

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2016

SAT 00:00 Neil Gaiman - Neverwhere (b01rewky)

The Key

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, come 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.

SAT 00:30 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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:30 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

SAT 02:00 Mary Wesley - The Camomile Lawn (b0080s)jp)

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

SAT 02:15 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.

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.

SAT 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbmd1)

Episode 5

Anne has fallen for Lyon Burke, but her friendship with Helen is put to the test. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b00yz54n)

Bird Cloud

Episode 5

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.

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.

Read by Laura Brook

Abridged by Elizabeth Reeder

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

SAT 03:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b04vdbnz)

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

SAT 03:45 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b04vk72d)

Series 6

St Lewin

by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

In search of silver and gold, Pilgrim comes to St Lewin where the malevolence of a powerful old enemy is causing havoc in the lives of ordinary people .

2 of 4

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Mister Truffles Zubin Varla

Binnie Helen Longworth

Mirabella Janice Acquah

Jerry Ian Conningham

Francis Paul Heath

Jose Shaun Mason

Maurice David Acton

Little Truffles Bettrys Jones

The Girl Agnes Bateman

Directed by Marc Beeby

SAT 04:30 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b04wtgjs)

Series 6

Ouldmeadow Jack

by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

3 of 4

Still in search of gold to rescue the people trapped in Hartley's mine, Pilgrim comes to Ouldmeadow where he helps an old friend make a final river trip.

CAST

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

George Karl Johnson

Baz Paul Ready

Val Elaine Claxton

Maeve Roslyn Hill

Directed by Marc Beeby

SAT 05:15 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b04xnd01)

Series 6

Davenport Mansions

by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Having acquired copper silver and gold, Pilgrim returns to Jacksons Mill where his friend Morgan and the spirit Hartley have prepared a nasty surprise. Last in series.

4 of 4

CAST

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Morgan Justin Salinger

Mattias Nicholas Jones

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Hartley Matthew Tennyson

Liam Shaun Mason

Karen Bettrys Jones

Gaynor Jane Slavin

Directed by Marc Beeby

SAT 06:00 Hood (b071y1z2)

Warriors' Harvest

The rains have come and Philip De Nicholas, the Lord High Sherriff of Nottingham, has a famine on his hands.

It's 1201 and with rain destroying the grain stores, everyone is driven to the brink of starvation. The only person who can help the Sheriff is Robin Hood who's hiding in Sherwood Forest with plundered grain.

The Sheriff negotiates the King's pardons if the outlaws help to feed the starving and fight the marauding Celts, who have reached the outskirts of Nottingham. Will they be able to return to normal life?

Stars Lee Ingleby as Philip de Nicholay, Anthony Milles as Robert de Loxley, Peter Greenall as Little John, Damian Cooper as Will Scarlet, Sean Connolly as Friar Tuck, Sarah McKendrick as Lady Marian and Billy Miller as William de Warrene.

Director: Iain Meadows.

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

SAT 07:30 Tony Hawks's Guide to the Guides (b0075w3h)

Holidays With Pets

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 sets off with golden retriever, Billy to seek some pet-friendly locations in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

Producer: Lucy Willmore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01kjgxc)

The Night of the Long Knives

Fifty years ago, Harold Macmillan instigated a purge that shocked British politics to its core. It was the most dramatic government reshuffle in modern history. In one evening he sacked seven members of his Cabinet including his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Selwyn Lloyd. It was meant to be a show of strength but to everyone else, it was a catastrophic admission of weakness signalling the beginning of the end of his premiership and Tory party leadership.

In the late 50s, Macmillan had earned the nickname Supermac for rescuing the country from the wake of Suez and ushering in a period of unrivalled affluence. But Local Elections had gone badly and the by-elections worse. The government's tight economic policies, thanks to Chancellor Selwyn Lloyd, were unpopular with the voters. Selwyn Lloyd's attempts to keep both inflation and wages under control had led to public sector wages being frozen. Nurses and teacher were getting poorer while the rich were getting richer. The public was furious, and Macmillan was feeling the pressure. The Cabinet was fractious and there were complaints of a lack of leadership. He had to make an example of his Chancellor. The Night of the Long Knives had begun.

In modern politics these events have become shorthand for a botched reshuffle. The scale of the event has never been repeated since, but the tension between a PM and the Chancellor remains.

Through a combination of archive material and original interviews with historians and eyewitnesses such as Jonathan Aitken who, as private secretary to Selwyn Lloyd, captured the drama of that night in his hitherto unknown diary.

Producer: Kati Whitaker

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007k35z)

1990s

Episode 1

Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

Yo! Well wicked Baz presents six fave shows plucked from the 1990s schedules of BBC Radio 4 and BBC Radio 5-

* A Look Back At The Nineties

(2/5) 1996:

Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Chris

Barrie "look back" at the decade that was yet to happen.

* Hair in the Gate

Series 1 (3/6)

Camilla revamps the TV arts show to keep her cutting edge lover. Stars Harriet Thorpe and Alistair McGowan. From 1993.

