

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2016

SAT 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1s)

The Children of Witchwood

Episode 5

Jackie's extraordinary telepathic powers attract the evil attentions of the eerie Cranford family.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b0076x76)

Series 5

Clair de lune

An exploration of Claude Debussy's music for piano, which was inspired by a poem about moonlight.

Featuring:

Sioned Williams (Harpist)

Heather Couper

Richard Langham-Smith

Erica Duggan

Elodie Lauten

Phil Cool

Philippe Cassard

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

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

SAT 01:00 Andrew Sachs - The Revenge (b007jr11)

Que? Andrew Sachs's pioneering thriller featuring sound effects and 11 actors, but no written dialogue.

This experimental play for radio an attempt to tell a story in terms of sounds alone. There is no dialogue, and no coherent speech, yet the play is a thriller with a straightforward storyline full of action and dramatic tension.

Recorded on location using the naturalistic recording techniques of binaural stereo.

Written and interpreted by Andrew Sachs, The Revenge, was the world's first radio drama without words...

With Andrew Sachs, Sean Barrett, Fraser Kerr, Graham Ashley, Paul Rosebury, Michael Deacon, Blain Fairman, John Rye, Melody Sachs, Frances Jeater and Leonard Fenton.

Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

SAT 01:30 The Deighton File (b00kjh8g)

From the start of his writing career in 1962, Len Deighton has gifted his readers the Harry Palmer spy stories, including The Ipress File, his compelling accounts of Second World War combat in Fighter and Blitzkrieg, and his experience in the kitchen with the Action Cook Book. Now 80, in this rare interview from 2009, he talks to Patrick Humphries about his life and work.

SAT 02:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b00807gp)

Episode 5

Helena leaves her lover to help Richard. A gun shot causes a commotion.

A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.

Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Read by Sian Phillips.

Producer: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

SAT 02:15 Incarnations: India in 50 Lives (b05xqbm8)

Birs Munda: Have You Been to Chalkad?

Prof. Sunil Khilnani profiles Birs Munda, the young, charismatic healer who led his tribal community in revolt against the British and whose life, more than a century after his death, poses the question: 'Who owns India?'

Scattered across the subcontinent, India's tribal peoples or Adivasis, match in size the populations of Germany or Vietnam. Yet the land rights of India's original inhabitants are regularly overridden in the name of development. One of history's great defenders of Adivasi rights was Birs Munda, born in the late 19th century in what is now the north-eastern state of Jharkhand. At a time of famine and disease across northern India his community looked to the Birs for healing and leadership. The young man who claimed he could turn bullets to water led a rebellion against the British, their Indian middlemen and Christian missionaries.

The question 'Who owns India' takes Sunil Khilnani to a tribal community who are losing their land and access to food, fuel and water with the growing encroachment of luxury housing complexes - second homes for city dwellers. We also hear from author and political activist Arundhati Roy. "The fact that Adivasis still exist," she says, "is because people like Birs Munda staged the beginnings of the battle against the takeover of their homeland.

Though he died at the age of just 25, Birs Munda has become a lasting symbol of tribal resistance. He's the only Adivasi whose portrait hangs in the Indian Parliament. "His was a firework of a life," says Sunil Khilnani, "but a life whose embers still burn".

Producer: Jeremy Grange

Executive Producer: Martin Smith

Original Music composed by Talvin Singh.

SAT 02:30 The Kiss (b008x4s6)

Jacob Lennon

Short stories by Katie Hims with an osculatory theme.

5/5. Jacob Lennon

Everyone at school is in love with Jacob Lennon. Andrea and Sophie imagine that kissing him must be like eating melted

marshmallows. Then Andrea finds out the truth.

Andrea Sophie Pemberton

Sophie Laura Molyneux

Jacob Lloyd Thomas

Milton Baxter Willis

Mr Chester Alex Lanipekun

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b00yrg11)

Colin Thubron - To a Mountain in Tibet

Episode 5

"By trekkers' standards our party is small and swift: a guide, a cook, a horse-man, myself. We move scattered above the river, while loan traders pass us the other way, leading their stocky horse and mule-trains between lonely villages. They look fierce and open, and laughingly meet your eyes. The delicacy of the plains has gone..."

Renowned travel writer Colin Thubron is about to climb Mount Kailas in Tibet, one of the holiest places in the world and hardly visited by westerners. Its slopes are rugged, glacial, and peopled by the toughest types alive. If its slopes are also full of stories: Hindu and Buddhist tales of struggle, devotion and intrigue. But on from these lower reaches, Kailas's peak rises sacrosanct. Forbiddingly distant. And it is here that Thubron casts his gaze, then walks towards, as listeners can discover in his new account. 5.Near the top of Mt Kailas, the air thins, the pilgrims cluster, and there is a cry of 'victory to the gods'...

Read by Stephen Boxer.

SAT 03:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)

Series 1

He Who Would Valiant Be

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Pilgrim is summoned to help retrieve an egg stolen from the Lady Ursula - a huge, powerful dragon. The egg has been stolen by the outlaw Faerie, Puck, who has hided up in a house in a small town on the outskirts of Birmingham. Puck has recruited a bunch of feral 'estate lads' to his army. Indeed, he has bewitched the whole town. Pilgrim must retrieve the egg before Ursula can exact a terrible retribution.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

SAT 03:45 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

Series 1

Then Fancies Flew Away

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Travelling through Yorkshire, Pilgrim meets Noreen, whose son has been in a strange coma for the past seven years. He lies in his bed, surrounded by a huge growth of thorns. How can this enchantment be broken? As Pilgrim investigates, he is drawn inexorably towards the darkness beneath the mysterious Round Barrow of Willy Howe.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 04:30 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00ft5kh)

Series 1

No Foes Shall Stay His Might

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Haddonfield is a powerful City banker. More powerful than he has any right to be. But perhaps that's because he's also a collector of the occult and has some very potent items in his collection. He's recently captured that rarest of things - a young girl who is also a werewolf. Now, he's after Pilgrim himself.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Haddonfield Adrian Lukis

Freya Alex Tregear

Doris Susan Engel

Mirabella Janice Acquah

Macadam Dudley Sutton

Trent Gunnar Cauthery

Wilson Donnl Hughes

Guide / Guard Inam Mirza

Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Marc Beeby.

SAT 05:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00g0532)

Series 1

'Gainst All Disaster

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Pilgrim's toughest adventure. Joseph of Arimethea, guardian of the sleeping Knights who will wake only in Britain's hour of greatest need, is being held captive by Malachai Styler - a very malevolent angel. Styler is bent on the destruction of the Greyfolk, the Knights and the balance between the worlds. If Pilgrim is to save Joseph, it will be at the most terrible cost to himself.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Styler Paul Rider

Joseph David Calder

Sylvie Anna Wing

Doris Susan Engel

Freya Alex Tregear

Arianhad Helen Schlesinger

Guard Gunnar Cauthery

Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 06:00 Hood (b071bplk)

The Scribe of Sherwood

Wandering minstrel, Alan-A-Dale ventures into Sherwood. As a storyteller, he knows one man's laments are another man's

inspiration. Caught in a storm, he finds Little John and Will Scarlet in their shelter. Seeking refuge, he joins them and finds John is eager to tell a tale. Just not the one he was bargaining for. The minstrel then finds himself entertaining at the court of Philip De Nicholay, Lord High Sheriff of Nottingham. Here, his songs and stories bring warmth to a cold cast night, but tales of friendship and loves lost give Philip cause to reflect and share a secret with Alan.

Stars Peter Greenall as Little John, Damian Cooper as Will Scarlet, Billy Miller as Alan-A-Dale/King John and Sarah McKendrick as Lady Marion.

Director: Iain Meadows.

Produced by Iain Meadows and Matt Hopper for Spiteful Puppet Entertainment.

SAT 07:00 Great Lives (b00ryg42)

Series 21

Robin Hood

Clive Stafford Smith is a lawyer working for human rights both in Britain and abroad - he campaigns for the rights of prisoners on death row in the US and in Guantanamo Bay. His nomination for a life worth celebrating is at first surprising - it's the entirely fictitious Robin Hood. But, he argues in conversation with medievalist Professor Stephen Knight, the myth has a lot to teach us about the way we treat each other. The presenter is Matthew Parris.

Produced by Christine Hall.

SAT 07:30 Tony Hawks's Guide to the Guides (b0075vym)

River Thames

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

Testing the plethora of reference books to the limit, Tony heads up river to discover his own suitability for boating life.

Producer: Lucy Willmore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b038bbvr)

Scrambled

The Egg: Hailed as a wonder food; condemned as dangerous; it's fattening; it's slimming; it's ethical; it's unethical. It's been a luxury and dirt cheap. Times change, the egg doesn't. In 1955 they cost the equivalent of £14.80 a dozen but then came the battery farms. The "Go to work on an Egg" campaign is a classic of TV advertising. In 1965 consumption peaked at five eggs per person per week and then fell as doctors warned of cholesterol. The press exposed battery farm conditions and a government minister said they were deadly. In the 00's the egg bounced back. Delia hailed it; the NHS said they were good for you after all- eat as many as you like! Scrambled is not a history of the egg rather it is about how the egg may be seen as symbolic of our attitude to food in general in the past half century as medical science, diet fads, changing lifestyle habits, and animal welfare issues have impacted on how we perceive and consume what on the face of it is as close to a perfect and unchanging food as we have.

Presented by Allegra McEvedy.

