

SATURDAY 02 JANUARY 2016

SAT 00:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nmjxb)
Voices

"I reached the door and ran outside, but the voices would not leave me..."

Andrew witnesses a mysterious ceremony in a former church and meets with his friend's widow.

Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

SAT 00:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xchr6)

Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell

Episode 5

By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives. And a relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.

The scene - an isolated cottage on the coast on a stormy evening. Inside, Alec a recently bereaved widower and his dog. To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.

Episode 5:

Whilst Alec waits for Winterton to call, he decides to return to the British Library for the first time since Mary's death. But a terrible shock awaits him.

Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0076pwp)

Series 3

Somewhere

A hit from West Side Story, that yearns for a better world, has come to have special significance for many - from Mary Wilson of the Supremes who found it a fitting tribute to Martin Luther King, to the mother who sings it at the end of long frustrating days with her beloved autistic son.

Plus, Stephen Sondheim and his daughter discuss writing the lyric and the relatively bad critical response to it. Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Taking part:

Mary Dhonau

Peter Dhonau

Nina Bernstein

Humphrey Burton

Stephen Sondheim

Steve Nallon

Clive Snelling

Adrienne Snelling

Graham Clarke

Mary Wilson

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

SAT 01:00 Kipling in Love (b06sx9sy)

In the Pride of His Youth

London, 1880: Marrying Bella dashes Dicky's dream of a career in India. What can he do when offered a post? Stars Samuel West.

SAT 01:30 The Marx Brothers in Britain (b00sp198)

Author and historian Glenn Mitchell profiles the fascinating visits to Britain of legendary comedy team The Marx Brothers. The Marx Brothers: Groucho, Harpo, Chico and (for a while) Zeppo, inspired a generation of comedians, not least in Britain via The Goon Show and, by extension, Monty Python's Flying Circus. Although Britons knew the Marxes essentially from their American films, they worked in the UK on several remarkable occasions, the first of which pre-dates their movie career.

Featuring actor Michael Roberts, famous for playing Groucho on the UK radio series *Flywheel*, Shyster and *Flywheel* and using archive and new contributions from people that met and worked with them this programme recreates and explores the eventful visits of the brothers.

Beginning with their first in 1922, with an ensemble that included future 'boop-oop-a-doop' girl Helen Kane, the opening night at the London Coliseum saw them the target of flying pennies. With the act not working they reverted to an earlier sketch, moving to the Alhambra for the third week prior to appearances in Bristol and Manchester where elsewhere on the bill was a young Sandy Powell.

By the time of their next visit, in 1931, the Marxes had gone from vaudeville to being the biggest attraction in Broadway musical-comedy. Two of their shows had been filmed - *The Cocoanuts* and *Animal Crackers* - and had done sufficient business in the UK for impresario C.B. Cochran to invite them to star at the Palace, London.

Audiences were thrilled and the Marxes enjoyed their second stay in London, even when Harpo and Chico, drawn into a protracted card game in an unheated flat, found themselves burning the furniture to keep warm! The journey back saw Groucho and family strip-searched at US Customs when Groucho put down his occupation as 'smuggler'.

In 1947, Chico accepted a solo engagement at the London

Casino. He returned to Britain in January 1949 for an extensive variety tour, joined briefly by Harpo for a four-week engagement at the London Palladium in June. In a dockside interview - to be heard in the programme - Chico is asked about the Italian accent he used when in character and claims that, after seeing what they'd done to Mussolini, he'd become Greek! Chico's final UK visit was in 1959 for two BBC appearances, one of which, *Showtime* hosted by David Nixon.

There will also be interview material from Groucho's various trips to Great Britain between 1954 and 1971. Some of his activities were professional - such as a British TV version of his quiz show *You Bet Your Life* - while others were purely social, notably his celebrated meeting with T.S. Eliot. Contributors include actor Ron Moody, Theatre historian Chris Woodward and Marxist fan Peter Dixon.

SAT 02:00 Sir Peter Shaffer - Amadeus (b00sjr7d)

Episode 5

Salieri is seething when Mozart writes an Italian opera, so he plots to stop it. Read by F Murray Abraham.

SAT 02:15 The History of the Future (b01lmkgzw)

Leonardo da Vinci

Juliet Gardiner continues her *History of the Future* with a look at the designs of Renaissance Man Leonardo da Vinci. Juliet views his designs for warfare which seem to prefigure the modern tank and helicopter, and tries to understand how the culture of 15th century Florence with its political and religious turmoil as well as artistic flowering spoke to Leonardo's vision of the future. Many of Leonardo's inventions were astonishingly ahead of their time, but he is also a man firmly of his time, a time in which God, and the Revelation of the judgement of the Apocalypse depicted on the roof of the Baptistery would determine the end times for all. Juliet speaks to Evelyn Welch and Martin Kemp.

Produced by Victoria Shepherd

A Juniper Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyc)

Episode 15

Becky is delighted to be presented at court, but Rawdon is not happy. With Stephen Fry, Emma Fielding and Stephen Wyatt.

SAT 02:45 Someone Like Me by Miles Kington (b00dpspz)

Episode 5

A shock at the age of 18 from his sausage-loving father...

Broadcaster, writer and musician, Miles Kington continues his account of an endearing eccentric childhood.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005

SAT 03:00 Mystery Theater (b06sxbwk)

Sorry, Wrong Number: Agnes Moorehead

1943: Agnes Moorehead stars as the neurotic, bedridden Mrs Elbert Stevenson who overhears a murder being plotted via crossed phone wires.

It proved so popular that between 1947 and 1960, Moorehead freshly performed her "one-woman show" on CBS radio eight times, including versions for the East and West coasts - and always used her original script. However, the lead role in the 1948 movie version of *Sorry, Wrong Number* went to Barbara Stanwyck.

The film roles of Hollywood actress Agnes Moorehead (1900-1974) included *Citizen Kane*, *The Magnificent Ambersons* and *Show Boat*. She also starred as Endora in the long-running US TV sitcom 'Bewitched' for ABC.

Written by Lucille Fletcher, the May 25th 1943 broadcast of *Sorry, Wrong Number* was deemed to be "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the American Library of Congress and chosen for the National Recording Preservation Board. Orson Welles once called it "the single greatest radio script ever written."

Sound-effects by Bernie Surrey.

Producer: William Spier

Moorehead was a regular performer in CBS Radio's *Suspense* series which ran in the USA from 1942 to 1962.

4 Extra's MYSTERY THEATER showcases American radio's golden years of the 1940s and 50s, when many of Hollywood's greatest screen stars were regular performers, often re-enacting film roles.

SAT 03:25 Agatha Christie - Speaking Her Own Words (b0613wh4)

Unambitious

Excerpts from the Queen of the Crime's personal tapes dictating her autobiography for her typist - before she made any amendments for publication.

Completed in 1965, the book was first published in the UK in 1977, the year after her death.

Introduced by Agatha Christie's grandson, Mathew Prichard who discovered her tapes.

Producer: Peter Reed.

SAT 03:30 Hercule Poirot (b007ytww)

Murder on the Orient Express

Episode 5

Time is against Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot as he battles to unmask the murderer aboard the Orient Express.

John Moffatt stars as Hercule Poirot in the conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Princess Dragmiroff Sian Phillips

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Siiriol Jenkins

Colonel Arbuthnot Stephen Hodson

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

MacQueen James Telfer

Fraulein Schmidt Linda Polan

Music composed and played by Michael Haslam

From the book published in 1934 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

SAT 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b01d0qth)

Series 2

University of East Anglia

Coming this week from the University of East Anglia, "The 3rd Degree" is a funny, lively and dynamic 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, cafes 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.

SAT 04:30 Mind Your Own Business! (b009xyw7)

The Premature Berth

Head of finance Russell Farrow insists on the strictest economy. So tycoon Jimmy Bright must keep quiet about the firm's £2,000,000 yacht.

But you can't keep anything quiet with Mum around...

Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton star in Andrew Palmer's sitcom

Jimmy Bright Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes Annette Crosbie

Sue Plant Annee Blott

Griselda Bright Patricia Hayes

Written by Andrew Palmer.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1988.

SAT 05:00 1834 (b01137b8)

What Century Are You Living In?

Jason Slater is a 21st-century English teacher from Cheadle Hulme who wakes in 19th-century Macclesfield.

In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight, Jason discovers he's now Tarquin, third son of Lord Belport with a faithful valet, Ned who can't explain what's happened. He's also acquired a suspicious brother, Henry; a spurned ex-girlfriend, Millicent, now going out with Henry; and an over excited Luddite-cum-cauliflower farmer.

Jason Slater Michael Begley

Ned Joe Caffrey

Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belport Mark Chatterton

Henry James Nickerson

Luddite Toby Hadoke

Millicent Julia Rounthwaite

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

SAT 05:30 Stop/Start (b01jhjsh)

by Jack Docherty

A new sitcom about love, marriage and putting up with each other. *Stop/Start* follows three couples as they do their best to get on with their lives. When things get tricky, the characters are able to stop the action, explain themselves to the audience and start it all up again.

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Fiona Fiona Allen

David Charlie Higson

Evan Steve Edge

Alice Katherine Parkinson

Producer Steven Canny

Jack Docherty

Jack has a fantastic record of making stand-out comedy. He

first performed at the 1980 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the comedy sketch group The Bodgers and went on to write for radio and television including: Spitting Image, Alas Smith and Jones, Vic Reeves Big Night Out, Absolutely, The Lenny Henry Show, Max Headroom, Weekending, The News Huddlines and a ton of other things.

