

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2016

SAT 00:00 The Laxian Key (b007k30w)

Episode 4

Evans the Welsh vigilante aims to senselessly bomb the planetary decontaminationists for melting Earth. Stephen Hawking once warned us that our species could soon be wiped out by plagues, asteroids and our tendency to destroy ourselves. The solution, he suggested, was for us to colonise other planets. But Chris Lerner and David Gilbert's sci-fi comedy sees the truth as a little more complicated.

The Laxian Key shows how, as soon as Man steps onto another planet, he promptly fouls it up just as he did earth. The heroes of this wonderfully wacky tale are two interplanetary decontaminationists.

CAST:

Arnold Chris Lerner

Gregor Mark Bonner

Evan Trevor Cooper

Office Alex Lowe

Ferngraum Sam Dale

Jo Christine Kavanagh

Dolores Virge Gilchrist

Virtual Newsreader Bethan Walker

with Paul Biggin, Emma Noakes and Joseph Kloska

Music by Mark Stevens and Chris Lerner

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2007.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0076m94)

Series 4

Stand By Me

Singer-songwriter Ben E King talks about writing the classic song in his bedroom on a cheap guitar.

It was recorded by Marc Bolan and John Lennon, and was featured in a film.

Those reflecting on its lasting emotional power are:

Raynold Gideon

Bruce Evans

Jason Toynbee

Steve Bronsnihan

Alan Clayson

Reader: Kerry Shale

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

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

SAT 01:00 R Austin Freeman - Thorndyke, Forensic Investigator (b01r7hhp)

Series 2

Rex v Burnaby

At first glance it looked like a simple bullion robbery, but Thorndyke's investigations reveal that nothing is as it first appeared. Read by William Gaminara.

John Thorndyke, barrister and doctor of medicine, possesses an armoury of skills that equip him as the first scientifically plausible "forensic" detective. R. Austin Freeman, his creator, was himself a medic with an extensive knowledge of forensic medicine, and the solutions to the puzzles are completely plausible. In fact the scientific detail and authenticity of Thorndyke's investigations go much further than anything in the Holmes stories, though Freeman was happy to acknowledge his debt to Arthur Conan Doyle:

"A fellow doctor, Conan Doyle, had made a brilliant and well-deserved success by the creation of the immortal Sherlock Holmes. Considering that achievement, I asked myself whether it might not be possible to devise a detective story of a slightly different kind; one based on the science of Medical Jurisprudence, in which, by the sacrifice of a certain amount of dramatic effect, one could keep entirely within the facts of real life, with nothing fictitious excepting the persons and the events. I came to the conclusion that it was, and began to turn the idea over in my mind."

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Producer: John Taylor

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Fiction Factory and first broadcast in 2013.

SAT 01:30 Bandits of the Blitz (b00tmtj8)

With Britain at war and London under siege from the Luftwaffe, everyone's pulling together. Or are they? Whilst bombs rained down and long-suffering Brits helped each other, some people were simply helping themselves - stealing, looting, and making money on the black market.

The Second World War created vast opportunities for crime. Warehouses were robbed, arm stores rifled and forgers kept busy providing false identity documents, ration books and clothing coupons. Looters, stealing anything of value, cleaned out blitzed houses.

The blackout and bombing provided perfect cover for safe cracking and Post Office raids. Professional criminals thrived. People like Billy Hill, who despite prison terms used his wartime muscle to become, in his words, "Boss of Britain's Underworld".

Complex emergency rules left normally-law-abiding citizens

facing the courts. Shopkeepers who fell foul of the tangle of red tape faced heavy fines.

Even as the war ended, rationing continued, and the black market flourished. Presenter Duncan Campbell unearths once-secret papers that put Billy Hill at the centre of London's organized crime in the 1950s.

Using archive accounts and talking to people who were there, Campbell tells the tale of crime on the home front. With interviews from Billy Hill's son, Justin Hill, former jewel thief Peter Scott, veteran ex police officers, and historians and academics.

Presenter Duncan Campbell is a former crime correspondent for the Guardian.

Producer: Liz Carney

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2010.

SAT 02:00 Donna Tartt - The Secret History (b03q9ng3)

Episode 15

Richard has been shot and, as events escalate, not everyone will get out alive. Donna Tartt thriller concluded by William Hope. From April 1995.

SAT 02:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05vhh4d)

Basavana: A Voice in the Air

A portrait of Basavana, the radical poet and religious guru from the 12th century, whose words have inspired many other Indian poets, writers and dramatists. Professor Sunil Khilnani tells the story of a man whose deceptively simple verses protest against the immorality of the caste system and proclaim the intrinsic value of people who happen to be born poor. "His verses ... are what best explain him. They have a directness that reveals to us a free thinker, social reformer and religious evangelist who sometimes struggled to resist worldly temptations," says Professor Khilnani. Basavana was an inspiration to his followers yet his life came to a bitter end. His teachings are kept alive by a substantial religious community called the Lingayats who are concentrated in Northern Karnataka.

Produced by Mark Savage

Researcher: Manu Pillai

Readings by Sagar Arya

Listeners can catch up with the series and see the list of remarkable Indians featured on the Radio 4 website.

SAT 02:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767g1)

Episode 5

Can Andrea and married Philip manage to keep their affair secret?

Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960s, dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Agnes.....Naomi Radcliffe

Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Landlord.....Geoff Hinsliff

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 02:45 Rukhsana Ahmad - Freedom's Daughter (b007jybp)

Episode 5

Nehru is released from jail, while Indira Gandhi's political views are developing. Read by Nina Wadia. And Paul Bhattacharjee.

SAT 03:00 Charles Dickens (b01b3fqd)

Little Dorrit

Episode 5

After her father's death Little Dorrit is still in Italy when the newly-married Fanny has a strange visit from Mr Merdle.

Arthur is struck by disaster and Mrs Clennam is forced to reveal the family secret at last.

Conclusion of Charles Dickens's masterpiece of social satire and imprisonment.

Starring Sir Ian McKellen as Charles Dickens.

Recorded on location in London.

Charles Dickens Ian McKellen

Arthur Clennam Julian Wadham

Mrs Clennam Margaret Tzack

Little Dorrit Jasmine Hyde

Fanny Dorrit Indira Varma

John Chivery Ben Crowe

Flintwinch Ioan Meredith

Mr Pancks Philip Joseph

Mr Doyce Jonathan Keeble

Mr Merdle Kenneth Cranham

Chivery Gordon Reid

Dramatised by Doug Luce.

Music by Mia Soteriou

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SAT 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b01fhrjh)

Series 2

Queen Mary, University of London

Coming this week from Queen Mary, University of London, "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.

SAT 04:30 Albert and Me (b0480vfp)

Series 2

Casual Labour

Single dad Bryan is sacked and advertises for work in a local shop window.

Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.

Single parent Bryan Archer struggles to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.

Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay

Mum/Albert Pat Coombs

Mrs Willis Diana King

Fred Harry Fowler

Vikkie Sherrie Hewson

Mr Graham Douglas Blackwell

Mrs Weston Frances Jeater

Amateur Photographer John Tordoff.

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.

SAT 05:00 1834 (b011vffj)

London

Trapped in 19th-century Macclesfield, bored 21st-century Jason heads to London, but is waylaid by a mint-popping highwayman...

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

Jason Slater Michael Begley

Ned Joe Caffrey

Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belport Mark Chatterton

Millicent Julia Routhwaite

Henry James Nickerson

Highwayman Toby Hadoke

Duke of Cranmere John Craig

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 05:30 So Wrong It's Right (b01j5nws)

Series 3

Episode 3

Charlie Brooker hosts the comedy panel show about the wrong side of life. Guests Father Ted and IT Crowd writer Graham Linehan, comedian Matthew Crosby and Sony-award winning podcaster Helen Zaltzman compete to suggest the best in bad ideas.

So Wrong It's Right sees Charlie ask three guests a number of questions testing their powers of creativity and revealing the best embarrassing stories from their lives. This week, the panel's worst experiences with a stranger and the best ideas for the worst new gadget are just two of the challenges faced by the panel.

Can anyone top Helen's nomination for most annoying modern irritant, 'constructed reality TV'? And will anyone beat Graham Linehan's suggestion for a terrible new gadget, the 'exciting ladder'?

The host of So Wrong It's Right, Charlie Brooker, also presents BBC4's acclaimed Newswise and Screenwise series, and is an award winning columnist for The Guardian. He also won Best Newcomer at the British Comedy Awards 2009.