SAT 09:00 Williams on the Wireless (b071brjs)

Marking the 90th anniversary of the birth of a legend of entertainment, actor Robin Sebastian exposes his inner Kenneth Williams to introduce a collection of the Carry-On star's radio highlights. Including contributions from biographer Christopher Stevens and broadcaster Russell Davies, explore Williams' popular characters like Ramblin' Syd Rumpo and look back with laughter at lassic episodes. Discover Kenneth in a darker mood in a radio adaption of a Gogol story. * On the Trail of Ramblin' Syd: A new programme where Robin Sebastian traces the origins and impact of the West Country folk singer * Hancock's Half Hour - The Television Set Galton and Simpson comedy where living in the only house in Railway Cuttings without a telly, the lad takes action. From 1955. * Round the Horne: a classic episode from the popular 1960's radio series starring Kenneth Williams * Just a Minute An unique episode with Kenneth Williams as chairman and Nicholas Parsons as panellist * Diary of A Mad Man: A rare and rather wonderful piece of Kenneth Williams archive with his brilliant interpretation of Nikolai Gogol's farcical short story * The Very Best of Ramblin' Syd Rumpo: A special concert recorded in 1970 in front of a live studio audience at Abbey Road Studios in London. Producer: Stephen Garner.

SAT 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnf4)

Series 5

Men of Letters

Albert butts in on Harold's church magazine article.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Anthony Sharp as the Vicar.

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.
SAT 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jt5g)
 Series 6
 The Great Tuscan Salami Scandal
 A meaty mystery for Neddie Seagoon, unaccompanied by the show's regular musicians who were on strike.
 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.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1956.
SAT 13:00 Halfway Here: Omnibus (b071bxx2)
 Episode 2
 Fifteen-year-old Nettie is on life support and her mum resorts to looking at her laptop for answers. Starring Tyger Drew-Honey.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b071bzzn)
 Harry Connick Jr
 The singer and pianist picks 'When The Saints Go Marching In' by Louis Armstrong and 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' by Judy Garland.
SAT 14:15 Alan Bennett - An Englishman Abroad (b007jyxx)
 When a mysterious Englishman appears in her dressing-room, the actress Coral Browne assumes he is with the embassy. But, if so, why are his trousers out at the knees? And what does he want with her face-powder?
 Starring Michael Gambon and Penelope Wilton.
 Alan Bennett based this drama on a real incident in Moscow involving the spy Guy Burgess in 1958.
 Guy Burgess Michael Gambon
 Coral Browne Penelope Wilton
 Mrs Burgess Lala Lloyd
 Claudius John Baddley
 Tolya/Hamlet Michael Higgs
 Adapted from BBC TV's 1983 film and directed by Hilary Norrish.
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1994.
SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b038bbvr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Hood (b071bplk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:00 Great Lives (b00ryg42)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Tony Hawks's Guide to the Guides (b0075vym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Planet B (b00yy62r)
 Series 3
 The End of the Rogue
 Episode 5 by Matthew Broughton
 The virtual world has been switched off by Mark Schwartz. As the power slowly drains from the circuits, Kip and Medley must race through the ruins of reality in a desperate bid to reset the universe. Is this the end for Planet B? Last in the series.
 Kip .. Lloyd Thomas
 Medley .. Claire Harry
 Cerberus .. Chris Pavlo
 Slab .. Tony Bell
 Deano .. Adeel Akhtar
 Mary .. Sally Orrock
 Mark Schwartz .. Sam Dale
 With Gunner Cauthery, Iain Batchelor, Henry Devas and Adjoa Andoh.
 Directed by James Robinson.
SAT 18:30 Ghost Zone (b007jx3q)
 Episode 5
 As the army closes in on the Highland village of Inchbrae, can the alien presence be defeated?
 Conclusion of the sci-fi thriller specially-written for the BBC by Marty Ross.
 Stars Simon Tait as Dan Collins, Gayanne Potter as Jill Logan, Joanna Tope as Dr Beth Granger, Sandy Neilson as Captain Cairns, Lesley Hart as Heather Logan, Stevie Hannan as Soldier/Pilot/Jamie and John Paul Hurley as the Technician.
 Producer: Bruce Young
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
SAT 19:00 Williams on the Wireless (b071brjs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Richard Herring's Objective (b017cflv)
 Series 2
 Page 3
 'Page 3' has been the cause of controversy, so Richard debates whether it's something that we should celebrate, or consign to the dustbin of history.
 Series in which Richard Herring pokes and prods a variety of controversial objects and see if the controversy falls out. Through vox pops, interviews and stand up comedy Richard examines the objects' history, meaning and significance and challenges our assumed logic and stereotypes.
 Can we reclaim these objects away from their unfortunate associations?

Written by and starring Richard Herring.
 With Emma Kennedy and special guest, the glamour model Lucy Pinder.
 Producer: Tlusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
SAT 22:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rvpvr)
 The Bathroom
 Comedian Alun Cochrane has a 25 year mortgage which he can only pay off by being funny. In this series he takes us on a room by room, stand up tour of his house.
 He has a fridge that beeps at him when he doesn't move quickly enough and a fire alarm he can't reach. His relationship with his house is a complicated one.
 A hoarder of funny and original observations on everyday life, Alun invites us to help him de-clutter his mind and tidy his ideas into one of those bags that you Hoover all the air out of and keep under your bed. This show will help Alun and his house work through their relationship issues and prevent a separation that Alun can ill afford; at least not until the market picks up anyway.
 Starring ... Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn
 Written by ... Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton
 Produced by ... Carl Cooper.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b071wzrc)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Matt Forde.
SAT 23:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k35j)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans spills the beans on the Rat Pack, John and Yoko - and the subtext of Right Said Fred sung by Bernard Cribbins.
 Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets.
 Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.
 Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006.
SAT 23:30 The Big Booth (b007jryj)
 Series 2: The Big Booth Too
 Episode 6
 Half an hour of mistaken identity, stolen photographic negatives and songs about anglepoise lamps
 With Big Al, Stephen Frost, Rich Hall, Vivienne Soan, Jim Sweeney and Mariella Frostrup -who is not Magnus Magnusson.
 Or James Mason.
 Boothby Graffoe concludes his series of surreal laughs.
 Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.
 Producer: Lucy Armitage
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

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SUN 06:00 Katie Hims - The Kiss: Omnibus (b071c3p1)
 Five stories by Katie Hims portraying the significance of a kiss:
 Waterloo East:
 Will having the best break up kiss she ever had lead Jeanie to take Dan back when they meet again one year on? Stars Lee Ross.
 The Advertiser:
 A 73 year old woman sees an astonishingly beautiful kiss at Waterloo East and determines that she wants to kiss someone for the first time in her life. She places an advert in a national newspaper. Stars Sheila Reid.
 The Kiss That Never Happened:
 Ted has imagined kissing Liesl over several years, while she has dated, got engaged, married, mothered, and now, when he thinks her marriage is in trouble, he feels closer than ever to the long sought kiss. Stars Kate Ashfield.
 The Accident:
 When Sean dies in an accident, his father Ray kisses him for the first time and is shocked by how cold his skin is. Ray begins to kiss everything, from photographs and soft toys to geckos, walls and windows. Stars Harry Towb.
 Jacob Lennon:
 Everyone at school is in love with Jacob Lennon. Andrea and Sophie imagine that kissing him must be like eating melted marshmallows. Until Andrea finds out. Stars Sophie Pemberton.
 Producer: Jessica Dromgoole
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
SUN 07:15 Clive Dunn - Definitely Dunn (b071c3yf)

Relieving General Gordon
 Don't panic! Memories of Dad's Army star Clive Dunn, who played Lance-Corporal Jack Jones for nearly a decade on TV, radio and film between 1968 to 1977.
 Recalling highlights from his first 50 years in entertainment, Clive recalls his early career training to be an actor and travelling with a repertory company.
 Clive was aged 68 at the time of recording. He died in Portugal in 2012, aged 92.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1988.
SUN 07:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01qmxfy)
 Series 2
 Health and Medicine
 Comedian Stephen K Amos is joined by Paul Sinha, Andre Vincent and John Hegley to compile an Idiot's Guide to Health and Medicine. Produced by Colin Anderson.
SUN 08:00 Jim the Great (b036j16g)
 Series 2
 The Camelot Caper
 The impoverished sovereign wants in on Camelot, but a test of 'courtly love' backfires. Stars Jimmy Edwards. From October 1979.
SUN 08:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00yhx5s)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Angry antique dealers, a word from the Minister for population - and it's not the end of the world
 A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker. With Terence Brady and Pauline Yates.
 Pianist: Gordon Langford.
 Banjo: Dick Abell
 Written by Terence Brady, Peter N Christie, Donald Churchill, Bert Fisher, John Graham, Christopher Langham, Roy Lomax, Chris Miller, Katie Moss, Myles Rudge and Gordon Langford, Allan Scott and Chris Bryant, and Gerald Wiley.
 Producer John Fawcett-Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.
SUN 09:00 Benjamin Franklin in London: Omnibus (b071c410)
 From 1757 to 1775, Benjamin Franklin lived in London, mixing with the brilliant and powerful, even the King. Read by Nickolas Grace.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b071c4vj)
 Tori Amos
 Singer-songwriter Tori Amos picks 'Thank You' by Led Zeppelin and 'L.O.V.E.' by Nat 'King' Cole.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b071c4vl)
 Space
 Colin Pillingier
 From Al Bowly to Elvis Presley. Space scientist Professor Colin Pillingier shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From October 2009.
SUN 11:00 In Pod We Trust (b06ppb2h)
 Podcast Pioneers
 Miranda Sawyer with the third episode of her series about the world of podcasts, rounding up some of the best from around the globe. This week: podcast pioneers, the agenda-setting podcasters who have broken new ground in the genre.

 Miranda hears from the creators of Welcome to Night Vale, who talk about their perhaps unlikely surrealist pod hit.

 The programme also features Wendy Zukerman's Australian-based science podcast Science Vs, recently bought up by Gimlet Media, an increasingly powerful new media player in the burgeoning podcasting market.

 Ben Hammersley, internet technologist and journalist, and the man who invented the word "podcast" guests.