He has also made guest appearances in The Comic Strip Presents, Sardines, Atletico Partick, The Morwenna Banks Show, Monarch of the Glen, Welcome to Strathmuir, Red Dwarf V and The Old Guys. He has also featured in the Radio 4 comedies Baggage and Mordrin MacDonald - 21st Century Wizard and has appeared on various comedy panel shows including Have I Got News For You and It's Only TV But I Like It.

SAT 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b007rd7r)

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
When Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot retires to the country to grow vegetable marrows, he soon discovers that someone has planted the seeds of treachery... and of murder.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

First published in 1926, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd was dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Dr Sheppard John Woodvine

Roger Ackroyd Laurence Payne

Raymond Peter Gilmore

Parker the Butler Deryck Guyler

Caroline Diana Olsson

Miss Russell Eva Stuart

Ralph Paton Paul Sirr

Flora Zelah Clarke

Mrs Ackroyd Joan Matheson

Kent Peter Craze

Blunt David Goodland

Inspector Raglan Richard Tate

Inspector Davis Simon Cuff

Ursula Karen Archer

Eammond Alan Dudley

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

SAT 07:30 Marguerite Patten's Century of British Cooking (b0075p39)

Eating Abroad - 1960 to 1969

Escargot, prawn cocktail, cheese fondue, coq au vin, shish kebab, yam and potato bake, pasta, paella and chou pastry. Marguerite Patten mingles recipes of the 1960s with memories of the first heart transplant, the first man on the moon, the Beatles, flower power, the rise of the supermarket - and Alfred Hitchcock's macabre sense of humour.

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 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b01k9lvs)

Series 4

Paddy Ashdown

From rookie MP to Liberal Democrats leader, from the Royal Marines to high office in Bosnia, Paddy Ashdown relives his life from the archives in a frank and sometimes emotional conversation with John Wilson

From his early days in the army to his leadership of the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown - now Lord Ashdown - has been a singular political figure. He arrived in Westminster as a Liberal but soon his party voted for a merger with the SDP. He led the newly named Liberal Democrats for 11 years and then worked in Bosnia, trying to repair the damage that the war had done.

In this interview he meets his younger self at key moments from the sound archive and discusses his reactions with John Wilson. We hear his memories of serving in the Marines and also hear extracts from his first major speech at the Liberal Party Conference when he warned of the dangers of Cruise missiles. There are highly emotional moments as well, when Paddy recounts the horrors of the scenes he saw in Bosnia in 1992.

And the programme comes up to the present with a consideration of what the Coalition and the recent local elections have meant for the Liberal Democrats.

Producer: Emma Kingsley.

SAT 09:00 Ed Reardon's Weekend (b01nsw4v)

The author and pipe-smoker undertakes a journey through his life literary. Featuring The Swim, Dad, The Last Miaow, Parsnip Junction, Summer of '76 and Original British Drama. What can be said about Ed Reardon that the man himself could not write with greater style and élan? The man who once ghost-wrote a book for Sooty is never lost for words. Even his recent theft of Edam from a BBC redundancy party cannot keep him off-air for long.

A warning to 12-year-old media charlatans though: it's time to tremble. Lynne Truss's fiercest critic is here to grace BBC Radio 4Extra in person. The scourge of the railway fare tariff

has hand-picked six chapters of his life to share with you, in a retrospective already hailed as "a collection of programmes". Finally the author of Who Would Fardels Bear is set to receive his due. Or would do, if we could keep him out of the betting shop and in the studio long enough to get his links recorded. Ed's recent output includes the Stig's Xmas Book of Speed Camera Locations, but there's no denying the sheer artistic power of the man, as he applies his singular talent to children's TV, misery memoirs, Original British Drama and even breaking a window.

Produced by Martin Dempsey.

SAT 12:00 The Brothers (b00n2hg)

Series 2

Episode 1

Michael gets a circus obsession and Nigel has an odd encounter. Stars Raymond Coulthard and Adam Godley. From September 2005.

SAT 12:30 Hazelbeach (b0082dtq)

Series 1

Wine

Returning to England, Nick's life descends into surreal chaos when he discovers the mysterious Ronnie Hazelbeach living in the house owned by his late Dad...

Caroline and David Stafford's first of three comedy series starring Jamie Forman as Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazely

Chloe Tracy Wiles

James John Douglall

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SAT 13:00 Incredible Women (b06ft0b)

Series 4 Omnibus

Rebecca and Jeremy Front introduce five new monstrous but incredible women. First off, Kirstie Clare tells it like it is.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06tkswf)

Dickie Bird

Cricknet umpire Dickie Bird chooses Nat King Cole's 'When I Fall in Love' and Barbra Streisand's 'The Way We Were'.

SAT 14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b06ftqt)

Jung Chang

Wild Swans author Jung Chang reflects on surviving the Cultural Revolution in China. With Professor Anthony Clare.

Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with prominent people from different walks of life.

Born in Dublin, author Anthony Clare held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle. In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred to TV. Series highlights include conversations with Bob Monkhouse, Cecil Parkinson and Gerry Adams.

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

SAT 15:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b01k9lvs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Hercule Poirot (b007rd7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Marguerite Patten's Century of British Cooking (b0075p39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Angela Carter - Vampirella (b06tfv03)

Could finding true love, free Count Dracula's daughter from her 'dreadful wheel of destiny'?

A reimagining of the familiar vampire narrative - as Anna Massey stars as the last-in-line of the undead on the eve of the First World War.

Countess Vampirella/Elizabeth Ba'athory Anna Massey

Count Dracula David March

Henri Blot Sawney Beane

Hero Richard O'Callaghan

Mrs. Beane Betty Hardy

Angela Carter later rewrote this radio play as a short story 'The Lady in the House of Love'.

Also a writer of short stories, novels, stage plays, librettos, screenplays and essays, Angela Carter died in 1992 aged just 52.

Director: Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in July 1976.

SAT 19:00 Ed Reardon's Weekend (b01nsw4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Irish Micks and Legends (b01nxw2q)

Series 1

Children of Lir

Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram become Ais and Yaz and are the very best pals. They are taking their role as Ireland's freshest story-tellers to the British nation very seriously indeed but they haven't had the time to do much research, learn their lines or work out who is doing which parts.

The girls' unconventional way of telling stories involves a concoction of thoroughly inappropriate modern-day metaphors and references to many of the ancient Irish stories.

With a natural knack for both comedy and character voices Yasmine Akram and Aisling Bea will bring you warm, modern re-workings of popular ancient Irish stories.

Today it's Children of Lir.

Written and performed by Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram.

Producer: Raymond Lau

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

SAT 22:15 Mission Improbable (b01pcqkt)

Series 1

Ice!

Adventure journalist Jane, long term singleton Lucy and zookeeper Amelia set off on another international adventure. This time, Jane finds herself trying to beat that famous adventurer Marcus Wolfon across the arctic tundra in a bid to be the first and only journalist to record the voice of the last speaker of a dying language. Meanwhile Lucy finds herself trying to slow the team down so she can get up close and personal with the man himself, who's only a matter of hours behind. Amelia only has eyes for the polar bears she's hoping she'll get a chance to chat to.

During this ice cap caper, our heroes survive sub-zero temperatures, furious indigenous wildlife and a frantic game of cosmetic tennis before an encounter with an angry Inuit has them running for their lives. Will they survive? Will they beat Marcus Wolfon to the prize? Or will they dress up as nuns and make complete fools of themselves?

Cast:

Jane.....Catriona Knox

Lucy.....Lizzie Bates

Amelia.....Anna Emerson

Marcus.....James Lance

Written by Anna Emerson, Lizzie Bates and Catriona Knox

Audio production by Matt Katz

Produced by Dave Lamb and Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:30 Mordrin McDonald: 21st Century Wizard (b00y2sq7)

Series 2

The Root of All Evil

Written by David Kay and Gavin Smith, Mordrin McDonald is a 2000 year old Wizard living in the modern world where settling garden disputes and watching Countdown are just as important as slaying the odd Jakynto Dragon.

This week Mordrin recruits ally and former Wizard activist Ben The Brown to settle a garden dispute with his neighbour Jill.

Cast:

Mordrin: David Kay

Bernard The Blue: Jack Doherty

Ben The Brown: Arnold Brown

Jill: Katrina Bryan

Councillor Campbell: Callum Cuthbertson

Ash: Greg McHugh

Sickie-More: Johnny Austin

Producer/Director: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b012216l)

Series 1

Normal Work

Steven Appleby concludes his series with a look at the world of work.

However, pondering on why he became a cartoonist instead of getting a "proper job" proves to be rather more dangerous and revealing than he intended.

Starring Paul McCrink as cartoonist Steven Appleby who takes an abnormal look at everyday life.

Steven Paul McCrink

Mum Rosalind Paul

Mr Two Ewan Bailey

Dad Nigel Betts

Lauren Rachel Atkins

Steven Appleby As Himself

Other parts played by the cast.

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

SAT 23:00 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p6pxc)

Series 3

I Won't Eat Bread From a Puddle

Jason Byrne looks at the subject of fears with members of the audience revealing an eccentric range of phobias include feet; boats in dry docks and being forced to eat white bread out of puddles.

Themed audience comedy show with high-energy stand-up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 2010.