Produced by Aled Evans

A Zeppotron Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Colin Davis - Thin Boy (b06z6111)

"Who is the sane one," asked the philosopher Bertrand Russell, "the man who cracks up because of Hiroshima, or the rest of us who remain unaffected by it?"

On 10 December, 1957, Claude "Buck" Eatherly, ex-509th Squadron, USAF, stood trial for robbing post offices. He pleaded not guilty by virtue of insanity....

Colin Davis's biographical play stars Peter Whitman as Claude Eatherly, Peter Marinker as the Writer, Bob Sherman as Colonel Tibbets, Serretta Wilons as Eatherly's Woman, Bill Wallis as Dr McElroy and Nigel Anthony as Dr Constantine. Producer: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 07:30 Tony Hawks's Guide to the Guides (b0075vhy)

Tea Shops

Comedian and writer Tony Hawks tests the guide books that claim to help us navigate our way around our holidays.

Kicking off this 6-part series, Tony goes in search of that very British creation, the tea-room.

Should it be milk or tea in first to make the very best cuppa? Armed with his guide, Tony's tea tour takes in the delights of

With Terence Brady and Pauline Yates.
Pianist: Gordon Langford.
Written by Miles Kington, Roy Lomax, John Graham, Peter Spence, Chris Miller, Chris Allen, Jim Eldridge, Chris Bell and Laurie Holloway and Peter N Christie
Producer John Fawcett-Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.
SUN 09:00 Volker Weidermann - Summer Before the Dark: Omnibus (b06z8cxj)
1936: Stefan Zweig and his mistress stroll Ostend's seafront waiting for writer, Joseph Roth to arrive. Read by Peter Firth.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06z8dhz)
Sarah Millican
Comedian Sarah Millican chooses 'Bossanova' from Fun in Acapulco by Elvis Presley and 'Wired for Sound' by Cliff Richard.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06z8dj3)
Absent Friends
Peter O'Sullivan
4 Extra Debut. From Beethoven to Edith Piaf, horse racing commentator Peter O'Sullivan makes his castaway choices.
With Sue Lawley. From September 1997.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b06y9jvd)
Amputation, Al Gore, and Heroin
True stories told live in the USA.
SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
Series 2
Cicada
One of the great wild sounds of North America is the purring of insects in the evening, especially that of Cicadas, one of the great stridulating sounds in the wild.
This is the tale of one Cicada; the 17-year periodic Cicada that stunned the community in New England 13 years after the Pilgrim Fathers had landed. There was a plague of insects, all with red eyes on stalks - and all emerging continuously out of the soil.
When the plague subsided a few weeks later the people of Plymouth Rock were braced for another onslaught, but nothing happened until 17 years later.
Sir David Attenborough recalls a filming trip to New England to film this species of Cicada with both fascinating natural history and a hilarious twist.
Written and presented by David Attenborough
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
SUN 12:00 Jim the Great (b02zbzxb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b008kmgk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (Omnibus) (b06z87jb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Shoot from the Hip - The World's Coolest Camera (b0076xhf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 Automobile Club of Egypt: Omnibus (b06z8kwx)
Episode 2
Mitsy meets the King of Egypt. But the outcome does not please her father. Alaa Al Aswany's novel is read by Raad Rawi, Amir El-Masry and Emerald O'Hanrahan.
SUN 15:45 Trevor Hoyle - The Dying Art of Letter Writing (b01bmrq2)
Malcolm wants to sell the family paper mill, but his Aunt Emmie declares "Over my dead body!". Letters read by Joyce Gibbs. From February 2012.
SUN 16:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007k354)
The Governor's Consort
Mary Wimbush stars as Lady Edith in this play written specially for her by Peter Tinniswood.
Lady Edith is sailing with her husband to the tiny South Atlantic island of St David's, of which he's about to become Governor. Her fellow passengers, not to mention the crew and the exuberant band on board, produce an invigorating and somewhat earthy effect on her Ladyship, a frustrated woman of 'a certain age' with a vivid imagination.
Lady Edith Mary Wimbush
Sir Wilfred John Moffatt
Doctor Spofforth Bernard Hepton
Captain MacWhirter Stephen Thorne
Delgado Keith Drinkel
Chief Engineer Matthew Morgan
First Officer James Telfer
Tarleton Jonathan Adams
Radio kept Mary Wimbush particularly busy throughout her career. She was known to millions as Julia Pargetter in 'The Archers' until her death in 2005, shortly after she'd recorded an episode of the BBC's long-running soap opera at the BBC's Mailbox in Birmingham.
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b06z8twh)
With Great Pleasure - Jo Shapcott
BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive.
In 'With Great Pleasure' from the 2003 Ledbury Poetry Festival, Jo Shapcott presents some of her literary favourites read for her by Christian Rodska and Mark Meadows.

Her choices range from medieval poem Piers Plowman to war poet Ivor Gurney via Galileo, Emily Dickinson and the ascent of Kilimanjaro.
Producer: Viv Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
SUN 17:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01q9771)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Nick Stafford - The Fire Inside (b0075gpk)
A stranger seeks shelter at an isolated farmhouse in the depths of winter. The occupants, Jack and Mavis, put him in an upstairs room, sparking a sinister chain of events - and an investigation into what has really been going on...
Nick Stafford's supernatural tale stars Philip Jackson as Jack, Kate Rutter as Mavis, Jonathan Tafler as Ellis and Stephen Critchlow as Colin.
Director: Claire Grove
First broadcast in the Elemental Tales series on Radio 4 in 1999
SUN 18:45 The Pond (b06z8twn)
An old man calls to a frog and then catches it for a sinister purpose, but will he pay for his crime?
George Parsons reads Nigel Kneale's short story.
Produced at BBC Bristol by Pamela Howe.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1988
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SUN 22:30 Clayton Grange (b01n65zq)
Series 1
Episode 3
The team attempt to make war just a bit more gentle.
This is Clayton Grange, top secret Scientific Institute with a government brief to solve the global fuel crisis, cheer people up and make war just a bit more gentle. Meet the scientists who are a bit rubbish at life. And not much better at science.
Comedy by Neil Warhurst with extra material by Paul Barnhill.
Saunders Anthony Head
Geoff Neil Warhurst
Roger Paul Barnhill
Jameson Stephanie Racine
Lionel Don Gilet
Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse
Director: Marion Nancarrow.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.
SUN 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00c5xtr)
Series 2
Episode 5
An attic full of peas, switching from Girl Guide to sumo wrestler and dull geological holidays.
Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series
With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.
Written by Laura Solon.
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
SUN 23:30 The Harpoon (b00c6q6w)
Series 3
Episode 4
Howdee y'all! A special star-spangled American issue of the nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure story papers.
Performed by Alistair McGowan, Peter Baynham, Susie Brann, Mary Elliot-Nelson and Julian Dutton.
Producer: Sarah Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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Series 2
The Stalking Horse
When Miss Dalby, a leading light in the suffragette movement, is accused of the murder of a man on a train, Thorndyke takes up the case for her defence. Read by William Gaminara.
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MON 06:30 Stash: The Dandy Aesthete of Swinging London (b00h6xlm)
Journalist Mark Paytress searches for mysterious 60s personality Stash, friend of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones.
From March 2009.
MON 07:00 The Right Time (b0076m76)
Series 4
Episode 1
From nudism and reflexology to top-shelf magazines. Sketch show about life, written and performed by people who've lived a bit.
Stars Eleanor Bron, Dudley Sutton, Roger Blake, Clive Swift and Paula Wilcox.
With guest star Arthur Smith.
Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon, Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, George Poles, Arthur Smith, Alan Stafford, Chris Thompson and Petr Reynolds.
Script editors: Ed Dyson and George Poles.
Music by Ronnie & The Rex.
Producer: Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b06ybgxr)
Series 8
Ward, Sharman, Blofeld
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah Millican welcome:
* An award-winning Australian comedian who is so much more than a mere joker, Felicity Ward
* The cricket commentator whose association with James Bond villainy is more than a mere coincidence, Henry Blofeld
* A former chemist from Mars who is more than a Mir astronaut, Dr Helen Sharman OBE
The Museum's guests discuss the cultural significance of Australians using watermelons as hats; how you can increase your stature in more ways than one by going into space; how it took an author as inventive as PG Wodehouse to coin the word 'grunted' decades after the word 'disgruntled'; the vital importance of toilets; and the coolest possible way of telling mountain trekkers where you were when you first saw the Himalayas.
Researchers: Anne Miller and Molly Oldfield of QI.
Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jppj)
Series 3
The Royal Train
Captain Mainwaring gets up steam when the Home Guard platoon receive sealed orders regarding the King.
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 Frazer John Laurie
Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
Private Walker Larry Martyn
Vicar Frank Williams
Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.
MON 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007k2p3)
Series 2
But...
Juggling cases and girlfriends, barrister Roger has trouble with toggles and grommets.
Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Bridget Armstrong as Joy and Brian Oulton as the Judge.
All other parts played by William Fox, Garard Green and Peter Tuddenham.
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 Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1971.
MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00dr86m)
Series 8
Raymond Chandler
James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Lynne Truss and Mark Billingham. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Raymond Chandler and the reader is Beth Chalmers.
MON 09:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017071k)
Series 2
Squab is not the Language of Love
Radio writer Hugo defects to TV.
Series two of Christopher William Hill's sitcom set in 1962. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.
Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles
Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell
Godfrey Winnard John Fortune
Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn
Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska
Douglas Bennings Jon Glover
Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
Georgina Barrett Carolyn Pickles
Burton Peter Marinker.
Producer: Liz Webb
First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.
MON 10:00 Lee Hall - I Luv U Jimmy Spud (b007jmts)
Jimmy Spud is Newcastle's only trainee angel, determined to solve cosmic mysteries and save his father from the grip of lung cancer.
Lee Hall's play about poverty, illness, love and redemption stars Gareth Brown as Jimmy Spud, Charlie Hardwick as Mother and Dave Whittaker as Father.
Producer: Kate Rowland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995
First repeated in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's "God's Country" quartet plays: The Love Letters of Ragie Patel, The Sorrows of Sandra Saint and Spoonface Steinberg.
MON 11:00 Mick Jackson - Junior Science (b016x4t9)
Back to School
To coincide with the broadcast of 'Junior Science', Mick Jackson is taking up a year-long post as writer-in residence at The Science Museum in London.
In these three specially-commissioned stories, children become involved in science with strange and unsettling results.
In Back To School, young Robert Thornber discovers strange goings-on in the Science Block when he accidentally goes back to school a day early. He is soon forced to run for his life.
Mick Jackson is a Booker-nominated author and screenwriter. His first novel, *The Underground Man*, was shortlisted for The Booker Prize, The Whitbread First Novel Award and won The Royal Society of Authors' First Novel Award. He has published three novels and two illustrated collections of stories including *Spirit Bears*, *Circus Bears* and *Sewer Bears* which were produced by Sweet Talk for BBC Radio 4.
Mick also writes screenplays and has directed documentaries. One of his short stories, *The Pearce Sisters*, was adapted by Aardman Animation and won more than twenty prizes at international film festivals, including a BAFTA for Best Short Animation.
Mick lives in Brighton with his family.
Written by Mick Jackson. Read by David Holt.
Producer: Rosalind Ward
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 11:15 Nick Warburton - Purvis (b007k1jy)
A kindly vicar appoints a lonely widower as church safety officer but he proves to be rather accident prone. Stars Peter Sallis. From November 2000.
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MON 14:00 Tea Obreht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zsdgc)