 Producer: Jim Frank
 Researcher: Chris Pearson.
SUN 11:30 Short Cuts (b01mw2dv)
 Series 2
 The Space between Us
 Nina Garthwaite presents a showcase for delightful and adventurous short documentaries. A selection of brief encounters, true stories, radio adventures and found sound. In The Space Between Us, Nina explores the difficulties and delights of distance. We travel to the outer reaches of the galaxy in the intriguing "audio movie" Made Out of Meat and take a joyful journey to the middle of absolutely nowhere with the writer Ian Sansom.
 We hear tales of family tussles over living space, a pop song constructed around a gap in understanding between scientists and the general public, and a look at the spaces in our speech patterns as the comedian Dan Schreiber explores the importance of a well placed...pause in the delivery of a joke.
 Produced by Eleanor McDowall
 A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4
 The items featured in this programme were:
 Mind the Gap
 Featuring Dan Schreiber
 Tears, Gravity and Distance
 Produced by Karl James
 They're Made Out of Meat

Produced by Jonathan Mitchell
 Silent Comedy
 Featuring Dan Schreiber
 Nowhere
 Produced by Rachel Hooper
 The Table
 Produced by Katie Burningham
 Higgs Boson!
 Produced by Mad Genius.
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SUN 14:30 Meg Rosoff - Jonathan Unleashed: Omnibus (b071c693)
 Episode 1
 In New York, fresh from college, can Jonathan Trefoil navigate the responsibilities of adulthood? Read by Rhashan Stone.
SUN 15:45 Philip Norman - Skiffle Night (b071c6lq)
 It's 1957. A teenager finds the courage to go on his first date, but where to go and what to wear? Read by Oliver Cotton.
SUN 16:00 Peter Terson - Getting to Know Mr Schmeigelow (b071c6t2)
 In 1925, the future designer Cecil Beaton came down from Cambridge deeply in debt: his one ambition, to be accepted by the aristocratic and artistic.
 But his father decided that he should learn to be a businessman and sent him to work in the City.
 Written by Peter Terson.
 Cecil Beaton Julian Firth
 William Eedle Papa
 Christian Rodska Mr Schmeigelow
 Mama June Barrie
 Nancy Joanna MacKie
 Baba Jenny Funnell
 Agnes Robertson Susan Sheridan
 Mr Skinner Brian Miller
 Boy le Bas Paul Downing
 Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b071c72t)
 Lost Voices - WH Davies
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive.
 'Lost Voices' features WH Davies - a very successful poet in the early 20th century, but now remembered, if at all, for one poem - What is this life if full of care. We have no time to stand and stare. But as Brian Patten explains, Davies lived an amazing life as a traveller, a tramp, a dreamer and a lover of the natural world. All this is reflected in his poetry which was admired at the time by George Bernard Shaw and Edward Thomas and which later inspired the 15 year old Brian Patten to write.
 Producer: Christine Hall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
SUN 17:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01qmfxy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01r527b)
 London Below
 Beneath the streets of London there is another London. A subterranean labyrinth of sewers and abandoned tube stations. A somewhere that is Neverwhere.
 An act of kindness sees Richard Mayhew catapulted from his ordinary life into a subterranean world under the streets of London. Stopping to help an injured girl on a London street, Richard is thrust from his workaday existence into the strange world of London Below.
 So begins a curious and mysterious adventure deep beneath the streets of London, a London of shadows where the tube cry of 'Mind the Gap' takes on new meaning; for the inhabitants of this murky domain are those who have fallen through the gaps in society, the dispossessed, the homeless. Here Richard meets the Earl of Earl's Court, Old Bailey and Hammersmith, faces a life-threatening ordeal at the hands of the Black Friars, comes face to face with Great Beast of London, and encounters an Angel. Called Islington.
 Joining the mysterious girl named Door and her companions, the Marquis de Carabas and the bodyguard, Hunter, Richard embarks on an extraordinary quest to escape from the clutches of the fiendish assassins Croup and Vandemar and to discover who ordered them to murder her family. All the while trying to work out how to get back to his old life in London Above.
 A six part adaption of Neil Gaiman's novel adapted by Dirk Maggs, sees James McAvoy as Richard lead a stellar cast which includes Natalie Dormer, David Harewood, Sophie Okonedo, Benedict Cumberbatch, Christopher Lee, Anthony Head, David Schofield, Bernard Cribbins, Romola Garai, George Harris, Andrew Sachs, Lucy Cohu, Johnny Vegas, Paul Chequer, Don Gilet and Abdul Salis.
SUN 19:00 In Pod We Trust (b06ppb2h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:30 Short Cuts (b01mw2dv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]
SUN 20:00 Patrick Hamilton - Rope (b071c7rb)
 Two young undergraduates think they've committed the perfect

murder. To add piquancy to their crime, they invite the victim's father and other guests to a macabre dinner party.
 Starring Alan Rickman as Rupert Cadell, Adam Bareham as Wyndham Brandon, Andrew Branch as Charles Granillo, Cyril Luckham as Sir Johnstone Kentley, Moir Leslie as Leila Arden, Christopher Good as Kenneth Raglan and Olivier Pierre as Sabot
 Stage, screen and radio actor and director, Alan Rickman was born: 21st February 1946 and died 14th January 2016 aged 69.
 English playwright, Patrick Hamilton (1904 - 1962) once explained: "In Rope, I have gone all out to write a horror play and make your flesh creep. It is a thriller. A thriller all the time, and nothing but a thriller".
 Producer: John Tydemann
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in Saturday Night Theatre: Murder for Pleasure in 1983.
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b071c4vl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01qmfxy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Shuttleworths (b007jm35)
 Series 2
 Wireless Wanderings (Part One)
 Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth and his agent Ken roam the radio airwaves.
 Featuring Alistair Cook's Letter From America, Timothy Bentinck and Norman Painting from 'The Archers' and Sue Lawley from 'Desert Island Discs'
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows. With Charlotte Green.
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.
SUN 22:45 The In Crowd (b00fbc9x)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 An odd supermarket shopper, Teletext traumas and some odd feet...
 Return of the sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store. With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.
 Producer: Graham Frost
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.
SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b070wpp9)
 Series 14
 Episode 2
 This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.

 Nish is joined this week by Jason Forbes, Freya Parker and Ellie White.

 The producers were Suzy Grant, Paul Sheehan and Matt Stronge. The script editors were Ed Amsden and Tom Colos.

 Newsjack is a BBC Radio Comedy production.
SUN 23:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cnhy5)
 Series 2
 The Wedding
 Preparing for his old flame's nuptials, writer Nick is seething over the way she dumped him.
 A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.
 With:
 Alistair McGowan
 Doon MacKichan
 Brian Bowles
 Leslie Sharp
 Joanna Brookes
 Elizabeth Bennet
 Stephen Tomkinson
 Producer: Ioan Magnusson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.

One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.
 Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Robin Polley as Sgt. Malley, Tricia Wilcock as Mrs Hallam, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Dr Ferguson and Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime.
 Producer: Tony Cliff
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
MON 06:30 The Spirit of Grunge (b005mhq)
 Twenty years on from the birth of grunge, Miranda Sawyer examines how the movement shaped a generation of British youth and changed mainstream youth culture forever.
 Including contributions from music journalists John Harris, Keith Cameron, Caitlin Moran and Charles Cross; and Megan Jasper of influential record label Sub Pop.
MON 07:00 Brian and Robin's Infinite Inbox (b071fj1)
 Brian Cox and Robin Ince sift through "The Infinite Monkey Cage" inbox and answer some listener questions.
 They are allowed to phone a friend, but expect questions on the recent series of the award-winning BBC Radio 4 show plus a spattering of the usual queries regarding the mortality of strawberries, and the nature of the infinite cage itself.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2015.
MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b06zqq9d)
 Series 8
 Calman, Cooke, Lowe
 Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah Millican welcome:
 * Comedian, Fearer of Raisins and Collector of Thimbles, Susan Calman
 * An artist who's made an art out of copying art and claims that he has actually slept with the Mona Lisa, Adam Lowe
 * A TV naturalist who admits that when she talks to animals, all they want to talk about is food, fighting and, well, mating, Lucy Cooke.
 The Museum's guests discuss what Fifty Shades of Grey has in common with Capt. Kirk and Mr Spock making sweet exoplanetary love; how salt could be the building material of the future if only it didn't rain; and why living on a small island will either turn you into a pygmy or a giant.
 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 February 2016.
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jqzq)
 Series 3
 The Recruit
 With Captain Mainwaring in hospital, the Vicar and the Verger spark unrest in the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon. 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
 Verger Edward Sinclair
 Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1976.
MON 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007js5z)
 Series 2
 A Jewel of a Husband
 There is double trouble for barrister Roger Thursby in a case of bigamy.
 Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Bridget Armstrong as Joy, Jean Anderson as Mrs Thursby, Barbara Windsor as Mrs Grant, Frank Thornton as the Judge, John Bluthal as Mr Grant and Peter Tuddenham as Alec.
 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 September 1971.
MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00f3wqc)
 Series 8
 JK Rowling
 James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh.
MON 09:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)
 Series 2
 Countess Natasha and the Red Menace
 Prime Minister Harold Macmillan guest stars in the same week that the programme is infiltrated by a spy.
 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/Harold Macmillan Jon Glover
 Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
 Roger Aspinall Simon Treves
 Secretary Laura Molyneux
 Miss Thurwell Anna Bengo.
 Producer: Liz Webb
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.
MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b00mf2mj)
 The A-Z of Dr Johnson - Boswell's Life of Johnson
 Episode 1
 Dramatisation by Robin Brooks of James Boswell's biography of Samuel Johnson, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Johnson's birth.
 Young Boswell comes to London to seek out his hero. He wants to write a biography of the great man 'in scenes', with Johnson's conversation cast as dialogue. Nothing quite like this has ever been attempted before.
 Samuel Johnson Kenneth Cranham
 James Boswell Paul Higgins
 King George David Hargreaves
 Louisa Lizzy Watts
 Joshua Reynolds Matt Addis
 Oliver Goldsmith Stephen Hogan
 Lady Di Annabelle Dowler
 Davies Philip Fox
 Directed by Claire Grove.
MON 11:00 Deep Country (b01bwd37)
 Episode 3
 Neil Ansell is living in a very remote part of the Welsh countryside, on his own, with no electricity, gas or water, and only the wildlife around him for company. He survives the gales but has to face another storm - his own vulnerability. Read by Matthew Gravelle.
 Abridged by Willa King.
 Directed by Emma Bodger
 A BBC Cymru Wales Production.
MON 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dmxg)
 Series 2
 The Drowned Church
 The Drowned Church: Humanity's ageless champion returns, this time to stop a sinister church congregation under the sea. Starring Paul Hilton.
MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jqzq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Brothers in Law (b007js5z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Spirit of Grunge (b0015mhq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080jj1)
 Episode 6
 Sophie tells all, and Calypso has a secret for Hector, but where is he?
 A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.
 Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.
 Read by Sian Phillips.
 Producer: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.
MON 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b048s4tn)
 A Rose by Any Other Name
 The 18th-century's age of travel and enlightenment meant that a vast influx of newly discovered plants into Europe was creating a botanical tower of Babel. No common language for plants and a wealth of long and localised names made communication about plant species often impossible. Swedish naturalist Carl Linnaeus dedicated his life to developing a proper system of naming and placing plants into a new ordered hierarchy.
 Professor Kathy Willis launches the series by talking to Jim Endersby, historian at Sussex University, who argues that Linnaeus' system of plant classification established the roots of botany as we now know it and revolutionised the economics and movement of plant species and their riches across the globe, and how they are referred to.
 She speaks with Linnaean archivist Gina Douglas and learns how in 1753 his System Naturae placed plants into a hierarchy of relationships based on the number of reproductive organs, in the hope of uncovering the machinery of nature. Whilst much of what Linnaeus developed has now been superseded by a more natural system of classification, his method of naming still dominates today.
 Producer: Adrian Washbourne
 Presenter: Kathy Willis is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge.
MON 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb1qz)
 Episode 1