and Stan Wootton.
 Producer John Fawcett-Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.
SUN 09:00 The Other Paris by Luc Sante (Omnibus) (b0722xtj)
 Paris, City of Light, the city of fine dining and seductive couture and intellectual hauteur, was until fairly recently always accompanied by its shadow - the city of the poor, the outcast, the criminal, the eccentric, the wilfully nonconforming. Luc Sante gives us a panoramic view of that alternative metropolis, which has all but vanished but whose traces are in the bricks and stones of the contemporary city, in the culture of France itself and, by extension, throughout the world. He draws on testimony from a great range of witnesses - from Balzac and Hugo to assorted boulevardiers, rabble-rousers, and flaneurs - whose research is matched only by the vividness of Sante's narration.
 "Paris, a city so beautiful that people would rather be poor there than rich somewhere else." Guy Debord.
 "This brilliant, beautifully written essay is the finest I've ever read about Paris. Ever." Paul Auster.
 Luc Sante was born in Verviers Belgium and emigrated to the USA in the early 1960s. Since 1984, he has been a teacher and writer, and frequent contributor to the New York Review of Books. His publications include *Low Life: Lures and Snares of Old New York*, *The Factory of Facts and Folk Photography*. He currently teaches creative writing and the history of photography at Bard College in New York State.
 Omnibus of five episodes read by Simon Russell Beale.
 Abridger: Pete Nichols
 Producer: Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2016.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0722z2d)
 Petula Clark
 Singer Petula Clark chooses 'Only Forever' by Bing Crosby and 'Hotel California' by The Eagles.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0722zk8)
 Space
 Maggie Aderin-Pocock
 From JS Bach to Stevie Wonder. Space scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From March 2010.
SUN 11:00 In Pod We Trust (b06q72q5)
 The Comedy Episode
 Miranda Sawyer explores the world of podcasting, rounding up some of the best spoken word audio from around the world. This week: The comedy episode.
 Richard Herring discusses the freedom the medium allows comedians and ponders its impact on mainstream media. Adam Buxton reflects on his new podcast and dreams of interviewing David Bowie for it. Also featured are New Zealand comedians Tim Batt and Guy Montgomery, whose podcast *The Worst Idea of All Time* is about their experience of watching the same tedious film every week for a year. The podcast's reached cult status - but how have they managed to get through it?
 Producer: Jim Frank
 Researcher: Chris Pearson.
SUN 11:30 Short Cuts (b01n11d7)
 Series 2
 Into the Wild
 Nina Garthwaite presents a showcase for delightful and adventurous short documentaries. A selection of brief encounters, true stories, radio adventures and found sound. This week, Nina ventures "Into the Wild" with tales of transgression, life threatening encounters with ferocious beasts and one mother's look at the wildness of her young children - who she refers to as her "gleeful barbarians".
 In the middle of the night, we plunge beneath the silvered mercury surface of a moonlit lake, with the wild swimmer Kate Rew, and venture into a nightmarish adventure on an unsafe safari with the author Kester Brewin.
 Produced by Eleanor McDowall
 A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4
 The items featured in the programme are:
 Wild Water - Part One
 Featuring Kate Rew
 Can't Rewind the Past
 Produced by Steve Urquhart
 Gleeful Barbarians
 Produced by Sarah Boothroyd
 Wild Children
 Produced by Jessie Levene
 The Fear of Surviving
 Featuring Kester Brewin
 Chain of Missing Links (El Pajaro Volador)
 Produced by Brendan Baker
 Wild Water - Part Two
 Featuring Kate Rew.
SUN 12:00 Jim the Great (b011vmg0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00hsff3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mdn40)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Clive Dunn - Definitely Dunn (b0721lm6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Meg Rosoff - Jonathan Unleashed: Omnibus (b072323n)
 Episode 2
 Jonathan's wedding is approaching, and with a work deadline looming, his stress levels are running high. Read by Rhshan Stone.
SUN 15:45 Melissa Murray - Bright Cave (b07232ls)
 The search for the identity of a mysterious stranger brings notoriety to a small Mediterranean island. Read by Denys Hawthorne.
SUN 15:55 Spotlight (b07233d7)
 First heard on the BBC World Service in May 1997. Dame Judi Dench discusses her role as Avril in Peter Tinniswood's radio drama.
SUN 16:00 Peter Tinniswood (b00758gq)
 A Very Rare Bird Indeed
 At a small family-run hotel on the Welsh coast, lonely Avril observes the guests while waiting for her philandering husband. Judi Dench stars in Peter Tinniswood's drama.
 Avril Judi Dench
 Maynard Peter Jeffrey
 Morgan John Moffatt
 Clayton Lou Hirsch
 Marion Carolyn Jones
 Gilbert Jeff Shankley
 Major Rackham Derek Waring
 Music by Simon Morecroft.
 Director: Gordon House
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1997.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b07234bs)
 Lost Voices - Dom Moraes
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive.
 'Lost Voices' features Dom Moraes - who arrived in 1950s Soho as an exotic novelty, a beautiful Indian-born poet with a classical English education. He quickly found an outrageous and untameable muse, Henrietta. Their married life together was stormy and ended with Dom literally walking out to buy a packet of cigarettes and moving back to India.
 When Brian Patten met him and his third wife there in the mid-1980s, Dom had achieved a kind of peace, but in truth he seemed to be a man who was never quite at home either in India or England. Brian tells Dom's story and presents a selection of his poetry.
 Producer: Christine Hall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.
SUN 17:30 Mr Blue Sky (b01fhrj5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Classic Serial (b0115qc7)
 John Wyndham - The Chrysalids
 Episode 1
 John Wyndham's post-apocalyptic science fiction classic dramatised by Jane Rogers.
 Genetic mutation has devastated the world. In the emergent bleak, primitive society, any deviation is seen as the work of the devil, ruthlessly hunted out and destroyed. In law abiding, God-respecting Waknuk anyone who does not conform to the 'norm' must keep their deviation secret or face the consequences of discovery.
 Directed by Nadia Molinari
 Written in 1955 Wyndham's novel explores the dangers inherent in discrimination and the threats posed by religious fundamentalism. The 'Old People' who caused the apocalypse are depressingly like us: 'They were shut off by different languages and different beliefs. They created vast problems then buried their heads in the sands of idle faith.' The children of the future (the Chrysalids) are able to 'think-together' and so can rise above the selfish violence and conflicting religions of the past. Wyndham's story of a group of persecuted teenagers is more timely than ever in our post-Fukushima, war-riven, genetically engineered and religiously divided world. Jane Rogers is a playwright and novelist, her latest novel *The Testament of Jessie Lamb* won the Arthur C Clarke Award this year.
SUN 19:00 In Pod We Trust (b06q72q5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:30 Short Cuts (b01n11d7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]
SUN 20:00 The Other Paris by Luc Sante (Omnibus) (b0722xtj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0722z2d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0722zk8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Mr Blue Sky (b01fhrj5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Shuttleworths (b007jm3p)
 Series 2
 Wireless Wanderings (Part 2)
 Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth and his agent Ken continue their expedition of the radio airwaves. Featuring Sue Lawley, Melvyn Bragg, Terry Wogan and Ken Bruce.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows. With Charlotte Green.
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.
SUN 22:45 The In Crowd (b008j005)

