

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2015

SAT 00:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Blue Lenses (b007k4rp)

Episode 2

Afer discovering she's able to see things that others can't, Marda West fears for her survival in this dangerous new world.

The conclusion of Daphne du Maurier's two-part fantasy thriller exploring the darker aspects of human nature.

Read by Emma Fielding.

Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0076b92)

Series 3

Fever

Legendary singer Peggy Lee's daughter Nicki Foster talks about her mother's life and her unforgettable hit record.

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 November 2002.

SAT 01:00 Front Row Interviews (b00761nw)

PD James

PD James talks to Mark Lawson on Radio 4's arts programme Front Row about crime writing and her 15th novel 'Death in Holy Orders' featuring her sleuth, Adam Dalgliesh.

Her books, often featuring Dalgliesh, sold in their millions around the world. Many were adapted for TV and film.

Born Phyllis Dorothy James on 3 August 1920, the author did not publish her first novel, Cover Her Face, until she was 42.

Although it was a critical success, she continued working for the Home Office, where she held a job in the forensic science department, and then the criminal law department until 1979.

PD James died aged 94 on the 27 November 2014.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SAT 01:30 Joan Turner: The Highs and Lows of the Wacky Warbler (b00wlgg4)

Lesley Garrett tells the fascinating story of operatic comedienne Joan Turner.

Joan Turner was a larger-than-life star who enjoyed a successful stage and television career in the 1960s and 70s. She was born in Belfast in 1922 and made her debut at the Finsbury Empire as a singing comedienne.

Joan could perform pop or opera with her four-and-a-half-octave soprano voice, impersonate Judy Garland and Bette Davis, and then change to stand-up comic.

In her early career she worked with The Crazy Gang, appeared at many Royal Events, recorded for Pye Records and became the highest-earning female singer in Britain. After touring all the major music halls she was considered a 'female Harry Secombe', and in the States they billed her as "The Wacky Warbler".

One reviewer described her as having "the voice of an angel and the wit of a devil".

Even though she gained a reputation for being difficult and unpredictable she remained a much loved figure on the show business circuit.

Her daughter Susanna Page always believed that "the best way to describe Mum is that she thought every day was Christmas". She was to discover painfully that it was not.

By the late nineties an unkind reverse reduced her to the status of a bag lady walking the streets of Las Vegas and Los Angeles searching for work. This downturn in her life and career was a result of a long term battle with gambling and alcoholism.

A few film and television roles saw a short revival in her fortunes but her last live comeback attempt ended in a drunken shambles. She spent her final years in sheltered accommodation in Surrey.

The programme features interviews with Actor Harry Dickman, Variety entertainer Roy Hudd and Joan's daughter Susanna page.

SAT 02:00 Lewis Carroll - Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (b06qdfmv)

Who Stole the Tarts?

Join Alice on her surreal adventures in Alice in Wonderland.

SAT 02:15 Noise: A Human History (b01s0scn)

The Search for Silence

In the noisy modern world, silence has become an ever more desirable - and fashionable - state. We read books about it, go on retreats to find it, and soundproof our living and working spaces in its name. But when we have it is it what we want?

Professor David Henty of the University of Sussex considers the modern quest for quiet and asks whether what really makes us humans happy is a little noise.

Conclusion of the 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive.

Signature tune composed by Joe Acheson.

Producer: Matt Thompson

A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jqky)

Episode 15

Mary sets out to find an alibi for Jem, who stands accused of murder. Stars Emma Rydall, Deborah Berlin and Roy Hudd.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b048zmq5)

The Zhivago Affair

Episode 5

By Peter Finn and Petra Couvée.

It's 1956 and Boris Pasternak presses a manuscript into the hands of an Italian publishing scout with these words, 'This is

Doctor Zhivago. May it make its way around the world.'

Pasternak knew his novel would never be published in the Soviet Union as the authorities regarded it as seditious, so instead he allowed it to be published in translation all over the world - a highly dangerous act.

By 1958 the life of this extraordinary book enters the realms of the spy novel. The CIA, recognising that the Cold War was primarily an ideological battle, published Doctor Zhivago in Russian and smuggled it into the Soviet Union. It was immediately snapped up on the black market. Pasternak was later forced to renounce the Nobel Prize in Literature, igniting worldwide political scandal.

With first access to previously classified CIA files, The Zhivago Affair gives an irresistible portrait of Pasternak, and takes us deep into the Cold War, back to a time when literature had the power to shake the world.

Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Read by Nigel Anthony

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b00gsv4x)

Arnold Bennett - The Grand Babylon Hotel

Episode 2

Murder mystery by Arnold Bennett, adapted in two parts by Chris Harrald.

Having bought Europe's most exclusive hotel, American tycoon Theodore Racksale is thrown in to a world of intrigue, espionage and murder.

Theodore Racksale John Sessions

Nella Racksale Matti Houghton

Aribert Joe Kloska

Jules Richard Katz

Miss Spencer Fenella Woolgar

Felix Babylon Stephen Greif

Prince Eugen Stephen Critchlow

Reginald Dimmock Gunnar Cauthery

Hazell Jonathan Tafler

Miss Ferguson Jill Cardo

Tomkins Inam Mirza

Emperor Malcolm Tierney

Sampson Levi Chris Pavlo.

SAT 04:00 The 99p Challenge (b0075w76)

Series 4

Episode 2

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Marcus Brigstocke and Peter Serafinowicz. The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

SAT 04:30 Mind Your Own Business! (b00954qd)

She'll Have to Go

An accountant tackles a tycoon over his number of women workers. Stars Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton. From December 1987.

SAT 05:00 Winston (b007qzh8)

Winston Comes to Town

Has Anyone Seen Winston?

The family has moved to London. Old rogue Winston spends hours up a tree in the garden, but then he disappears...

Peter Timmiswood's bawdy comedy serial.

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 1990.

SAT 05:30 Trodd on Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b06s83jl)

Series 2

Episode 1

A fun-packed second series from comedy duo Lucy Trodd and Ruth Bratt. Sketches and songs from a whole range of new characters, with the occasional appearance from some old favourites.

This week we meet the masseuses who might make your visit to their spa more than a little stressful, we find out whether Mary's embarrassing flatulence has got any better (I wouldn't hold your breath - well, actually I might) and find out who Julia is - or was.

Performers:

Lucy Trodd

Ruth Bratt

Adam Meggido

Oliver Senton

Written by: Ruth Bratt and Lucy Trodd

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Original music: Duncan Walsh Atkins

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l)

1938: Charles and Dora Randolph are celebrating their Golden Wedding.

A chance for four generations of the same family to be together - sparking all the problems and surprises that such a gathering inevitably causes...

Dodie Smith's play enjoyed a hugely successful run in the theatre before and during the early years of the Second World

War.

Charles Randolph Michael Denison

Dora Randolph Dulcie Gray

Belle Mary Wimbush

Margery Annette Badland

Edna Frances Jeater

Nanny Dora Bryan

Cynthia Penny Downie

Laurel Trevyn McDowell

Hilda Joanna David

Nicholas Nicholas Gecks

Fenny Charlotte Attenborough

Hugh Joshua Towb

Kenneth Michael Tudor Barnes

Bill Mark Burrows

Scrap Sara-Jane Derrick

Flouncy Bernadette Windsor

Gertrude Becky Hindley

Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995

SAT 07:30 Marguerite Patten's Century of British Cooking (b0075jv4)

From Champagne to Rationing 1910-1919

Oyster soup, oyster cremeskiies, braised pheasant, champagne sorbet, sweet soufflé, scotch woodcock, summer lentil soup and nut rissoles. Food guru Marguerite Patten mingles menu of the 1910s with memories of historic events - the sinking of the Titanic, servants' wages, the Epsom Derby and life in First World War trenches.

Marguerite told us how to make the most of our rations during the Second World War in 'Kitchen Front' on the BBC Home Service. She fronted her first BBC TV cookery show in 1947.

Born in Bath, the home economist was widely considered to be the first celebrity cook, and wrote more than 170 books with worldwide sales of 17 million.

A regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour programme from 1946, Marguerite's final appearance was in 2011. She was awarded the OBE in 1991 and CBE in 2011.

Born November 4th 1915, Marguerite Patten died just a few months short of her 100th birthday in June 2015.