September, 1945: Anne Welles arrives in New York from sedate Lawrenceville to find that every woman she meets is looking for a husband.
 Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.
 Stars Madeleine Potter as Anne Welles, Barbara Barnes as Neely O'Hara, Stuart Milligan as Henry Bellamy, Walter Lewis as Allen Cooper and Liza Ross as Mrs Welles.
 Producer: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00yyb1g)
 Bird Cloud
 Episode 1
 Pulitzer prize-winning writer, Annie Proulx, sets out to build her perfect home in a remote corner of Wyoming.
 Proulx's first work of non-fiction in twenty years tells a personal story of designing and constructing a house in harmony with her interests, work and personality.
 Having lived a peripatetic life, Annie Proulx decides to build a house where she can end her days. It does not quite work out that way when she falls in love with a 640 acre of remote Nature Conservancy land in Wyoming.
 Read by Laura Brook
 Abridged by Elizabeth Reeder
 Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.
MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b00mf2mj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b00f3wqc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Brian and Robin's Infinite Inbox (b071fqj1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b06zqq9d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rb2c1)
 Earl's Court
 Beneath the streets of London there is another London. A subterranean labyrinth of sewers and abandoned tube stations. A somewhere that is Neverwhere.
 An act of kindness sees Richard Mayhew catapulted from his ordinary life into a subterranean world under the streets of London. Stopping to help an injured girl on a London street, Richard is thrust from his workaday existence into the strange world of London Below.
 So begins a curious and mysterious adventure deep beneath the streets of London, a London of shadows where the tube cry of 'Mind the Gap' takes on new meaning; for the inhabitants of this murky domain are those who have fallen through the gaps in society, the dispossessed, the homeless. Here Richard meets the Earl of Earl's Court, Old Bailey and Hammersmith, faces a life-threatening ordeal at the hands of the Black Friars, comes face to face with Great Beast of London, and encounters an Angel. Called Islington.
 Joining the mysterious girl named Door and her companions, the Marquis de Carabas and the bodyguard, Hunter, Richard embarks on an extraordinary quest to escape from the clutches of the fiendish assassins Croup and Vandemar and to discover who ordered them to murder her family. All the while trying to work out how to get back to his old life in London Above.
 A six part adaption of Neil Gaiman's novel adapted by Dirk Maggs, sees James McAvoy as Richard lead a stellar cast which includes Natalie Dormer, David Harewood, Sophie Okonedo, Benedict Cumberbatch, Christopher Lee, Anthony Head, David Schofield, Bernard Cribbins, Romola Garai, George Harris, Andrew Sachs, Lucy Cohu, Johnny Vegas, Paul Chequer, Don Gilet and Abdul Salis.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00763d8)
 Colin Dexter & Russell James
 Louise Doughty is joined by crime writers Colin Dexter and Russell James to talk about favourite paperbacks by Martha Gelhorn, AE Housman and Jill Dawson. From 2001.
 Collected Poems by AE Housman
 Publisher: Penguin
 The View From the Ground by Martha Gelhorn
 Publisher: Granta
 Fred and Edie
 Publisher: Sceptre.
MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jqzq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Brothers in Law (b007js5z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 The Spirit of Grunge (b0015mhq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Deep Country (b01bwd37)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dmxg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06zqq9d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00dr4t0)
 Controlling the Universe
 Chris Addison goes on a journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation and explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

In the opening episode, he investigates the notion of a controllable universe.
 With:
 Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGovern)
 Jo Enright
 Dan Tetsell
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0725pz5)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth is joined by Tim FitzHigham.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b071gnq3)
 Series 16
 Episode 7
 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.
 This week Miles is joined by Mark Steel, Vicki Pepperdine, Danny Finkelstein and Holly Walsh. The newsreader is Caroline Nicholls.
 News Quiz Extra was produced by Suzy Grant and is a BBC Radio Comedy production.
MON 23:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007zh10)
 Series 1
 Romance in the Glen
 Hamish finds a rival in the Laird after falling head of heels for society beauty Lady Caroline Fitz-Nealeigh.
 Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two elderly Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
 With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, Mrs Naughtie - and Lady Caroline Fitzneatly.
 And Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

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TUE 00:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rb2c1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00763d8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 The Spirit of Grunge (b0015mhq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080jj1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b048s4tn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb1qz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00yyb1g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dmxg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dq7y)
 Series 2
 The Lost Hotel
 The mystical, timeless man tracks a missing person and finds himself an unwilling guest at a sinister hotel. Stars Paul Hilton.
TUE 04:30 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019dwof)
 Series 2
 The Lady in the Lake
 In search of runaway ward, Freya, Pilgrim goes to Hollisale Well and discovers a small community dedicated to the memory of a woman lured into the water seven years ago by a magical being.
 Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
 William Palmer Paul Hilton
 Freya Rachael Spence
 Becker Adeel Akhtar
 Gordy Henry Devas
 Charity Claire Price
 Gudrun Claire Harry
 Legend Agnes Bateman
 Director: Marc Beeby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
TUE 05:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b019fx3p)
 Series 2
 Hope Springs
 Pilgrim is the most reluctant father of the bride.
 He struggles to balance the prospect of being the quarry in a savage hunt forever and a day, with seeing his daughter Doris condemned to an eternity married to Puck.
 Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
 William Palmer Paul Hilton
 Dexter Lloyd Thomas
 Hilda Anna Wing
 Doris Judy Parfitt
 Puck Jamie Foreman

Mr Hazelbury Sean Baker
Mrs Marsden Leah Brotherhead
Legend Agnes Bateman
Director: Jessica Dromgoole.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
TUE 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnp)
Episode 2
As the sabotage and murder trail continues, Private Investigator Mortimer Hive arrives and is invited to make a speech.
One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.
Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Booker, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime and Kathryn Hunt as Helen.
Producer: Tony Cliff
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
TUE 06:30 Nightingale of the Nile (b00ny9y6)
Singer-songwriter, record producer and world music expert Justin Adams travels to Cairo, where he grew up, to tell the story of the woman whose voice dominated the culture and politics of the Middle East in the 20th century, Umm Kulthum. Once described as a combination of 'Ella Fitzgerald, Eleanor Roosevelt and Elvis Presley', her radio broadcasts often brought the entire Arabic world to a standstill. Her incredible voice and skilful handling of the media quickly made her the most prominent celebrity in the Arab world at the time, and her close friendship with both the royal circle of King Farouk I before the revolution, and President Nasser in its wake, gave her unprecedented political influence.
Justin Adams is Robert Plant's songwriting partner, record producer for the Tuareg desert blues band Tinariwen, among others, and an ex-collaborator with Jah Wobble. As the son of a British diplomat, Justin grew up in Cairo during Kulthum's golden age. Now he travels back, talking to those that knew her to discover more about this icon of the Arabic world.
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 07:00 A Short Gentleman (b019fxjh)
Episode 3
When dealing with his wife's lover, Robert employs his deadliest weapon: being a gentleman.
Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell, QC, a perfect specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless legal logic to his disastrous personal life.
Jon Canter's comic novel 'A Short Gentleman' adapted by Robin Brooks.
Robert Purcell Hugh Bonneville
Elizabeth Lyndsey Marshal
Max Ted Allpress
Isobel Lauren Mote
Mona/Ticky Katherine Jakeways
Geoffrey Paul Moriarty
Anthony Carl Prekopp
Penelope Tracy Wiles
With Adjoa Andoh, Ewan Bailey, Adam Billington and James Hayes.
Director: Jonquil Painting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.
TUE 07:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)
Series 1
East End Mafia
Linda gets her neighbour's Jack the Ripper letters authenticated and falls foul of the dodgy East End Mafia, headed by the elusive and notorious Don Estelle.
Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.
Linda Linda Smith
Chris Chris Neill
Betty Margaret John
Worra Femi Elufowoju Jr
Other parts played by Jeremy Hardy.
Special guest star: Don Estelle.
With Peter Donaldson as the radio announcer and Colin Sell at the piano.
Producer: Lucy Armitage
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)
Series 4
Episode 2
Kenneth Horne stars in a roaring 1920s film spoof 'Thoroughly Modern Willy'. Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of a nagger and Julian and Sandy come over all transcendental with Bona Gurumat.
With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. 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.
Marty Feldman had moved on so series 4 is written by Barry Took with Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and Brian Webster.
Music by the Max Harris Group.
Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.
TUE 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)
That's My Pigeon
A visiting dignitary gets the bird-brained bureaucrats get in a flap.
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddley, John Graham and John Cole. 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 March 1973.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (b071gnq3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007zh10)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]
TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b00mjklh)
The A-Z of Dr Johnson - Boswell's Life of Johnson
Episode 2
Dramatisation by Robin Brooks of James Boswell's biography of Samuel Johnson, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Johnson's birth.
Boswell visits Johnson only intermittently, but relies on him more and more. Johnson meets Hester Thrale, who becomes his devoted friend and confidante, and the most important person in his life.
Samuel Johnson Kenneth Cranham
James Boswell Paul Higgins
Hester Thrale Annabelle Dowler
David Garrick David Hargreaves
Mrs Desmoulins Susan Jameson
Joshua Reynolds Matt Addis
Dilly Stephen Hogan
Wilkes Philip Fox
Directed by Claire Grove.
TUE 11:00 Carla Lane - Lena (b01295vx)
A new friendship makes 60-something Lena wonder if there's more to life than cooking and cleaning. Read by Pauline Collins.
TUE 11:15 Drama (b071h81q)
Pilgrim
Crowsfall Wood
By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
1 of 4
Pilgrim is called upon to help an old friend who is possessed by a deadly forest spirit. The first of four new dark fantasy adventures featuring the immortal William Palmer.
CAST
William Palmer Paul Hilton
Tadek Karl Johnson
Cecilia Faye Castelow
Ewa Susan Engel
Macadam Dudley Sutton
Cripps John Rowe
Henslow Adam Billington
Grainger Rikki Lawton
Directed by Marc Beeby
This is the third series of enormously popular adventures to feature cult hero William Palmer - the Pilgrim of the title.
In 1185, William Palmer was making pilgrimage to Canterbury. Unbeknownst to him his fellow pilgrim was the King of the Greyfolk. When William claimed that the Church would wipe out the belief in the Faerie world, he was cursed by the Faerie King and condemned forever to the walk between our world and theirs.
The plays in PILGRIM are thrilling, dark and contemporary. They're set in a very recognisable, very real present, but a present haunted by the folktales of these islands: forest spirits, changeling children, Merlin...
TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)
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TUE 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Nightingale of the Nile (b00ny9y6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080p26)
Episode 7
Polly and the twins have an interesting relationship. Helena is put out by Richard's visit.
A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.
Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.
Read by Sian Phillips.
Producer: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.
TUE 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b049yhd5)
Plants to Shape Society