Series 2
 Episode 2
 Heart-warming memories - and the shipping forecast with a difference.
 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 (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.
SUN 23:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cq58b)
 Series 2
 Health and Fitness
 When his geraniums laugh at his puny physique, the writer overdoes his new fitness regime.
 A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.
 With:
 Alistair McGowan
 Doon MacKichan
 Brian Bowles
 Charles McKeown
 Producer: Ioan Magnusson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993

MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016

MON 00:00 Classic Serial (b0115qc7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mdn40)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Meg Rosoff - Jonathan Unleashed: Omnibus (b072323n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Melissa Murray - Bright Cave (b07232ls)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 03:55 Spotlight (b07233d7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:55 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Peter Tinniswood (b00758gq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b07234bs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Mr Blue Sky (b01fhrj5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jtdt)
 Episode 6
 As Mortimer Hive enters the lion's den - can Inspector Purbright finally unravel the wicked web?
 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 and Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime.
 Producer: Tony Cliff
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
MON 06:30 Who Was Opal? (b00pk9y9)
 Journalist Melanie McFadyean investigates the strange life of Opal Whiteley, a child prodigy from Oregon, whose childhood diary was a huge hit in the early 1920s, but whose aristocratic claims were disputed and ultimately brought her to a sad end in a British psychiatric hospital.
 Opal's diary described, in an amusing, poetic style, her upbringing in the backwoods lumber camps at the beginning of the 20th century, and her intimate relationship with the natural world - a relationship in which many of the animals she knew, and even some of the trees, were given names, often taken from classical literature.
 But it was the story behind the diary's publication that first raised eyebrows - Opal, as an adult, claimed to a publisher that the original diary had been ripped apart by a jealous sister, but the pieces were preserved for years in a hatbox. Opal was encouraged to paste the diary back together, and the manuscript for the book was transcribed from the results.
 Many people were sceptical about the diary's reconstruction, but scepticism turned to outright suspicion when Opal turned her back on her Oregon family, as a result of implications in the diary that she was an orphan and that her real father was a member of the French royal family. Opal's diary still divides opinion in America.
 During the Second World War, Opal lived in a London flat, along with thousands of books. But her mental condition deteriorated and she was placed in Napsbury Hospital, near St Albans, in 1948, where she spent the next 44 years until her death in 1992. We hear from people who met her and knew her, hear extracts from the diary, and musical clips from a musical