Episode 1
Hattie Morahan reads Tea Obreht's evocative debut novel set in a Balkan country scarred by war, and where Natalia, a young doctor, is struggling to understand the mysterious circumstances of her grandfather's death. A tattered copy of *The Jungle Book* which her grandfather kept with him always provides an unlikely clue, sending her on a quest that leads to the extraordinary stories of the deathless man and the tiger's wife.
Tea Obreht is on "The New Yorker's Top Writers under 40 Fiction Issue" (June 2010), and at 24 was the youngest on the list. 'The Tiger's Wife' is one of the Waterstone's 11 - the best debuts that they have picked for 2011. Her short story, "The Sentry", appeared in the "Guardian Summer Fiction Issue", alongside stories by Hilary Mantel and David Mitchell.
She was born in 1985 in the former Yugoslavia, and raised in Belgrade, where she spent her childhood. In 1992, her family immigrated, and in 1997 eventually settled in the United States. The reader is Hattie Morahan.
Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.
MON 14:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05vx1bs)
Amir Khusro: The Parrot of India
By turns warrior, prisoner of war, court poet and passionate Sufi devotee, Amir Khusro was above all a quick-witted literary survivor. And his ability to write for all manner of patrons and audiences, added to his faith in Sufism, would help his words endure for 700 years. Sunil Khilnani tells the story of the man who called himself 'The Parrot of India'.
After a career as a soldier, Khusro gained fame in the royal courts of Delhi where poets improvised and extemporised for their patrons, competing with each other in a kind of medieval poetry slam. But despite being the most admired court poet of his time, he eventually suffered burnout and turned for spiritual strength to the great Sufi Muslim saint Nizamuddin Auliya. From then on his poetry focussed on the ideal of Sufi devotion, a merging of identity between master and follower.
Sunil Khilnani visits old Delhi and Khusro's tomb where his songs, passed down through 700 years of oral tradition, are still performed. Those songs have also come to live in the unconscious of millions of Indians through their use in cinema. Javed Akhtar, one of the great song-writers of Indian cinema, pays tribute to his 13th century predecessor.
The founding fathers of modern India made Amir Khusro a mascot of cultural harmony. Sunil Khilnani explores the life of a Sufi Muslim who has become the embodiment of the nation's unofficial motto: 'Unity in Diversity'.
Producer: Jeremy Grange
Executive Producer: Martin Smith
Original music composed by Talvin Singh.
MON 14:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)
Episode 6
Tom plans for Norma's future, whilst Andrea's future is very much threatened.
A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960s, dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.
Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew
Philip.....Robert Glenister
David Calder.....Tom
Jo-Anne Knowles.....Kate
Sharon Duce.....Norma
Ruth Herbert.....Shirley
Ben Crompton.....Nick
Director: Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b04vk6kt)
Ian Bostridge - Schubert's Winter Journey
Episode 1
Award-winning tenor Ian Bostridge explores Franz Schubert's enigmatic masterpiece *Winterreise*, or *Winter's Journey*. Composed in 1827, this powerful song-cycle for voice and piano uses twenty-four poems by Wilhelm Muller and is considered one of classical music's most powerful compositions.
Drawing upon his experience as a performer (he has performed *Winterreise* more than a hundred times), on his musical knowledge and on his training as a scholar, Bostridge unpicks the enigmas and subtle meanings behind the songs to explore the world Schubert inhabited.
Ian Bostridge is recognised as one of the greatest Lieder interpreters today. He has made numerous award-winning recordings of opera and song, and gives recitals throughout Europe, North America and the Far East. He was the original Caliban in Thomas Ades's *The Tempest*, and played Aschenbach in the landmark 2007 production of Britten's *Death in Venice* at ENO. He will be Humanitas Professor of Classical Music at the University of Oxford in 2014-15.
Read by Ian Bostridge
Written by Ian Bostridge
Abridged by Laurence Wareing
Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
MON 15:00 Lee Hall - I Luv U Jimmy Spud (b007jmts)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b00dr86m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017071k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 The Right Time (b0076m76)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b06ybgxr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Hordes of the Things (b0089b37)
1. The Prophecy is Cast
The kingdom of Albion is in peril, and the law of darkness encroaches...
Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic four-part Tolkien parody.
Starring Paul Eddington, Paul Magee and Simon Callow.
King Yulftric the Wise Paul Eddington
The Chronicler Patrick Magee
Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow
Agar Christian Rodska
Radox the Green Frank Middlemass
Maliadoc Hugh Thomas
King Yulftric's First Assistant Advisor David Ross
Caradorn Gordon Gostelow
Dyandetes Miriam Margolyes
Another Harpy Eve Karpf
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b007623t)
Sir Bernard Crick and Joe Farrell
Kirsty Wark and her guests, eminent social scientist Sir Bernard Crick, and writer and critic Joe Farrell, discuss paperbacks by William Riviere, Pat Barker and Sarah Dunant. From 2001.
Mapping the Edge by Sarah Dunant
Publisher: Virago
The Ghost Road by Pat Barker
Publisher: Penguin
Kate Caterina by William Riviere
Publisher: Sceptre.
MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jqpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Brothers in Law (b007k2p3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 R Austin Freeman - Thorndyke, Forensic Investigator (b01r7ml4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Stash: The Dandy Aesthete of Swinging London (b00h6xlm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Mick Jackson - Junior Science (b016x4t9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Nick Warburton - Purvis (b007k1jy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06ybgxr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b010m2f6)
Series 4
Evil Narbara
The hit Radio 4 series 'Fags, Mags & Bags' returns with a 4th series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.
Written by and starring Donald McLeary and Sanjeev Kohli 'Fags, Mags & Bags' has proved a hit with the Radio 4 audience with the show also collecting a Sony nomination and a Writers' Guild award in 2008. This brand new series sees a crop of new shop regulars, and some guest appearances along the way from the likes of Mina Anwar and Kevin Eldon.
In this episode a rowdy party shop run by an unfriendly sort causes havoc amongst the local traders association after a number of undesirable descend on the town.
So join the staff of 'Fags, Mags and Bags' in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of 30 years, and is a firmly entrenched feature of the local area. Ramesh loves the art of the 'shop'.
However, he does apply the 'low return' rules of the shop to all other aspects of his life. Ramesh is ably assisted by his shop sidekick Dave, a forty-something underachiever who shares Ramesh's love of the art of shopkeeping, even if he is treated like a slave.
Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business, and Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them whether they like it or not!
Cast:
Ramesh: Sanjeev Kohli
Dave: Donald McLeary
Sanjay: Omar Raza
Alok: Susheel Kumar
Peggy: Kate Donnelly
Mrs Begg: Marj Hogarth
Hilly: Kate Brailsford
Lovely Sue: Julie Wilson Nimmo
Mutton Jeff: Sean Scanlan
Bra Jeff: Steven McNicol
Producer/Director: Gus Beattie
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b06zdcjg)
Series 16
Episode 4
A satirical review of the week's news chaired by Miles Jupp. Tune in to hear some bonus material from the live recording that didn't quite make it into the regular weekly show.
MON 23:45 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01jhdhr)
Series 2

