

Writer C J Sansom
 Dramatised by Colin MacDonald
 Producer/Director Kirsteen Cameron
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in September 2015.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06fq76h)
 John Waters
 4 Extra Debut. Writer, director, actor and comedian John Waters chooses 'Transfusion' by Nervous Norvus and 'Hot Wheels' by Stan Farlow.
SAT 14:15 Drama (b00b54z7)
 Landscape
 Two plays by Harold Pinter.
 1/2. Landscape
 A man and a woman sit deep in recollection. While the man's thoughts are of his day in the park and a quarrel in the pub, the woman's are of an idyllic day spent many years ago on a beach with the man she loved.
 Duff Harold Pinter
 Beth Penelope Wilton
 2/2. The Examination
 A chilling yet playful monologue in which a man about to be questioned summons up every mental resource to empower himself over his interrogator.
 With Michael Gambon.
 Directed by Peter Kavanagh.
SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b007lkyc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Hercule Poirot (b009z4c6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Lucinda Lambton's Elevations and Revelations (b0075xpp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b06fvndx)
 Heroes of Sontar
 Episode 2
 The Time Lord is on the planet Samur, with three enemies after him. Nyssa hints at some intriguing secrets.
 Peter Davison is the Fifth Doctor with his companion Tegan Jovanka played by Janet Fielding.
 Planet Samur was once a peaceful haven. Pilgrims journeyed across the seven galaxies to meditate in the courtyards of the vast Citadel that spanned its equator. It was Samur's misfortune, however, to find itself situated on the furthestmost frontier in the eternal war between the amoeboid Rutan Host and the belligerent, troll-like Sontarans...
 Twenty years after detonating a bacteriological weapon over Samur, rendering it uninhabitable, the Sontarans are back: a select platoon of seven has landed here on a secret mission, carrying sealed orders given to them by Fleet Marshal Stabb. The TARDIS has landed here, too, bringing the Doctor, Tegan, Turlough and Nyssa into the second great Battle of Samur.
 Fighting not only the Sontarans, but mystical mercenaries... and a deadly, decades-old curse.
 Written by Alan Barnes.
 Director: Ken Bentley.
 Producer: David Richardson
 A Big Finish production.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0v0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d45ny)
 Series 2
 Generosity
 The comedian examines the virtue of generosity. With poetry and songs by Tom Basden and Tim Key. From August 2008.
SAT 22:30 Tonight (b01692g0)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 A new age of austerity, riots on our streets, phone hacking, the prospect of global economic meltdown...not since the 1980s has Britain needed its sharp-tongued satirists to pour a healthy dollop of scorn on these uncertain and tumultuous times.
 And who better to do that than the country's most well-known satirical impressionist, Rory Bremner? He hosts Tonight, a brand new topical satire show for Radio 4.
 Rory's mantra is that it's as important to make sense out of things as it is to make fun of them. He believes only then will people laugh at the truth. So expect a blend of stand-up and sketch combined with investigative satire and incisive interviews with a diverse range of characters who really know what they're talking about.
 Regular performers will include Political Animal veteran Andy Zaltzman and the multi-talented impressionist Kate O'Sullivan with a special guest each week.
 Presenter: Rory Bremner
 Producers: Simon Jacobs & Frank Stirling
 A Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06g0cc4)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to Ahir Shah.
SAT 23:00 Saturday Night Fry (b007jt29)
 Episode 3
 Stephen Fry serves up more witty banter and sketches.
 With Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent and Julia Hills.
 Written by Stephen Fry with additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.
 Producer: Dan Patterson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.
SAT 23:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b008khpv)

Series 2
 Episode 1
 The fastest show on-air is back!
 28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show, featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent
 The whole thing is presided over by John Humphrys, who sits at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.
 And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...
 Jeremy Limb
 Des Clarke
 Penny Broadhurst
 Arnab Chanda
 John Sessions
 Christina Martin
 Gavin Osborn
 Aaron Counter
 G-Force
 James Kettle
 Paula Wilcox
 James Branch
 Pegabovine
 Dave Cohen
 Jarlath Regan
 Dutch Elm Conservatoire
 Jeff Innocent
 Katherine Jakeways
 Carl Donnelly
 Stephen Grant
 Mara Carlyle
 Stephen K Amos
 Barry Davies
 Jeff Green
 Shappi Khorsandi
 Martin Jarvis
 The Puppini Sisters
 Stewart Lee
 Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SUNDAY 04 OCTOBER 2015

SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (b06fvndx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 C J Sansom - Sovereign (Omnibus) (b06fq5nt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06fq76h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Saturday]
SUN 02:15 Drama (b00b54z7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Saturday]
SUN 03:00 Archive on 4 (b007lkyc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Hercule Poirot (b009z4c6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Lucinda Lambton's Elevations and Revelations (b0075xpp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Breathing Underwater Omnibus (b007jtfm)
 Sennen is a professional diver who gets a job exploring a Tudor wreck, the Elizabeth Mary, which sunk back in 1575 off Cornwall's Porthant Bay.
 But things don't get off to a good start...
 Omnibus written by Bryony Lavery.
 Sennen Pennameny Susannah Doyle
 Robert Renownden John Turner
 Simon Murray Charles Simpson
 Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings
 Bob Sean Arnold
 Andy Russell Boulter
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
SUN 07:15 Pier People (b00760mr)
 Llandudno Pier
 Llandudno Pier is half a mile of Victorian splendour, but it eats money, something its supporters know too well. From February 2001.
SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
 Series 4
 Coach Trip
 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.
 After an attempted coach trip to Bridlington goes terribly wrong, Arthur decides the only way out of a sticky situation is to go 'native'.
 With Steve Delaney, Mel Giedroyc, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.
SUN 08:00 Educating Archie (b01s4cw1)
 From 07/12/1952
 Archie tries to be helpful and gets a surprise after turning his hand to sculpting...
 Radio ventriloquism from Peter Brough and schoolboy, Archie Andrews.
 With Max Bygraves, Harry Secombe, Beryl Reid, Hattie

Jacques and Peter Madden.
 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.
 Script by Eric Sykes and Walter Ridley
 With Ronald Chesney and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell.
 Producer: Roy Speer
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1952.
SUN 08:30 Frankie Howerd Show (b007jth8)
 From 7/8/1966
 Titters galore from the comedy legend, with June Whitfield, Wallas Eaton and Robertson Hare. From August 1966.
SUN 09:00 Reading Europe Omnibus (b06fvzrl)
 4 Extra Debut. The French writer Alba Arikha looks at how long-term immigration is being reflected in her country's contemporary fiction.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06fw1vl)
 Dame Kiri Te Kanawa
 Singer Kiri Te Kanawa chooses 'O Mio Babbino Caro' by Puccini and Marschallin's aria from Der Rosenkavalier by Richard Strauss.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06fw2lm)
 Fashion
 Dame Zandra Rhodes
 4 Extra Debut. From Pink Floyd to Ravel, fashion designer Dame Zandra Rhodes makes her castaway choices. With Roy Plomley. From February 1983.
SUN 11:10 TED Radio Hour (b06fw2pf)
 Series 2
 Animals and Us
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 Guy Raz investigates our complicated relationship with animals which we fear, hunt, consume and protect.
 With Jon Mooallem, Ian Dunbar, Billy Collins, Laurel Braitman and Frans de Waal.
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio.
SUN 12:00 Educating Archie (b01s4cw1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Frankie Howerd Show (b007jth8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Breathing Underwater Omnibus (b007jtfm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Pier People (b00760mr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 William Boyd - Sweet Caress (b06fw3zw)
 Episode 2
 Photographer Amory Clay learns the full consequences of the Maroon Street riot. Read by Barbara Flynn.
SUN 15:45 Katherine Mansfield - The Montana Stories (b00764b0)
 Honeymoon
 By the Mediterranean Sea, Fanny contemplates her future with George, a 'man of the world'. Read by Emilia Fox.
SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b00w6lqz)
 The Caretaker
 Davies... David Warner
 Aston... Tony Bell
 Mick... Daniel Mays
 David Warner and Daniel Mays star in Harold Pinter's dark comedy. Two brothers shelter an elderly, homeless man after a fight in a café. But his problems are far from over.
 Directed by Peter Kavanagh.
SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 H Rider Haggard - She (b0076z26)
 Episode 2
 Ayesha, the queen whose beauty enthralled and terrified all who see her, believes Leo to be the lover for whom she has waited 2000 years. She takes Leo and his guardian Holly deep into the mountains to the Pillar of Life.
 Hattie Naylor's adaptation of H Rider Haggard's 19th century best-seller set in a mysterious African kingdom explores the complex themes of imperial arrogance, sexual obsession, power and isolation that lie behind the high adventure.
 Stars Mia Soteriou as Ayesha, Tim McInnerny as Ludwig Holly, Oliver Chris as Leo, Howard Coggins as Job, Ben Onwukwe as Billali, Janice Acquah as Ustane and Damian Lynch as Agarrah.
 Composed music by Elizabeth Purnell.
 Producer: Sara Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b06fw2pf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:10 today]
SUN 19:50 Reading Europe Omnibus (b06fvzrl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Inheritance Tracks (b06fw1vl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:05 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06fw2lm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen (b0080p90)
 Go to Joan Glover