SAT 23:30 Son of Cliche (b00p84qh)

Austin Dermoid

David Coleman is the special guest (is it really?), plus Captain Invisible and lesser-known plays by William Shakespeare.

Sketch comedy starring:

Chris Barrie

Nick Maloney

Nick Wilton.

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

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SUN 05:30 Marguerite Patten's Century of British Cooking (b0075p39)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair Omnibus (b008qpwv)
 Episode 3
 Becky's ambitious pursuit of riches goes from strength to strength. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and Jon Glover.
SUN 07:15 Unbuilt Britain (b011dkm)
 A Palace for Whitehall
 In the fourth in the series, architectural writer and historian Jonathan Glancey looks at some of the most fantastic building projects of Britain and finds out why they didn't make it off the drawing board. Imagine a sumptuous palace in London that would have taken up most of Whitehall. This was exactly what was planned in the time of James I of England by the King's ambitious architect, Inigo Jones. He had been appointed to the position of Surveyor of the King's Works in 1613 and he drew up extensive and revolutionary plans for Whitehall. Jonathan Glancey joins Simon Thurlay of English Heritage in Inigo Jones's masterpiece, the Banqueting House, to find out what happened to the grandiose scheme.
SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qgxxb)
 Series 6
 A Bottle of Uterio Motivo
ED REARDON'S WEEK
 Episode 5 : A Bottle of Uterio Motivo
 Ed finds himself in the money when he sells most of his possessions to a themed wine bar owned by the lovely Violet Carson.
 With Christopher Douglas as Ed Reardon and Stephanie Cole as Olive
 Simon Greenall as Ray
 Geoff McGovern as Cliff
 Philip Jackson as Jez
 Rita May as Pearl
 Barunka O'Shaughnessy as Ping
 And Geoffrey Whitehead as Stan
 With Dan Tetsell and Emma Fryer.
 Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds
 Producer: Dawn Ellis.
SUN 08:00 The Al Read Show (b01rlngp)
 Episode 5
 A look at the fire brigade and the morning after the night before.
 A compilation of the legendary Northern comic's 1950s monologues.
 Originally produced at BBC North by Ronnie Taylor.
 Compilation produced by Mike Craig.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1998.
SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)
 Maxine
 Shy David Bliss needs courage to pursue Maxine, while his brother-in-law Tony battles to win a contract.
 George Cole stars in Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss.
 David Bliss George Cole
 Ann Diana Churchill
 Tony Colin Gordon
 Psyche the Dog Percy Edwards
 Maxine Sarah Lawson
 TC Rowland Hugh Manning
 Six series of 118 episodes of A Life of Bliss ran on the BBC Home Service from 1953. It moved to BBC TV for a run of six episodes in 1969.
 Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement George Cole went to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.
 The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.
 Producer: Leslie Bridgmont
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.
SUN 09:00 The House By the Lake: A Story of Germany - Omnibus (b06tg6fm)
 Looking for respite from life in Berlin, Dr Alfred Alexander leases a plot of land and builds a holiday home by the lake.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06tktbv)
 Carly Simon
 Singer-songwriter Carly Simon chooses 'Something Wonderful' from The King and I, and 'How Can I Tell You' by Cat Stevens.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06tg70m)
 Absent Friends
 Terry Pratchett
 4 Extra Debut. From Mozart to Meatloaf, the best-selling fantasy fiction author shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From February 1997.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b06tgd7g)
 Series 1
 Tattoos and Two Southern Gothics

True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces tales about family history, growing up and surprises in prison. The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
 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 (b00yjtg4)
 Series 2
 Canopy
 If you walk into a rainforest you are immediately met by quite literally a forest of trees.
 All the tree trunks look like cathedral pillars, smooth and wet from the rain. Not a single branch emerges from the trunk for tens of metres - and when they do you see a breath-taking interlocking jungle of branches and leaves, ferns and flowers and all number of creatures great and small. The canopy is a bonanza of tropical forest life, in the bright light and gentle breeze - a far cry from the dark and humid underworld of the forest floor.
 Not surprising then that Sir David Attenborough knew this would be a perfect place to film wildlife.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
SUN 12:00 The Al Read Show (b01rlngp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair Omnibus (b008qpwv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Unbuilt Britain (b011dkm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 The Provincial Lady Goes Further - Omnibus (b06tggq2)
 E M Delafield's novel detailing the life of a Devonshire-dwelling upper-middle class lady and her attempts to keep her somewhat ramshackle household from falling into chaos.
SUN 15:45 Peter Regent - The Proposal (b06tggq4)
 Marry Sally? George is not sure, but snooping landladies and memories from his past may force his hand. Read by Trevor Nichols.
SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b010y1wy)
 Ian Buchan - A Change in the Willows
 Toad is back on a spending spree and dismissive of his friends - until he needs their help for a rather irritating ghost problem! Ratty finds himself flooded out of his river side home by rising river levels.
 Mole tries to understand the link between the pang in his stomach and the desire all animals have to be amongst their own kind. And good old Badger is upset that nobody listens to him and his friends take him for granted.
 Cast:
 Toad Tim McInnerny
 Mole Stephen Mangan
 Ratty Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Badger Andrew Sachs
 Dove Issy van Randwyck
 Sheep Ian Buchan
 Mole 2 Yolanda Kettle
 Mole 3 Ilker Kaleli
 Mole 4 Jonathan Sayer
 Mole 5 Natalie Carrington
 Written by Ian Buchan
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
 Producer: Julian Stevens
 An Artists Studio production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b06tgh7r)
 The Echo Chamber - Clive James
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive.
 In 'The Echo Chamber', Clive James talks to Paul Farley and reads his staring-death-in-the-face poems.
 Clive James has been a poet throughout his life as well as a literary critic, memoirist and television pundit. He didn't expect to be alive for this collection, after illness and old age took him in their grip a couple of years ago. But, against the odds, he's still with us. And his recent poems are extraordinarily clear-eyed and fearlessly moving. He manages to be light throughout whilst remaining, as one critic put it, deadly serious.
 Producer: Tim Dee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qgxxb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Fear on 4 (b00c8zsz)

The Edge
 The Man in Black reveals how success turned sour has led Thomas towards the edge - both physically and mentally.
 Starring Gareth Armstrong as Thomas, Melinda Walker as Meg, Alistair White as Jeffrey, Sian Jenkins as Davina and Edward de Souza as the Man in Black.
 Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.
 Written by John Piirto.
 Producer: Gerry Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.
SUN 18:30 Philip K Dick - Of Withered Apples (b007jplz)
 As a beautiful woman picks its last withered apple, a dying ancient tree is determined to survive. Read by William Hootkins.
SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b06tgd7g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtg4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
SUN 20:00 The House By the Lake: A Story of Germany - Omnibus (b06tg6fm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06tktbv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06tg70m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qgxxb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 My Teenage Diary (b03b2j7f)
 Series 5
 Janet Ellis
 Another brave celebrity revisits their formative years by opening up their intimate teenage diaries.
 Comedian Rufus Hound is joined by actress and presenter Janet Ellis, whose teenage diaries show that her love of arts and crafts started long before she got the job on Blue Peter.
 Producer: Harriet Jaime
 A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.
SUN 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bg3gf)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Laura reveals 1001 uses for peas, misses a meeting and shuns a caravan owner.
 Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series
 With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.
 Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by Holly Walsh and Jon Hunter.
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.
SUN 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01s5d66)
 2099
 The year that time ran backwards.
 Recorded in August 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Hugh Dennis host a retrospective on 2099.
 Everything you wanted to know then, about the 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 Radio 4 in August 1994.

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MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (b00c8zsz)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Saturday Drama (b010y1wy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b06tgh7r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qgxxb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Kipling in Love (b06tgpzt)
 Love o' Women
 India, 1885: 'Don't try for things that are out of your reach - An' that's what the girl told the soldier!' Stars John Duttine.
MON 06:30 Landscape With Canals and Machines: The Legacy of LTC Rolt (b00vrssh)
 Hermione Cockburn on LTC Rolt, the writer who led us to value our industrial landscape.
 LTC Rolt achieved something remarkable - he changed the character of the British - for the better - by altering their perception of their land and history. Before he began writing, and campaigning, our industrial landscape was regarded a desecration of a rural idyll. It was Rolt who taught us to value it, to appreciate its beauty and to appreciate the achievements of those who created the great engines, viaducts, lighthouses, ships

and railways that revolutionised Britain - and the world. The father of industrial archaeology, Rolt wrote definitive biographies of the Stephenson's, Brunel, Watt and Telford. He wrote about railways, aeronautics and cars (his 1920s Alvis is still going), and 'High Horse Riderless' is an important early work of environmental philosophy. And he wrote fiction, including ghost stories.

His book 'Narrowboat' led to the establishment of the Inland Waterways Association and the canal network's navigation channels, structures, towpaths, bridges, tunnels and aqueducts were saved in the nick of time.

Rolt is now recognised as a pioneer of the leisure industry. He went on to rescue the bankrupt Talylyn narrow-gauge railway and taught volunteers to restore, then run it. Such an endeavour had never been attempted before but now this is a model for renovation and conservation schemes all over contemporary Britain, and all over the world.

Hermione Cockburn, with help from Timothy West (who also has a narrowboat) and Rolt's widow, Sonia, tells the story of this remarkable engineer and author and reveals how his work shapes our thinking today - not just about our past but how we deal with it for the future.