Episode 4

Last in the series of Helen Keen's quirky comic but true look at the past and future of space exploration. This week looks at what we could do if a giant asteroid was heading straight for us and looks at where else we might be able to go in the solar system if Earth was destroyed, and how we might get there. And we ask the most searching of all questions, why didn't the dinosaurs avoid extinction by developing a space programme of their own? And if they had, how could a T Rex have flown a spaceship with those tiny arms?

With Helen Keen

Peter Serafinowicz

Susy Kane

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

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TUE 06:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4fd)

The Confession of Guilt

Recalling the case of an immigrant accused of wounding near a cricket ground, Horace Rumpole investigates the truth of a true confession.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law

Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole

With Michael Maloney as Nick Rumpole and Godfrey Kenton as

Mr Justice Everglades and John Church as Magnus Picean.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John

Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-

by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal

Court of England and Wales.

Director: Ian Coterrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

TUE 06:30 Composing New York (b0011zc7)

New York City has always drawn composers from the Old World - from Dvorak and Mahler to Kurt Weill, Rachmaninov and Benjamin Britten. Some, like Puccini, crossed the Atlantic to premier new works, others like Gustav Mahler and Bela Bartok stayed for longer periods to compose, study and conduct. But all were shaped by the energy of New York, just as the city's musical culture was shaped, in turn, by them.

Behind this extraordinary cultural exchange lay a deeper question: what should a truly American "classical" music sound like? Did it lie outside the concert hall and with the Broadway musical, as envisaged by Kurt Weill? Or was it Dvorak's iconic New World symphony, with its powerful invocations of the black American spiritual, that pointed the way?

Filled with the sounds of NYC, British composer and New York resident Tarik O'Regan presents a vivid portrait of the city which electrified these great composers and, through their works composed and premiered in New York, transformed the wider world of classical music.

Producer: Simon Hollis

A Brook Lapping production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 07:00 Fat Chance (b01byc68)

Better Wed Than Dead

It's Kelly's wedding day and the rest of the slimming club rally round to give her a day she'll never forget - though she may want to...

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

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvitski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pitscottie 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 March 1999.

TUE 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06yrc4z)

Series 2

Milton's Motors

When Milton opens up a car repair shop, he finds he's on a collision course with a notorious local villain. Meanwhile, a mysterious tin of travel sweets comes to a sticky end.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is 'Help!'. Because each week, Milton, and his trusty assistant Anton (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.

Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans, the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton" returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

With Tom Goodman-Hill, Josie Lawrence and Ben Willbond.

Music by Guy Jackson.

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

January 2016.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007tm45)

Series 3

Episode 19

Kenneth Horne welcomes 'The Palone Ranger', Fiona and Charles with sound effects, plus Julian and Sandy take charge of the BBC wardrobe department.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Padlock, 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 June 1967.

TUE 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012b8hx)

Fowl Play

The blundering bureaucrats learn not to put all their eggs in one

in-tray.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government

departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

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 August 1972.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b06zdcjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01jhdhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Lee Hall - The Love Letters of Ragie Patel (b06zdnkh)

Ragie Patel is left with his Grandparents for the summer. A chance meeting with the amazing Jimmy Spud convinces Ragie that he might be a Hindu god, and when Nandini asks him to act as a go-between, he's convinced of his powers.

Lee Hall's play about Faith, Hope and Reality in the 1990s.

Stars Kulwant Singh Bhatia as Ragie Patel, Gareth Brown as

Jimmy Spud, Nina Wadia as Nandini, Rashid Karapiet as

Grandfather and Jamila Massey as Grandmother.

Producer: Kate Rowland

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's

"God's Country" quartet plays: I Luv U Jimmy Spud, The

Sorrows of Sandra Saint and Spoonface Steinberg.

TUE 11:00 Mick Jackson - Junior Science (b01756jf)

The Answering Machine

To coincide with the broadcast of 'Junior Science', Mick Jackson is taking up a year-long post as writer-in residence at The Science Museum in London.

In these three specially-commissioned stories, children become involved in science with strange and unsettling results.

In 'The Answering Machine', the narrator remembers his father buying an early version of an answering machine. The machine changes the lives of his family in a chilling and unexpected way.

Mick Jackson is a Booker-nominated author and screenwriter. His first novel, *The Underground Man*, was shortlisted for The

Booker Prize, *The Whitebread* First Novel Award and won The Royal Society of Authors' First Novel Award. He has published

three novels and two illustrated collections of stories including *Spirit Bears*, *Circus Bears* and *Sewer Bears* which were

produced by Sweet Talk for BBC Radio 4.

Mick also writes screenplays and has directed documentaries.

One of his short stories, *The Pearce Sisters*, was adapted by Aardman Animation and won more than twenty prizes at

international film festivals, including a BAFTA for Best Short Animation.

Mick lives in Brighton with his family.

Written by Mick Jackson

Read by David Holt

Producer: Rosalind Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 11:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007jw6t)

Mr Reliable

It's Mr Openshaw's job to listen to people. He goes to their

houses to listen to them talk.

Mrs Flenswick is one of his visitees. But he doesn't listen to her

at all...

Peter Tinniswood's drama stars Peter Sallis as Mr Oakenshaw

and Edna Dore as Mrs Flenswick.

Director: Emynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007tm45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012b8hx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4fd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Composing New York (b0011zc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Tea Obrecht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zshp7)

Episode 2

Hattie Morahan and David Horovitch read Tea Obrecht's evocative debut novel set in a Balkan country scarred by war,

and where Natalia, a young doctor, is struggling to understand the mysterious circumstances of her grandfather's death. A tattered copy of *The Jungle Book* which her grandfather kept with him always provides an unlikely clue, sending her on a

quest that leads to the extraordinary stories of the deathless man and the tiger's wife. Today, Natalia remembers the night her grandfather told her about his first encounter with the deathless

man.

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She was born in 1985 in the former Yugoslavia, and raised in Belgrade, where she spent her childhood. In 1992, her family

immigrated, and in 1997 eventually settled in the United States. The readers are Hattie Morahan and David Horovitch.

Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.

TUE 14:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05vy50d)

Kabir: Offender and Offendables

Today's subject is the low-caste weaver and poet who dared to upturn the social orthodoxies of 15th century India - and who still challenges us today. Sunil explores the life and poetic

legacy of Kabir - a dissenter, a provocoker and an abrasive debunker of humbug.

There are plenty of legends around the poet - for example that, after his death, his body transfigured into flowers so that he could be neither cremated by his Hindu followers s nor buried by Muslim devotees - but we actually know very little about Kabir's life. One of the few certain facts is that he lived in India's most sacred city, Varanasi. Sunil Khilnani finds himself in the poor neighbourhood of Bajardhia where low-caste Muslims still work today as weavers. Sitting in cramped rooms among men with little work, Sunil reflects on the man who described himself as 'a patient weaver's son' but who is actually one of the most impatient, acerbic, fed-up voices in the Indian cultural canon.

Kabir has become venerated across northern India as a saint, almost a god. Yet Sunil finds Kabir's name being invoked in secular circles too, for example the annual Jaipur Literary Festival, a 21st century haven for independent thinking. Here he meets the eminent poet Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, translator of Kabir's poems into modern idiom and an advocate for the poetic dissenter who wasn't afraid to offend the powerful.