about her life.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
MON 07:00 The Right Time (b0076mj9)
 Series 4
 Episode 4
 Getting mad at the milkman, a rocking DJ – and a very intuitive answerphone.
 Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.
 Stars Eleanor Bron, Dudley Sutton, Roger Blake and Paula Wilcox.
 Written by Nicholas Barber & Glenn Dakin, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon, Dave Dixon, Mike Haskins, George Poles, Alan Stafford, Dudley Sutton and Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds.
 Script editor: George Poles.
 Music by Ronnie & The Rex.
 Producer: Katie Marsden
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b07142lx)
 Series 74
 Episode 1
 New series. Paul Merton, Rufus Hound, Graham Norton and Pam Ayres join Nicholas Parsons for another episode of the classic panel show in which guests must try to speak on a given topic for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation.
 Topics tackled this week include Optimism, Humble Pie and The Isle of Man.
 Just a Minute is the world's longest running panel show, still hosted after 49 years by the inimitable Nicholas Parsons.
 Appearing in this run of 6 episodes are regulars Paul Merton, Stephen Fry, Graham Norton, Pam Ayres, Josie Lawrence, Jenni Eclair, Gyles Brandreth and Tim Rice; while Rufus Hound, Esther Rantzen and Nish Kumar make their first appearances.
 Rufus Hound is an actor and comedian, best known for his comic performances in *One Man Two Guvnors* and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.
 Esther Rantzen is of course well known to audiences as the host of long running magazine programme *That's Life*, as well as the founder of the charities *ChildLine* and *The Silver Line*.
 Nish Kumar is a stand up and the host of *NewsJack* on Radio 4 extra.
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jr27)
 Series 3
 A Jumbo Sized Problem
 The Home Guard platoon must pave the way for a convoy, but then the circus turns up.
 Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Bill Pertwee as Hodges and Larry Martyn as Private Walker.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snood and Michael Knowles.
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1976.
MON 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007js84)
 Series 2
 Keeping It Warm
 Will barrister Roger manage to make up with girlfriend Sally?
 Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, John Glyn-Jones as Grimes, Julia Lockwood as Sally, Jean Anderson as Mrs Thursby, Norman Bird as Brigstocke, John Gabriel as Lowthwaite, Francis de Wolff as Mr Justice and Peter Tuddenham as the Lord Justice.
 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 (b00f6q64)
 Series 8
 DH Lawrence
 James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh and guests Sue Limb and Andrew Motion. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is DH Lawrence and the reader is Beth Chalmers.
MON 09:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srrs)
 Series 2
 Taffy Jones - Protector of the Universe
 With war imminent, the production relocates to Wales, but is it safer?
 Christopher William Hill's sitcom set in 1962. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.
 Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles
 Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell
 Godfrey Winnard John Fortune
 Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn
 Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska
 Douglas Bennings Jon Glover
 Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
 Mr Thomas Ben Crowe
 Tannoy Laura Molyneux
 Porter Peter Marinker
 Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.
MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b006f7j0)
 Henry James - The Wings of the Dove
 Episode 1
 by Henry James
 Dramatised by Linda Marshall Griffiths
 Kate and Merton need money. Milly needs love. How far will they go to get what they want?
 Kate Croly is in love with Merton Densher; a poor writer. Her rich aunt Maud disapproves. Maud has offered Kate a wealthy existence but if Kate chooses to marry Merton she risks losing it all. When American Heiress Milly Theale steps into her London society, Kate sees a way out.
 Kate.....Lyndsey Marshal
 Merton.....Blake Ritson
 Maud.....Clare Higgins
 Lord Mark.....Toby Jones
 Milly.....Anna Maxwell Martin
 Susie.....Barbara Barnes
 Croly.....Jonathan Keeble
 Marian.....Deborah McAndrew
 Directed by Nadia Molinari.
MON 11:00 Charles Dickens (b072681j)
 Tales of the Supernatural
 Trial for Murder
 The ghost of a murdered man haunts the courtroom at the trial of his killer. Read by Adrian Scarborough.
 A series of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens: 'Trial for Murder' (1865) and 'The Signal Man' (1866) were conceived as stand-alone short stories.
 'A Madman's Manuscript' (the Old Clergyman's Tale) and 'The Queer Chair' (The Bagman's story) are extracted from the 'The Pickwick Papers', the first of Dickens major novels, written in 1836, when he was just 24.
 'Chips' (the nurse's tale) is extracted from 'The Uncommercial Traveller', a collection of literary sketches and reminiscences, written between 1860 and 1869, which was first published as a complete set in 1875 posthumously.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.
MON 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k1w4)
 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 A Scandal in Bohemia
 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's great detective traces a compromising photo, but meets his match in Irene Adler. Stars Clive Merrison.
MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jr27)
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 Episode 1
 At school, John T Unger befriends the enigmatic Percy Washington.
 But friendship involves John in a scandalous secret - a secret to do with sparkling wealth and cruel abduction. Read by Garrick Hagon
 Written by F Scott Fitzgerald and abridged by Andrew Simpson.
 Producer Duncan Minshall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
MON 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04bn08g)
 Taming the Exotic
 To the Victorians the Amazonian water lily was more than just a plant. The adventure of finding this exotic piece of the Empire and getting it to grow on home soil involved horticultural ambition, scientific vision and fierce competition amongst the country's wealthy landowners.
 Prof Kathy Willis hears about the race during the 1840s between Kew's director William Hooker and the Duke of Derbyshire's gardener Joseph Paxton to get the aquatic lily to flower. Historian and biographer Kate Colquhoun examines how the plant's exacting requirements demanded an entirely new approach to horticultural architecture, engineering and management of water and heat.
 Lara Jewett, manager of Kew's tropical house, and Greg Redwood, head of Kew's glasshouses, explain why this voracious feeder and aquatic beauty still proves a challenge to cultivate today.
 But botanists were quick to make the connection between repeating modular-like structures on the underside of the lily's leaf and the possibilities of new engineering design, which as Jim Endersby explains, was to inspire the use of essential giant greenhouses to cultivate food in soot laden cities, and for Joseph Paxton to ultimately create the greatest glasshouse ever built - Crystal Palace.
 Producer Adrian Washbourne.
MON 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mdy15)
 Episode 6
 1945 and war is over. Set on showbiz careers in New York, Anne, Jennifer and Neely move in together
 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, Barbara Barnes, Julia Ford, Susan Jameson, Jamie Glover and Harry Myers.
 Dramatised in fifteen parts by Yvonne Antroubus.
 Producer: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
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 Produced by Clive Brill
 A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srrs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 The Right Time (b0076mj9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b07142lx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)
 Operation Luna
 1. Countdown to Peril
 It's 1965. Captain Jet Morgan is in Australia - preparing for 'Operation Luna' - set to be man's first trip to the Moon.
 Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
 Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
 Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
 Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
 Mitch David Williams
 Other parts by John Cazaban.
 Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.
 The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.
 This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00763hj)
 Michael White & Patrick Gale
 Louise Doughty and her guests, writer Patrick Gale and journalist Michael White, discuss paperbacks by Wilkie Collins, Deborah Moggach and Michael Frayn. From 2001.
 Armadale by Wilkie Collins
 Publisher: Penguin
 Tulip Fever by Deborah Moggach
 Publisher: Vintage
 Headlong by Michael Frayn
 Publisher: Faber and Faber.
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MON 22:30 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00dy51z)
 Cities and Laws
 What are the flaws in the urban democratic system?
 Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, Chris Addison explains exactly what we need to create a new one.
 With:

Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGivern)
 Jo Enright
 Dan Tetsell
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b0726fcn)
 Series 16
 Episode 8
 Miles Jupp is back in the chair, trying to keep order as an esteemed panel of guests take on the big (and not so big) news events of the week. The line-up for this, the final show of the current series is Jeremy Hardy, Lucy Porter, Hugo Rifkind and Kerry Goddman.

Producer: Suzy Grant
 A BBC Radio Comedy Production.
MON 23:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b0080273)
 Series 1
 The Shooting Party
 The elderly Scotsmen assist the Laird with armaments for shooting out on the moors. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From December 2012.