MON 07:00 Street and Lane (b00vls7z)

Series 2

Ringing the Changes

The white van men are back. University drop-out and would-be writer Johnny Street and his worker-of-the-world mate Arthur Lane are Yorkshire builders for whom no job is too small. Can they manage to fix some church bells with the help of slightly suspect 'bell expert' Stan French?

Shaun Dooley and Fine Time Fontayne star in series 2 of Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby's comedy.

Johnny Street Shaun Dooley
Arthur Lane Fine Time Fontayne

Stanley Stephen Hogan
Susan Claire Rushbrook

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b06sgjr8)

Series 64

Episode 5

The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the Grand Theatre in Blackpool. Old-timers Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Rob Brydon, with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

Series 3

Big Guns

Captain Mainwaring's platoon sparks havoc in Walmington-on-Sea when they try to fire a large naval gun.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

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 Walker Larry Martyn

Private Pike Ian Lavender
Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Town Councillor/Mr. Upton Julian Orchard

The Pickford's Man Michael Middleton
Announcer/Newsreader ... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

MON 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007k1p0)

Series 2

In and Out

Lawyer Roger sets out to defend a prisoner overly fond of life behind bars.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thurstby, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Bridget Armstrong as Joy, James Beck as Newman and Basil Dignam as the Judge.

Others part by William Fox Leslie Heritage and Michael Kilgariff.

Written by Henry Cecil and Basil Dawson.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thurstby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1971.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b012krrh)

The legendary quotations quiz Quote...Unquote returns for a new series, hosted by the incomparable Nigel Rees. This week's panellists are the Irish comedian Ardal O'Hanlon, Sony Gold-winning broadcaster Shelagh Fogarty and celebrated actor Martin Jarvis.

The reader is Peter Jefferson.

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

MON 09:30 King Street Junior (b007jmhb)

Series 5

Bon Voyage

On a school trip to Calais, it's a member of staff who causes concern rather than the children. With Karl Howman. From

June 1990.

MON 10:00 EM Forster - Howard's End (b0107x49)

Episode 1

When Helen Schlegel goes to stay at Howard's End - the country home of the Wilcox family, her own life, along with that of her sister Margaret, is changed forever. Starring John Hurt as the Narrator, Lisa Dillon as Margaret Schlegel, Jill Cardo as Helen Schlegel, Tom Ferguson as Tibby Schlegel, Alexandra Mathie as Aunt Juley, Malcolm Raeburn as Henry Wilcox and Ann Rye as Ruth Wilcox.

EM Forster's classic English novel adapted for radio in two parts by Amanda Dalton.

Produced in Manchester by Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 11:00 A Dalmatian Trilogy (b019f6kg)

The Book of Complaints

Episode 3 (of 3): The Book of Complaints by James Hopkin

An Englishman takes refuge from his past life on the island of Korcula, where he meets an extraordinary silhouette cutter and learns about mysterious murmur-maids.

James Hopkin has lived and travelled widely in Europe, including time spent on the Dalmatian islands off the coast of Croatia. These three specially-commissioned stories explore the history and landscape of the area, as well as providing a colourful journey for the senses.

Hopkin gained a First Class honours degree in English and Philosophy in Manchester, then a Distinction in his MA on modern fiction, followed by a British Academy Award for his PhD. In September 2002, he won an Arts Council short story competition with 'Even the Crows Say Krakow'.

His novel Winter Under Water (2007) was an assured and critically-acclaimed debut marking the arrival of a major new writer. He published a small collection of stories in 2008, along with the paperback of Winter Under Water.

James Hopkin's A Georgian Trilogy, also produced by Sweet Talk, was broadcast in 2010.

Reader: Tom Goodman-Hill

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011d7nb)

Bitter Chocolate Cake

Spectacular cakes for special moments - Maggie helps neighbour Sabina. Nicola Baldwin's culinary drama stars Lesley Sharp.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Brothers in Law (b007k1p0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Kipling in Love (b06tgpzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Landscape With Canals and Machines: The Legacy of LTC Rolt (b00vrssh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Sir Peter Shaffer - Amadeus (b00slqv)

Episode 6

Salieri plots to ensure Mozart falls out of favour with the Masons. Read by F Murray Abraham. Adapted from the stage play.

MON 14:15 The History of the Future (b01mqmkt)

Malthus

Juliet Gardiner continues her History of the Future with a look at the predictions of the clergyman and economist, Thomas Robert Malthus.

This late-18th century vision of the future came from an urgent problem Malthus identified, which threatened the future of the masses. The problem, as he saw it, was that population growth would outrun man's ability to feed himself. Unless population was controlled by man, famine and disaster would inevitably result.

Malthus developed this theory in 1798 in his essay The Principle of Population. He was a man of God - the curate in a parish in rural Surrey from where he was well-placed to notice that he was christening more babies than he was burying, and became alarmed about levels of rural poverty on his doorstep. To modern ears his predictions seem startlingly prescient as we struggle with population explosion in many parts of the world, and fret about our ability to feed ourselves with finite resources, debating the merits of GM crops.

Juliet Gardiner digs down into the predictions to discover how the future looked from where Malthus stood. Where did his dark vision about future population come from in a society which had not yet conducted a census? Juliet speaks to Donald Winch and Niall O'Flaherty and visits the Surrey parish where Malthus preached, christened and buried the dead.

Produced by Victoria Shepherd

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyn)

Episode 16

Rawdon leaves debtors' prison, but more trouble soon follows. William Makepeace Thackeray dramatisation with Stephen Fry.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00xhb25)

Jane Shilling - Stranger in the Mirror

Episode 1

Jane Shilling's reflective and enquiring memoir is told from the perspective of mid life. Today she finds similarities between the changes that accompany middle age, and her memories of adolescence.

Read by Samantha Bond.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

Jane Shilling's memoir, The Stranger in the Mirror, views life from the perspective of mid life. In exploring her past, Jane discovers similarities between middle age and adolescence. To her frustration she finds that there are no role models for her middle years that interest her, particularly as she sets out to create a new wardrobe on arriving at fifty. A failed love affair leads her to contemplate a different kind of future, and the precariousness of life as a freelance journalist is brought into stark relief by events beyond her control. Finally, she also reflects on the women who have influenced her from the previous generation, and discovers that while middle age seems to be a series of small losses, it is also about looking forward to the next part of the adventure.

Jane Shilling writes on books for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Daily Mail, and on television for the Evening Standard. This is her second book. She lives in Greenwich with her son.

MON 15:00 EM Forster - Howard's End (b0107x49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b012krrh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b007jmhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Street and Lane (b00vls7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b06sgjr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01mqncy)

Grave News

When postgraduate student Andrew MacLeod sees chilling photos of occult influence, he fears for his family and friends... Set in contemporary Edinburgh, Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

MON 18:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xldz)

Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell

Episode 6

By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives, and relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.

The scene - an isolated cottage on the coast on a stormy evening. Inside, Alec a recently bereaved widower and his dog. To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.

Episode 6:

Winterton finally turns up and Alec demands some answers. But can Winterton deliver?

Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0075r4b)

Sir Robert May and Pauline Melville
Louise Doughty and her guests, former government chief scientist Sir Robert May and prize-winning novelist Pauline Melville discuss three favourite paperbacks by Primo Levi, Gilbert White and Mikhail Bulgakov. From 2000.

If This Is A Man by Primo Levi

Publisher: Abacus

The Natural History of Selbourne by Gilbert White

Publisher: Penguin

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov

Publisher: Flamingo.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Brothers in Law (b007k1p0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Kipling in Love (b06tgpzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Landscape With Canals and Machines: The Legacy of LTC Rolt (b00vrssh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 A Dalmatian Trilogy (b019f6kg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Have Your Cake (b011d7nb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b06sgjr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Cabin Pressure (b01qjc6k)

Series 4

Yverdon-Les-Bains

Sitcom by John Finnemore about the pilots of a tiny charter airline.

Love is in the air as Douglas and Herc fight it out over the fruit tray, and hope springs eternal as Martin has the interview of his life.

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.

Written by John Finnemore

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (b06spjaj)

A Look Back at the Year 2020

A New Year's Day edition of Dead Ringers, in which the team imagine what the first day of 2021 looks, or sounds, like.

As we say goodbye to 2020, just who's in power at 10 Downing Street and in the White House; what is the fallout from the EU Referendum; which celebrity couples are in Splitsville; and just what does a virtual reality Gardeners' Question Time sound like? Not to mention a duet between Donald Trump and Boris Johnson.

Starring Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.

MON 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00tlwzg)

Series 2

Otters

John Weak turns Smokehouse as green as the Jolly Green Giant, while saving Sir Marcus from an eco-Nazi who insists on paper underwear.

Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Tim Ewan Bailey

Ted Kim Wall

Rebecca Colleen Prendergast

Music: David Pickvance

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

TUESDAY 05 JANUARY 2016

TUE 00:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nqncy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xdlzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0075r4b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Kipling in Love (b06tgpzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Landscape With Canals and Machines: The Legacy of LTC Rolt (b00vrssh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Sir Peter Shaffer - Amadeus (b00slqvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 The History of the Future (b01mqmkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00xhb25)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 EM Forster - Howard's End (b0107x49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Quote... Unquote (b012krhh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 King Street Junior (b007jmbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Street and Lane (b00vls7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b06sgjr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Kipling in Love (b06tk7jx)

Beyond the Pale

India, 1885: Can an English merchant's love for a widowed Indian woman overcome the cultural barriers? Stars Nina Wadia.