Producer: Ian Willox.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b04mq7h)

Speaking as a Member of the Public

Man on the Street. Tom, Dick and Harry. The Man on the Clapham Omnibus. The Voice of the People. For decades, "ordinary people" have been stopped in the street to give

interviewers their opinions on diverse subjects in the ubiquitous format of the vox pop. Why?

Comedian and writer Danny Wallace revisits decades of television and radio archives to listen again to the multitude who happened to be walking down the street when a reporter needed a random opinion about soap flakes or capital punishment.

It all began in 1930s America, with the programme Vox Pop in Houston, Texas where a presenter literally ran a microphone cable out of the radio station window to interview people on the street. However, the technique didn't become a regular feature of British broadcasting until the 1960s. Now, it's impossible to turn on the news without hearing at least one neatly randomised set of opinions from members of the Great British Public.

Danny considers why the vox pop is so omnipresent, what "the public" actually means and why we need the views of so many ordinary people on radio and TV. BBC voxing queen Esther Rantzen looks back on the thousands of people she buttonholed for That's Life. Comedian Charlie Higson considers why comedy ran away with the format. Deputy Director of BBC

News Fran Unsworth makes a serious case for the use of seemingly random opinions in news programmes. Deputy Political Editor James Landale, tells Danny about a strange vox he conducted that recently went viral. We also hear from Greg Packer, native New Yorker who's been voxed so many times that the Associated Press had to ban him from being quoted.

Produced by Colin McNulty

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Gemma Cairney's Top Ten Radio Mavericks (b06qjs0s)

BBC Radio 1 presenter Gemma Cairney is a self-professed 'radio obsessive.'

In this 3 hour special she shares the unique, brilliant and often irreverent voices that inspired her teenage self to be a broadcaster. The compelling radio personalities with verve and personality; the presenters that stood out and marked the emergence of a new and exciting youth culture; the presenters who, in some cases, proved controversial.

Drawing on her career in music radio, Gemma includes programmes, extracts and personalities from across the BBC: Radio 1, 1xtra, Radio 2, Radio London, 6Music and Radio 4.

The Top Ten voices past, present and future who have influenced and continue to inspire Gemma to work in her favourite medium.

With contributions from the Today Programme's award-winning John Humphrys, radio presenter, enthusiast and maverick Iain Lee and BBC Radio 1 & 1xtra's fireball Charlie Sloth.

Producer: Sarah Wade

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

SAT 12:00 The Pasadenas' Almanac: The Mysterious

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

Series 1

Bird's Nest Soup

Filming the birds that make the nests of saliva so prized by Chinese gourmet chefs in the total darkness of a Borneo cave proved difficult, until a conical mound of bat guano provided a natural platform.

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SUN 12:00 The AI Read Show (b0090v01)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 12:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008qq3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton Omnibus (b007zcg4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 Ghost Houses (b007604q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Neil Gaiman - The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06qncpn)

Omnibus: Inspired by a Hebridean myth of crime and revenge, a dwarf seeks a guide to a Misty Isle cave. Read by Bill Paterson.

SUN 15:45 Berlie Doherty - The Bad Boy (b06qngjk)

Geraldine is forbidden from seeing a local boy, but her sister observes a tender connection between them. Read by Kathryn Hunt. From July 1992.

SUN 16:00 Don Haworth - Ernest's Tower (b03b5408)

Ernest is a fairground stallholder, who lives in the baleful shadow of his Uncle Leo.

Leo allows him to lease a small stall or two, but Ernest has dreams of owning the tallest fairground tower in the country.

Don Haworth's drama stars Paul Copley as Ernest, Stephen Thorne as Uncle Leo, Robin Herford as the Narrator, Alison Pettitt as Miranda, Elizabeth Bell as Rosie, Sam Kelly as Henson, Terence Edmond as Cech and Helen Ayres as the Waitress.

Original music composed by Simon Morecroft.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b06rchkr)

Poetry Please: Altered States

BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive.

In 'Poetry Please', Roger McGough presents poetry to take you into altered states, reveries and waking dreams - including Tennyson's strange and magical Lotus-Eaters and Coleridge's Kubla Khan.

The readers are Tim Pigott-Smith and Indira Varma.

Producer: Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 17:30 Clare in the Community (b01qdxwn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b06qnjdi)

Series 2

The Day It Rained Forever

The last remaining residents of a drought-stricken hotel receive salvation from an enigmatic source.

Strange and chilling tales from the award-winning master of thrillers Ray Bradbury, who tops and tails these radio dramatisations in his own inimitable style.

Blanche Gwyneth Guthrie

Mr Smith Michael Mackenzie

Mr Fremley Bob Docherty

Mr Tyrell Raymond Ross

The harp played by Charlotte Peterson.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawka.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

SUN 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b008p506)

Guards! Guards!

Episode 6

"Last Desperate Chances always work. Besides, I'll be using my lucky arrow..."

All Captain Vimes needs to save the city is a million-to-one chance.

First published in 1989, the 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld. Conclusion of six parts dramatised by Michael Butt.

CAST:

Narrator Martin Jarvis

Captain Vimes John Wood

Nobby Melvyn Hayes

Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne

Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood

Carrot Robert Gwilym

Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan

Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher

First Guard Jeff Nuttall

Joint First Guard Michael Roberts

Death Himself

Director: John Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b06qn3tg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Living On Paper: Letters From Iris Murdoch (b06qmzdd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06qn1gt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06qn39x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b01qdxwn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b045gdqt)

Episode 5

Five things you didn't know about ready meals.

An old Kwik Save bag stuffed full of sketches, monologues and beserk bits.

Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair.

Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick.

Also featuring Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Steve Brody.

Producer: Phil Bowker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SUN 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00y9xdg)

Series 1

Episode 6

Revelations about hats, tents and some disturbing tales from Beatrix Potter.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With Ben Moor, Katherine Parkinson and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by the cast, Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

SUN 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rh3wq)

2001

From the World Cup to the future NHS.

Recorded in 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Jeremy Hardy recall the turbulent upheaval of 2001 - that was yet to happen..

Series revealing everything you wanted to know back then, about the future 21st century.

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 1

Miss Marple is invited to stay with her old school friend, Carrie at Stonegates - a Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

As she mulls over Carrie's life history on the train journey, just what is the danger that the sleuth is sensing?

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as the indomitable amateur detective, Miss Jane Marple.

From the book first published in 1952 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon

Lewis Serrocolld Peter Howell

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd/Railway porter Stephen Lucas

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

MON 06:30 The Generalissimo (b0076g7h)

The Pre-Democracy Era

4 Extra Debut. Miles Kingston travels through Spain to dissect the early years of Europe's longest-serving dictator General Franco. From August 2003.

MON 07:00 The Right Time (b00c693m)

Series 3

Episode 2

Facelift fracas - and a new TV quiz show for the hard of memory.

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

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

Written by Julie Balloo, Janet Ellis, Graeme Garden Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, Alan Stafford, Colin Bostock Smith, Mike Pilman, Mark Brisenden and Robert Mills.

Script Editor: Jed Parsons.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b0670gmc)

Series 73

Episode 8

Paul Merton, Gyles Brandreth, Susan Calman and Tom Allen find out just how hard it can be to talk for 60 seconds with no hesitation, repetition & deviation in this special episode recorded at the Edinburgh Festival.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jq0r)

Series 3

Round and Round Went the Big Wheel

Captain Mainwaring's Home Guard platoon take action when a new High Explosive Attack Device goes haywire.

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 Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Colonel Pearce John Barron

Captain Stewart Michael Knowles

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

MON 08:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)

Series 2

Episode 5

Eric is a far from fair cop and there's some monkey business in Ernie's latest masterpiece 'The Mighty Kong'.

Written by Eddie Braben.

With Nicola Pagett and Elaine Delmar.

Music from Peter Knight and his Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b009tvdp)

Series 11

Hans Christian Andersen

James Walton hosts the literary quiz with John Walsh, Sebastian Faulks, Wendy Holden and John O'Farrell. From April 2008.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n5vsg)

Series 3

Episode 6

Merv has always worn jeans, so why does Pam want to take him shopping? Stars Mervyn Stutter and Lill Roughley. From June 2004.

MON 10:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlnk)

Episode 1

When a concert party is marooned in the Midlands, the lives of three dissatisfied people are entwined. Stars Philip Jackson.