An educational theatre troupe with an unusual agenda visit the school in the 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 (b06g0cfd)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to Ahir Shah.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b06f3dcy)
Series 13
Episode 4
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 (b0076qds)
Tina C's Tiny Island Tour
Wales
Arriving in Cardiff, the country singer has a very special announcement to make. Stars Christopher Green. From February 2005.

SUN 23:45 2000 Years of Radio (b06fwywc)
Series 2
Olympic FM
"Welcome back, and the roads are jammed with Gods flying into Olympia."

The time's just coming up to 776 BC, and it's all aboard the Canker Cart with DJ Suzanne Canker for the first Olympic Games in Greece and with the British Athletics team.
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 05 OCTOBER 2015

MON 00:00 H Rider-Haggard - She (b0076z26)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Breathing Underwater Omnibus (b007jtfm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Pier People (b00760mr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 William Boyd - Sweet Caress (b06fw3zw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Katherine Mansfield - The Montana Stories (b00764b0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Saturday Drama (b00w6lqz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h34d1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jpp2)
The Murder at the Vicarage
Episode 1

Even the vicar of St Mary Mead detests a certain member of his flock. But murder seems to be carrying things a bit far?
First published in 1930, Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Rev Leonard Clement.....Francis Matthews
Griselda Clement.....Imelda Staunton

Dr Haydock.....Nigel Davenport
Dennis.....Nicholas Boulton

Lettice Protheroe.....Rachel Atkins
Miss Wetherby.....Joan Matheson

Mrs Price-Ridley.....Margot Boyd
Mrs Lestrangle.....Jilly Meers

Lawrence Redding.....James Telfer
Anne Protheroe.....Frances Jeater

Colonel Protheroe.....James Greene
Mary.....Alice Arnold

Inspector Slack.....John Baddeley
Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell
Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
MON 06:30 Deep in the Heart of Texas (b00cdtxt)

Peter Curran explores the history of Austin, Texas. The city famously hosts the SXSW festival and remains liberal, progressive and bohemian, and continues to struggle against conservatives and developers, despite being the capital of a state renowned for rednecks, oil barons and George W Bush.

MON 07:00 Turf Wars (b00zf33t)
An Incident at the Border
Nigel Planer stars as a border-guard in Kieran Lynn's comedy about boundaries that are both territorial and personal.

Arthur and Olivia take the sun in their local park on a beautiful summer's day. Olivia is reading a newspaper article on their country's new-found independence. It seems that no-one knows quite what the terms are for the secession. Arthur couldn't care

less. He's apolitical and just enjoying watching the ducks.
Suddenly a soldier arrives, dragging a tape across the ground, marking out the new border. He barges between the two young lovers. Now one is on one side of the new border, and one on the other!