Producer: Jeremy Grange

Original music composed by Talvin Singh.

TUE 14:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767hs)

Episode 7

Andrea's in hospital and her mother's discovered the truth. Across town, Norma's daughter, Shirley is shocked by her brother's news.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960s,

dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

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Philip.....Robert Glenister

David Calder.....Tom

Jo-Anne Knowles.....Kate

Sharon Duce.....Norma

Ruth Herbert.....Shirley

Ben Crompton.....Nick

Guy Perry.....Bedford

Daryl Fishwick.....Mrs Warner

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b04vkhbl)

Ian Bostridge - Schubert's Winter Journey

Episode 2

Internationally acclaimed tenor Ian Bostridge examines one of

the most powerful compositions in classical music: Schubert's song-cycle *Winterreise* (*Winter's Journey*).

In this episode, which explores the political context of the

piece, he focuses on song five "Der Lindenbaum" (The Linden Tree) and song ten "Rast" (Rest)
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TUE 16:00 Act Your Age (b00g47nm)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From January 2009.
TUE 16:30 Flying the Flag (b00b2nfp)
 Series 2
 The Opium of the People
 It's Glorious Reindeer Day in the People's Republic. Seasonal goodwill abounds, even if light bulbs and religious tolerance don't...
 Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
 Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, John Baddeley as Morris and Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1988.
TUE 17:00 Fat Chance (b01byc68)
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TUE 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06yrc4z)
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 2. The Forces Gather
 Radox the Green battles to gather an army against the encroaching Evil One.
 But as his mum gives him an ear-bashing - is Agar really a hero?
 Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic Tolkien parody. Starring Paul Eddington, Paul Magee and Simon Callow.
 King Yulfric the Wise Paul Eddington
 The Chronicler Patrick Magee
 Crown Prince Veganim Simon Callow
 Agar Christian Rodska
 Radox the Green Frank Middlemass
 Maliadoc Hugh Thomas
 King Yulfric's First Assistant Advisor David Ross
 Mother of Agar Miriam Margolyes
 Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed
 The High Bishop of Zylbor Aubrey Woods
 Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn
 Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.
TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp4b)
 Series 3
 Jack Douglas
 Comic actor Jack Douglas - famed for playing 'Alf Ippitimus' - shares memories of his TV, stage and film career with an audience.
 How Des O'Connor was Jack's springboard to success and a part in the 'Carry On' films. Plus the mystery of the sex appeal of co-star Sid James!
 Producer: Claire Jones
 Jack Douglas: Born: 26th April 1927. Died: 18th December 2008
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.
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TUE 22:30 Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies (b007jtr3)
 The Food Industry
 Andrew Maxwell is one of the UK's most informed and fearless stand ups.
 In this series of one-off stand up shows, he uses his trademark intelligence and political inciseness to dig behind the clichés and assumptions about four possible threats to British society: food, the internet, drugs and Nationalism.
 Andrew kicks off with a look at the food industry.
 From horseburgers right up to snail ice-cream, it seems like there's something wrong with every rung of the food ladder. But given that food is essential to survival, shouldn't we be clearer

about what it is we want from the industry that provides it?
 A series showcasing a comedian at the top of his abilities tackling difficult and important 'slow news' topics with a depth and perceptiveness that remains outside the remit of mainstream 'topical' comedy.
 Written and performed by Andrew Maxwell
 Script edited by Paul Byrne.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b070d5d7)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Iain Lee chats to Adam Hess.
TUE 23:00 Revolting People (b00wg3mg)
 Series 4
 George Washington
 Captain Brimshaw attempts to broker peace with George Washington. 1775 America sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From May 2006.
TUE 23:30 Les Kelly's Britain (b017mws9)
 Episode 4
 Les Kelly (Kevin Bishop) hosts a magazine show from hell. Les is a cross between Jeremy Kyle and a slap in the face. He claims this is the only radio show for 'normal, decent people'. 'If you aren't normal or decent, this is not the show for you,' says Les. This week Les talks to Britain's only male nun, a man who only speaks using sound fx and answers the question: what is the world coming to?
 Written by Bill Dare with Julian Dutton.

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WED 06:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4gk)
 The Dear Departed
 Rumpole recalls a fraud case based on some ghostly messages. "The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack". Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Peter Pratt as Justice Venables and Preston Lockwood as Mr Pontefract. Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
 Director: Ian Cottrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.
WED 06:30 Sidekick (b00fy5g)
 The sidekick is not, by definition, the focus of our attention. They are destined to be overshadowed by their better half, the hero who will save Gotham, solve the uncrackable case or rescue the girl from the bad guys...
 But without the sidekick these heroes would often remain too distant, too powerful or just too brilliant for us to ever really love them. So in steps the earthy, flawed and loyal sidekick to provide the audience with someone to connect to, a character who knows how the world really works to help the hero off tilting at windmills.
 Whether it's in countless children's films - think Eddie Murphy's Donkey to Mike Myers's Shrek - or a hundred comic books and cartoons - or high literature from Cervantes to Sterne and Shakespeare to Verne - the sidekick provides the laughs, the pratfall and the focus of our empathy.
 Frank Cottrell Boyce talks with those who've created sidekicks, those who've played the parts and those who've studied just how essential these characters really are to making the fiction seem believable and offer a human face to the often inhuman character supposedly at the centre of the show.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
WED 07:00 The Brothers (b00p92xt)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 Peter, Nigel and Michael make mistakes and promises. Stars

Raymond Coulthard, Adam Godley and James Fleet. From November 2005.
WED 07:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05nvjm7)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham recreates an 18th century bet.
 Can he walk from London's Royal Academy to the Royal Exchange building while blindfolded in under one hour?
 Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham.
 Additional material by Jon Hunter and Paul Byrne.
 Producer: Joe Nunnery.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01hc2x3)
 Series 6
 On the Carpet
 The floor of Murray's cabin aboard HMS Troutbridge is bare - and Phillips wants it to stay that way.

 Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Heather.

 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 October 1963.
WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01211y0)
 Series 7
 Episode 12
 Your complete guide to the Aristocracy - and the hunt for Professor Prune's Time Trousers heads Down Under. Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and 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 The Motion Show (b00768jd)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Debates galore over money, radio and having children. Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit. With Steve Punt, Tony Hawks, Gyles Brandreth and Simon Bates
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000
WED 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008kkz1)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 JB Morton's whimsies as performed by Richard Ingrams, Patricia Routledge, John Sessions and John Wells. From August 1991.
WED 10:00 Lee Hall - The Sorrows of Sandra Saint (b06zh3r6)
 Sandra and her brother Scout are still grieving for their Dad. Sandra is 14, difficult, angry at the world and drives her mum mad. Scout is two years younger and believes if he buries a sock in the garden, then he might bring his father back to life. However, Sandra has other ideas in mind...
 Lee Hall's play about Faith, Hope and Reality in the 1990s stars Hayley Richardson as Sandra, Michael Walpert as Scout and Tracey Wilkinson as Mother.
 Producer: Kate Rowland
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's "God's Country" quartet plays: I Luv U Jimmy Spud, The Love Letters of Ragie Patel and Spoonface Steinberg.
WED 11:00 Mick Jackson - Junior Science (b017c1x1)
 Zero Gravity
 To coincide with the broadcast of 'Junior Science', Mick Jackson is taking up a year-long post as writer-in residence at The Science Museum in London.
 In these three specially-commissioned stories, children become involved in science with strange and unsettling results.
 In 'Zero Gravity', Daniel Taylor throws a ball into the air, with unexpected results. He is soon able to carry out the ultimate experiment in gravity and explores his home town in a way he never has before.
 Mick Jackson is a Booker-nominated author and screenwriter. His first novel, *The Underground Man*, was shortlisted for The Booker Prize, *The Whitbread First Novel Award* and won The Royal Society of Authors' First Novel Award. He has published three novels and two illustrated collections of stories including *Spirit Bears*, *Circus Bears* and *Sewer Bears* which were produced by Sweet Talk for BBC Radio 4.
 Mick also writes screenplays and has directed documentaries. One of his short stories, *The Pearce Sisters*, was adapted by Aardman Animation and won more than twenty prizes at international film festivals, including a BAFTA for Best Short

Animation.

Mick lives in Brighton with his family.