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TUE 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j17v)

The Net and the Canal
 Waking Up to Nesson Dorma
 Feisty Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield investigates a series of mysterious murders along London's Regent's Canal. Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher. Starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Denys Hawthorne as Goodfellow and Kim Wall as Jimmy.
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
TUE 06:30 Arise Black Man: The Peter Tosh Story (b00wlyzy)
 Peter Tosh found international fame alongside Bob Marley as a member of The Wailers. As a solo artist he released several landmark reggae albums and even recorded with the Rolling Stones. But he was more than just a successful pop star: he was a revolutionary and a hero to many of Jamaica's poor. He spent his life as a strident campaigner for civil rights and for the legalisation of marijuana. He was more militant and political than his former band mate and his uncompromising arrogance often landed him in serious trouble. For that reason, as this documentary reveals, his life could be as brutal as the way it ended.
 Grammy award winning film-maker Don Letts explores his career.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 2010.
TUE 07:00 A Short Gentleman (b019rqh1)
 Episode 4
 QC Robert's nemesis approaches, along with Edward, basset hound of doom.
 Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell, QC, a perfect specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless legal logic to his disastrous personal life.
 Conclusion of Jon Canter's comic novel 'A Short Gentleman' adapted by Robin Brooks.
 Robert Purcell Hugh Bonneville
 Geoffrey Paul Moriarty
 Father James Hayes
 Elizabeth Lindsey Marshal
 Judy Tracy Wiles
 Pilkington Ewan Bailey

Sergeant Carl Prekkop
 Isabel Lauren Mote
 Max Ted Allpress
 Alan Gerard McDermott
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.
TUE 07:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b00ftk3l)
 Series 1
 Opera, Gas and Gardening
 When Linda's neighbour Betty invites the Ground Force team round, some unlikely gardeners arrive.
 Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.
 With Jeremy Hardy, Hattie Hayridge, Martin Hyder, Margaret John and Chris Neill.
 Producer: Lucy Armitage
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b00p33gb)
 Series 4
 Episode 3
 Monstrous goings on for Kenneth Horne with Frankenstein, more from wonderful Radio Balls Pond Road, while Julian and Sandy hit the bona ski slopes.
 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 (b012yngx)
 Don't Let Them Needle You
 The truth will out - with the bureaucrats' mix-up over a flu vaccine.
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley, John Graham and 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.
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TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b001870t)
 Henry James - The Wings of the Dove
 Episode 2
 by Henry James
 Dramatised by Linda Marshall Griffiths
 Milly confides in Kate that she believes herself to be gravely ill and Kate begins to see a way for her and Merton to have a future.
 When Merton returns to London, Kate sets out to bring her lover and her friend together. With Kate's assurances that there is nothing between them, Milly allows herself to hope that Merton may be the one great passion in her short life.
 Milly.....Anna Maxwell Martin
 Lord Mark.....Toby Jones
 Maud.....Clare Higgins
 Susie.....Barbara Barnes
 Kate.....Lynsey Marshal
 Merton.....Blake Ritson
 Lord Strett...Sam Dale
 Lady Aldershaw...Alison Pettit
 Directed by Nadia Molinari.
TUE 11:00 Charles Dickens (b0728dsn)
 Tales of the Supernatural
 Chips Bargains with the Devil
 A ship's carpenter attempts to break his pact with the Devil.
 Read by Adrian Scarborough.
 Extracted from 'The Uncommercial Traveller', a collection of literary sketches and reminiscences, written by Dickens between 1860 and 1869, and first published posthumously as a complete set in 1875.
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 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 The Red-Headed League
 The detective investigates why a pawnbroker is paid four sovereigns a week to copy out an encyclopaedia. Stars Clive Merrison.

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 John Unger discovers the extraordinary origins of Percy Washington's family wealth. Read by Garrick Hagon.
TUE 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04bn08g)
 Tapping into Rubber
 Natural rubber derived from latex has long been a curiosity. When Nelson Goodyear perfected his method of vulcanisation of rubber and showcased its applications at the Great Exhibition of 1851 the possibilities now seemed endless.
 But by 1860 demand was outstripping supply from Brazil. Kathy Willis examines how Kew was charged with getting seeds of this economically vital plant out of South America to germinate at Kew Gardens, and then to send seedlings off to cultivate in far flung reaches of the Empire.
 The historian Emma Reisz explains how Kew acted as the international clearing house for smuggled seeds out of Brazil. Historian Jim Endersby sheds light on why Kew put its faith in one man: Henry Wickham, a travelling plant hunter with dubious botanical credentials. We hear from Mark Nesbitt, curator of Kew's economic botany collection, on how, despite rubber being recognised as an economically essential plant for the British Empire's economy, the whole business of transporting and nurturing the seedlings turned out to be a comically hit and miss affair.
 Producer Adrian Washbourne.
TUE 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mdyzz)
 Episode 7
 Jennifer is keen to marry Tony, and Lyon visits Anne's family home in Lawrenceville. Jacqueline Susann drama with Julia Ford.
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TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b001870t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 It's Your Round (b00z5zyh)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Russell Kane, Josie Long, Alun Cochrane and Milton Jones battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games each has brought along.
 How will they fare at Russell Kane's "Mood News" round? What superhero would Milton Jones like to be? And what is Josie Long's "Nine Previous Convictions" all about? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this show.
 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 March 2011.
TUE 16:30 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)
 Series 2
 Submarine Diplomacy
 Telexes are arriving from London; awkward questions are being