Arthur's attempt to cross is met with a stun-gun jolt from the guard, who has as little understanding of the new rules as the couple. He just knows he has been trained to be suspicious of everyone who isn't from 'this country' which now includes Arthur!

How can our lovers be reunited?
Reiver Nigel Planer
Olivia Leah Brotherhead

Arthur Joseph Kloska
Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b06d2g56)

Series 15
Episode 6
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 IKEA, marriage, Switzerland and chewing gum.

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 (b007jpp5)
Series 2
A Wilson (Manager)

Captain Mainwaring is aghast when his chief clerk comes up in the world.
Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Arnold Ridley as Godfrey.

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.
MON 08:30 As Time Goes By (b06fxcmj)

Series 3
Episode 4
Lionel's office becomes Sandy's bedroom. Time to move?

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

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 Motion Show (b0075rh9)
Series 1
Episode 2

The merits of moving to America - and being famous.
Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky debating game.

With Steve Punt, John O'Farrell, Derek Draper and Rhona Cameron.
Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.
MON 09:30 Electric Ink (b01k68hg)

Series 2
Episode 4
Can struggling journalist Maddox make a splash with a tip-off over political corruption that could unseat the coalition?

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers.
A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories whilst grappling with the demands of a multi-platform environment, as circulation figures plummet as the recession means half the workforce is laid off.

Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.
Maddox John Sessions
Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight
Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen
Julie Compton Joanna Monro

Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

MON 10:00 Don Taylor - God's Revolution (b00v2rv4)
Insurrection
Provoked by Parliament, the resolute army aim to get higher ranks on their side. English Civil War drama with Nigel Anthony.

MON 11:00 One Hundred and Forty Characters (b0154y6g)
Would You Like To Reconnect?
By Joanne Harris.

A grieving woman retreats into the world of social networking,

finding comfort in the traces left behind there by her dead son. Then, one afternoon, as she scrolls through her timeline, she receives an unsettling message, apparently sent from beyond the grave.

Last in a series of specially commissioned short stories inspired by the social networking phenomenon, Twitter. (For non "tweeters", the title derives from Twitter's format where "tweets" - the postings - can be no longer than 140 characters.)

Read by Monica Gibb.
Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 11:15 Simon Brett - Cleopatra's Nose (b00p85xz)
Can James overcome his lifelong Egyptian Queen obsession and find a real girlfriend? Stars Benjamin Whitrow and Susan Jameson.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jpp5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 As Time Goes By (b06fxcmj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jpp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Deep in the Heart of Texas (b00cdtxt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00w794s)
Dawn French - A Tiny Bit Marvellous
Episode 1

Dawn French's debut novel, A Tiny Bit Marvellous, is told from three very different perspectives.

Yet each is a member of the Battle family - perfectly average, perfectly dysfunctional. Mo is about to hit the big 50, and some uncomfortable truths are becoming quite apparent: she doesn't understand either of her teenage children, which as a child psychologist, is fairly embarrassing. She has become entirely grey. Inside, and out. Her face has surrendered, and is frightening children. Dora is about to hit the big 18 . . . and about to hit anyone who annoys her, especially her precocious younger brother Peter who has an incurable Oscar Wilde fixation.

A Tiny Bit Marvellous is the story of a modern family whose members all live in their own separate bubbles sinking towards meltdown. It is for anyone who has ever shared a home with that weird group of strangers we call 'relations'.

Read by:
Dawn French
Lenny Henry
Sam Barnett and
Beattie Edmondson

Producer: David Roper
A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:15 Grimm Thoughts (b01p3hql)
Episode 1

When the Grimm brothers first published their Children's and Household Tales in 1812, in a scholarly effort to collate a national identity of the people, it was the beginning of an obsessive project of two intricately interwoven lifetimes.

To mark the bicentenary of the first edition, writer and mythographer Marina Warner explores the many compelling and often controversial aspects of the tales in a 10-part series, revealing new insights into the stories we think we know so well, and introducing us to the charms and challenges of those that we don't.

Alongside beautifully narrated extracts from the tales themselves, renowned academics and artists who work closely with the Grimm's rich heritage add to our understanding of these deceptively complex stories.