MON 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00wldv9)

Julia Blackburn - For the Love of a Child

Chocolate Pudding

The first of two stories about relationships between adults and children, drawn from real-life.

1. Chocolate Pudding

A psychiatrist is perplexed by several cases of coma in a young child. With patience and bowls of chocolate pudding he manages to wake the child, by describing how delicious the pudding is and putting it under the child's nose. The story is inspired by conversations with the psychiatrist and his descriptions of 'Sleeping Beauty Syndrome'.

Written and read by the Costa-shortlisted writer Julia Blackburn. The stories are written with the same mesmerising delicacy of touch that Julia brought to her Penn-Ackerley prize-winning memoir 'The Three of Us', demonstrating her extraordinary capacity to find the best in people while encompassing their frailty.

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

Music: Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire by Eric Satie.

MON 11:15 Cherie Rogers - An Oddly Complete Understanding (b06qsnjg)

Introduced to each other by Lytton Strachey in 1916, the friendship between Katherine Mansfield and Virginia Woolf had to overcome formidable obstacles - the differences of class and culture, the threat of madness and tuberculosis.

But the influence of each on the other was destined, to some degree, to change the direction of women writers this century. Cherie Rogers' drama stars Penelope Wilton as Virginia Woolf and Rosalind Shanks as Katherine Mansfield.

Producer: John Knight

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

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MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b018cbbrr)

Nancy Mitford - The Pursuit of Love
Episode 1

Nancy Mitford's razor-sharp comic classic on love and growing up in the 1930s. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths and read by Diana Quick.

Fanny Logan tells the story of her beloved aristocratic cousins, the Radletts, and in particular Linda, who is beautiful and loves animals. Uncle Mathew hunts his children with bloodhounds (to the horror of respectable families in the local village) and keeps a blood-spattered entrenching tool above the fireplace as a relic of his experiences in the First World War. The cousins spend much of their childhood in the airing cupboard - the only warm place in the enormous Alconleigh Hall - discussing love and sex. Beautifully observed and hilariously funny, the novel is also a fascinating hinterland account of the period leading to the Second World War and never pulls its punches in evoking the painful reality of the times.

Reader...Diana Quick

Abrider...Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.

MON 14:15 Disability: A New History (b01slvj)

The Only Dwarf in Liverpool

Across the country, historians are discovering the voices of disabled people from the past. In this 10-part series, Peter White draws on the latest research to reveal first-hand accounts of what it was like to live with physical disability in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The result is moving, revealing, and sometimes very funny:

'Sirs, I am a dwarf. I have lost my job at the circus and what is a dwarf to do in such a situation? In this Godforsaken place the snow comes so deep that a self-respecting dwarf can't even walk along the street without drowning!'

This document is from a huge archive of letters from disabled people in the 19th century, applying to the local authorities for money. They are a rich source of what life was like with a disability. Sources like this are only now being discovered and interpreted by historians across the country - it amounts to a new historical movement.

In the first programme, Peter explores what this new history reveals, and challenges our pre-conceptions.

For Peter, as a blind man, there is a strong sense of personal discovery. He says, 'I never realised disabled people had a history. History was what happened to everyone else.'

For him the series is revelatory. This programme, for instance, includes 18th century jokes about disability and discusses what juicy terms for disability were common in a society where there was no political correctness.

With historians David Turner, Chris Mounsey, Stephen King, Judith Hawley, and voices from the past brought vividly to life by actors Gerard McDermott, Ewan Bailey and Emily Bevan.

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

Academic adviser: David Turner, Swansea University

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jq0r)

Episode 16

Mary's romantic attachment to both the murder victim and the accused, make her the centre of gossip and attention. Stars Emma Rydal.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00wlbss)

Richard Cohen - Chasing the Sun

Episode 1

"Once upon a time we thought that we were the centre of the universe and that even the sun revolved around us...

Thousands of years later we know that our earliest, most basic idea about our place in the cosmos was false, and that that cosmos is vastly larger than we ever dreamed. We are mere specks..."

Richard Cohen took eight years to write his account of the sun. The sun's biography, in fact. He looks at the myth, the legend, the science. Also the social context and how the sun figures in various art forms. And, will it be with us for ever? We have to hope so. His celebration of that gold disc in the sky is now caught in five episodes...

In the first of five episodes, abridged by Penny Leicester, the author highlights some of the astounding myths associated with the sun, then he views the perfect sunrise...

Reader Allan Cordanur

Producer Duncan Minshall.

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MON 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007ww76)

The Big Chill

The surreal quest of a young museum attendant named Oneira to learn the secrets of the Universe with the help of Nicholai, a 400-year-old Dutch alchemist.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Joseph Kloska as Pete, Mark Straker as the Salesman and Bethan Walker as the Visitor.

Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00761f9)

Anthony Julius and Martin Bell

Louise Doughty and her guests solicitor Anthony Julius and former MP and ex-war correspondent, Martin Bell - discuss three favourite paperbacks by Geoffrey Robertson, William Boyd and Adrian Bell. From 2001.

'Crimes Against Humanity: The Struggle for Global Justice by Geoffrey Robertson QC

Publisher: Penguin

'Brazzaville Beach' by William Boyd

Publisher: Penguin

'Corduuroy' by Adrian Bell

Publisher: Penguin.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jq0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007gg0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Generalissimo (b0076g7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00wldv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Cherie Rogers - An Oddly Complete Understanding (b06qsgnj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b0670gmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Cabin Pressure (b01102j9)

Series 4

Timbuktu

Cabin Pressure is a sitcom about the wing and a prayer world of a tiny, one plane, charter airline; staffed by two pilots: one on his way down, and one who was never up to start with. Whether they're flying squaddies to Hamburg, metal sheets to Mozambique, or an oil exec's cat to Abu Dhabi, no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult...

Episode 1:

Hooray hooray, it's Birling Day once more, where the crew traditionally swap their dignity for cash! But where have all the camels gone? And why is Arthur reading a book?

Written by John Finnemore

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b06pxzdz)

Series 47

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by Jon Holmes, Mitch Benn, Sarah Kendall, Robert Peston and Gemma Arrowsmith for a comic look at the week's news.

Written by the cast with additional material from Jane Lamacraft, Sarah Morgan, Liam Beirne and Marc Jones.

Produced by Alexandra Smith.

MON 23:30 The Harpoon (b007k48)

Series 2

Episode 3

The complete story of evolution from Little Blobby Thing to Homo Erectus Britishus Imperius.

Plus an advert for some sticks.

All in your nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure story papers.

With Susie Brann , Alistair McGowan , Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

TUESDAY 01 DECEMBER 2015

TUE 00:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007ww76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00761f9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 The Generalissimo (b0076g7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b018cbbrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Disability: A New History (b01slvj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jq0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00wlbss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b009tvdp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n5vsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Right Time (b00c693m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b0670gmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 2

Clearly something's wrong at Stoneygates, but for Miss Marple, the most disquieting factors are the jealousies and simmering tensions within the family itself.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Jane Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Christian Bulbrandsen Stephen Thorne

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Eynyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

TUE 06:30 The Generalissimo (b0076gco)

Franco's Civil War

Miles Kington continues his journey around Spain to uncover the legacy of General Franco's civil war triumph. From August 2003.

TUE 07:00 HR (b01bm0p7)

Series 3

Disabled

The two 60-something chums have just lost their pensions. Sam balks at Peter's outrageous survival measures. But will he become embroiled?

Nigel Williams' much-praised comedy series

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Doctor Paul Moriarty

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

TUE 07:30 Gloombsbury (b040hzzl)

Series 2

Bonfire of the Jealousies

Vera is consumed with jealousy, because Ginny has won a literary prize and is going to be photographed for the front cover of Vanity Fair by acclaimed Society photographer Manta Ray. To make matters worse, Venus is getting a teeny crush on Ginny. So, when Ginny asks for style advice in advance of her photographic session, Vera's suggestions have an edge of mockery.

Vera, wracked with torment, breaks the habit of a lifetime and unburies herself to Mrs Gosling. But of course Mrs Gosling's life has been an endless struggle to suppress her jealousy of her employers' wealth and privilege. Even a chance encounter with Sigmund Void on Hampstead Heath fails to shake Vera from her melancholic mood. In the end it falls to Henry and Lionel to try to boost Vera's confidence.