asked in the House; the spirit of the Armada is in dire peril of reasserting itself. All in a day's overwork for the British Ambassador and his staff. Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom. Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, David Goodland as Captain Warner and Stephen Greif as the US Ambassador. Producer: Pete Atkin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988. TUE 17:00 A Short Gentleman (b019rqh1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] TUE 17:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b00ftk3l) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmrp) Operation Luna 2. Moon Music It's 1965. Captain Jet Morgan and his crew battle to make their landing on the Moon as the world looks on. Written and produced by Charles Chilton. Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter Mitch David Williams Other parts by John Cazaban and Alan Keith Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips. The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased. This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958. TUE 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007tzt7) Series 1 Manchester Playhouse Geoffrey Wheeler revisits the scene of the Manchester Playhouse. Built back-to-back with the Hulme Hippodrome, itself a famous northern Variety venue, the Playhouse was host to some of the BBC's best-loved comedy and Variety programmes from the 1940s to the 1970s. Ken Dodd, Sandy Powell, Harry Worth and Bill Waddington are among those featured in this nostalgic trip through the BBC's archives. Series featuring Variety theatres from all over the United Kingdom. Producer: Libby Cross First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002. TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b00p33gb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] TUE 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b012yngx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] TUE 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j17v) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 20:30 Arise Black Man: The Peter Tosh Story (b00w1zyz) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] TUE 21:00 Charles Dickens (b0728dsn) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today] TUE 21:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k1xh) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today] TUE 22:00 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b00ftk3l) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 22:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b03zwx0q) Series 1 Episode 1 Tim recreates Sir John Throckmorton's 1811 attempt to have a coat made from scratch - going from the sheep's back to his own back in a single day. Award-winning comedian-author-adventurer Tim FitzHigham recreates a series of bizarre bets from the 18th and 19th centuries. Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham. Additional material by Jon Hunter & Paul Byrne, and literal material from the Derbyshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers. Producer: Colin Anderson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014. TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b073032r) The best in contemporary comedy. Jon Holmes is joined by Richard Herring. TUE 23:00 World of Pub (b007jpbj) Series 2 Episode 1 Dodgy Phil comes up with another scheme to fill Barry and Garry's East End boozer with punters. Tony Roche's comedy about the world's worst pub in London's East End. Dodgy Phil John Thomson Barry Phil Cornwell Garry Alistair McGowan With Debra Stephenson and Simon Greenall. Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero. Music: Bill Bailey Producer: Jane Berthoud First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999. TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007k4wm)

Series 2 Barrington Comprehensive The management consultants try reversing the fortunes of an inner city school. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From November 2002. WEDNESDAY 02 MARCH 2016 WED 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmrp) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday] WED 00:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007tzt7) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday] WED 01:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j17v) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday] WED 01:30 Arise Black Man: The Peter Tosh Story (b00w1zyz) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday] WED 02:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b0728gxx) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday] WED 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04bndm5) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday] WED 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mdyzz) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday] WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b00z9pye) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday] WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b00t870t) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday] WED 04:00 It's Your Round (b00z5zyh) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday] WED 04:30 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday] WED 05:00 A Short Gentleman (b019rqh1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday] WED 05:30 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b00ftk3l) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday] WED 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j186) The Net and the Canal Communicating With the President With a fresh body pulled from Regent's Canal, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield must turn to the internet in her quest to solve the murder mystery. Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher. Starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Denys Hawthorne as Goodfellow and Alice Arnold as Mac. Producer: Richard Wortley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996. WED 06:30 Bridging the Gap (b00q3kvw) A sound portrait of the Tyne Bridge, linking Newcastle and Gateshead. With recordings by wildlife sound recordist, Chris Watson, the sounds of the waves, the wind and the wildlife are combined with the voices of the river in this powerful and vivid portrait of a magnificent bridge. The earliest bridge across the Tyne, Pons Aelius, was built by the Romans near the location of the present Tyne bridge. After it fell into disrepair, a stone bridge was built in 1270 but this was destroyed by the great flood of 1717. The idea for the present Tyne Bridge dates back to 1883, but it wasn't until 1825 that work began. The design is based on the Sydney bridge. And whilst work on the Sydney bridge began first, the Tyne bridge was finished and opened first by King George V on 10th October 1928. The Tyne is a major artery through the city, the Tyne Bridge a vital span; a thoroughfare of business and trade, a link between Gateshead and Newcastle, between north and south. As a giant arch, the bridge is an engineering triumph and hugely symbolic; it spans place and time, and as a port-way it's symbolic of the changes which have taken place in the north east. Today, the wildlife has moved into the gaps vacated by the industrial past; the river is home to otters and salmon and the bridge is a nesting site for kittiwakes, a species of ocean-travelling gull. The birds which nest here and on the Baltic on the Gateshead river bank make it the furthest inland breeding site of kittiwakes in the world. Sound recordist Chris Watson Producer: Sarah Blunt First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010. WED 07:00 Married (b007vkjd) Series 1 Episode 4 Robin is starting to like his life trapped in a parallel universe as a married man. But then comedian Arthur Smith turns up from his old universe. Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy. Robin Hugh Bonneville Lesley Josie Lawrence Dirk Steve Frost Ned Sam Bradley Maxine Ann Gosling Adrian Turnbull Anthony Ofoegbu Arthur Smith Arthur Smith Producer Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

WED 07:30 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt) Series 11 Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray Two heavyweights of stand-up are in conversation as Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray. Ed tackles Al on a vast array of topics from Thackeray's attitude to the Irish to the thorny issue of offence in comedy via how best to talk to McFly. Ed Byrne is an Irish stand-up comedian and actor who has been a favourite on the international comedy scene for 20 years. His celebrated observational routines made him a leading light of the UK stand-up circuit in the mid nineties and he went on to tour internationally, playing festivals and theatres across the world. In 1998 he was nominated for the prestigious Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Festival alongside eventual winner Tommy Tiernan, Peter Kay and Al Murray. After an early foray into stand-up as a character called 'The Murderer', Al Murray created his famous Pub Landlord character in the mid nineties as part of a touring show with Harry Hill. The Pub Landlord went on to tour venues and festivals worldwide before making his own chat show and sitcom for Sky. Outside of the Pub Landlord, Al is well known as a presenter of history documentaries and stood against Nigel Farage in South Thanet during the 2015 UK General Election. Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer. Producer: Richard Morris A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2016. WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01jlmzj) Series 6 Demise of the Depth Charges With romantic rivalry for Wren Chasen, HMS Troutbridge's new mission goes with a bang. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Commander Stanton, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather and Michael Bates as Lieutenant Bates and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral. 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 November 1963. WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012r6wt) Series 8 Episode 4 Tales of the Circus - and the Director of Radio Prune speaks out. Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, 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 It's Not What You Know (b036kbm5) Series 2 Episode 1 What is Frankie Boyle's worst habit? What is the best piece of advice Diane Morgan's dad ever gave her? Which government department did Alan Johnson most like being in charge of? All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest. In this case, Alan Johnson picks his son Jamie, Diane Morgan her father Peter and Frankie Boyle his mate Stuart to answer questions about each other. Producer: Sam Michell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013. WED 09:30 The Party Line (b00ste2j) Series 1 Episode 4 Labour MP Duncan Stonebridge dreads a visit from his critical Tory father. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis sitcom from June 2005. WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00td4v4) Henry James - The Wings of the Dove Episode 3 Milly, now gravely ill, is staying in Venice. Kate's plan to bring Merton and Milly together is gaining pace. But Merton begins to realise that his own feelings for Milly are much deeper than he knew. Lord Mark's arrival threatens everything and Merton and Kate aren't prepared for the consequences. Will Milly change their lives irrevocably? Merton.....Blake Ritson Milly.....Anna Maxwell Martin Kate.....Lyndsey Marshal Maud.....Clare Higgins