In the opening episode, we are introduced to the Grimm brothers themselves and the context in which they collected these tales, in parallel with the story of The Frog King - a tale of transformation and sexual favour that has opened the collection since it was first published and has played a central role in the Romantic attraction to the tradition of Volkspoesie.

Producer: Kevin Dawson
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b012fbvp)
Alison Lurie - Imaginary Friends
Episode 1

Alison Lurie's comic novel of academia and alien gurus, dramatised by Melissa Murray.

New York in 1968, and naive young sociology graduate, Roger Zimmern, has just got his first job at a university.

1/10
Roger ... Jonathan Forbes
McCann ... Nathan Osgood

Elsie ... Barbara Barnes
Verena ... Alex Tregear

Bob ... Simon Bubb
Directed by Marc Beeby

1968. New York State. Newly graduated sociologist Roger Zimmern is delighted to be asked work with his academic hero Tom McCann. They are to investigate the Truth Seekers, a small cult group who believe they are receiving spiritual guidance from the planet Varna. The group is run by middle-aged Elsie and her beautiful niece, Verena. Under cover, the two academics join the Truth Seekers. But things quickly begin to go wrong. Roger's objectivity is tested when he begins to fall in love with Verena. And what is happening to Tom McCann? Why is he behaving so strangely? Poor Roger, desperate to be a success, desperate to be noticed, doesn't know who to trust..

Imaginary Friends is a devastatingly funny look at the foibles of modern times. It's driven by a story that works brilliantly on a

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THU 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0081b4j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Miss Marple (b007jppf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Gurinder, The Movie (b00ldblk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b016pktm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Drama (b00xb0sf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 The Brig Society (b06d9lhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (b06g7bpf)
 Series 13
 Episode 5
 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.

Producers: Suzy Grant and Matt Stronge

BBC Radio Comedy production
THU 23:00 We Are Klang: Amazing Lives (b007k3hw)
 Max Phantasmio
 The controversial American comedian, by those who know him. Spoof starring Greg Davies and Steve Hall. From April 2007.
THU 23:30 Sounding Off with McGough (b007jvnp)
 6. The Way Things Are
 Roger McGough's reflections on life, death and BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme.
 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 June 2000.
THU 23:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jm2l)
 Series 1
 John Goes to London
 Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth's efforts to find Big City fame don't go to plan. Stars Graham Fellows. From April 1994.

FRIDAY 09 OCTOBER 2015

FRI 00:00 Understand by Ted Chiang (b007scyn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076rln)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Miss Marple (b007jppf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Gurinder, The Movie (b00ldblk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00wbqcb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Grimm Thoughts (b01pes5z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b012fs6c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00dz9v5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Don Taylor - God's Revolution (b00v7r8n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Genius (b0076vc0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 After Henry (b007tcmk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b017mx3z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Brig Society (b06d9lhx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jppv)
 The Murder at the Vicarage
 Episode 5
 Amateur sleuth Jane Marple battles to unearth the proof she needs to reveal the murderer's identity - along with a few other surprises.
 The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple.
 Rev. Leonard Clement.....Francis Matthews
 Griselda Clement.....Imelda Staunton
 Leticia Protheroe.....Rachel Atkins
 Colonel Melchett.....Richard Todd
 Dr Haydock.....Nigel Davenport
 Inspector Slack.....John Baddeley
 Gladys Cram.....Oona Beeson
 Mrs Sadler.....Tina Gray
 Constable.....Dominic Letts
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell
 Director: Emyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
FRI 06:30 Bowling for Love (b00mr5r6)
 Following a bowls community, and the friendships and romances formed on and off the green. When Brian and Meryl