TUE 06:30 Milton's Music (b00qhl9)

What was the influence of John Milton senior on his famous poet son? Clarinetist and Cambridge University English literature graduate Emma Johnson sets out to find out.

In one of his early Latin poems John Milton junior wrote, 'Apollo, wishing to disperse himself between the two, gave to me certain gifts, to my father others, and father and son, we possess each one half of the god'.

Emma fills in the other half of that Godly image by exploring the musical gifts of John Milton senior. The musicologist and performer Richard Rastall has unearthed and recorded many of the elder Milton's pieces including choral, viol consort and song settings. He shows what he has discovered and what it sounds like in specially reconstructed recordings of works that even scholars are unfamiliar with.

As well as revealing John Milton the composer, discover the life of the man and his relationship with his son. Although a gifted musician, John Milton was not able to live on the earnings from his compositions alone. A scrivener by trade, he managed to free himself from the Scriveners' Company in 1599 and was subsequently able to afford a private tutor for his son and then provide for him when he took a place at St Paul's School and Christ's College, Cambridge.

Emma also talks to Milton scholars and the early music group Fetwerk, as they prepare and record John Milton's instrument works.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

TUE 07:00 Fat Chance (b019fwxg)

Weigh in with Wendy

Graham joins the members of a slimming club run by Wendy Bottomley.

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet five-part comedy - for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pittscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvitski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pittscottie Anne Reid

Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt

Lee Dubs Harry Myers

Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

TUE 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06sgygg)

Series 2

Financial Advisor

Milton becomes a responsible sober-suited Financial Adviser, and fights off a Swedish invasion with the aid of his trusty hamster.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!". Because each week, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton (played by Milton regular, Tom Goodman-Hill) set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily Mail

Written by Milton with James Cary (Bluestone 42, Miranda) and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show House Of Rooms), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton" returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill (Spamalot, Mr. Selfridge) as the ever-faithful Anton, Josie Lawrence and Dan Tetsell (Newsjack).

With music by Guy Jackson.

Produced and directed by David Tyler.

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007r44l)

Series 3

Episode 15

Kenneth Horne's got a big top, Rambling Sid Rumpo sings a Pewter Woggler's Bangling Song and your actual cob is on Julian and Sandy's bona menu.

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

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

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

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

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

TUE 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jnyj)

The Conference Trick

Not keen on securing plots of land on planet Venus, the British government opt to enlist the bumbling bureaucrats.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, Ronald Baddiley, John Graham and Garard Green.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive,

however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.

TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (b06spjaj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Capital Gains (b00sqqlp)

Series 2

Political Capital

At last Julius Hutch has the answer, but is it too late? If a desperate mission succeeds, Julius can make his first speech in Parliament...

Starring Peter Jones as Julius Hutch.

With Celestine Randall as Pauline Hutch, Justine Midda as

Kate, Jeffrey Wickham as Sexton Lewis, Stephen Thorne as Sir Gainford Blounty, Jillie Meers as Dahlia Sprout, Collin Johnson

as Haiku, Hugh Dickson as the Colonel, Toni G Barry as Liz Dangerfield and Brian Perkins as Himself.

Scripted by Collin Johnson.

Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

TUE 10:00 EM Forster - Howard's End (b01091p5)

Episode 2

Helen Schlegel is unhappy that her sister Margaret has agreed to marry Henry Wilcox.

Starring John Hurt as the Narrator, Lisa Dillon as Margaret Schlegel, Jill Cardo as Helen Schlegel, Tom Ferguson as Tibby Schlegel, Alexandra Mathie as Aunt Juley, Malcolm Raeburn as Henry Wilcox, Ann Rye as Ruth Wilcox and Joseph Kloska as Charles Wilcox.

EM Forster's classic English novel adapted for radio in two parts by Amanda Dalton.

Produced in Manchester by Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 11:00 Stories from Earth Music Bristol (b0183rb7)

Birthday Crow

Birthday Crow. A new story from Tessa Hadley. A girl begins to hear noises after she escapes from a family party she doesn't want to be at. Inspired by the themes of the Earth Music Bristol festival and recorded in front of an audience there. Producer: Tim Dee.

TUE 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011dd7m)

Private Parkin

A man claiming to be a chef gatecrashes the cake club. Nicola Baldwin's culinary drama stars Lesley Sharp and Tamsin Greig.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007r44l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jnyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Kipling in Love (b06tk7jx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Milton's Music (b00qhl9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Sir Peter Shaffer - Amadeus (b00slxyg)

Episode 7

Will Salieri's plan to scupper 'The Magic Flute' work? And who is Mozart writing a Requiem for? Read by F Murray Abraham.

TUE 14:15 The History of the Future (b01mqp1y)

Marx

Juliet Gardiner continues her History of the Future with a look at the ideas of Karl Marx.

We have reached the middle of the 19th century and a very different vision of the future from those we have encountered along the way from Ancient Greece. This is a future that is predetermined - but not by God. For Karl Marx, predicting the future was informed by what he saw as the inexorable workings of economic forces in society.

Marx held that all societies progress through the dialectic of class struggle - a struggle between those who own the means of production and the workers who provide the labour to make goods. Marx predicted that Capitalism would inevitably produce internal contradictions and tensions that would lead to its self-destruction and replacement by the new system of Socialism, in which society would be governed by the working class.

Marx was born into a middle class family of Jewish origin in Trier in the Prussian Rhineland in 1818. In 1843, he arrived in Paris, a ferment of revolutionary ideas, and it was in the French capital that Marx met his collaborator Friedrich Engels. After attending the Communist League in December 1847, Marx and Engels produced The Communist Manifesto which fed into the demands for social and political change which culminated in the revolutions that swept Europe in 1848. Following the failure of these revolutions, the Marx family fled to London.

Juliet Gardiner visits the Red Lion pub in Soho where Marx used to hold political meetings and speaks to his biographer Gareth Steadman Jones, getting a sense of the revolutionary fervour that was in the air at the time Marx was in London, and how the future looked from there.

TUE 14:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyr)

Episode 17

Rawdon falters in his resolve to fight a duel with Lord Steyne. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and Philip Fox.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00xk1gp)

Jane Shilling - Stranger in the Mirror

Episode 2

The Stranger in the Mirror is Jane Shilling's reflective and enquiring memoir on middle age. Today, Jane arrives at fifty, and finds she doesn't have a thing to wear. Putting a new wardrobe together, leads her to reflect on attitudes towards mid life in the public's imagination.

Jane Shilling writes on books for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday

Telegraph and Daily Mail, and on television for the Evening Standard. This is her second book. She lives in Greenwich with her son

Read by Samantha Bond.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

TUE 15:00 EM Forster - Howard's End (b01091p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Act Your Age (b00fr1tp)

Series 1

Episode 2

Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From December 2008.

TUE 16:30 Capital Gains (b00sqqlp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Fat Chance (b019fwxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06sgygg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nqqgl)

No Escape

As student Andrew battles to unravel the true purpose of the

Matrix Aeternitatis, an unwelcome object reappears...

Set in contemporary Edinburgh. Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

TUE 18:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xf0h2)

Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell

Episode 7

By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives, and relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.

The scene - an isolated cottage on the coast on a stormy evening. Inside, Alec a recently bereaved widower and his dog. To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.

Episode 7:

Alec makes contact with Wiggy. But not before events take an even darker turn.

Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp71)

Series 3

Warren Mitchell

Award-winning actor Warren Mitchell talks about where his love of acting began, the terrors of performing on live television - and how Alf Garnett came into his life thanks to BBC TV sitcom 'Till Death Us Do Part'.

Warren Mitchell (Born: 1926 - Died: 2015)

Series showcasing the reminiscences of celebrated raconteurs before a live audience.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007r441)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jnys)

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TUE 20:00 Kipling in Love (b06tk7jx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Stories from Earth Music Bristol (b0183rb7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Have Your Cake (b011dd7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06sgygg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Show What You Wrote (b01r52xj)

Series 1

Sci-Fi and Fantasy

The Show What You Wrote is a brand new sketch show, which is made up entirely from sketches sent in by the public.

Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience, and starring John Thomson, Helen Moon, Fiona Clarke and Gavin Webster, with a special appearance by Gyles Brandreth.

We've picked the best sketches from thousands of submissions to make each show, and every week we'll be covering a different theme, from kitchen sink drama, to suspense heavy thrillers. This week's episode is Sci Fi and Fantasy.

Script editor Jon Hunter

Producers Carl Cooper and Alexandra Smith

Written by.... Jack Bernhardt, Elise Bramich, Peter Brush, Alex Buchanan, Simon Carter, Andy Flood, Robert Frimston & Edward Rowett, Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch, Peter Jump, Adam Perrott, Melissa Phillips, Eddie Robson, Paul Solomons, Jimmy Weeks & Jess Bunch, and Ash Williamson.

TUE 23:00 Twenty Players (b06tknk5)

Series 2

Mr Wellesley Fagge

Jonathan Agnew tells the story of a nearly great amateur cricketer, Wellesley Fagge.

One of a series of features on fictional sporting heroes.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

TUE 23:15 Sir Henry at Rawlinson End (b00scw61)

Diplodocus v Concretion

The surreal saga of a dynasty delicately balanced on the edge of sanity.

Written by and starring Viv Stanshall.

Contains an edit of an original John Peel session as first heard on BBC Radio 1.

Music composed and performed by Viv Stanshall using additional musicians.

Producer: John Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.

TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm4p)

Series 1

London Transport

The Unthinkable Solutions team ride to the rescue of London's transport system.

Their strategy is to put Reg, an intense night-bus driver, in charge of London Transport, while chief executive Bud Jackson is sent back to driving tube trains...

James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management consultants.

Ryan Packer Marcus Brigstocke

Sophie Stott Emma Kennedy

Daisy Catherine Shepherd

Cynthia Olivia Colman

Bud Kim Wall

Reg Chris Pavlo

Various David Mitchell

Script associates: Paul Mayhew-Archer and Ed Drew.

Music by John Whitehall.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp71)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 06:00 Kipling in Love (b06tkwhn)

On Greenhow Hill

Himalayas, 1885. Ordered to kill a sniper, three soldiers ponder the reasons why they joined the army. Stars Steve Hodson.

WED 06:30 The Last Of The Hardy Players (b00vrjxj)

President of the Hardy Society Julian Fellowes tells the extraordinary story of The Hardy Players, an amateur theatre group inspired and supported by Thomas Hardy. He meets original cast member Norrie Woodhall, who recalls rehearsals at Hardy's home at Max Gate, near Dorchester.

Hardy's celebrity status drew the attention of London critics, who thronged to Dorchester to see and review the Players' performances for the national newspapers. Hardy invited the drama critic of The Times, Harold Child, to stay with him and was rewarded by a whole column for the review and a leading article on the players. Hardy later wrote to Child suggesting that "the special attributes of the production were that the great grandparents of the actors were the real actors in the scenes depicted... they all know the events traditionally and of course are themselves continuators of the dialect, humours etc of the personages."

There are many comical anecdotes about the members of the group and their performances which could come directly off the pages of 'Under the Greenwood Tree' or 'The Trumpet Major'.

In 1909, the Hardy Players staged 'Far From the Madding Crowd'. Hardy insisted the sheep shearing scene was done properly so the director employed a professional sheep shearer to do the job on stage. The man was offered beer as payment - as he clipped the sheep he kissed and sang to them, drowning out the words of the actors, much to the amusement of the audience. For 'The Three Fiddlers' a local fiddle player was engaged to play for a scene. Harry Bailey (the fiddler) got so carried away it proved difficult to get him off stage when the scene ended.

The programme also reveals telling biographical detail about Hardy himself. First readings would often take place at Max Gate, in the presence of Hardy's guests - James Barrie, Sir Henry Newbolt and TE Lawrence among them. In 1910 Hardy supplied music for 'The Mellstock Choir' and at one rehearsal seized Mrs Emma Tilley as his partner to demonstrate a country dance he remembered from his youth. In 1913 Gertrude Bugler (sister of Norrie Woodhall) made her first appearance - an exceptional talent whom The Daily Mirror compared to Ellen Terry and Sarah Bernhardt. Hardy was said to be infatuated with the beautiful Gertrude - an assertion Norrie denies, although she recalls the 'insane jealousy' of Hardy's wife,

Florence. When Gertrude married a cousin in 1921, her acting career was interrupted by inconvenient (from the Players' point of view) pregnancies, but she was later able to play Tess (a pre-condition of Hardy allowing permission) and went on to a season on the London stage.

Hardy presented the Players with an original verse play called 'The Famous Tragedy of the Queen of Cornwall' in 1923. Such was the national interest in this play that the BBC (only a year old) broadcast it 'radiated from the Bournemouth station only.'

But Hardy refused permission for London productions of his plays, perhaps protective of the special local qualities of the Hardy Players.

The New Hardy Players were formed in 2005, with original Player Norrie Woodhall as President. Norrie was cast by Hardy himself as Tess' sister, Liza Lu, in the stage version of his novel, Tess of the D'Urbervilles. She recalls how Hardy added some lines to her role at the read-through. Norrie still performs occasionally with the Players, at the age of 104.

A fascinating and entertaining story, beautifully told by Julian Fellowes, brings new insight to the Hardy story.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

WED 07:00 The Brothers (b00ntdr)

Series 2

Episode 2

The two dysfunctional siblings Nigel and Michael win an award. Stars Raymond Coulthard and Adam Godley. From October 2005.

WED 07:30 It's Jocelyn (b06snvkw)

Series 1

Episode 1

It's Jocelyn is the series from comedian Jocelyn Jee Esien (3 Non Blondes and Little Miss Jocelyn).

Back with a raft of brand fresh characters including the Overly Dramatic Family, a pair of terrible African Drummers and a bad-tempered couple who run a takeaway business, Jocelyn vents her frustrations at the world around her through sketches and stand-up. From pedantic dinner dates to coping with annoying friends, Jocelyn's life provides a rich seam of humour. Jocelyn is delighted to be joined in the cast by Curtis Walker, Ninia Benjamin and Kevin J.

Producer: John Pocock

A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01flnk2)

Series 5

Whittlesea Regatta

All that the crew of HMS Troutbridge have to do is tow a barge. What could possibly go wrong?

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as The Mayor, Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey, Tenniel Evans as The Admiral and Michael Bates as Rear Admiral Ironbridge.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1963.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b011ckn4)

Series 7

Episode 8

Fifth Division football - and Professor Prune goes on a Victorian adventure.

Starring:

Tim Brooke-Taylor

John Cleese

Graeme Garden

David Hatch

Jo Kendal

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 Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1969.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b008s4b7)

1999

Semi-finals

Ned Sherrin's second semi-final with Adam Nagel of Birmingham, Hertfordshire's Philip Robinson and Michael Eardley of Bucks.

WED 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0089jcr)

Series 2

Episode 2

JB Morton's whimsies as performed by Richard Ingrams, Patricia Routledge, John Sessions and John Wells. From July 1991.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens (b019fx2g)

Mrs Lirriper

Episode 1

Meet the formidable and huge-hearted Mrs Lirriper and the eccentric collection of lodgers who rent rooms from her - one of whom leaves behind more than anyone could have expected Charles Dickens's neglected classic dramatised and produced by Ellen Dryden.

Starring Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lirriper, John Fortune as the Major, Jordan Clarke as Jemmy, Alison Skilbeck as Miss Wozenham and Jonathan Dryden Taylor as Mr Edson. Made by First Writes Radio for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in 2007.

WED 11:00 Stories from Earth Music Bristol (b01888wj)
I Am River

By Horatio Clare. A watery memory of dark times. Inspired by the themes of the Earth Music Bristol festival. Recorded with an audience in 2011.

WED 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011djkv)
Fairy Cakes

When her daughter quits art school, Maggie enlists help and gets baking. Amanda Whittington's culinary drama stars Lesley Sharp.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01flnk2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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WED 13:30 The Last Of The Hardy Players (b00vrjxj)
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WED 14:00 Sir Peter Shaffer - Amadeus (b00sm4m4)
Episode 8

Did Salieri really poison his rival? And who was Mozart's mysterious visitor? All is revealed. Read by F Murray Abraham.

WED 14:15 The History of the Future (b01mq6p)
HG Wells

Juliet Gardiner continues her History of the Future with a look at the figure who, for many of us, defines our modern vision of the future, HG Wells.

Often called the 'father of science fiction', Wells's most popular novels - The Time Machine and The War of the Worlds - gave a terrifyingly dark view of the future. An image of an army of belligerent Martians, of machines invading suburban England, of conflict in outer space, and of the mutation of species. Wells's future world is one where science has taken a wrong turn, where innovation is not used for the good of humanity but its destruction. It is not a vision of progress but a pessimistic prediction of decline and despair. Many of the imaginative scenarios he envisaged proved eerily prescient and some still haunt us today.

Juliet Gardiner tries to discover why there was so much interest in the future at the end of the nineteenth century. What current concerns was Wells reflecting in his prophecies about the future? Wells was a biologist by training. He had studied under TH Huxley, the man described as 'Darwin's bulldog', and it was Darwin's theories that had thrown not only religious belief but also the whole notion of time into a ferment - providing a whole new model of change, progress and evolution. If, according to the theory of natural selection, a species could change and adapt over millions of years and then die out, then the whole concept of the future of humankind was challenged.

Juliet continues to make the case that a History of the Future is a history of anxiety, speaking to Frank James and Roger Luckhurst.

Produced by Victoria Shepherd.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvyt)
Episode 18

A keen William Dobbin returns from India to visit a frosty Amelia. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Katy Cavanagh and Tom Smith.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00xk1tf)
Jane Shilling - Stranger in the Mirror

Episode 3

The Stranger in the Mirror is Jane Shilling's bittersweet memoir about middle age and looks both backwards and forwards.

Today, she considers the highs and lows of single parenthood, and a holiday in Crete gives her pause for thought.

Jane Shilling writes on books for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Daily Mail, and on television for the Evening Standard. This is her second book. She lives in Greenwich with her son

Read by Samantha Bond.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

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WED 17:30 It's Jocelyn (b06snvkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nr22)
Dark Forces

"Mylene needs me to bring back Catriona from the dead..." Student Andrew MacLeod discovers he's not alone and may have a useful ally...

Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

WED 18:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xf1jy)
Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell

Episode 8

By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives, and relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.

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To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.

Episode 8:

As the body count rises Alec fears for his life.

Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076xh3)
All By Myself

Dominic Arkwright asks Lucy Mangan, Lance Workman and David Blandy to consider the joys of the solitary life. From March 2006.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b01flnk2)
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WED 22:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Open Letters (b01gvtj8)
Series 2

Insurance

Sony Award-winning comic, Tom Wrighlesworth returns for another series of his open letters.