Susie.....Barbara Barnes
 Lord Mark.....Toby Jones
 Eugenio.....Sam Dale
 Directed by Nadia Molinari.
WED 11:00 Charles Dickens (b0728pyz)
 Tales of the Supernatural
 The Signalman
 A railway signalman at an isolated station has terrifying premonitions of future tragedies. Read by Adrian Scarborough. Conceived by Dickens as a stand-alone short story and published in 1866.
 One of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.
WED 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k1ys)
 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 A Case of Identity
 The detective agrees to help locate a missing husband, but can he do so without leaving 221B Baker Street? Stars Clive Merrison.
WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01jlmzj)
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WED 13:30 Bridging the Gap (b00q3kvw)
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WED 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b0728rnx)
 Episode 3
 John Unger discovers the terrible secret that protects Washington family's incredible wealth. Read by Garrick Hagon.
WED 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04brl21)
 Orchidmania
 Orchids are big business. Today over £5m of orchid hybrids are imported as cut flowers into the UK each year. For the Victorians orchids were the chosen ornaments of royalty and captured the 19th century fascination with scientific oddity and imperial conquest.
 Prof Kathy Willis explores how orchids, one of the planet's most diverse family of plants, mesmerised Victorian devotees and became not only trophy plants of the rich but also a scientific tool to promote a new theory of evolution. The study of orchids also paved the way for cultivation of exotics for all. Lara Jewitt tours the orchid glasshouses at Kew where over 3000 species are cultivated, and explains the biology unique to orchids that fuels interest for both scientists and plant lovers. Darwin was fascinated with these rare and precious plants. Their unique pollination mechanisms helped back up his new evolutionary theory based upon natural selection. As historian Jim Endersby reveals, the delicate orchid was to play a part in getting botany a seat at the top table of scientific respectability. Even in the 1850s, Kew's director Joseph Hooker had expressed concern about the damage orchid hunters were inflicting on the wild population. Whilst today many species remain endangered, V Sarasan, head of Kew's Conservation Biotechnology Unit, reveals how new conservation efforts in some of the most orchid species-rich areas of Madagascar are helping to successfully reintroduce endangered members of this vast but vulnerable flowering family back into the wild.
 Producer Adrian Washbourne.
WED 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mf04n)
 Episode 8
 New bride Jennifer visits Neely, who has become a big Hollywood star. Stars Madeleine Potter, Harry Myers and Susan Jameson.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00z9px1)
 To Miss With Love
 Episode 3
 Written by Katharine Birbalsingh.
 A third of teachers leave within their first term on the job. This one wouldn't quit for all the world.
 Meet Furious - sixteen, handsome and completely out of control. Nothing frightens him and no one can get through to him. Now meet Munchkin - a sweet kid with glasses who's an easy target and needs protecting. Then there's Seething and Deranged, two girls who are brimming with bad attitude; Fifty and Cent, who act like gangsters but are afraid of getting beaten up; and Stoic, a brilliant young mind struggling to survive. In the midst of them all, there is a bodyguard and bouncer, a counsellor and confidante, a young woman whose job it is to motivate and inspire them and somehow keep them out of trouble: their teacher. None will make it through the year unscathed. Some may not even make it at all.
 Spanning a year of shocking truths and hard-won victories, of fights and phone-thefts, teenage pregnancies and the dreaded OFSTED report, this is the remarkable diary of an inner-city school teacher. Revealing the extraordinary chaos, mismanagement and wrong-thinking that plague our education system, it is a funny, surprising and sometimes heart-breaking journey from the frontlines of the classroom to the heart of modern Britain.
 Katharine Birbalsingh has been teaching in the state school system in London for over a decade. Her dream is for all schools to become interesting and exciting places of learning, where children feel safe, happy and free to aim to be the best that they can be.
 Read by Adjoa Andoh

Produced by Clive Brill
 A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b00td4v4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Married (b007vkjd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jms4)
 Operation Luna
 3. Moon Music
 Captain Jet Morgan is disturbed by visions and a sense of foreboding - as his rocket fails to respond.
 Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
 Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
 Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
 Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
 Mitch David Williams
 Other parts by David Jacobs and Duncan McIntyre
 Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.
 The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.
 This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0076zpy)
 Stand By Your Man
 Christine Hamilton, Linda Blair and Kirsty Crawford join Dominic Arkwright to discuss loyalty in marriage. From August 2006.
WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b01jlmzj)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01nxwnd)
 Money
 Andrew Lawrence continues his comic explanation of our development via stand up, sketch and song.
 This time, Andrew explores money.
 Sara Pascoe and Marek Larwood assist.
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0730390)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Jon Holmes is joined by Richard Herring.
WED 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qhg5)
 Series 2
 The Wedding
 Anthony is cock-a-hoop when asked out of the blue to be best man at a friend's wedding.
 Problem is, he hasn't seen this friend since they were at school together and Damien isn't entirely convinced that Anthony has been invited purely because of his "excellent presentation skills".
 Written by Miles Jupp.
 Damien Trench Miles Jupp
 Anthony MacIlveny Justin Edwards
 Julian, the Groom Ben Crowe
 Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
 Fran, the Bride Sarah Thom
 Lionel Rupert Vansittart
 The Bride's Mum Lesley Vickerage
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.
WED 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b007jvlw)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 George and Beverley decide to feign their deaths to see how their children will cope with the grief.
 He wants to write a book about it all and she hopes they'll realise how much they miss them, so that they can become one big happy reunited family.
 But will their plan actually work?
 Second series of Gerard Foster's comedy drama
 George Geoffrey Palmer
 Beverley Angela Thorne
 Alex Gerard Foster
 Rose Miranda Hart
 Hosana Debra Stephenson
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