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b00mb17s)

Series 3

Episode 10

Kenneth Horne probes nocturnal doings in 'Gaslight, Son of Flicker', while Julian and Sandy turn bona film producers 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 April 1967.

TUE 08:30 To the Manor Born (b007m9wg)

The Spare Room

DeVere takes a shine to Mrs Forbes-Hamilton's guest. Is

Audrey jealous?.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey Forbes-Hamilton.

Keith Barron Richard DeVere

Angela Thorne Marjory Frobisher
 Nicholas McArdle Brabinger
 Margery Withers Mrs Polouwicka
 Frank Middlemass Ned
 Podge Hodge Zulema Dene
 The tale of lady of the manor Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.
 From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.
 First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997.
 Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b06pxdz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jv2y)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 An Everyday Story of Towering Genius.
 Sue Limb's four-part soap opera set in and around the Lake District at the turn of the 18th century
 Dorothy is perturbed by William's impending wedding. Percy Jelley is depressed despite his recent bigamous marriage to Mary Godwit. The Leechpedlar reveals that he was 'The Antique Mariner'. Cholericke is inspired....
 Dorothy Wordsmith Denise Coffey
 William Wordsmith Geoffrey Whitehead
 Samuel Tailor Cholericke Simon Callow
 Stinking Iris Miriam Margolyes
 The Leechpedlar Chris Emmett
 Percy Jelley Hugh Thomas
 Mary Godwit Alison Fiske
 Music by Stephen Oliver and sung by Cantabile
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1985.
TUE 10:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlnw)
 Episode 2
 After three strangers arrive, the marooned concert party start making plans without their manager. Stars Helen Longworth.
TUE 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00wlg39)
 Julia Blackburn - For the Love of a Child
 Call Me and I'll Come to You
 Written and read by the Costa-shortlisted writer Julia Blackburn, the second of two stories about relationships between adults and children, drawn from real-life.
 2. Call me and I'll Come to You
 At a low ebb, Julia rediscovers a letter her father wrote to her before his death. He describes how the love between a parent and child is not diminished by death. Julia is comforted, as if her father was with her in that moment.
 The stories are written with the same mesmerising delicacy of touch that Julia brought to her Penn-Ackerley prize-winning memoir 'The Three of Us', demonstrating her extraordinary capacity to find the best in people while encompassing their frailty.
 Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery
 Music: Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire by Eric Satie.
TUE 11:15 Drama (b00s3d1t)
 Frances Byrnes - Mercy
 Carl Prekopp stars in this first world war drama about one of the first major operations by the Red Cross.
 In 1916, soldiers who had been living terrible, deprived lives in German POW camps were taken to Chateau d'Oex, a holiday resort in Switzerland, to be nursed back to health amongst the clean air and spring flowers, courtesy of the Red Cross. Some of their wives even made the long train journey from Britain to visit them.
 It sounds like a fairy tale ending to the horrors of war and captivity, and for many it must have been just that. But what if a man doesn't want to be found and what if he thinks he doesn't deserve to be made better?
 Based on newspaper reports of events at the time, Frances Byrnes' play follows two fictional soldiers: number 2301, an angry young sergeant who is ashamed to have been captured and won't reveal his identity, and Havildar Gurung, a young Gurkha who is going blind and longs for the hills of home. Thrown together in this beautiful, gentle place, and with the winter snows now beginning to fall, is kindness and mercy enough to cure these damaged men?
 2301.....Carl Prekopp
 Nurse.....Siriol Jenkins
 Special Correspondent.....Richard Mitchley
 Gurung.....Muzz Khan
 Officer.....Gareth Pierce
 BBC/Cymru Wales Production directed by Kate McAll.
TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b00mb17s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 To the Manor Born (b007m9wg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jvb0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 The Generalissimo (b0076gc0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b018scz9)
 Nancy Mitford - The Pursuit of Love

Episode 2
 by Nancy Mitford. Fanny is anxious about meeting her beloved Aunt Emily's husband-to-be. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths and read by Diana Quick.
 Fanny Logan tells the story of her aristocratic cousins, the Radletts, and in particular Linda, who is beautiful and loves animals. Uncle Mathew hunts his children with bloodhounds (to the horror of respectable families in the local village) and keeps a blood-spattered trenching tool above the fireplace as a relic of his experiences in the First World War. The cousins spend much of their childhood in the airing cupboard - the only warm place in the enormous Alconleigh Hall - discussing love and sex. Beautifully observed and hilariously funny, the novel is also a fascinating hinterland account of the period leading to the Second World War and never pulls its punches in evoking the painful reality of the times.
 Reader...Diana Quick
 Abridger...Lauris Morgan-Griffiths
 Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.
TUE 14:15 Disability: A New History (b01sm70w)
 Miracle Cures
 Peter White draws on the latest research to reveal the lives of physically disabled people in the 18th and 19th centuries. In this second episode - the search for Miracle Cures.
 Peter says, 'Every so often in the street someone sees me with my white stick and comes up to me -and offers me my sight back. I'm usually quite rude to them, it depends what kind of day I'm having. But the idea of miracle cures runs very deep.' It goes back at least to the Middle Ages, to the earliest accounts we have of disability in Britain. Peter investigates the roots of the idea of the miracle cure, in conversation with medieval historian Irina Metzler. She reveals that having a child with a disability was thought to be the result of 'the wrong kind of sex' - and there were many 'wrong kinds', such as sex on Feast Days and in daylight.
 Thousands of people with illnesses and disabilities flocked to their local Cathedral, praying to the Saints for a cure. When that didn't work, they simply moved on to another cathedral. And the belief in miracles lasted at least until the 18th Century - we hear how the infant Samuel Johnson was taken to see Queen Anne, his mother hoping that the Royal touch would cure his skin disease. It didn't work, of course, but the great rationalist wore the amulet the Queen gave him all his life - hoping for a cure for his multiple disabilities. There's a triumph of hope over experience!
 With historians Irina Metzler and Judith Hawley and voices from the past brought vividly to life by actors Emily Bevan, Ewan Bailey and Gerard McDermott.
 Producer: Elizabeth Burke
 Academic adviser: David Turner, Swansea University
 A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 14:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jqm6)
 Episode 17
 As Jim stands accused of murder, desperate Mary goes to Liverpool in search of a witness. Stars Emma Rydal and Simon Trinder.
TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00wmbny)
 Richard Cohen - Chasing the Sun
 Episode 2
 "Once upon a time we thought that we were the centre of the universe and that even the sun revolved around us...
 Thousands of years later we know that our earliest, most basic idea about our place in the cosmos was false, and that that cosmos is vastly larger than we ever dreamed. We are mere specks..."
 Richard Cohen took eight years to write his account of the sun. The sun's biography, in fact. He looks at the myth, the legend, the science. Also the social context and how the sun figures in various art forms. And, will it be with us for ever? We have to hope so. His celebration of that gold disc in the sky is now caught in five episodes...
 2. How has the sun cast its influence in such diverse activities as warfare and holiday-making?
 Reader Allan Corduner.
TUE 15:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlnw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Tony Hawks, Simon Fanshawe, Steve Punt and Arthur Smith. From January 2000.
TUE 16:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jv2y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 HR (b01bm0p7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Gloombsbury (b040hzz1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007x08b)
 Sleight of Mind
 An electricity company official interrogates the museum attendant. But is he actually helping Oneira - or is he an alien? Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lindsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Sam Dale as Resistor, Gerard McDermott as Fulcanelli and Mark Straker as the Floor Manager.
 Producer: Liz Webb.
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.
TUE 18:30 Shah Rukh Khan's Heroes (b06rd13t)