The 18th-century botanical impresario Sir Joseph Banks was convinced that Britain's destiny was as the major civilising power in the world, and this could be achieved by harnessing botany and imperial progress to each other's mutual benefit. Professor Kathy Willis talks to Linnaean Society honorary archivist, Gina Douglas, on how Britain's acquisition of Carl Linnaeus' collection of books and specimens proved the tool to promote, identify, and trade plants across the Empire. She hears from Richard Barley, Director of Horticulture at Kew and former director of Melbourne's Botanic Gardens, who discusses Banks' influence on the choice of plants taken with the first settlers to Australia.
But how central were plants to Britain's colonial project? Historian Jim Endersby weighs up Joseph Banks' 18th-century vision to use Kew as a centre to gather as many plants and plant products as possible, not only to enrich the Royal Garden's collection but for Kew to also function as a botanical exchange house between the colonies.
Producer: Adrian Washbourne
Presenter: Kathy Willis is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge.
TUE 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbff)
Episode 2
One of New York's richest men proposes marriage to Anne. Jacqueline Susann's drama on the perils of fame, with Madeleine Potter.
TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00yyg1y)
Bird Cloud
Episode 2
Pulitzer prize-winning writer, Annie Proulx, sets out to build her perfect home in a remote corner of Wyoming. Proulx's first work of non-fiction in twenty years tells a personal story of designing and constructing a house in harmony with her interests, work and personality.
Embarking on building her Bird Cloud house, Annie Proulx is clear on what she does not want but is less sure about what she wants. Working with an architect, the designs are full of promise but finding a builder proves almost impossible.
Read by Laura Brook
Abridged by Elizabeth Reeder
Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.
TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b00mjklh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)
Series 1
Episode 3
Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Arthur Smith, Lucy Montgomery, Tom Wrigglesworth and Will Smith battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games.
Find out the hilarity that ensues when each of them play the games they've brought along. What will Arthur make of Tom's 'Re-wound, Sped Up Played Backwards'? How will Twitter-fan Will Smith get on with Lucy's 'Twitter-witter-witter-who' game? And how much would it take for Tom Wrigglesworth to change his name to Adolf Hitler when he plays Arthur Smith's round?
Angus Deayton valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.
Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell
Devised by Benjamin Partridge
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
TUE 16:30 Flying the Flag (b007jxh2)
Series 2
A Taste of Democracy
It's British week in the People's Republic - showcasing a double-decker bus and a demonstration of clog dancing.
Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
Starring Dinsdale Lenden as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, Alan Dudley as Frank Burton, MP and Richard Tate as Gerald Calder-Brown, MP.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.
TUE 17:00 A Short Gentleman (b019fxjh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rbsc4)
The Angel Islington
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So begins a curious and mysterious adventure deep beneath the streets of London, a London of shadows where the tube cry of 'Mind the Gap' takes on new meaning: for the inhabitants of this

murky domain are those who have fallen through the gaps in society, the dispossessed, the homeless. Here Richard meets the Earl of Earl's Court, Old Bailey and Hammersmith, faces a life-threatening ordeal at the hands of the Black Friars, comes face to face with Great Beast of London, and encounters an Angel. Called Islington.

Joining the mysterious girl named Door and her companions, the Marquis de Carabas and the bodyguard, Hunter, Richard embarks on an extraordinary quest to escape from the clutches of the Fiendish assassins Croup and Vandemar and to discover who ordered them to murder her family. All the while trying to work out how to get back to his old life in London Above. A six part adaptation of Neil Gaiman's novel adapted by Dirk Maggs, sees James McAvoy as Richard lead a stellar cast which includes Natalie Dormer, David Harewood, Sophie Okonedo, Benedict Cumberbatch, Christopher Lee, Anthony Head, David Schofield, Bernard Cribbins, Romola Garai, George Harris, Andrew Sachs, Lucy Cohu, Johnny Vegas, Paul Chequer, Don Gilet and Abdul Salis.

TUE 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007tbvx)

Series 1

Glasgow Pavilion Theatre

Geoffrey Wheeler's affectionate portrait of the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow, one of the last Variety venues in Scotland. Built in 1895 by architect Bertie Crewe, it boasts a magnificent ceiling which rolls back to reveal the stars, and is watched over - or so they say - by the ghost of one of its best-loved comedians, Tommy Morgan.

Among those recalling their days at the Pavilion are Johnny Beattie, Mary Lee Milroy, and Rikki Fulton.

Series featuring Variety theatres from all over the United Kingdom.
Producer: Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012ry04)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Nightingale of the Nile (b00ny9y6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Carla Lane - Lena (b01295vx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Drama (b071h81q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies (b03gg7rd)
Nationalism

Andrew looks at Nationalists, from a variety of movements, who are easy to demonise. So very, very easy. But rather than do that - and it really is very easy - Andrew will explore the reasons for joining such organisations and the logical outcomes of their policies.

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 incisiveness to dig behind the clichés and assumptions about four possible threats to British society: food, the internet, drugs and Nationalism. 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 November 2013.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0725qlv)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wigglesworth is joined again by Tim FitzHigham.

TUE 23:00 Revolting People (b00w9fth)

Series 4

Episode 6

The deserters lobby King George III over the war, and McGurk has plans. 1775 America sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From June 2006.

TUE 23:30 Brian and Robin's Infinite Inbox (b071fqj1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

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WED 00:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rbsc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080p26)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b049yhd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls

(b00mbbtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b00yyg1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Drama (b071h81q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Tuesday]

WED 03:45 Drama (b071hj7r)

Pilgrim

Sookey Hill

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

2 of 4

When Pilgrim investigates a story about a man being turned into a hare, he meets a dangerous new enemy. The second in a new series of dark fantasy adventures.

CAST

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Colonel Coburn Ralph Ineson

Birdie Kate Fleetwood

Barry Carl Prekopp

Nathan Gerard McDermott

Mary Alex Tregear

Dale Simon Bubb

Directed by Marc Beeby.

WED 04:30 Drama (b071hk2j)

Pilgrim

Aisley Bridge

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

3 of 4: Following the mysterious absence of a local girl, Pilgrim is drawn into the strange world of the lanes, and the immortal children who live there.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Lily Victoria Inez-Hardy

Mr Hendrickson James Lailey

George Kasper Hilton-Hille

Effie Nishi Malde

Cecilia Faye Castelow

Audrey Lizzy Watts

Everett Simon Bubb

Conor Adam Billington

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

WED 05:15 Drama (b071hkks)

Pilgrim

Lindie Island

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

4 of 4: In exchange for a precious bargaining chip in his negotiations with the King, Pilgrim is asked to sacrifice a man he has kept safe for centuries.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Viv Pamela Merrick

Henselow Adam Billington

Marcellus Jimmy Akingbola

Goat Lord Nicky Henson

Randell Carl Prekopp

Birdie Kate Fleetwood

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

WED 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnz)

Episode 3

Kindly detective, Inspector Purbright probes the discovery of another body, found head down in a wishing well.

One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.

Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Paul Downing as Love,

Russell Dixon as Booker, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime,

Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive, Kathryn Hunt as Helen and

Robin Polley as Palgrove.

Producer: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 06:30 The Lennon Visitors (b00v1qzc)

Every year, around 8,000 people from 50 countries pay homage to John Lennon at his childhood home, Mendips. But who are these visitors and what do they seek from an ordinary suburban semi in Liverpool?

Comedian, Alexei Sayle, took the National Trust tour in 2009 and was so taken with its 1950s charm and with the spirit of it, that he's gone back; this time meeting custodian, Colin Hall and finding out what it's like to live in one of the most famous houses in Liverpool.