Written by Mick Jackson

Reader: David Holt

Producer: Rosalynd Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:15 Drama (b037d18g)

Christopher William Hill - Hush! Hush! Whisper Who Dares! 1969. Ernest Shepard looks forward to a V&A retrospective of his drawings for Winnie-the-Pooh. But then, in an imagined meeting with the now grown-up Christopher Robin Milne, some painful truths emerge. By Christopher William Hill.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01hc2x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01211y0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Tea Obrecht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zt22l)

Episode 3

Hattie Morahan and David Horovitch read Tea Obrecht's evocative debut novel set in a Balkan country scarred by war, and where Natalia, a young doctor, is struggling to understand the mysterious circumstances of her grandfather's death. A tattered copy of The Jungle Book which her grandfather kept with him always, provides an unlikely clue, sending her on a quest that leads to the extraordinary stories of the deathless man and the tiger's wife. Today, memories of a pledge that her grandfather made to the deathless man are conjured up.

Tea Obrecht is on "The New Yorker's Top Writers under 40 Fiction Issue" (June 2010), and at 24 was the youngest on the list. "The Tiger's Wife" is one of the Waterstone's 11 - the best debuts that they have picked for 2011. Her short story, "The Sentry", appeared in the "Guardian Summer Fiction Issue", alongside stories by Hilary Mantel and David Mitchell.

She was born in 1985 in the former Yugoslavia, and raised in Belgrade, where she spent her childhood. In 1992, her family immigrated, and in 1997 eventually settled in the United States. The readers are Hattie Morahan and David Horovitch.

Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.

WED 14:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05w002k)

Guru Nanak: The Discipline of Deeds

Today's Incarnation is a poet who established one of the great world religions: Guru Nanak, the 15th century founder of Sikhism.

Like the Buddha and Mahavira, the founder of the Jain religion, Nanak was a wanderer. He spent 25 years on the road and is said to have travelled as far as Mecca and the Himalayas. But, unlike his predecessors, when he had achieved enlightenment he returned to his homelands in the Punjab. He taught his disciples that, rather than renouncing the world and retreating from it, they must use their faith to change it from within. Nanak's 'disciplined worldliness' emphasised the importance of work and family.

He also instituted an idea which is practised in Sikh temples all over the world. Sunil Khilnani visits the Gurudwara Nanak Piao in Delhi as they serve the langar, a meal provided by volunteers to anyone who comes, regardless of status, sex or religion.

Everybody eats together in an equalizing act, a dispelling of the taboos designed to protect caste boundaries.

Sunil explores the life of a man whose ideas were polemical and provocative. In announcing that "there is neither Hindu nor Muslim" Nanak wasn't proposing a harmonious blend of religions. Instead, he was rejecting other paths and creating an entirely new religion, one which now has around 30 million followers.

Producer: Jeremy Grange

Original music composed by Talvin Singh.

WED 14:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767j6)

Episode 8

After finding out Tom is actually her father, Shirley has gone missing.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's, dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew

David Calder.....Tom

Sharon Duce.....Norma

Ruth Herbert.....Shirley

Ben Crompton.....Nick

Geoff Hinsliff.....Inspector Bradley

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b04vk30)

Ian Bostridge - Schubert's Winter Journey

Episode 3

Award-winning tenor Ian Bostridge explores Franz Schubert's masterpiece Winterreise, or Winter's Journey. Drawing upon his experience as a performer (he has performed Winterreise more than a hundred times), on his musical knowledge and on his training as a scholar, Bostridge unpicks the enigmas and subtle meanings behind the songs to explore the world Schubert inhabited.

In this episode, he focuses on three songs: "Einsamkeit" (Loneliness), "Die Post" (The Post) and "Der greise Kopf" (The Old Man's Head).

Written and read by Ian Bostridge

Abridged by Laurence Wareing

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

WED 15:00 Lee Hall - The Sorrows of Sandra Saint (b06zh3r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008kkz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Brothers (b00p92xt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05nvjm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqwz)

Episode 3

A startling discovery is made by one defender of Albion. Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's four-part epic Tolkien parody.

CAST:

King Yulfric the Wise Paul Eddington

The Chronieler Patrick Magee

Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow

Agar Christian Rodskar

Radox the Green Frank Middlemass

Maliadoc Hugh Thomas

King Yulfric's First Assistant Advisor David Ross

Mother of Agar Miriam Margolyes

Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed

The High Bishop of Zylbor Aubrey Woods

Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076z8b)

Blonde Moments

Dominic Arkwright asks how blonde hair evolved with Toby Young, Pauline Black and Libby Potter. From July 2006.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b01hc2x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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WED 20:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Mick Jackson - Junior Science (b017clx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b037d18g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05nvjm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01njxp8)

Dietary Practices

Andrew Lawrence, kicks off his comic explanation of our development via stand up, sketch and song.

In this opening episode, Andrew looks at what goes in to making our diet: "what we shove in our mouths, dissolve in our guts and shunt out of our po pipes".

Including a rather different view of fair trade, a comment on road-kill as food and a moving song about the extinction of the Mammoth.

Sara Pascoe and Marek Larwood assist.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b070d5rj)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Iain Lee chats to Adam Hess.

WED 23:00 Listen Against (b008drpb)

Series 1

Episode 4

A cheeky round-up of a week's worth of BBC radio that never happened.

Rewinding and mangling real programmes from across the networks, Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes take liberties with Steve Wright, Woman's Hour and Eddie Mair.

The brain-child of writer, comic and broadcaster Jon Holmes.

Producer: Bill Dare and Jon Holmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

WED 23:30 And Now in Colour (b00cfzx5)

Series 1

Marathon

The sketch show team and their studio audience enter the London Marathon, plus a car valet service with a twist.

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1990.

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THU 00:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqwz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0076z8b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k4gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Tea Obrecht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zt22l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05w002k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767j6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b04vk30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Lee Hall - The Sorrows of Sandra Saint (b06zh3r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Motion Show (b00768jd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008kkz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Brothers (b00p92xt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05nvjm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jksd)

The Gentle Art of Blackmail

Rumpole recalls a clear case of extortion at his Oxford College. St Joseph's.

"The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".

Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole

With Brian Sanders as the Judge, Geoffrey Bayldon as Bernard Crompton and Emily Richard as Sue Galton.

Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.

Director: Ian Cottrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

THU 06:30 The Name Game (b005snzv)

The number of people changing their name by deed poll has doubled in the past five years and should top 70,000 this year.

With a one hour express service that costs just a few pounds, people are hastening to fill in the forms, make the change and become someone new.

Tim Samuels asks what is driving this self-reinvention - is it divorce, immigration or the quest for a little cheer?

After tea with Christine Hamilton - now Mrs British Battleaxe - Tim heads off to meet some of the migrants, attention seekers, former drunks and others reinventing themselves. He encounters Ian Roberts, who transformed himself into the distinguished actor and playwright Kwame Kwei Armah, a young man called Dylan who changed his surname to reject his undeserving father, and Princess-Rainbow.com who woke up one morning with more than just a hangover.

He brushes dust off the Close Rolls at the National Archives to discover the origins of the deed poll and is on his best behaviour with the Senior Master at the Royal Courts of Justice. And before he takes the plunge to change his own name, Tim pauses to contemplate identity, aspiration and belonging.

Producer: Sarah Bowen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

THU 07:00 Hazelbeach (b008scrw)

Series 1

Party

Ronnie organises a disastrous birthday party and Nick finally finds his father's will.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as

Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazley

Mrs Barlow Tracy Wiles

James John Dougall

Andrea Liza Sadovy

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06yfdy)

Series 5

Episode 4

John Finnemore's fifth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined as ever by Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This week features a sketch that couldn't catch a cold in Coventry, if you know what we mean; a train passenger who really doesn't over think things; and, well, since you ask him for a tale of a haunted mansion...

John is the writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts, regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth.

