse

Carrie runs a flower stall. She also has a birthmark on her face.

Maybe that's the reason she has never married. But Mrs Kaminsky knows she has an ardent admirer. A tender romantic comedy by Sharon Oakes.

Carrie.....Michelle Holmes

Gordon.....Andrew Westfield

Mrs Kaminski.....Melissa Jane Sinden

Maurice.....Ian Champion

Lisa.....Claire Lever

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Calais

Lady Marguerite realises that Sir Percy is the elusive hero and that she may have condemned him to death. Read by Damian Lewis.

FRI 14:15 Lucy Kellaway's History of Office Life (b037jbt)

Designing Office Space

Writer and satirist Lucy Kellaway traces the origins of today's corporate culture.

In this episode, Lucy looks at changes in office layout.

The architect Frank Lloyd Wright pioneered open plan office space with the Larkin building in 1904. One result was that the open plan office began to resemble a factory, allowing easier supervision of staff by managers.

By the Sixties offices were made to appear more democratic with the development of 'office landscaping' in Germany and the Action Office in America. Lucy talks to Jeremy Myerson professor of design at the Royal College of Art.

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W Somerset Maugham - The Painted Veil

Episode 5

by Somerset Maugham

dramatised by Lizzie Nunnery

First published in 1925 to a storm of protest this is a haunting and poignant drama of a woman's spiritual awakening.

Set in 1920's China. Walter has cholera and Kitty is horrified and heartbroken. She leaves Mei-Fan-Tu and back in Hong Kong finds herself in the same house as her ex-lover Charles Townsend.

Kitty Fane Sarah Smart

Walter Fane Nicholas Farrell

Waddington ... Conrad Nelson

Dorothy Townsend Julia Rounthwaite

Charles Townsend James Nickerson

Officer/Doctor Chris Lee

Directed by Pauline Harris.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00vs4lh)

Autobiography of Mark Twain

Episode 5

Read by Kerry Shale. Mark Twain maintained that the proper material for an autobiography was to talk about the things that interest you for the moment, as your views on this or that would give an insight into your character.

He also decreed that his autobiography should not be published until he'd been dead for 100 years so that he could feel free to speak his "whole frank mind." And his outspoken views on the Moro incident, and the conduct of the American forces in the Philippines, certainly show a very different side to the man who is famous for his childhood classics.

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Earthsearch I

10. Earthfall

Despite the difficulties put in their way by the two guardian 'Angels', the crew of the Challenger have found Paradise. It's an earth-like planet originally discovered by the second-generation crew. However, the 'Angels' are by no means beaten...

Starring Sean Arnold.

Conclusion of James Follett's ten-part adventure serial in time and space.

Commander Telson Sean Arnold

Sharna Amanda Murray

Astra Kathryn Hurlbutt

Darv Haydn Wood

Angel One Sonia Fraser

Angel Two Gordon Reid

Director: Glyn Dearman

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FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0075zyd)

Series 1

Beethoven's Ode to Joy

John Suchet, Hans Rhienburg and Susan Greenfield reflect on the impact of Beethoven's last symphony 'Ode to Joy'.

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

Producer: Sara Conkey

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FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Awards (b06cx1cl)

2015

Heat four

The next heat in comedy's most prestigious new talent competition from the Komedija in Bath.

Our host, Lucy Porter presents some of the best new comedians from across the UK.

Judges for this heat are comedian Elis James, BBC Comedy Producer Sam Bryant and editor of comedy website Chortle, Steve Bennett

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner and Sophie Black.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2015.

FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06g0c09)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith is joined by Liam Williams.

FRI 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k272)

London

Bring back Geoffrey to 'Rainbow' and some cutting remarks about Lorena Bobbit.

From the BBC Paris Studio, London.

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

With Peter Baynham, Rebecca Front and John Thomson.

Special guest Geoffrey Hayes from ITV kids show Rainbow.

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 November 1993.