He also talks to some of those who visited the house when John Lennon lived there - John's cousin Mike; Colin Hanton, the drummer in John Lennon's band, the Quarrymen; and Freda Kelly, the Beatles' Club Secretary. And of course just a few of those 8000 visitors.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010 to mark

Lennon's 70th birthday

WED 07:00 Married (b007v2sz)

Series 1

Episode 3

Grumpy bachelor Robin Lightfoot is feeling a little warmer towards his adopted "wife" - until his doppelganger's other woman turns up to rock the boat.

With a new wife and kids, Robin learns more about his parallel universe.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Linda Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Dirk Steve Frost

Lord Reith Lewis MacLeod

Ned Sam Bradley

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

WED 07:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05r3z49)

Series 2

Episode 4

Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham and his old nemesis Alex Horne recreate a 19th century bet: can Tim ride a horse from London to Dover and back before Alex makes 1 million dots on a piece of paper?"

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01jcc05)

Series 6

Rescuing Admirals

Two top brass need rescuing. Pertwee meets his Uncle and an old face sails back.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather and Michael Bates as Rear Admiral Ironbridge.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1963.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012lm9q)

Series 8

Episode 3

Hard times for Radio Prune - are ads the answer? Plus one woman's struggle to get a phone.

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 Graeme Garden, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b071k5vf)

Series 3

Episode 5

Debates galore over mature students and putting daughters on the stage.

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

From the Pleasance Theatre during the Edinburgh Festival.

With Hugh Dennis, Gyles Brandreth, Chris Neill and Stuart Maconie.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000

WED 09:30 The Party Line (b00srkfv)

Series 1

Episode 3

MP Duncan Stonebridge gets all wound up about a wind farm.

Topical sitcom by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From June

2005.

WED 10:00 Julie Rutterford - How To Murder Your

Husband (b071k792)

Murder is on the menu when Flo finds out her husband's taking early retirement. But murder is harder than it seems, as Flo is soon to find out when not even a poisoned pie seems to work...

Julie Rutterford's wickedly comic play stars Jean Alexander as Flo and Bill Dean as Frank.

With Julie Riley as Fran, Terence Mann as Tim, Lorelei King as Carmella Schwartz, Jimmi Hibbert as Jim, Melissa Jane Sinden as Angie, John Culshere as the Instructor and Janet James as Mary.

Producer: Nandita Ghouse

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

WED 11:00 Leap Year Tales (b01c7x4m)

Aw Wrong

Three stories that mark Leap Year.

'Aw Wrong' by Laura Marney.

Facing the imminent birth of their first child, a couple take steps to try to influence the course of nature.

Read by Gabriel Quigley.

Produced by Patricia Hitchcock

Laura Marney is a writer of fiction and drama. She is the author

of four novels: 'No Wonder I Take a Drink', 'Nobody Loves a Ginger Baby', 'Only Strange People go to Church' and most recently, 'My Best Friend has Issues'. She is currently working

on a new novel provisionally entitled 'Snorkelling in a Burkha'.
WED 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b01qmxfm)

Series 4

Mullerby Fair

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Episode 1: Mullerby Fair

In an attempt to settle an age-old dispute, Pilgrim must confront the ruthless Mr Speed. But he has a secret weapon.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Richie Joe Dempsie

Maxine Rachel Davies

Mr Speed Kim Wall
Carter Paul Copley
Laura Leah Brotherhead
Cassie Sarah Thom
Legend Agnes Bateman
Directed by Marc Beeby

Pilgrim, cursed with immortality by the King of the Greyfolk, is forever forced to walk between the human world and the world of Faerie in a never-ending quest to preserve the uneasy balance between the two. Armed with the Abaron, a book of incredibly powerful magic that protects its owner above all else, he can finally challenge Mr Speed - who has stolen generations of brides from one family, separate devoted parents from their very strange new changeling baby, put a giant to sleep, and locate Merlin, the figure most feared in all the Faerie world. Hard tasks at the best of times, but Pilgrim must also contend with the relentless malice of the sorceress Mrs Pleasance and the devious cunning of the King of the Greyfolk himself.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01jcc05)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012lm9q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 The Lennon Visitors (b00v1qzc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080qbw)
Episode 8
Sophie has an accident. Polly tries to forget the twins. Calypso receives some bad news.
A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.
Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.
Read by Sian Phillips.
Producer: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.
WED 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b049z4x6)
Pressed Plants and Possibilities
The Victorians realised that preserving the structural features of a plant was essential to classifying it, placing it on a plant family tree and building up an overall understanding of the relationships between plants. Central to this was the herbarium - a collection of dried plants documented, pressed and mounted onto identical sheets of paper. Kathy Willis examines the genesis of this process at Kew which plays host today to over 7 million specimens, and is now one of a network of herbaria around the world.
If you want to know what a plant is, the herbarium is where you come. But how was the Kew collection established? Kathy Willis hears from historian Jim Endersby on the influence of William Jackson Hooker whose private plant collection forms the basis of the collection.
Historian Anne Secord of Cambridge University examines the delicate relationship between artisan collectors in the field and gentlemen botanists which defied the rigid social divide to enable specimens to be gathered from far afield to advance botanical knowledge.
Kathy Willis learns from Kew botanist, Bill Baker, how patterns now emerge in the herbarium that enable changing patterns of plant behaviour from flowering times to plant distribution to feed into wider questions about the effect of changing climate and land use.
And in an age when the Empire was aiming to show everything to its best advantage researcher Caroline Cornish reveals how plants could be effectively displayed to a curious Victorian public through Britain's first Museum of Economic Botany.
Producer: Adrian Washbourne
Presenter: Kathy Willis is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge.
WED 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbc2m)
Episode 3
Anne meets famous torch singer Helen, and Neely understudies the lead in a new musical. Drama on the perils of fame stars Sally Dexter and Susan Jameson.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00yhyzn)
Bird Cloud
Episode 3
Pulitzer prize-winning writer, Annie Proulx, sets out to build her perfect home in a remote corner of Wyoming.
Proulx's first work of non-fiction in twenty years tells a personal story of designing and constructing a house in harmony with her interests, work and personality.
Annie Proulx has still not found a builder for her Bird Cloud house until she is surprised to find one right under her nose.
And work begins.
Read by Laura Brook
Abridged by Elizabeth Reeder
Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.
WED 15:00 Julie Rutterford - How To Murder Your Husband (b071k792)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b071k5vf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 The Party Line (b00srkfv)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
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WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076z13)
The Generation Game
Dominic Arkwright, Lucy Mangan, Dillie Kean and Francis Gilbert discuss adults enjoying prolonged post-adolescence.
From August 2006.
WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b01jcc05)
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WED 22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0725qtq)
The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth is joined again by Tim FitzHigham.
WED 22:30 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01ntjq3)
Health and Medicine
Sketches, stand-up and song in a comic exploration of health. With Andrew Lawrence and Sara Pascoe. From November 2012.
WED 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qdsms)
Series 2
The Dinner Party
Damien and Anthony invite their nearest and dearest round for a dinner party to celebrate some good news: Anthony has finally decided to start his own investment company, whilst Damien has finally got from Sky Arts for a new series all about the culinary habits of the great poets.
Unfortunately, things do not get off to an auspicious start when Anthony is beset by incurable hiccups, and Damien's agent Ian arrives with marital problems in tow.
Includes recipes for Baked Camembert, Trout "en papillote" and Rum Baba.
Written by Miles Jupp.
Damien Trench Miles Jupp
Anthony MacIlveny Justin Edwards
Damien's Mother Selina Cadell
Damien's Dad Philip Fox
Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey
Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
WED 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jmqj)
Series 1
Back to the Studio
The sketch show team take their audience on a trip to the cinema - but where are the all-star special guests?
Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandeyck.
Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]
THU 03:45 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b01qwhp5)
Series 4
Tregarrah Head
by Sebastian Baczkiewicz
Episode 2: Tregarrah Head
Birdie continues her war of attrition, leaving a wake of innocent victims. Pilgrim has to rescue the Old Man of Tregarrah Head from his fate as the changeling baby of devoted West Country parents.
William Palmer Paul Hilton
Birdie Kate Fleetwood
Sally Rebekah Stoton
Gary Ed Gaughan
Kingsley Robert Blythe
Elaine Sarah Thom
Dan Ben Crowe
Girl Agnes Bateman
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
THU 04:30 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b01r11w9)
Series 4
Wedlowe Sound
By Sebastian Baczkiewicz
Episode 3: Wedlowe Sound
Pilgrim must tackle an old adversary and save the community of Wedlowe Sound when it is threatened by a giant.
William Palmer Paul Hilton
Wedlowe Ronald Pickup
Massey Paul Stonehouse
Neil Will Howard
Gwen Liza Sadovy
Dreamer Ben Crowe
Girl Agnes Bateman
Directed by Marc Beeby
THU 05:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b01r5s1y)
Series 4
Bleaker Lake
by Sebastian Baczkiewicz
Episode 4: Bleaker Lake
The showdown. At Bleaker Lake, where Merlin is held sealed up under the water, Pilgrim hopes to find an end, at least to the war of attrition with Birdie, at best to his own immortality.
William Palmer Paul Hilton
Birdie Kate Fleetwood
Cliff Philip Jackson
Harmony Lizzy Watts
Randell Carl Prekopp
Hunnicut Patrick Brennan
Girl Agnes Bateman
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
THU 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jtd5)
Episode 4
Alibis are examined as Inspector Purbright's probe into the murder of Mrs Palgrove makes life uncomfortable for her husband.
One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.
Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Dr Fergusson, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime, Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive and Robin Polley as Palgrove.
Producer: Tony Cliff
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
THU 06:30 The Sinking of the Lancastria (b00swj3b)
On the 17th of June 1940 thousands of British troops and airmen died as their troopship, the Lancastria, was sunk by German bombers. Allan Little travels to the French port of St Nazaire on the 70th anniversary of Britain's worst maritime disaster, to tell the story.
We hear from survivors of the ship who miraculously escaped from the sinking and the chaos of the sea alight with spilled oil. In particular we follow the story of Ft Lt Albert Hill, the last man off the ship, whose unpublished diary has come to light. We also find out why, so many years after the story was

suppressed by Churchill in the darkest days of the war, there is still a reluctance in England to acknowledge and commemorate the tragedy.