Dhyan Chand
 Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan's celebrates his personal heroes with a tribute to Indian hockey legend Dhyan Chand.
 Producer: Ranjit Doal
 First broadcast on the BBC Asian Network in 2012.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Don't Start (b01n1qyz)
 Series 2
 The Bathroom
 Kim calls Neil into the bathroom for an impromptu debate about shaving, the Krankies and Phantom of the Opera - but to what end?
 What do long term partners really argue about? Sharp new comedy from Frank Skinner returns for a second series. Starring Frank Skinner and Katherine Parkinson.
 The first series of Don't Start met with instant critical and audience acclaim:
 "That he can deliver such a heavy premise for a series with such a lightness of touch is testament to his skills as a writer and, given that the protagonists are both bookworms, he's also permitted to use a flourish of fine words that would be lost in his stand-up routines". Jane Anderson, Radio Times
 "Writing and starring in the four-parter Don't Start (Radio 4) Frank Skinner gives full rein to his sharp but splenic comedy. He and his co-star Katherine Parkinson play a bickering couple exchanging acerbic ripostes in a cruelly precise dissection of a relationship". Daily Mail
 .. "a lesson in relationship ping-pong" ... Miranda Sawyer, The Observer
 Series 2 follows hard on its heels. Well observed, clever and funny, Don't Start is a scripted comedy with a deceptively simple premise - an argument. Each week, our couple fall out over another apparently trivial flashpoint - the Krankies, toenail trimming and semantics. Each week, the stakes mount as Neil and Kim battle with words. But these are no ordinary arguments. The two outdo each other with increasingly absurd images, unexpected literary references (the Old Testament, Jack Spratt and the first Mrs Rochester, to name a few) and razor sharp analysis of their beloved's weaknesses. Underneath the cutting wit, however, there is an unmistakable tenderness".
 Frank says:
 "Having established, in the first series, that Neil and Kim are a childless academic couple who, during their numerous arguments, luxuriate in their own, and each other's, learning and wit, I've tried, in the second series, to dig a little deeper into their relationship. Love and affection, occasionally splutter into view, like a Higgs boson in a big tunnel-thing, but can such emotions ever prevail in a relationship where the couple prefers to wear their brains, rather than their hearts, on their sleeves? Is that too much offal imagery?"
 Directed and Produced by Polly Thomas
 Executive Producer: Jon Thoday
 An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 22:45 The Music Teacher (b01h7512)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 Richie Webb returns as multi-instrumentalist music teacher Nigel Penny.
 Nigel finds himself losing pupils as a new music teacher who is able to get outstanding exam results starts working at the Arts Centre.
 Meanwhile Belinda is keen to put the new income stream to good use.
 Audio production by Matt Katz
 Directed by Nick Walker
 Written and produced by Richie Webb
 A Top Dog Production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06sfmqy)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tiff Stevenson chats to Lewis Schaffer.
TUE 23:00 Alice's Wonderland (b0118n82)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 A trip round Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms. It's a kingdom much like our own, and also nothing like it in the slightest.
 Stay a while and meet waifs and strays, wigshops and witches, murderous pensioners and squirrels of this delightful land as they go about their bizarre business.
 A sketch show written and performed by Alice Lowe.
 Also starring:
 Richard Glover
 Simon Greenall
 Rachel Stubbings
 Clare Thompson
 Marcia Warren

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

TUE 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00j0hq)

Here Comes Bod

Can Milford and Parker overcome Raamen Bod and find the Sofa of Time? Stars Mark Heap and Nick Frost. From November 2002.

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WED 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jvb6)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 3

At Stonegates, a murder has taken place in the Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents. Amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple assists the police with their inquiries.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocolld Peter Howell

Juliet Believer Paula Jacobs

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

WED 06:30 The Generalissimo (b007ggk)

Franco's Final Years

Miles Kington looks back at the Franco years of the 1960s and 70s and life after the death of the Spanish dictator. From August 2003.

WED 07:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvl)

Series 2

Ghosts and Ghoolies

Ricky Lenin decides to write a column in a tabloid newspaper, but ends up learning a few painful lessons about life, love, truth, and Gloria Hunniford.

More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers starring Alexei Sayle.

Ricky Lenin Alexei Sayle

Jeff Frankly John Sessions

Frank Lee Brian Kenneth Wolstenholme

Colonel Brace Cartwright Donald Hewlett

Stevie Stalin Andrew McLean

Terry Trotsky Phil Cornwell

Curvy Corinne Jacqueline Ashman

Announcer John Witly

Written by Marcus Berkman.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

WED 07:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)

Series 3

The Madman in the Attic

With Tom's Dad advocating some rather drastic "rationalizing", Tom realises that it might be time for him to have a clear-out himself.

Sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran, giving us a glimpse into his family background and the influences that have shaped his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in November 2015.

WED 08:00 The TV Lark (b01cws19)

The Potarnyland Election

Troutbridge TV hitches a lift aboard a destroyer to cover a far flung historic ballot.

After 4 series of 'The Navy Lark', the BBC decided the comedy crew needed a new setting, so where better than brand new independent station, Troutbridge TV?

However, after just 10 episodes, this proved to be only a temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troutbridge - as the crew were soon back aboard 'The Navy Lark'.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Floor Manager, Leslie Phillips as The Director, Stephen Murray as the Producer, Ronnie Barker as Fats Johnson (and Lt Samuel Pepys Washington Birt/Harold MacMillan and Commander Stanton) and Richard Caldycote as the Deputy Controller.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1963.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hc2)

Series 7

Episode 3

New town education - and Professor Prune's time travel adventure continues in Elizabethan England...

Starring:

Tim Brooke-Taylor

John Cleese

Graeme Garden

David Hatch

Jo Kendall

Bill Oddie

Sketches written by 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, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b06qzrp6)

1999

Heat 6

Ned Sherrin chairs the music quiz with Michael Eardley of Aylesbury, Bristol's Alexandra Denman and Harry Miller from Cardiff.

WED 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s3bcz)

Series 2

Salvatore's Apotheosis

Plethora decides it's time for son and heir Salvatore to be

ordained as a priest - by nonagenarian Father Ignazio.

Second series of the comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Comedy.

Written by Roger Danes.

Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora,

Graham Crowden as Francesco, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie,

Nicholas Grace as Lord Luton and Kim Wall as Father Ignazio.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 10:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlp4)

Episode 3

As the concert party hits rock bottom, will their manager and 'angel' Miss Trant pull the plug on them? Stars Jemma Churchill.

WED 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b00wlgmm)

Julia Blackburn - For the Love of a Child

Three Buzzing Boys

The last of three stories about relationships between adults and children, drawn from real-life. The stories are written and read by Julia Blackburn, whose most recent book 'The Three Of Us' has won the 2009 Pen/Ackerley prize for memoir and autobiography. The stories have Julia's mesmerising delicacy of touch in the way they describe human relationships and her capacity to find the best in people while encompassing their frailty.

3. Three Buzzing Boys

When Julia meets Dominique she is reminded of naturalist

Gilbert White's account of a young boy in the village of Selbourne. The boy sleeps by the hearth during the winter and wakes in the spring, going from hive to hive, eating honey,

keeping live bees under his shirt, and buzzing with strange contentment.

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

Music: Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire by Eric Satie.

WED 11:15 Steve Chambers - Victoria Station (b06qzsq2)

Tunnel Vision

Wednesday January 11th 1895. Something sinister lurks in the tunnel damaged by the recent derailment at Victoria station in Bridgford.

Nottingham born author Steve Chambers' 5-part set in Victoria Station, Bridgford in 1895 each with a self-contained drama , as well as the day-to-day shenanigans and goings on of the station staff.

Stars Sean Baker as Station Master Joe Braddock, Philip Jackson as Tidmarsh, John Hartley as Union activist Fred Roberts, Gavin Muir as Area Manager Mr Cripps, Julia Ford as Jossie and Pauline Letts as Ada.

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995 and set a

century before.

WED 12:00 The TV Lark (b01cws19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hc2)

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WED 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jvb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Generalissimo (b0076gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b018flpp)

Nancy Mitford - The Pursuit of Love

Episode 3

by Nancy Mitford. Aunt Sadie needs to find some young men to invite to Louisa's ball. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths and read by Diana Quick.

Fanny Logan tells the story of her beloved aristocratic cousins, the Radletts, and in particular Linda, who is beautiful and loves animals. Uncle Mathew hunts his children with bloodhounds (to the horror of respectable families in the local village) and keeps a blood-spattered trenching tool above the fireplace as a relic of his experiences in the First World War. The cousins spend much of their childhood in the airing cupboard - the only warm place in the enormous Alconleigh Hall - discussing love and sex. Beautifully observed and hilariously funny, the novel is also a fascinating hinterland account of the period leading to the Second World War and never pulls its punches in evoking the painful reality of the times.

Reader...Diana Quick

Abrider...Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.