joined Adastr Bowls Club in Hassocks, they were looking for a new hobby. But as their lives changed, the crown green became the setting for another sort of interest.
FRI 07:00 The Change (b0076p0j)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Ken is surprised to find that he has a new bedmate - but not the one he'd hoped for.
 Carol Lynda Bellingham
 George Philip Jackson
 Violet Marcia Warren
 Maureen Maureen Beattie
 Ken James Vaughan
 Sonia Emma Kennedy
 Jerry Barnaby Kay
 Dave Mark Povey
 Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife - Carol is hormonal and 15-stone George is a transvestite. Onlookers can't quite agree on the nature of their dynamic.
 Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.
FRI 07:30 Liam Mullone's Disappointing World (b06f54rz)
 British comedy's only contrarian libertarian antiquarian, Liam Mullone tackles the universal theme that sums up all human endeavour - disappointment.
 In this comedy lecture dedicated to history's losers Liam celebrates some enormously bad ideas from the world of technology.
 He tells the hubristic story of Sweden's 17th Century warship, The Vasa, which was even more disappointing than The Mary Rose. Some of NASA's most inspiration-lacking ventures are laid bare. And Frenchman Marcel Lucont honours countryman Jacques Cousteau and his cigarette smoke-filled Conshelf stations in a song.
 Performers: Liam Mullone with Alexis Dubus and Eri Jackson
 Writer: Liam Mullone
 Producer: Aled Evans.
FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqv)
 Series 5
 Around the World in 80 Days
 The lad accepts a bet when challenged to copy Phileas Fogg's trip - but in far less time.
 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 March 1958.
FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jsgl)
 Series 5
 The White Box of Great Bardfield
 Can Neddie Seagoon get rich quick by exporting Britain's surfeit of snow?

 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan

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

 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

 Producer: Peter Eton

 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1955.
FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b00yqhrp)
 Series 1
 Southampton
 Coming this week from the University of Southampton, host Steve Punt quizzes Biology students and Mathematics dons alike on dachshunds, Dante, and Doctor Who. So if you've ever wondered whether "The Golgi Apparatus" refers to part of a eukaryotic cell or is merely a little-read Robert Ludlum novel then this is the show for you.
 "The 3rd Degree" is a funny, lively and dynamic new quiz show aimed at cultivating the next generation of Radio 4 listeners whilst delighting the current ones. It's recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in a genuinely original and fresh take on an academic quiz. Being a Radio 4 programme, it of course meets the most stringent standards of academic rigour - but with lots of facts and jokes thrown in for good measure.
 Together with host Steve Punt, the show tours the (sometimes posh, sometimes murky, but always welcoming!) Union buildings, cafés and lecture halls of six universities across the

UK.
 The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the 'Highbrow & Lowbrow' round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, film, and Lady Gaga... In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds, in which students take on their Professors in their own subjects, were particularly lively, and offered plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides...
 The resulting show is funny, fresh, and not a little bit surprising, with a truly varied range of scores, friendly rivalry, and moments where students wished they had more than just glanced at that reading list...
 Producer: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 09:30 Albert and Me (b007jymb)
 Series 1
 Rate of Decline
 Struggling to bring up his baby son Albert, single dad Bryan Archer desperately needs cash for his rate arrears.
 Stars Richard Beckinsale as Bryan Archer, Pat Coombs as Mum/Albert and John Comer as Dad. With Harry Fowler as Joe Billings.
 Written by Jim Eldridge.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1977.
FRI 10:00 Don Taylor - God's Revolution (b00v7sqn)
 The Logic of Events
 Major Francis White seeks peace with his father before heading into battle. English Civil War drama with Graham Blockey.
FRI 11:00 Mat Coward - The Hampstead Vegetable Heist (b06g7r3j)
 A former yuppie decides to rob a betting shop, using an unusual fake gun. A stick-up and a frame-up, read by Larry Lamb. From February 1995.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b007ycm8)
 Rachel Joyce - Feather
 By Rachel Joyce.
 Fern believes in magic, Father Christmas and the Tooth Fairy. She is collecting feathers because they can make wishes come true, and Fern has a very big and important wish.
 Fern Maisie Cowell
 Lucy Claire Price
 Flynn Shaun Dooley
 Lloyd Jot Davies
 Grandma Richenda Carey
 Sam Rachel Bavidge
 Cayleigh Morgan Gayle
 Directed by Tracey Neale.
FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jsgl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jppv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Bowling for Love (b00mr5r6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00wbqjc)
 Dawn French - A Tiny Bit Marvellous
 Episode 5
 Dawn French's debut novel, A Tiny Bit Marvellous, is told from three very different perspectives. Yet each is a member of the Battle family - perfectly average, perfectly dysfunctional. Dora fixes a secret date on Facebook, but thanks to Oscar, Dad finds out and stirs himself to action. Mo plans to run away with Noel. Will the Battles ever be the same again?
 Read by:
 Dawn French
 Lenny Henry
 Sam Barnett and
 Beattie Edmondson
 Producer: David Roper
 A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 14:15 Grimm Thoughts (b01pcvlb)
 Episode 5
 When the Grimm brothers first published their Children's and Household Tales in 1812, in a scholarly effort to collate a national identity of the people, it was the beginning of an obsessive project of two intricately interwoven lifetimes.
 To mark the bicentenary of the first edition, writer and mythographer Marina Warner explores the many compelling and often controversial aspects of the tales in a 10-part series, revealing new insights into the stories we think we know so well, and introducing us to the charms and challenges of those that we don't.
 Alongside beautifully narrated extracts from the tales themselves, renowned academics and artists who work closely with the Grimm's rich heritage add to our understanding of these deceptively complex stories.
 In the fifth episode, we are drawn into the tales' rich history of illustration. These evocative stories have always stirred vivid images in the minds of artists, from the angular drawings of an early David Hockney to Dickens' Victorian illustrator George Cruikshank. Through these artists' impressions, we paint a new picture of the tales' vital contribution to the long tradition of visual storytelling.
 Producer: Kevin Dawson
 A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b012ftrn)