Producer: Susan Marling

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2010.

THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bbmfj)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning

Tribulations of an Uncle By Marriage

After the cottage inferno in Steeple Bumpleigh, Bertie Wooster plots a fake burglary.

A P.G. Wodehouse romp adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.

CAST:

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Stilton Cheeswright Michael Kilgarriff

Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil

Percy, Lord Worpleston Peter Woodthorpe

Nobby Hopwood Rosalind Adams

Edwin the Boy Scout Denise Bryer

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

THU 07:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717j1y)

Series 1

Cricket with Andy Zaltzman

Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife, that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable.

So Susan is looking at her options to try and immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. Can she ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm?

This time, in a typically British leisure pursuit; Susan goes to a cricket match with Andy Zaltzman.

Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts. It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqj)

Series 6

Loathe Story

Sleepwalking Harold gives dad Albert a fright.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett as Steptoe and Son.

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

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Psychiatrist Graham Stark

Buntuy Jo Manning Wilson

Mrs Kennington-Stroud Margot Boyd

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 later adapted for radio.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

THU 08:30 Radio Active (b007jvcs)

Series 3

Radio Active's Funday in Blackport

Have fun and plenty of it with Radio Active's fun day out on the promenade in Blackport.

Enough games, celebrities and competitions to generate a great deal of fun. Plus, somebody MUST win a Radio Active Car Sticker.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Jon Canter, Roger Planer, Anthony Nicholson, Moray Hunter and John Docherty.

Producer: Jamie Rex

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1983.

THU 09:00 The Food Quiz (b071khgw)

Series 1

Episode 3

On Jay Rayner's menu are Tracey MacLeod, Clement Freud, Jill Norman and Keith Floyd. From January 2003.

THU 09:30 The Senses (b071khxx)

Taste

Can a 14th century Italian food taster protect his master,

especially when he's invited to dine with the Borgias.

Candelli Alex Jennings

Masemino John Woodvine

The Pope Charles Gray

Francesquina Kate Duchêne

Cesare Borgia Clive Mantle

Paolo Glynn Edwards

Caterina Caroline Leddy

Biagio David Batley

Lucrezia Borgia Janine Duvitski

The Priest David King

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: David Tylerl

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

THU 10:00 Mikhail Bulgakov - The White Guard (b00761h8)

Betrayal

In the Winter of 1918, the citizens of Kiev wait for their city to fall, either to the Bolsheviks or to the Nationalists.

The Turbin family, supporters of the Tsar, take refuge in their family home.

Mikhail Bulgakov's classic Ukrainian novel from 1925 - dramatised in two parts by DJ Britton.

Stars Paul Hilton as Alexei, James Loye as Nikolka, Simon Ludders as Rusakov, Melanie Walters as Julia, Manon Edwards as Elena, Gerry Lepkowski as Myshlaevsky, Tim Kirkus as Shpolyansky, Rhodri Hugh as Bolbotun, Patrick Brennan as Shervinsky, Dorien Thomas as the Sergeant and Simon Armstrong as the Colonel.

Translator: Michael Glenny

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001

THU 11:00 Leap Year Tales (b01cks4t)

February Alone

Three stories to mark the Leap Year.

'February Alone' by Ruth Thomas.

An intended romantic lunch goes strangely awry. Will a gift of lingerie help save the hour?

Read by Melody Grove.

Produced by Patricia Hitchcock.

Ruth Thomas is the author of three short story collections and a novel. Her first collection, 'Sea Monster Tattoo', was shortlisted for the John Llewellyn Rhys Award and her novel, 'Things to Make and Mend' was winner of Good Housekeeping's 'Most Entertaining Read' Award. She has also received a Scottish Arts Council Book Award and has had work shortlisted for the VS Pritchett Prize. Her second novel is due out next year and she is also at work on a new short story collection.

THU 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b03hwn0r)

Series 5

Lyall Park

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Episode 1: Lyall Park

The immortal wanderer William Palmer - Pilgrim - comes to Lyall Park where he uncovers an astonishing and disturbing family secret.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Kenny Sean Murray

Harry Michael Bertenshaw

Colville Annette Badland

Bryony Carolyn Pickles

Lavinia Priyanga Burford

Threadgold James Lailey

Cashier Georgie Fuller

Sound Colin Guthrie

Directed by Marc Beeby

A fifth series of four dark adventures. Pilgrim, cursed with immortality by the King of the Greyfolk, is forever forced to walk between the human world and the world of Faerie in a never-ending quest to preserve the uneasy balance between the two. In this series, Pilgrim finds himself in pursuit of the mysterious Radiant Boy. On the way he encounters a ballroom filled with un-dead dancers, a cursed village, a woman in love with a man with a fox's tail and a medium who takes him across the line between life and death...

THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Radio Active (b007jvcs)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Sinking of the Lancastris (b00swj3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080qtn)

Episode 9

Max gets a telephone call about Monica, while Helena gets a surprise visitor.

A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.

Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by

Elizabeth Bradbury.

Read by Sian Phillips.

Producer: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

THU 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04b22yh)

Blight on the Landscape

Out of the tragedy of the Irish potato famine was to emerge a major new discipline in science - plant pathology. Infectious micro-organisms would come to be accepted as a cause of disease rather than its result.

Kathy Willis hears from Kew's head of mycology, Brin Dentinger, on the significance of German botanist Antony de Bary's experiments that would lead to a new understanding of the causes of potato blight.

Insights into the life cycle and behaviour of fungal spores required detailed and repetitive observations. Some of the most important insights in the 19th century came from children's story writer and natural history illustrator Beatrix Potter.

Historian Jim Endersby explains how her careful observations contributed to the controversial idea that many fungi, far from being destructive, live in symbiosis with a host of plants.

Kew mycologist Martin Bidarondo studies this relationship and we hear how thanks to new technology enabling researchers to identify fungal DNA we're on the brink of elucidating the real importance of fungi in today's ecosystems.

Producer Adrian Washbourne

Presenter: Kathy Willis is director of science at Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. She is also professor of long-term ecology and a fellow of Merton College, both at Oxford University. Winner of several awards, she has spent over 20 years researching and teaching biodiversity and conservation at Oxford and Cambridge.

THU 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb13h)

Episode 4

Anne's relationship with Lyon grows passionate, and Neely gets her big break. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00y3zh0)

Bird Cloud

Episode 4

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The build continues, Annie moves into the unfinished house and makes a terrible discovery.

Read by Laura Brook

Abridged by Elizabeth Reeder

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

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THU 17:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bbmfj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717j1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rcky1)

Market Afloat

Beneath the streets of London there is another London. A subterranean labyrinth of sewers and abandoned tube stations. A somewhere that is Neverwhere.

An act of kindness sees Richard Mayhew catapulted from his ordinary life into a subterranean world under the streets of London. Stopping to help an injured girl on a London street, Richard is thrust from his workaday existence into the strange world of London Below.

So begins a curious and mysterious adventure deep beneath the streets of London, a London of shadows where the tube cry of 'Mind the Gap' takes on new meaning; for the inhabitants of this murky domain are those who have fallen through the gaps in society, the dispossessed, the homeless. Here Richard meets the Earl of Earl's Court, Old Bailey and Hammersmith, faces a life-threatening ordeal at the hands of the Black Friars, comes face to face with Great Beast of London, and encounters an Angel. Called Islington.

Joining the mysterious girl named Door and her companions, the Marquis de Carabas and the bodyguard, Hunter, Richard embarks on an extraordinary quest to escape from the clutches of the fiendish assassins Croup and Vandemar and to discover who ordered them to murder her family. All the while trying to work out how to get back to his old life in London Above.

A six part adaptation of Neil Gaiman's novel adapted by Dirk Maggs, sees James McAvoy as Richard lead a stellar cast which includes Natalie Dormer, David Harewood, Sophie Okonedo, Benedict Cumberbatch, Christopher Lee, Anthony Head, David Schofield, Bernard Cribbins, Romola Garai, George Harris, Andrew Sachs, Lucy Cohu, Johnny Vegas, Paul Chequer, Don Gilet and Abdul Salis.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076y7h)

Series 9

Johnny Weissmuller

4 Extra Debut. Duncan Goodhew champions the athlete who

found fame as an actor. With Matthew Parris and Johnny Weissmuller Jr. From May 2006.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b01qmxmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Wednesday]

THU 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717jly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b071cfl3)

Series 14

Episode 3

This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops written by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.

Nish is joined this week by Lolly Adefope, Gemma Arrowsmith and Thomas Nelstrop.

Newsjack was produced by Matt Stronge and Paul Sheehan. The Production Coordinator was Sophie Richardson.

It was a BBC Radio Comedy Production.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0725qxs)

The best in contemporary comedy. Tom Wrigglesworth is joined again by Tim FitzHigham.

THU 23:00 Believe It! (b01hxmwf4)

Series 1

Boots

Celebrity autobiographies are everywhere. Richard Wilson has always said he'd never write one.

Based on glimmers of truth, Believe It is the hilarious, bizarre, revealing (and, most importantly, untrue) celebrity radiography of Richard Wilson.

He narrates the series, weaving in and out of dramatised scenes from his fictional life-story. He plays a heavily exaggerated version of himself: a Scots actor and national treasure, unmarried, private, passionate about politics, theatre and Manchester United (all true), who's a confidant of the powerful and has survived childhood poverty, a drunken father, years of fruitless grind, too much success, monstrosity, addiction, charity work, secret work for governments and fierce rivalry with Sean Connery (not true).

All the melodramatic staples of celebrity-autobiography are wonderfully undercut by Richard's deadpan delivery.

(The title - in case you hadn't spotted - is an unashamed reference to his famous catchphrase.)