WED 14:15 Disability: A New History (b01smkq3)

Freaks and Entrepreneurs

Peter White draws on the latest research to reveal the lives of physically disabled people in the 18th and 19th centuries. In this third episode, he challenges our modern ideas of freaks and freak shows.

Many disabled people who exhibited themselves in the 18th century were in fact wealthy entrepreneurs. Historians now argue that they were in charge of their own careers, and they challenged society's expectations of what disabled people could achieve.

Case studies include the artist Matthew Buchinger, who was born without arms or legs but became a performer to Royalty and a symbol of virility in the 18th century. Peter also discovers that 18th century dwarves could be delivered to your door in a box - if you were wealthy enough to pay for a private view. With historians David Turner, Judith Hawley and Naomi Baker and voices from the past brought to life by actors Gerard McDermott, Ewan Bailey and Emily Bevan.

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

Academic adviser: David Turner of Swansea University

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jqm)

Episode 18

Jem's defence has little chance of success without an alibi, and Mary is lost in Liverpool. Stars Emma Rydal and Roy Hudd.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00wmngc)

Richard Cohen - Chasing the Sun

Episode 3

"Once upon a time we thought that we were the centre of the universe and that even the sun revolved around us..."

Thousands of years later we know that our earliest, most basic idea about our place in the cosmos was false, and that that cosmos is vastly larger than we ever dreamed. We are mere specks..."

Richard Cohen took eight years to write his account of the sun. The sun's biography, in fact. He looks at the myth, the legend, the science. Also the social context and how the sun figures in various art forms. And, will it be with us for ever? We have to hope so. His celebration of that gold disc in the sky is now caught in five episodes...

3. The author journeys across the world to witness the most dramatic of eclipses...

Reader Allan Corduner.

WED 15:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b007jlp4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b06qzrp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s3bcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k26v)

A String of Time

As her quest to learn the secrets of the Universe continues, museum attendant Oneira ends up in the Texan Desert with a dead American comic - and a 13th century Friar.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Chas Early as Bill Hicks, Jon Glover as Roger Bacon and Christine Kavanagh as Clock/Alien.

Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076wzf)

Crime Sells

Victoria Coren discusses the morality of crime writing with

Will Self, Martin Short and Maxim Jakubowski. From February 2006.

WED 19:00 The TV Lark (b01cws19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b010hcq2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Miss Marple (b007jvb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 The Generalissimo (b0076gk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Afternoon Reading (b00wlgmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Steve Chambers - Victoria Station (b06qzsq2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01dht2y)

Series 1

Egypt

Tim Key is on a cultural pilgrimage to Cairo, as he grapples with the meaning of 'Egypt'.

Tom Basden plays guitar, while wearing a fez.

Written and presented by Tim Key

With Tom Basden

Producer: James Robinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio in March 2012.

WED 22:45 Ears of the Court (b00rfhpt)

The Ides of March

The night of Lloydie's much-publicised toga party is fast approaching. But can Johnno raise his game in time, and play the crucial role in the Ides of March sketch?

Comedy drama series by Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright about two Australians down on their luck in London.

Lloydie Stewart Wright

Johnno Will Adamsdale

Woman 1 Alison Pettitt

Woman 2 Keely Beresford

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

WED 23:00 Beauty of Britain (b010ogpp)

Series 2

Citroen UXB

No professional care-worker can afford to miss Beauty Olonga's survival guide to Britain – with overheated houses, disappointing church services and world-class charity shops.

Series 2 sees Beauty sent by the Featherdown Agency to provide care for those who need it - and some who don't, but all of whom have relatives with guilty consciences.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain – a land of opportunities.

The professional classes are off sick through binge drinking and the rest too lazy to get off the couch to answer the pizza delivery man.

The series breaks the embarrassed silence about what happens to us when we get old and start to lose our faculties. It's a chaotic, tragic-comedy, from Beauty's point of view, whose Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. Beauty is sent to look after Sarah, who lives with both her mother and daughter. A perfect, happy modern family, like the kind Beauty has seen in feel-good British movies. With her own family being very demanding, it is understandable when Beauty begins to get too close.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Joyce ... Julia McKenzie

Sarah ... Jenny Agutter

Lucy ... Catherine Shepherd

Sally ... Felicity Montagu

Karen ... Nicola Sanderson

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

WED 23:30 Revolting People (b008kmv2)

Series 3

Secrets and Lies

War is now only two days away. Or three if wet.

Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

McGurk Andy Hamilton

Samuel Jay Tarses

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Joshua Tony Maudsley

Mary Jan Ravens

Joshua Tony Maudsley

Ezekiel Hugh Dennis

Cora Penelope Cora

Stan Philip Pope

Elizabeth Rebecca Front

Agnes Selina Griffiths

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbc)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 4

Someone is systematically trying to poison Miss Marple's old friend, Carrie Louise.

But who - and why?

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Emynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

THU 06:30 A Dinosaur Called Sue (b00vv0ds)

Sue stands 13 feet high at the hips and 42 feet long from head to tail. Her weight is 7 tons, and her skull alone weighs 600 pounds. Her teeth are 7 1/2 to 12 inches long.

Sue MacGregor's fascination with the story of Sue, the T Rex began a few years ago when she visited the Field Museum in Chicago, and came face to face with her namesake. In this programme, she recalls the drama of her discovery, her eventual sale for \$87 Million and the custody battles that raged around her.

In the summer of 1990, fossil-hunter Sue Hendrickson was in South Dakota, working for the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research. Whilst waiting for a flat tyre to be replaced, she stumbled across the fossils of what would be the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus rex yet discovered. Sue - as the dinosaur was nicknamed - soon sparked an ownership debate that continued for five years, and that meant Sue was not unveiled to public exhibition for an entire decade.

The story of the Sue debate began when Maurice Williams, a private rancher in the South Dakota region, invited Peter Larson, the president of a commercial geology company, onto his property to look for fossils. It was on this land that Sue was found. Larson claimed to have bought Sue with a \$5,000 cheque - but Williams denied that he reached any sort of agreement with Larson over the sale of the dinosaur.

Further complicating the debate was the fact that Sue was discovered within the boundary of a Sioux Indian reservation and Maurice Williams' land, like that of many American Indians, was held in trust by the US government.

In 1992, the government stepped into the argument with a search warrant. National Guardsmen and FBI agents raided the Black Hills Institute, removing Sue and many other specimens and documents.

Producer: David Prest

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03ntlsw)

Series 3

Episode 3

Visitors are expected in Wadenbrook, and a revelation is long overdue.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

As is well-known: Yorkshiremen wear flat caps and Essex girls wear short skirts; Liverpudlians are scallies and Cockneys are wideboys. Northamptonians gaze wistfully at these stereotypes and wish for an identity of any kind and a label less ridiculous than Northamptonians. Northamptonshire, let us be clear, is neither north, nor south nor in the Midlands. It floats somewhere between the three eyeing up the distinctiveness of each enviously.

Katherine Jakeways gives Northamptonshire an identity. And she waits, eagerly, for her home-county to thank her. And possibly make her some kind of Mayor.

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Rod Tim Key

Frank Rufus Wright

Mary Penelope Wilton

Jonathan Kevin Eldon

Esther Katherine Jakeways

Keith John Biggins

Norman Geoffrey Palmer

Orson Nathaniel Parker

Jan Felicity Montagu

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

THU 07:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01rl1y3)

Series 2

With Matt Lucas and Liane Carroll

Comedy show hosted by Alex Horne and his five piece band and specially written, original music.

This episode explores the theme of the Four Seasons.

Guest starring Matt Lucas who performs some songs with the band - and jazz singer Liane Carroll who Alex conducts with the aid of a ping pong ball.

Alex's Horne Section are:

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland

Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier

Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds

Piano/keyboard Ed Sheldrake

Producer: Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)

Series 4

The Lodger

Albert and Harold Steptoe argue over their lack of cash.

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

With William Eadie.

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

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

THU 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

Series 3

Episode 4

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel edits a newspaper in Chicago.

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.

Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli. With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.

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 August 1992.

THU 09:00 Booked (b00751q5)

Series 2

Episode 3

Mrs Danvers sneaks into the plot of Noel Coward's Private Lives. The Pilgrim's Progress is re-worked to include a brush with Michael Palin and assorted other media moguls.

Literary havoc from Dillie Keane, Miles Kington, Roger McGough and Mark Thomas..