One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" - The Guardian

"The best sketch show in years, on television or radio" - The Radio Times

"The inventive sketch show ... continues to deliver the goods" - The Daily Mail

"Superior comedy" - The Observer

Written by and starring ... John Finnemore

Producer: Ed Morrish

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)

Series 5

A Winter's Tale

Harold admits he's planning a holiday - but without his dad

Albert.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett.
Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer 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 June 1974.
THU 08:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtg6)
Series 1
The Promotion
Gerald and Diana compete to publicize their new books.
The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic crime writer 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, Anthony Smeed and Peter Craze.
The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.
THU 08:55 Inheritance Tracks (b06zj4pn)
Chris Hadfield
Astronaut Chris Hadfield inherits 'Where Have All the Flowers Gone', and passes on 'The Story' by Brandi Carlile.
THU 09:00 Genius (b00850j1)
Series 3
Charlie Brooker
Speeding motorway services? Two year dogs?
Dave Gorman asks writer and humourist Charlie Brooker 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 November 2007.
THU 09:30 The Senses (b06zhjpp)
Hearing
An affair conducted via tape cassette-recorded messages conjures up a few problems with the sense of hearing.
Opening episode starring Celia Imrie and John McGlynn.
Heather Celia Imrie
Tony John McGlynn
Audrey Francesca Brill
Edith Eva Stuart
Mr Polglaze Daniel Moynihan
Postman Norman Bird
Senses is a six-part comedy drama boasting a stellar list of star names, including Joan Sims, Charles Gray, Alex Jennings, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Geoffrey Palmer, Lynda Bellingham, Brian Murphy, Rodney Bewes, Liz Fraser, Rory McGrath and Maurice Denham.
As writer Bob Sinfield explains: "The six half-hour plays dealt respectively with the five obvious senses plus the er...other one".
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
THU 10:00 Lee Hall - Spoonface Steinberg (b007jnsq)
Spoonface is seven years old, autistic and terminally ill with cancer. She's fascinated by opera and by the way her parents behave. With the help of their cleaner, Mrs Spud, she tries to come to terms with her extraordinary life.
Lee Hall's award-winning monologue is performed by Becky Simpson.
First broadcast in 1997, it elicited such an extraordinary response from BBC Radio 4 listeners that a repeat was scheduled within days of the original transmission.
Originally the final part of Hall's quartet of dramas examining the experience of growing up from the perspective of children, Spoonface Steinberg was subsequently adapted for TV and the stage. Lee Hall went on to receive an Academy Award nomination for his screenplay of Billy Elliot, later turned into a stage musical.
Producer: Kate Rowland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.
THU 11:00 Gillian Tindall - The Great Eastern Adventure (b038qbkn)
Aunt Susie and Uncle Trevor's long-planned trip proved momentous, but does not go at all according to plan. Read by Jean Rogers. From July 1996.
THU 11:15 Paupers and Pig Killers (b007jx3z)
Series 1
The Troubles of This Life
The lively events in the parish of Over Stowey, from the 1799 diary of Somerset parson, William Holland. Stars Ronald Pickup.
THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jtg6)
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THU 13:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsdk)

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THU 13:30 The Name Game (b0055nzz)
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THU 14:00 Tea Obrecht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zt3tr)
Episode 4
Hattie Morahan reads Tea Obrecht's evocative debut novel set in a Balkan country scarred by war, and where Natalia, a young doctor, is struggling to understand the mysterious circumstances of her grandfather's death. A tattered copy of The Jungle Book which her grandfather kept with him always provides an unlikely clue, sending her on a quest that leads to the extraordinary stories of the deathless man and the tiger's wife. Today, the tiger begins his long journey into local legend. Tea Obrecht is on "The New Yorker's Top Writers under 40 Fiction Issue" (June 2010), and at 24 was the youngest on the list. 'The Tiger's Wife' is one of the Waterstone's 11 - the best debuts that they have picked for 2011. Her short story, "The Sentry", appeared in the "Guardian Summer Fiction Issue", alongside stories by Hilary Mantel and David Mitchell. She was born in 1985 in the former Yugoslavia, and raised in Belgrade, where she spent her childhood. In 1992, her family immigrated, and in 1997 eventually settled in the United States. The reader is Hattie Morahan.
Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.
THU 14:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05w47hh)
Krishnadevaraya: Kingship Is Strange
Professor Sunil Khilnani, from the King's India Institute in London, visits Hampi in today's Karnataka, site of the sprawling capital of Krishnadevaraya, 16th-century warrior and self-doubting king. Krishnadevaraya lived in a brutal age and yet his writings show he was both learned and thoughtful, with an artistic temperament. He was a compulsive self-promoter whose presence is felt amongst the ruins at Hampi, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. But it is in the Amuktamalyada, his long poetic work, that we hear his original voice which marks, says Professor Khilnani, "the emergence of an individual self, a subjective voice - centuries before the arrival of colonial ideas of the individual".
Produced by Mark Savage
Researcher: Manu Pillai
Editor: Hugh Levinson.
THU 14:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767jp)
Episode 9
Election Day draws closer with Philip and Tom as rivals. A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960s, dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.
Tom.....David Calder
Norma.....Sharon Duce
Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew
Philip.....Robert Glenister
Caroline.....Naomi Radcliffe
Shirley.....Ruth Herbert
Nick.....Ben Crompton
Director: Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b04vqsh5)
Ian Bostridge - Schubert's Winter Journey
Episode 4
Award-winning tenor Ian Bostridge explores Franz Schubert's song-cycle masterpiece Winterreise, Winter's Journey. Drawing upon his experience as a performer, on his musical knowledge and on his training as a scholar, Bostridge unpicks the enigmas and subtle meanings behind the songs to explore the world Schubert inhabited.
"I'm at an end with all dreams / why should I linger among the sleepers?" In this episode, he looks at the ways in which Schubert used his composition to challenge the social and political order of his day, focusing on two songs: "Im Dorfe" (In The Village) and "Tauschung" (Deception).
Written and read by Ian Bostridge
Abridged by Laurence Wareing
Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
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THU 16:30 The Senses (b06zhjpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Hazelbeach (b008crhw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06yfjdy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqyx)
Episode 4
Can the assembled forces of Radox the Green win the battle?
The conclusion of Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic Tolkien parody.
King Yulfric the Wise Paul Eddington
The Chronicler Patrick Magee
Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow
Agar Christian Rodska
Radox the Green Frank Middlemass
Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed
The Evil Flesh-Eating Lord of Craam Aubrey Woods
Baddedas the Blue Ballard Berkeley
Hob-Lob, The Monstrous Spider Bob Grant
Xanspur, the Skylord Michael Cule
Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076xtw)
Series 9
Andrew Carnegie
Financial journalist Jeff Randall chooses businessman and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie. With Matthew Parris. From 2006.
THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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THU 22:30 The Secret World (b012ylgm)
Series 2
Episode 6
James Bond star Daniel Craig tries to get car insurance. Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From August 2010.
THU 23:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b03zd3j5)
Series 2
Children
In a new series for Radio 4, Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. This week, she explains that she has never been interested in having children, and why they frighten her.
Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.
THU 23:30 The Consultants (b007k320)
Series 1
Episode 2
The team ponder how to revamp tea to make it more dangerous and exciting. With Neil Edmond, Justin Edwards and James Rawlings. From February 2003.
THU 23:45 World of Pub (b008m4ft)
Series 1
Episode 2
Barry and Garry build the world's first environmentally friendly bar. Stars Phil Cornwell and John Thomson. From March 1998.

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FRI 00:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqyx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076xtw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007jsdk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Name Game (b0055nzz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Tea Obrecht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zt3tr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05w47hh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767jp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b04vqsh5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Lee Hall - Spoonface Steinberg (b007jnsq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Genius (b00850j1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 The Senses (b06zhjpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Hazelbeach (b008crhw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06yfjdy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k413)
The Rotten Apple
Rumpole recalls a suspicious case of bribery in the police force. "The Splendours And Miseries Of An Old Bailey Hack".
Starring Maurice Denham as ageing London barrister-at-law Horace Rumpole and Margot Boyd as Hilda Rumpole
With Michael Spice as Guthrie Featherstone, Robert Harris as Justice Vosper and Brian Carroll as Erskine-Brown.
Originally a TV series created by writer and barrister John Mortimer, Rumpole hit the BBC radio airwaves in 1980. Case-by-case, Rumpole recalls his work at the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales.
Director: Ian Cottrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.
FRI 06:30 Mayhem at the Ritz (b005jrv4)

In the 1960s, demand to see the latest music sensation was so high there were insufficient British venues to meet the demand for tickets. The ABC Gaumont and Rank/Odeon cinema chains saw a money-making opportunity. Andrew Collins revisits this unique time to hear how staff coped with thousands of hysterical teenagers, and to reveal an era when health and safety issues were not a concern, but having a good time was the priority.

A small but dedicated band of workers were able to switch working procedures to embrace the new era of the pop package tours. We meet chief projectionist Robert Phillipot, press-ganged into working the curtains, liaising with tour managers and roadies while making frantic notes about lighting sequences and spotlight cues.

We also find out about the 1963 Beatles tour that kicked off at The Bradford Gaumont. Manager James Whittell recalls escorting the Beatles around the cinema, pointing out the art decor. And hear how rock n' roll legend Little Richard quizzed the manager about where to go in Bradford, as the star stood abandoned outside the empty Gaumont after the show.