Alison Lurie - Imaginary Friends

Episode 5

By Alison Lurie. Dramatised by Melissa Murray

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Sociologist Tom McCann is behaving increasingly strangely, much to the frustration of his young assistant Roger. But they're about to hear some news that will make things a great deal stranger.

Roger ... Jonathan Forbes

McCann ... Nathan Osgood

Elsie ... Barbara Barnes

Verena ... Alex Tregear

Sissy ... Susie Riddell

Bill ... Peter Polycarpou

Mrs Munger ... Jane Whittenshaw

Directed by Marc Beeby.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00dz9v8)

Thomas Keneally - Searching for Schindler: A Memoir

Episode 5

Thomas Keneally's account of his discovery of the story of Oscar Schindler, which became the basis for his Booker Prize-winning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film Schindler's List.

Thomas has finished writing Schindler's Ark and Steven Spielberg is interested in making it into a film.

FRI 15:00 Don Taylor - God's Revolution (b00v7sqn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b00yqhrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Albert and Me (b007jynb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Change (b0076p0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Liam Mullone's Disappointing World (b06f54rz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Carey Harrison - A Call from the Dead**(b01nf2h9)**

It's good to talk - or so they say - but not when you're called from beyond the grave...

Stars John Shrapnel as Dr Edward Elmore, Nick Dunning as Stephen Warburton, Christopher Scott as the Reverend Neville Barber and Carolyn Jones as Martha.

Scripted by Carey Harrison

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b06g7tf8)

Series 1

You'll Never Walk Alone

Carl Davis and Gerry Marsden reflect on the impact of Rodger and Hammerstein's Carousel solo which became an anthem.

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

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jslg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Miss Marple (b007jqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Bowling for Love (b00mr5r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Mat Coward - The Hampstead Vegetable Heist (b06g7r3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b007ycm8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Liam Mullone's Disappointing World (b06f54rz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Awards (b06gptvc)

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Heat six

The next heat in comedy's most prestigious new talent competition from London's famous Up The Creek comedy club.

Our host Jessica Fostekeew presents some of the best new comedians from across the UK.

Judges for this heat are comedian Jocelyn Esien, BBC Comedy

Producer Sam Bryant and editor of comedy website Chortle,

Steve Bennett.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner and Laura Baron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2015.

FRI 23:30 The Skivers (b00j1ff4)

Series 3

Michael Fish

High winds alert! Weatherman Michael Fish bids for stardom.

Sketch show with Nick Golsen and Tim de Jongh. From

January 1997.