Irreverent literary game chaired by Ian McMillan.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.

THU 09:30 Be Prepared (b00761p6)

St George's Day

Miles battles to hold his own scout parade, but a dead dog and an OAP spark unexpected trouble.

Recently separated from his wife and with a teenage son, Miles Rummings continues with his dream of running a scout troop. Stars Kim Wall as Miles, Emma Amos as Dawn, Barnaby Power as Steve, Louis Dunsford as Jason, Dave Lamb as Garth and Peter Marinker as Eric.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

THU 10:00 Hugh Walpole - Rogue Herries (b007k1mf)

1. Wilderness

In 1730, drawn by a wild romantic impulse, Francis Herries moves his family to a tumbledown ancestral house called 'Herries', ringed by the Cumberland fells.

Stars Gavin Muir, Mark Bonnar and Janet Maw.

Hugh Walpole's historical novel, first published in 1930.

Dramatised in four parts by Eric Pringle.

Francis Gavin Muir

David ... Mark Bonnar

Margaret ... Janet Maw

Deborah ... Jane Whittenshaw

Alice Press ... Jane Slavin

Pomfret ... Stephen Thorne
 Jannice Shirley Dixon
 Father RoacheHugh Dickson
 Statesman PeelGerard McDermott
 The PedlarIoan Meredith
 BenjaminChris Pavlo
 Young DeborahKatie Clarke
 Young DavidGeorge Maguire
 Others parts by Joseph Head, Robert Harper, Alex Lowe,
 Alison Pettitt and Christopher Scott
 Director David Blount
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1997.
THU 11:00 Kenneth Cranham on the Water (b01b1lv6)
 Eel Pie Island
 Written by Mark Burgess.
 Today's story - Eel Pie Island by Mark Burgess - is set in the
 Summer of 1964 and recalls the heady days when Eel Pie
 Island, in the middle of the Thames near Richmond, was a
 favoured venue for rhythm & blues and rock bands. The Who,
 Rod Stewart, David Bowie and the Rolling Stones all played
 there.
 It's a monologue - and a love story - in which a man in his 60's,
 embracing retirement, remembers his teenage years as a
 resident of Eel Pie Island and a particular, magical summer, in
 which everything fell into place.
 A series of specially commissioned tales inspired by rivers and
 boats.
 Producer: David Blount
 A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 11:15 Martyn Wade - Hermit Lucas (b007jx32)
 Staying at home for 25 years, the strange tale of celebrated
 Victorian recluse James Lucas. Stars Anton Lesser and Conleth
 Hill. From May 2004.
THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
**THU 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and
 Flywheel (b008g2b9)**
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 A Dinosaur Called Sue (b00vv0ds)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b018fmrp)
 Nancy Mitford - The Pursuit of Love
 Episode 4
 by Nancy Mitford. Linda falls in love, to the dismay of her
 family. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths and read by
 Diana Quirk.
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 painful reality of the times.
 Reader...Diana Quirk
 Abridger...Lauris Morgan-Griffiths
 Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.
THU 14:15 Disability: A New History (b01snjq4)
 Beauty and Deformity
 Peter White draws on the latest research to reveal the lives of
 physically disabled people in the 18th and 19th centuries.
 Today, he explores ideas of beauty and deformity which had a
 real impact on the lives of people with disabilities.
 In the 18th century, you could be transformed from beautiful to
 'deformed' overnight. We hear the first-hand account of one
 woman who suffered this transformation - the writer Lady
 Mary Wortley Montagu, a society beauty who caught smallpox
 when she was 26: 'How am I changed! Where's my complexion,
 where the bloom that promised happiness for years to come?'
 Mourning loss of beauty was not just natural human vanity,
 because beauty was thought of as a moral quality, not just skin-
 deep - and ugliness was deeply shameful. The belief was that
 outward deformity revealed inner wickedness.
 Peter explores how this idea changed under the impact of a
 greater scientific understanding of the world. But surprisingly,
 science did not encourage more tolerance - in fact, it led to a
 much narrower definition of what was "normal". He also
 discovers that disability was thought to be contagious in the
 18th century, and that all women were believed to be deformed
 because the ideal body was male.
 With historians Naomi Baker and Judith Hawley, and historical
 sources including manuals for parents to correct the appearance
 of their children as well as 18th century doctors' advertisements.
 Voices from the past are brought vividly to life, with actors
 Emily Bevan, Ewan Bailey and Gerard McDermott.
 Producer: Elizabeth Burke
 Academic adviser: David Turner of Swansea University
 A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b0080514)
 Episode 19
 Jem's mother is forced to give evidence against him at his trial,
 and there is no sign of a crucial witness. Stars Emma Rydal.
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 4. Throughout the ages artists have caught the sun on canvas
 with astonishing results...
 Reader Allan Corduner.
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THU 16:00 Booked (b0075lq5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Be Prepared (b0076t6p)
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THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03nt1sw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
**THU 17:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section
 (b01rl1y3)**
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k284)
 The Thing With Two Cappuccinos
 When museum attendant Oneira forgets to pay for her coffee,
 she's chased by a multiplying hoard of waitresses...
 Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as
 Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Bethan Walker as Tannoy,
 Sam Dale as Phil and Anna Wing as the Barista.
 Producer: Liz Webb.
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076v8f)
 Series 8
 Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
 4 Extra Debut. Howard Goodall chooses the pioneering 19th-
 century black composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. With
 Francine Stock. From October 2005.
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 (b01rl1y3)**
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THU 22:30 Two Episodes of Mash (b01mdl9r)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Diane Morgan and Joe Wilkinson discover they don't actually
 have a radio series at all.
 A mix of silly, surreal sketches and banter.
 The series features an absurd narrative, making fun of its new
 home at BBC Radio 4, after starting life on BBC Radio 2.
 With:
 David O'Doherty
 Paul Harry Allen
 Peter Donaldson
 Ken Bruce
 Bobbie Pryor
 Gary Newman
 You can also see an animation of one sketch via the BBC Radio
 4 Extra website - it's a fishy tale.
 Animation: Tom Rourke.
 Producer: Clair Wordsworth
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06sfqrt)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tiff Stevenson chats to
 Lewis Schaffer.
THU 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00ngz6q)
 Series 3
 A Lovely Life Re-Kipperped Again Once More
 Pip Bin's happiness is shattered once again.
 Fog-filled streets, murders, and apparitions abound, and through
 it all echoes the terrible, menacing coo of a possessed evil
 pigeon.
 The return of Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy pastiche in
 the style of Charles Dickens.
 Sir Philip.....Richard Johnson
 Young Pip.....Tom Allen
 Gently Benevolent.....Anthony Head
 Harry Biscuit.....James Bachman
 Dr WackwallopGeoffrey Whitehead
 Ripely Fecund.....Sarah Hadland
 Pippa.....Susy Kane
 Other partsMark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
THU 23:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbcz)
 More Brothers Faversham
 Perceus and Lucius Faversham
 The comedy trio's swashbuckling tale of Victorian Britain's
 great twin industrialists, Perceus and Lucius. From October
 2008.

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 They Do It With Mirrors
 Episode 5
 A chance observation by one of the family gives amateur
 detective, Miss Marple a key to try and solve the mystery.
 The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June
 Whitfield
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Carrie Louise Ursula Howells
 Inspector Curry Keith Barron
 Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey
 Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne
 Alexis Restarick Nick Waring
 Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas
 Lewis Serrocolod Peter Howell
 Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon
 Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott
 Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Director: Emyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
**FRI 06:30 R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - The Art of Backing Vocals
 (b00kgfcl)**
 Nick Barraclough pushes aside the lead singer and delves into
 the world of the backing singer.
 With the help of musicians, composers, and vocalists, he draws
 a straight line from the medieval canon to 50s doo-wop,
 celebrating the innovations of The Beatles and the multi-tracked
 world, inhabited by the likes of Joni Mitchell, along the way.
 Producer: John Leonard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.
FRI 07:00 Winston (b007rdrz)
 Winston Comes to Town
 Repeat After Me
 A mystery letter sparks a family surprise thanks to William -
 and a decision is taken over the fate of Father...
 Peter Timmiswood's bawdy comedy serial.
 Winston Bill Wallis
 Father Maurice Denham
 Nancy Shirley Dixon
 Rosie Liz Goulding
 William Christian Rodska
 Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 1990.
FRI 07:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b06gh4vz)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Discover what vogueish new venture Huxley and Gulliver have
 got themselves wrapped up in, meet the busiest ladies in town
 and, direct from Paris, a rare appearance by The Centipede
 Sisters.
 A fun packed second series from comedy duo Lucy Trodd and
 Ruth Bratt. Sketches and songs from a whole range of fresh
 characters, with the occasional appearance from some old
 favourites.
 Performers:
 Lucy Trodd
 Ruth Bratt
 Adam Meggido
 Oliver Senton

Written by: Ruth Bratt and Lucy Trodd

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Original music: Duncan Walsh Atkins

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

Series 5

The Junk Man

Griselda's plan to clear out The Lad's house backfires spectacularly.