Richard is supported by a small core cast viz

David Tennant

John Sessions

Lewis Macleod

Arabella Weir

and Jane Slavin

who play anyone and everyone!

Ghost written by Jon Canter

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010g5j)

Series 3

Episode 1

Arthur Smith presents music and comedy from his home in Balham, South London.

There's music in the kitchen, comedy in the front room and poetry on the landing.

Finding a decent sized performance space amongst the accumulated debris that is Arthur's life are Katie Melua, Roisin Conaty, Alun Cochrane and Nick Helm

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00yz3h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b03hwn0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b03jfc43)

Series 5

Gallowstone Hill

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Episode 2: Gallowstone Hill

In search of the Radiant Boy, Pilgrim comes to a village cursed with a dangerous collective madness

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Cloudesly Lee Ross

Bovey Arthur Hughes

Nadia Carys Eleri

Hart Priyanga Burford

Mick David Seddon

Jim John Norton

Sound Colin Guthrie

Directed by Marc Beeby

FRI 04:30 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b03k29xy)

Series 5

Woolmere Walter

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Episode 3: Woolmere Walter

Pilgrim is forced assist a mismatched couple in their very unusual courtship.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Norah Michelle Terry

Michael Ralf Little

Handley Joel MacCormack

Sterne Peter Hamilton Dyer

Fran Priyanga Burford

Daddy Michael Bertenshaw

Piano Colin Guthrie

Directed by Marc Beeby

FRI 05:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b03kv26x)

Series 5

Parsons Mount

By Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Episode 4: Parsons Mount

Pilgrim's quest for the Radiant Boy forces him to travel to the one place he has been forbidden to go.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Hecht James Fleet

Millie Amaka Okafor

Chloe Lizzy Watts

Carlton John Norton

Stringer Joel MacCormack

Sound Colin Guthrie

Directed by Marc Beeby

FRI 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jtdj)

Episode 5

As suspicions over Palgrove grow, Inspector Purbright calls on his old friend Lucilla Teatime.

One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts.

Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Paul Downing as Love,

Russell Dixon as Dr Fergusson, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime,

Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive, Kathryn Hunt as Helen and

Robin Polley as Sgt Malley.

Producer: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 06:30 Heel, Toe, Step Together (b00wdf4b)

Heel, Toe, Step Together tells the story of two people who met at an east London market one day and the unlikely friendship that blossomed through dance.

Bob Hill, 86, has been dancing on and off since he was 16 and won many competitions with his late wife Iris Hill, who he lived with in Hackney. Katie Burningham, 28, is a radio producer and self-confessed bad dancer. Bob and Katie met by chance one day, shortly after Bob's wife Iris had died, and, three years later, Katie is still having dance lessons with Bob.

This programme brings together recordings of their dancing and explores why it is that Bob, and Katie, need to dance. Touching on themes of loss, loneliness, love and affection, Heel, Toe, Step Together reveals how, through music and movement, friendship can bridge generations.

Heel, Toe, Step Together was produced as part of the European Broadcasting Union's Master School on Radio Features, with the creative advice of Edwin Brys.

Producer: Katie Burningham

A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 07:00 Dry Slopes (b07113fk)

Series 2

The Domino Effect

Everybody Angus knows seems to be in a relationship these days.

He looks back to a time when all his friends were confirmed bachelors - the golden days of Form 3B.

Written by and starring Nick Ball.

Angus Nick Ball

Mum Mum

With Toby Longworth, Ben Silburn and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

FRI 07:30 Wordaholics (b01rlmpt)

Series 2

Episode 1

Gyles Brandreth hosts the comedy panel show challenging guests to display their knowledge of words and language.

On the panel: comedians Milton Jones and Alun Cochrane,

Dictionary Corner's Susie Dent and Front Row critic Natalie Haynes.

Milton Jones will be coining his own new fear - the fear of becoming a monk: 'cloisterphobia'; Alun Cochrane's Yorkshire roots help him guess the meaning of the Polish word 'proznovit';

Susie Dent explains the origin of the phrase 'gingering up' and Natalie Haynes tries to ban the word 'guesstimate'.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

FRI 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)

Series 6

The Waxwork

The lad is set to be immortalised in wax, but the trouble is, it's not quite how he'd envisaged...

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Warren Mitchell.

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 November 1959.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jt71)

Series 6

The Treasure in the Lake

Neddie discovers he's the heir to a Scottish fortune, but first he must outlive the current Laird.

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 Wildbrain (b07115lm)

1997 - Heat 3

Lionel Kelleway visits Gloucestershire, to test contestants' wildlife knowledge in the BBC Natural History Unit's quiz.

FRI 09:30 Albert and Me (b04bzw4t)

Series 2

Under Observation

Single dad Bryan gets a scare when baby Albert is taken to hospital for tests.

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 Pat Coombs

Mrs Willis Diana King

Vera Marcia Warren

Edward Gorden Kaye

Jenny Brenda Blethyn

GP Renu Setna

Nurse Tammy Ustinov

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1983.

FRI 10:00 Mikhail Bulgakov - The White Guard (b00761ld)

Survival

As Ukrainian Nationalists seize control of Kiev, Alexei and Nikolka are running for their lives.

Conclusion of Mikhail Bulgakov's classic Ukrainian novel - dramatised in two parts by DJ Britton.

Stars Paul Hilton as Alexei, James Loye as Nikolka, Melanie Walters as Julia, Manon Edwards as Elena, Gerry Lepkowski as Myshlaevsky, Tim Kirkus as Shpolyansky, Patrick Brennan as Shervinsky, Simon Ludders as Rusakov, Siroil Jenkins as Irina

and Brendan Charleson as Shchur.

Translator: Michael Glenn

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 11:00 Leap Year Tales (b01cwwlj)

Excepting February

Three stories to mark the Leap Year.

'Excepting February' by Alan Spence.

February's extra day threatens to cause technical meltdown in Scotland's granite city, but meanwhile may give love another chance for one man.

Read by John Buick.

Produced by Patricia Hitchcock

Alan Spence is an award-winning poet and playwright, novelist and short story writer. His awards include the McVitie Prize (Scottish Writer of the Year). He is Professor in Creative Writing at the University of Aberdeen where he also founded and directed the annual WORD Festival from 1999-2011. His most recent novel, 'The Pure Land', was translated into 19 languages. His latest book is 'Morning Glory', a poetry collection with illustrations by Elizabeth Blackadder.

FRI 11:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b04ydnzb)

Series 6

Jackson's Mill

by Sebastian Baczkiewicz. A new series of dark fantasies featuring William Palmer, the immortal wanderer. Pilgrim discovers that an old friend is being haunted by a malevolent spirit. Meanwhile, homeless people are disappearing from a local shelter.

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CAST

Pilgrim Paul Hilton
Morgan Justin Salinger
Hartley Matthew Tennyson
Liam Shaun Mason
Karen Bettrys Jones
Gabriel Paul Heath
Gaynor Jane Slavin
The Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Marc Beeby

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Episode 10

A funeral sparks a big reunion of old faces at the house in Cornwall.

A house - with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs - is the link between the five cousins which neither the war nor adulthood can break.

Published in 1984, Mary Wesley novel abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Concluded by Sian Phillips.

Producer: Tracey Neale

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FRI 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04b2wzn)

Lumping and Splitting

By 1850 identifying and classifying plants had become far more important than mere list making. Establishing the global laws of botany - what grew where and why - occupied the well travelled naturalist Joseph Hooker - son of Kew's director William Hooker and close friend of Charles Darwin. Kathy Willis hears from historian Jim Endersby on how Hooker was to acquire species from all over the world to build up the first accurate maps of the world's flora.

Mark Nesbitt, curator of Kew's economic botany collection, reveals how gifts to Hooker in the collection reveal the relationship between the amateur collector in the field and Hooker back at Kew was one built on trust and mutual understanding.

But, as Jim Endersby explains, the relationships were fraught with tension when it came to naming new plants. Arguments between those claiming they had found new species (often called "splitters") versus cautious botanists, such as Hooker, who would often "lump" together species as variants of the same, raised new debates about what constitutes a new species. And as Mark Chase, Keeper of Kew's Jodrell Laboratory reveals, the arguments continue today.

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Living for her first year at Bird Cloud, Annie Proulx enjoys the range of bird and wildlife that inhabits her property. But it becomes clear that the remoteness and the snow will force her to reassess her dream.

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FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0076xbb)

Series 5

I Vow to thee my Country

A hymn that has attracted controversy for its patriotism, I Vow To Thee My Country was born just after the First World War. Ralph Vaughan Williams had the inspirational idea to put together the stirring music from Holst's Jupiter movement and the poem written by American ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, which was found on his desk when he left office.

Featuring:

Raymond Head

David Burton

Bishop of Hulme, Stephen Lowe

Martin Linton

Battersea Singers

Julian Mitchell

Dr Martin Neary

Producer: Sara Conkey

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FRI 22:30 Absolute Power (b00805kb)

Series 3

Episode 5

Spin doctors Prentiss and McCabe are challenged to boost public opinion about men.

A swipe at the cults of celebrity and spin, Absolute Power centres around the PR agency, Prentiss McCabe, a company set up by a couple of ex-BBC, long-term staffers. The partners spin news stories to benefit their invariably loathsome clients.

CAST:

Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry

Martin McCabe John Bird

Sir Archibald Sullivan Tony Gardner

Clive Tom George

Jeremy Lewis James Vaughan

with Beth Chalmers

Written by Mark Tavener

Producer: Dawn Ellis

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FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0725r1y)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Mark Thomas.

FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03mcldh)

Series 4

Episode 5

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

This week, he considers his native tongue as if it were a foreign language in "English Lesson" and the trouble that taxidermy can bring in "Understanding Understanding Owls".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01p98gy)

Series 3

Episode 4

Alternative therapies in ER, and it's Bhangraman to the rescue.

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.

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

Script Editors: Sharat Sardana and Richard Pinto

Producer: Anil Gupta.

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