This week, his letter is addressed to the insurance industry as Tom asks why everything has to be so confusing.

Written by Tom Wrighlesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

WED 23:00 Beauty of Britain (b010y0sh)
Series 2

Life in the UK

Beauty Oolonga's UK work visa is about to run out.

Will she pass her citizenship test and be granted indefinite leave to remain - and will the handsome, mature Ade be her saviour?

Starring Jocelyn Jee Esien.

Beauty's adventures continue as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for the elderly.

Beauty's Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. She sees Britain at its best and its worst

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Liz Rita May

Helen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Jodie Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Waiter/Receptionist Christopher Douglas

Ade Paterson Joseph

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

WED 23:30 Beautiful Dreamers (b00w200k)
The River Europe

Nat follows the endurance swimmer and world's fittest alcoholic Craig McKenzie's controversial attempt to complete the world's toughest swim. Featuring contributions from Clive

Russell, Ewan Bailey, Morven Christie and Vera Filatova.

Writers James Lever and Nat Segnit.

Producers Steven Canny and Sasha Yevtushenko.

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THU 05:30 It's Jocelyn (b06snvkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

The Devil's Foot

Episode 1

As the great Baker Street detective takes a break with Doctor Watson to recuperate in deepest Cornwall, death strikes a local family.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story read by James Nickerson.

Produced in Manchester by Joanne Reardon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

THU 06:30 Kipling and France (b0076vkh)

Rather a Motorious Letter

4 Extra Debut. Julian Barnes and Hermione Lee investigate how motoring influenced Rudyard Kipling's view of England and France. From November 2005.

THU 07:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hvy)

Series 1

Mother

Nick's worst fears come true, while Ronnie tries to sell heart-rate monitors to fans of Monty Python.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazely

Chloe Tracy Wiles

James John Dougall

Vince Simon Treves

Andrea Liza Sadovy

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

THU 07:30 Intensive Carey (b06sp2zg)

Critically acclaimed comedian Carey Marx unexpectedly suffered a heart attack a few years ago. He survived. And turned his experience into a stand-up show.

Presenting his debut half hour for Radio 4, this is the true story of Carey's brush with death. It turns out that cardiac failure can be funny.

Written by and starring Carey Marx.

Producer Alexandra Smith.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)

Series 4

Any Old Iron?

Albert gets concerned about an offer made to Harold.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Richard Hurdall, John Samson and Stephanie Turner.

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

The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.

THU 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007v1ws)

Series 1

The Wedding Ring

Crime writer Gerald is distracted when Diana loses something precious.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author written by Basil Boothroyd.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife and more successful writer, Diana.

With James Thomason, Trader Faulkner and Robin Browne.

The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.

THU 09:00 Genius (b0080rmy)

Series 3

Germaine Greer

Lego prisons? A tea tray as a system of measurement?

Dave Gorman asks writer Germaine Greer to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

THU 09:30 No Commitments (b007jnz1)

Series 7

Soft Soap

Charlotte makes her soap debut and Victoria has a change of heart. Starring Angela Thorne and Celia Imrie. From February 2001.

THU 10:00 Charles Dickens (b019jw02)

Mrs Lirriper

How the Parlours Added a Few Words

Tales told by Edmund Yates, Amelia Edwards and Elizabeth Gaskell.

With Jemmy away at school, Mrs Lirriper's lodgers join forces to tell and send him their favourite stories such as the surprising adventures of the snobbish Mr Mortiboy, the haunting of James Murray, and Elizabeth Gaskell's chilling tale of love, loss and obsession.

Charles Dickens's neglected classic dramatised and produced by Ellen Dryden.

Starring Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lirriper, John Fortune as the Major, Alison Skilbeck as Victorine, Caroline John as Madam Hawtry/Elizabeth Gaskell, Michael Harbour as Morgan/Old Gentleman/Sir Mark and Victoria Woodward as Ellen/Theresa. Made by First Writes Radio for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in 2007.

THU 11:00 Stories from Earth Music Bristol (b018g29j)

Frost at Midnight

Frost at Midnight. A new story by Helen Dunmore. A baby in a crib. Why cry? A story inspired by the themes of the Earth Music Bristol festival and recorded in front of an audience there. Producer: Tim Dee.

THU 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011f57z)

Scripture Cake

A recipe triggers an unlikely friendship for Maggie. Amanda Whittington's tasty drama stars Lesley Sharp and Sheila Hancock.

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007v1ws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Kipling and France (b0076vkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b008d1xh)

On Guard 1/2

To remind her of him while he is abroad, a young man buys his fiancée a snappy puppy called Hector. Read by Crawford Logan. From March 2003.

THU 14:15 The History of the Future (b01mq9n)

George Orwell

Juliet Gardiner continues her History of the Future with a look at the visions of George Orwell, and his haunting fictions imagining a dark near-future under a Totalitarian regime. Orwell's most famous and most chilling exercise in fictional futurology is his novel 1984, which portrays a society at perpetual war, living at all times under the secret surveillance of the sinister all seeing, all powerful forces of The Party. This creates an almost hallucinatory vision of a paranoid, upside down future of mind control in which reality is denied. 1984's vision of Big Brother surveilling the population, penetrating its innermost sanctums, is evoked whenever 24 hour CCTV surveillance and other Civil Liberty issues are discussed. Orwell epitomises the modern view of the future which is an ambivalent one - suspicious even while optimistic about the march of progress.

George Orwell was seriously ill with tuberculosis on the remote Scottish island of Jura when he wrote 1984 in 1948, and he died just two years later aged 46. His book was part of a trend of dystopian literature in the 20th century.

His particular vision seems prescient and ahead of its time.

There was a strong surge of optimism after the Second World War in Britain, a commitment to world government to ensure peace, and there was still lingering admiration of the Soviet Union and the part it had played in winning the war for the Allies, its darker side as yet largely unknown - or ignored. Juliet speaks to Orwell's biographer D.J. Taylore to discover how he seemed to foresee the horrors of later in the century and the Cold War.

Produced by Victoria Shepherd

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvys)

Episode 19

Jos, Amelia and William head to Europe and meet an old 'friend'. Narrated by Stephen Fry. Stars Emma Fielding and David Calder.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00xk1wm)

Jane Shilling - Stranger in the Mirror

Episode 4

The Stranger in the Mirror is Jane Shilling's personal meditation about what it's like to be at the mid point, looking both backwards and forwards. Today she explores belonging from the perspective of family and place.

Jane Shilling is a journalist, she writes on books for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Daily Mail, and on television for the Evening Standard. This is her second book. She lives in Greenwich with her son.
Read by Samantha Bond

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b019jw02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Genius (b0080rmy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 No Commitments (b007jnz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Intensive Carey (b06sp2zg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nrrbn)

Connections

"Duncan Mylne has never died and he means to go on living ..."

A visit to a potential ally begins to clarify Andrew's thoughts, but raises doubts about Katrina.

Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Robert Paterson

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

THU 18:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xglvy)

Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell

Episode 9

By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives, and relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.

The scene - an isolated cottage on the coast on a stormy evening. Inside, Alec a recently bereaved widower and his dog.

To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.

Episode 9:

Having uncovered the shocking, real identity of the Grand Cat Master, Alec sets off for Harville Manor to confront him.

Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076vgy)

Series 8

Zhao Ziyang

4 Extra Debut. Journalist Robert Thomson on the rise and fall, in 1989, of Chinese premier Zhao Ziyang. With Francine Stock. From November 2005.

THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007v1ws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Kipling and France (b0076vkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Stories from Earth Music Bristol (b018g29j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Have Your Cake (b011f57z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Intensive Carey (b06sp2zg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Secret World (b012b1z6)

Series 2

Episode 2

Alan Titchmarsh - quaint gardener or ruthless murderer? Jon Culshaw and friends probe the private lives of the famous. From July 2010.

THU 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00p3380)

Series 3

Lives Lost, Ruined, Wrecked and Redeemed

Pip and Ripely find themselves facing a vast and evil undead army.

England has only one hope - that Miss Sweetly Delightful can melt Mr Benevolent's cruel, undead heart.

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Bishop Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Bin Sarah Hadland

Miss Sweetly Delightful Raquel Cassidy

The Duke of Chelsea Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

THU 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k17t)

Series 1

To Infinity and Beyond

A bunch of Star Trek fans beam in to a sci-fi convention at the museum - and a rival theme park draws visitors away from Badgerland.

Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

FRIDAY 08 JANUARY 2016**FRI 00:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01nrrbn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xglvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076vgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Kipling and France (b0076vkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b008d1xh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The History of the Future (b01mq9n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvys)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00xk1wm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Charles Dickens (b019jw02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Genius (b0080rmy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 No Commitments (b007jnz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Intensive Carey (b06sp2zg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq28)

The Devil's Foot

Episode 2

Tragedy in a Cornish village leads Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson deep into the soul of a man hell bent on revenge.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story read by James Nickerson.

Produced in Manchester by Joanne Reardon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

FRI 06:30 Kipling and France (b0076vny)

Their Name Liveth for Evermore

Julian Barnes and Hermione Lee investigate why Rudyard

Kipling became an inspector of war cemeteries in France. From November 2005.

FRI 07:00 1834 (b011db7v)

The Time Machine

Jason decides the invention of the toasted sandwich maker will sort out his new 19th-century life.

21st-century teacher, Jason Slater, is coming to terms with waking up in 19th-century Macclesfield.