Starring 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 May 1958.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)

Series 6

Shangri-La Again

Neddie Seagoon escapes an invasion and finds Utopia.

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 November 1955.

FRI 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b06r022t)

Series 4

Episode 3

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Armando Iannucci, Jon Holmes and Peter Serafinowicz.

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

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

FRI 09:30 Mind Your Own Business! (b009hshb)

A Moving Experience

With talk of relocating his company, tycoon Jimmy fancies life as a country gent. Stars Bernard Cribbins. From December 1987.

FRI 10:00 Hugh Walpole - Rogue Herries (b007k1nq)

2. Forty-Five

Francis encounters Mirabell again and his fate is sealed.

Meanwhile, the rebels are at the gates of Carlisle.

Stars Gavin Muir, Mark Bonnar and Jane Whittenshaw.

Hugh Walpole's historical novel dramatised by Eric Pringle.

Francis ... Gavin Muir

David ... Mark Bonnar

Deborah ... Jane Whittenshaw

Margaret ... Janet Maw

Mirabell ... Deborah Berlin

Roche ... Hugh Dickson

Cumberlege ... Gordon Reid

Hetty ... Alison Pettitt

Other parts played by:

Shirley Dixon

Robert Harper

Carolyn Jones

Alex Lowe

Gerard McDermott

Ioan Meredith

Chris Pavlo

Stephen Thorne

Director David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

FRI 11:00 Kenneth Cranham on the Water (b01b8zw5)

Broad Reach, by Roy Apps

Written by Roy Apps.

Today's story - Broad Reach by Roy Apps - is the second in a series of specially commissioned stories which take boats and boating as their theme.

Nick has lost both legs in a car crash - and all his confidence as well. With the help of Jamie, his son, he starts sailing again - and manages to get the better of a pompous Yacht Club Commodore into the bargain....

A series of specially commissioned tales inspired by rivers and boats.

Producer: David Blount

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:15 Drama (b0107rs)

Peter Souter - That's Mine, This Is Yours

That's Mine, This is Yours

by Peter Souter

Juliet Tamsin Greig

Sam Alex Jennings

Amanda Eleanor Butters

Directed by Gordon House

Alex Jennings, who starred in Peter Souter's award-winning 'Goldfish Girl', plays Sam, and Tamsin Greig (star of 'Episodes', 'Love Soup' - and, of course known to R4 listeners as Debbie in 'The Archers') plays Juliet. The director is the former Head of Radio Drama, Gordon House.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - The Art of Backing Vocals (b00kgfcl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b018f1lm)

Nancy Mitford - The Pursuit of Love

Episode 5

By Nancy Mitford. Linda's marriage does not turn out as she'd hoped. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths and read by Diana Quick.

Fanny Logan tells the story of her beloved aristocratic cousins, the Radletts, and in particular Linda, who is beautiful and loves animals. Uncle Mathew hunts his children with bloodhounds (to the horror of respectable families in the local village) and keeps a blood-spattered entrenching tool above the fireplace as a relic of his experiences in the First World War. The cousins spend much of their childhood in the airing cupboard - the only warm place in the enormous Alconleigh Hall - discussing love and sex. Beautifully observed and hilariously funny, the novel is also a fascinating hinterland account of the period leading to the Second World War and never pulls its punches in evoking the painful reality of the times.

Reader...Diana Quick

Abridger...Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.

FRI 14:15 Disability: A New History (b01snxyf)

Finding a Voice

Peter White draws on the latest research to reveal the lives of physically disabled people in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today - Finding a Voice: Peter discovers William Hay, an 18th-century MP born with spinal curvature who has left us a remarkably revealing account of his life.

Peter comments, 'This series has been full of surprises for me - surprises even after making programmes about disability for 30 years. But perhaps this discovery has been for me the most startling. It's a book which very few people know about, and even fewer have read - a personal exploration of what it's like to be disabled in the 18th century. It's full of insights we like to think of as modern.'

In his book 'On Deformity', William Hay describes his life as a disabled MP, in Parliament and on the streets. He reveals the daily humiliation of being a man of restricted growth and his fear of rowdy crowds. But he also proudly challenges the conventional thinking of the time that his disability makes him ill. He gives advice to other men in his situation about which careers they should follow. And he excels at self-deprecating humour - sometimes, he confesses, he feels like 'a Worm'. Hay's essay is seen by historians as ground-breaking - because in William Hay, disability had for the first time found a voice. But Hay is a challenging role model for modern disability activists.

With historians David Turner, Naomi Baker, Tim Hitchcock and Chris Mounsey and readings by Jonathan Keeble.

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

Academic adviser: David Turner of Swansea University

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mary Barton (b007jqng)

Episode 20

After the verdict at his murder trial, Jem's thoughts turn to his childhood sweetheart. Stars Emma Rydal and David Calder.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00wmnpy)

Richard Cohen - Chasing the Sun

Episode 5

"Once upon a time we thought that we were the centre of the universe and that even the sun revolved around us... Thousands of years later we know that our earliest, most basic idea about our place in the cosmos was false, and that that cosmos is vastly larger than we ever dreamed. We are mere specks..."

Richard Cohen took eight years to write his account of the sun. The sun's biography, in fact. He looks at the myth, the legend, the science. Also the social context and how the sun figures in various art forms. And, will it be with us for ever? We have to hope so. His celebration of that gold disc in the sky is now caught in five episodes...

5. How long will the sun shine? And time for the autor to seek the perfect sunset...

Reader Allan Corduner.

FRI 15:00 Hugh Walpole - Rogue Herries (b007k1nq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 99p Challenge (b06r022t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Mind Your Own Business! (b009hshb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Winston (b007rdrz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b06qh4vz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Robert Easby - Oneira (b007k29f)

Mind the Gap

Battling to complete her epic surreal quest, Oneira literally ends up talking to herself - and finds her other self very rude.

Robert Easby's sci-fi comedy serial stars Lyndsey Marshal as Oneira, Peter Marinker as Nicholai, Joseph Kloska as Pete, Gerard McDermott as Elias and Saikat Ahamed as the Courier. Producer: Liz Webb.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0076bdb)

Series 3

Barber's Adagio for Strings

Conductor Leonard Slatkin reflects on the potent impact of the adagio that became America's 'national funeral music'. From November 2002.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - The Art of Backing Vocals (b00kgfcl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Kenneth Cranham on the Water (b01b8zw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Drama (b0107rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b06qh4vz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Absolute Power (b007wr7h)

Series 2

Episode 6

Charles Prentiss is challenged by a PR rival to wheeze the unweeizable. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From March 2001.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b06c39pg)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Joseph Morpurgo.

FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b01mpb83)

Series 3

Rubbish; Jesus Shaves

The multi-award winning American essayist brings more of his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 with the final edition in a series of audience readings. This week moving to the British countryside has its downsides exposed in "Rubbish" and the eye-opening experience of learning French at a Paris language school is considered in "Jesus Shaves".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boom Pictures Cymru production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Shappi Talk (b00wr9q6)

Series 2

Divorce and the Single Mother

Shappi Khorsandi uses her own personal experience by taking an acerbic look at what it's like to go through divorce and to become an unexpected single mother. She reveals the challenges and comic consequences of becoming divorced and what it's like raising a young child.

Armed with this experience, Shappi also has a light-hearted chat with model and fellow single mother Jerry Hall, where they find time to compare fascinating notes!

Australian comedian Celia Pacquola provides some additional laughs giving her perspective on the subject and there'll be a themed song from Duncan Oakley.

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.