Listen out for extracts from a rare interview The Beatles recorded backstage at the ABC Market Street, for the Huddersfield Tape Recording Society. As Beatle Historian Mark Lewisohn confirms, it still makes compelling listening. Producer: John Sugar

A Sugar production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 07:00 1834 (b0121lh5)

Victorian Principles

The young Queen Victoria is coming to Woosley House for a visit. But when 21st century Jason invents the electric guitar, he unwittingly changes the course of history.....

In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy, Jason has been transported back to the 18th century as Tarquin, third son of Lord Belpot with faithful valet, Ned.

Jason Slater Michael Begley

Ned Joe Caffrey

Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belpot Mark Chatterton

Henry James Nickerson

Queen Victoria Caroline Harding

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

FRI 07:30 So Wrong It's Right (b01jhdh7)

Series 3

Episode 4

Charlie Brooker hosts the comedy panel show devoted to the art of being wrong, with leading comics and entertainers competing to give the best in wrong answers.

So Wrong It's Right sees Charlie challenge the panel's creativity and asks them to reveal their finest embarrassing stories from their lives. This week the worst experiences at a party and terrible ideas for a series of children's books are just two of the challenges faced by the panel. Will anyone beat Issy Suttie's suggestion for a 'wrong' children's book - the paperwork-themed 'Morris The Admin Mouse'?

The host of So Wrong It's Right, Charlie Brooker, also writes for The Guardian and presents BBC4's satirical series Newswipe and Screenwipe as well as Channel 4's You Have Been Watching. He won Best Newcomer at the British Comedy Awards 2009 and Columnist of the Year at the 2009 British Press Awards for his newspaper columns.

Produced by Aled Evans

A Zeppotron Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jph6)

Series 6

The Gourmet

The lad thinks he's a connoisseur of food, so Sid enters him in an eating competition.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Warren Mitchell and Hugh Morton.

Special guest star: BBC sports commentator, Ray Glendenning.

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 October 1959.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jn76)

Series 6

Tales of Old Dartmoor

Prison governor Neddie Seagoon relocates all of his inmates to the south of France.

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 February 1956.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b01dp52g)

Series 2

University of Northampton

Coming this week from the University of Northampton, "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 (b048s4vy)

Series 2

Driver

Single dad Bryan takes a driving job but finds himself caught up in crime.

Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.

The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.

Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay

Mum/Albert Pat Coombs

Mrs Willis Diana King

Terry Derek Martin

Alison Deidre Costello

Charlie Peter Cleall

Andy John Kane

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1983.

FRI 10:00 Annie Caulfield - Almost Always African (b007k30r)

"Music may go or come but almost always it is African."

Gambian musician, Moses Biama is invited to London to make an album with fading English rock star, Frank.

But the recording doesn't work out the way Frank has planned...

Annie Caulfield's comedy drama about cultural cross purposes and the Music Industry.

Starring Lenny Henry as Moses, Bill Nighy as Frank, Curtis Walker as Moses' brother, Joy Elias-Rilwan as Binta, Donna Croll as Fatima, Joanna Myers as Tara, James Greene as Jack and Mark Straker as the Journalist.

Music composed by Dominique Le Gendre.

Hit single by Neil Arthur and Joe Hagan.

Director: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

FRI 11:00 Rudyard Kipling - At the Pit's Mouth (b03y00mj)

A man rides out with his married lover. Brian Gear reads Kipling's cautionary tale set in India at the time of the British Raj.

FRI 11:15 Paupers and Pig Killers (b007jx44)

Series 1

The Fruits of the Earth

In the year 1800, parson William Holland battles with the Somerset farmers and sees the harvest in. Stars Ronald Pickup.

FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jph6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jn76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k413)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Mayhem at the Ritz (b00sivr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Tea Obreht - The Tiger's Wife (b00zt611)

Episode 5

Hattie Morahan reads Tea Obreht's evocative debut novel set in a Balkan country scarred by war, and where Natalia, a young doctor, is struggling to understand the mysterious circumstances of her grandfather's death. A tattered copy of The Jungle Book which her grandfather kept with him always provides an unlikely clue, sending her on a quest that leads to the extraordinary stories of the deathless man and the tiger's wife.

Today, Natalia evokes her grandfather as a nine year old boy, and the day the men of his village set off to hunt the tiger.

Tea Obreht is on "The New Yorker's Top Writers under 40 Fiction Issue" (June 2010), and at 24 was the youngest on the list. 'The Tiger's Wife' is one of the Waterstone's 11 - the best debuts that they have picked for 2011. Her short story, "The Sentry", appeared in the "Guardian Summer Fiction Issue", alongside stories by Hilary Mantel and David Mitchell.

She was born in 1985 in the former Yugoslavia, and raised in

Belgrade, where she spent her childhood. In 1992, her family immigrated, and in 1997 eventually settled in the United States. The reader is Hattie Morahan.

Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.

FRI 14:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05w8dn6)

Mirabai: I Go the Other Way

Sunil Khilnani tells the story of Mirabai, the 16th century mystic poet who is one of India's most revered saints. Mirabai was born into a conservative warrior caste in Rajasthan but rejected traditional family life and became a wandering religious singer devoted to the Hindu god Krishna. "All this, of course, was scandalous behaviour," says Professor Sunil Khilnani "But Mira proved herself ungovernable in her spiritual zeal".

Mirabai composed up to a hundred songs or bhajans which have been passed down through the centuries by oral tradition. Others have been added in her name over the centuries. Today some see Mirabai as a potent symbol of feminism and self-transformation, others as a passionate religious inspiration.

With field recordings by Parita Mukta and readings by Sheenu Das

Produced by Mark Savage

Researcher: Manu Pillai

Listeners can catch up with the series and see the list of remarkable Indians featured on the Radio 4 website.

FRI 14:30 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767k6)

Episode 10

It's the day of the election, and there's a showdown with Andrea and Philip's wife, Kate.

Conclusion of Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960s, dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Tom.....David Calder

Norma.....Sharon Duce

Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Nick.....Ben Crompton

Bess.....Daryl Ffishwick

Kate.....Jo-Anne Knowles

Shirley.....Ruth Herbert

Inspector Bradley.....Geoff Hinliff

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b04vqbq)

Ian Bostridge - Schubert's Winter Journey

Episode 5

Literature, religion and the hurdy-gurdy man. Internationally acclaimed tenor Ian Bostridge concludes his exploration of Schubert's existential masterpiece Winterreise, Winter's Journey.

Strange old man,

Should I go with you?

Will you to my songs

Play your hurdy-gurdy?

Written and read by Ian Bostridge

Abridged by Laurence Wareing

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

FRI 15:00 Annie Caulfield - Almost Always African (b007k30r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b01dp52g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Albert and Me (b048s4vy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 1834 (b0121lh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 So Wrong It's Right (b01jhdh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Eric Pringle - Dancing With Jaques (b06zjdjy)

London 1959: A young woman begins her first night "working the streets".

It ends in a ghostly encounter with a man with a wind-up gramophone who calls himself Jaques.

Written by Eric Pringle

Jackie Alice Arnold

Jaques John Ewitts

Alice Thersa Streatfeild

News Vendor John Church

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0076md4)

Series 4

Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

So little is known about the life of J S Bach, yet his music opens up a world of imagination. His Concerto in D minor is often described as being like a conversation between two lovers.

David Gregory of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, rock guitarist Steve Hackett, and Terry Waite CBE, are among those moved by the music of the two violins as they imitate, interrupt and overlap each other in one of Bach's most sublime creations.

Taking part:

Mr and Mrs David Gregory

Terry Waite

Simon Heighes

Fionnaigh McKenzie

Steve Hackett

Lara St John

Gillian Teadley

Producer Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

FRI 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jph6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jn76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 John Mortimer - Rumpole (b007k413)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Mayhem at the Ritz (b00sjrv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Rudyard Kipling - At the Pit's Mouth

(b03y00mj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Paupers and Pig Killers (b007jx44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 So Wrong It's Right (b01jhdh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Absolute Power (b007xwmc)

Series 3

Episode 2

Can Prentiss and McCabe's medicine help the government to sort out the NHS?

Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire. Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the world of government and media relations.

Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry

Martin McCabe John Bird

Sir Archibald Sullivan Tony Gardner

Sandy Siobhan Hayes

Clive Tom George

Maurice David Timson

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b070hwxm)

The best in contemporary comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Tony Law.

FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03kp2kh)

Series 4

Episode 2

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

This week, a story dealing with the guilt he sometimes feels as a result of writing stories about his family in "Repeat After Me" and some more extracts from his hilarious diary.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01nwbhk)

Series 3

Episode 1

The Kapoors visit a stately home, food for thought from Smeeta Smitten, Showbiz Kitten and why the royal family are Indian...

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.

Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.