In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight, Jason is now Tarquin, third son of Lord Belpert with a faithful valet, Ned.

Jason Slater Michael Begley

Ned Joe Caffrey

Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belpert Mark Chatterton

Stubbs Glenn Cunningham

Millicent Julia Rounthwaite

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

FRI 07:30 Pauline Pepys Dowry (b00tbkfx)

Samuel Pepys' diaries make occasional mention of his sister Pauline who has come to visit. She appears not to have been an entirely welcome guest. This comedy is inspired by Pauline, and by many other unwelcome love-lorn house-guests throughout human history...

Meet Pauline Pepys. Her love life is in tatters, her sister-in-law wants her to move out of the spare room, and her best friend is her worst enemy. Oh, and this being London in the 1660s there's a nasty spot of plague about. This episode sees Pauline fall for a handsome executioner, but when he seems to prefer Charlotte she offers to fix Pauline up with a very romantic poet. Meanwhile Elizabeth has arranged for a lavish portrait of herself and Samuel that is not altogether going to plan. And the maid is doing something awful with a dead fish and a goat.

A new historical comedy starring Olivia Colman as hopeless romantic Pauline, Sharon Horgan as her best friend Charlotte the vainest woman in Britain, David Mitchell as a distinctly itchy Samuel Pepys, Katherine Parkinson as Elizabeth his wife, who is very stressed about making the right impression on society; and Tom Hollander as Russell de Bret, a man who in the twenty first century would be a rock star, but has chosen instead the career of public executioner; with Rebekah Staton as the peculiarly fish-obsessed house maid Jane and Dave Lamb as Joth a very angry painter and Wilston, a very sad poet...

Pauline Pepys' Dowry is written by Amy Shindler and Beth Chalmers and produced by Gareth Edwards.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpf6s)

Series 6

The Smugglers

Returning from a holiday abroad, Sid tricks the lad and Bill into sneaking in watches.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams, Patricia Hayes and Noel Dryden.

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 September 1959.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)
Series 6
The Mighty Wurlitzer
Neddie Seagoon propels his mighty organ across the Sahara 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 January 1956.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b01dhn6p)
Series 2
Swansea University
Coming this week from Swansea University, "The 3rd Degree" is a funny, lively and dynamic 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 (b007k0dw)
Series 2
A Moving Story
Single dad Bryan tries to get a loan to move house, but it's not simple.
Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.
Robert Lindsay takes over as the single parent struggling to find work and raise his baby son.
In the original 1977 series, Bryan was played by the late Richard Beckinsale who tragically died in 1979. After a six-year hiatus, the series returned with Bryan's mother and baby Albert played once again by the ever-versatile Pat Coombs.
Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay
Mum/Albert Pat Coombs
Mrs Willis Diana King
Mr Benson John Arnatt
Mrs Hagger Dilys Laye
Ron Larry Martyn
Mary Rosalind Adams
Mr Tibbies Roland MacLeod
Incidental music by Max Harris.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1983.

FRI 10:00 Charles Dickens (b019lw3y)
Mrs Lirriper
Mrs Lirriper's Legacy
Jemmy returns from school for the holidays just in time to join Mrs Lirriper and the Major on a trip to France in search of a mysterious benefactor. When they eventually track him down, he turns out to be the last person anyone could have expected.
Charles Dickens's neglected classic dramatised and produced by Ellen Dryden.
Starring Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lirriper, John Fortune as the Major, Jordan Clarke as Jemmy, Alison Skilbeck as Miss Wozenham and Gus Brown as Mr Buffle/Consul.
Made by First Writes Radio for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in 2007.

FRI 11:00 Afternoon Reading (b013q20y)
F Scott Fitzgerald - The Pat Hobby Stories
Pat Hobby's Secret
Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Adapted by Archie Scottney.
Alfred Molina reads F. Scott Fitzgerald's brilliant stories of late 1930s Hollywood, directed by Martin Jarvis. Since the advent of the talkies, hack screen writer Pat Hobby has fallen on hard times and hard liquor.

Now, desperately in need of a studio writing job, he pursues a drunken movie director and obtains some secret information about a crucial film script idea. Producer Banizon is prepared to buy the idea from Pat, because the knowledge could save his next movie. So can Pat Hobby, at last, hold the studio up to ransom before spilling the beans? Maybe. But death and desperation make things even more problematic than usual for Pat.
Producer/Director: Martin Jarvis
A Jarvis & Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:15 Have Your Cake (b011f7m9)
Lady's Cake
Tess and Nicky face temptation and bad news, as Maggie faces a ghost from her past. Nicola Baldwin's drama stars Lesley Sharp.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b0081rvd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq28)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Kipling and France (b0076vnz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Evelyn Waugh Short Stories (b007k30q)
On Guard 2/2
On Guard: A small dog called Hector comes to dominate his mistress's life while her fiance is abroad. Read by Crawford Logan. From March 2003.

FRI 14:15 The History of the Future (b01mqf52)
The Future From Here
Juliet Gardiner concludes her History of the Future with a view of the future from where we stand in 2012. Are we more or less anxious about what's to come than we ever were?
Juliet speaks to James Martin and Ian Goldin of the Oxford Martin School, a research community of over 300 scholars working to address the most pressing global challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. From the governance of geo-engineering and the possibilities of quantum physics, to the future of food and the implications of our ageing population.
Produced by Victoria Shepherd
A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 William Makepeace Thackeray - Vanity Fair (b007jvzy)
Episode 20
Becky, Jos, Amelia and William's futures are finally decided. Conclusion of William Makepeace Thackeray's drama, narrated by Stephen Fry.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00xk1zj)
Jane Shilling - Stranger in the Mirror
Episode 5
The Stranger in the Mirror is Jane Shilling's memoir about middle age, and looks both backwards and forwards to new adventures. Today austere times lie ahead after Jane's working life as a freelance journalist receives a blow.
Jane Shilling is a journalist who writes on books for the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Daily Mail, and on television for the Evening Standard. This is her second book. She lives in Greenwich with her son.
Read by Samantha Bond
Abridged by Julian Wilkinson
Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

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FRI 17:00 1834 (b011db7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Pauline Pepys Dowry (b00tbkfx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Jonathan Aycliffe - The Matrix (b01ns0y8)
The Ceremony
"Andrew, I do not think you will ever know peace again until you know the ..."
Can student Andrew MacLeod escape the evil that stretches from North Africa to Scotland?
The gripping conclusion of Jonathan Aycliffe's chilling novel abridged in ten parts by Rosemary Goring.
Read by Robert Paterson
Producer: David Jackson Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 1997.

FRI 18:15 Book at Bedtime (b03xgtsj)
Lynne Truss - Cat Out of Hell
Episode 10
By acclaimed storyteller Lynne Truss, author of the bestselling Eats, Shoots and Leaves, the mysterious tale of a cat with nine lives, and relationship as ancient as time itself and just as powerful.
The scene - an isolated cottage on the coast on a stormy evening. Inside, Alec a recently bereaved widower and his dog. To pass the time Alec explores the contents of a folder of documents emailed to him by an acquaintance at the library where he used to work. What he discovers is an extraordinary story that will change his life forever.
Episode 10:
The showdown at Harville Manor. But can Alec survive in the face of such evil?
Reader: Mike Grady

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0076bst)
Series 3
The Pathétique
Biographer Anthony Holden and conductor Vassily Sinaisky explore the cultural impact of Tchaikovsky's final symphony. Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.
Taking part:
Anthony Holden
Gianandrea Noseda
Vassily Sinaisky
David Gregory
Producer: Lucy Lunt
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

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FRI 21:15 Have Your Cake (b011f7m9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Pauline Pepys Dowry (b00tbkfx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jqf9)
Series 1
Good and Evil
The sci-fi star and inventor explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.

FRI 23:00 The Gobetwenies (b011lg5k)
Series 2
Under the Same Night Stars
Lucy is despairing about the future of the planet - until she meets a cute boy with a moped. But Tom is in a huff with his family and inventing imaginary parents because he is not allowed to see his best friend Freddy. When Freddy runs away it's left to Lucy to save the day. Thank goodness her mum never uses that porcini filled writing shed.
Written by Marcella Evaristi.
Director: Marilyn Imrie
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Hard to Tell (b015p5g6)
Series 1
Episode 1
Thanks to a bike accident that's landed him in A&E, Tom Sheffield is about to go for a pizza with Ellen, a woman with the most noble of foreheads and - it turns out - the most attentive of dads.
Hard To Tell is a four part relationship comedy by Jonny Sweet (Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2009). He conjures up characters depicting every relationship from father and daughter to the mirror in the bathroom and the feller hiding at a party; from the stalker and the stalked to dog owners and their dogs; and from lifelong friends to long term partners and their dearly departed.
The series revolves around Tom Sheffield (played by Jonny himself), his immediate family (Getting On's Vicki Pepperdine, The Thick Of It's Alex MacQueen and Not Going Out's Katy Wix), and Tom's longed-for-and-lusted-after new girlfriend, Ellen (played by Charlotte Ritchie), her best friend Hermione (Him & Her's Sarah Solemani) and Ellen's zealously protective father (Simon Greenall).
Tim Key and Tom Basden both make deliciously awkward cameo appearances.
Recorded on location, Hard To Tell's naturalistic, contemporary and conversational style brings new meaning to pub toasts, themed parties, early morning phone calls and Christmas Editions of Jonathan Creek.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
A Tiger Aspect production for BBC Radio 4.