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THU 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j8b6)
 The Net and the Canal
 Tarantulas in Trojan Horses
 A mysterious internet hacker is complicating murder inquiries for Julie Enfield - and there's a fresh find along Regent's Canal. Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
 Starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Denys Hawthorne as Goodfellow and John Hollis as Honest Jack.
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
THU 06:30 Magic People and Places (b00t4qk4)
 Magic is constantly changing, with performers creating bigger and better tricks to impress us. Times have changed since a magician produced a startled rabbit out of top hat with a puff of smoke. Today we expect more, and the modern magician apparently does the impossible before our eyes. But spare a thought for where the trick came from. How did the magic get there?
 Presenter John Sugar does not reveal any trade secrets - like how to saw a woman in half, or the best way to float in the air - but we do hear how the sale of magic has changed, with the impact of the internet and the way conventions are developing new environments for its promotion and sale. The programme also hears about the leading magic shops and studios of 60 years ago, revealing the characters who created the magic.
 Today, magic revolves around the internet and magic conventions. The key gathering is in Blackpool in late February. The programme visits the 58th Magic Convention, attended by 3500 magicians. We speak to the organizers and the performers, and soak up the atmosphere.
 Discover more about the way magic is brought and sold in this engaging programme which celebrates the innovators, demonstrators, characters and studios who make sure magic continues to touch all our lives.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 by Sugar Productions and first broadcast in 2010.
THU 07:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bfq14)
 What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning
 Sundry Happenings in a Garden
 Bertie Wooster must mend bridges after the debacle of the fake burglary.
 PG Wodehouse romp adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.
 Starring Michael Hordern as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie Wooster, Jonathan Cecil as Boko Fittleworth, Peter Woodthorpe as Percy, Lord Woolpersden, Bronwen Williams as Florence Craye and Denise Bryer as Edwin the Boy Scout.
 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 tranquility. 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 (b007jnms)
 Series 6
 Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning
 The Steptoe family clash over the will at the funeral of Albert's brother, George.
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold.
 Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Albert Wilfrid Brambell
 Harold Harry H Corbett
 Arthur George A Cooper
 With Michael Burlington, David Graham, Anne Jameson, Norma Ronald and Marianne Stone.
 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.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.
THU 08:30 Radio Active (b008jdf3)
 Series 3
 Repeat After Three
 After a presenter reshuffle at Radio Active, Mike Channel presents his first overnight slot, including the 'What My Favourite Record Is' phone-in
 Starring :
 Helen Atkinson-Wood
 Angus Deayton
 Geoffrey Perkins
 Philip Pope
 Michael Fenton-Stevens
 Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With John Canter, Moray Hunter, John Docherty, Roger Planer and Richard Curtis.
 Producer: Jamie Rex
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1983.
THU 09:00 The Food Quiz (b0728z3b)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Jay Rayner puts well-known gastronomes through their culinary paces.
 On the menu:
 Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
 Heston Blumenthal
 Jekka McVicar
 Clarissa Dickson Wright
 Producer: Rebecca Wells
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.
THU 09:30 The Senses (b0728zcv)
 Smell
 Throwing off the scent poses problems for hunters and hunted alike, in a Boxing Day fox hunt.
 Ken Rodney Bewes
 Vera Liz Fraser
 Diane Lynda Bellingham
 Leonard Maurice Denham
 Glynn David Neville
 Beasley Michael Starke
 The Horses and Hounds David Goudge/ Judi Maynard /John Hollis
 Senses is a six-part comedy by Bob Sinfield who explains: "The six half-hour plays dealt respectively with the five obvious senses plus the er...other one".
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.
THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b011zldj)
 LP Hartley - The Hiring
 Episode 1
 Dramatised by Judith Adams from the novel by L.P.Hartley.
 In this 1957 thriller by the author of The Go-Between, L.P.Hartley, ex-Sergeant Stephen Leadbitter, raised from an unhappy working class childhood between the wars, is on a peacetime mission to business success as a chauffeur and car for hire.
 He uniformly despises his clients, especially the ladies, until the young, widowed, naive and immensely rich Lady Franklin hires him to take her on trips to cathedrals which she had visited with her late husband. Lady Franklin has been in mourning for her late husband 'a man considerably older than her and an invalid' for two years, and is finding it impossible to return to normal life.
 In the confines of the car, and in search of a cure for her depression, she shares her burden with him. He obliges with a story of his own, a fiction, which grows, monster-like, to plague the inventor. Two alien classes are put on a collision course, causing salvation or destruction to all involved, from the epicentre of an unexpected burst of love.
 Simon Day (The Simon Day Show (R4), The Fast Show) stars as the lonely damaged anti-hero and Lisa Dillon (Cranford, Bright Young Things) as the hugely rich and very young widow

who is the unwitting cause of his downfall. Kenneth Cranham narrates.
 Cast:
 Narrator Kenneth Cranham
 Steve Leadbitter Simon Day
 Lady Franklin Lisa Dillon
 Hughie Joseph Millson
 Constance Ursula Burton
 Clarice Nicola Duffett
 Simmonds Anthony Gleave
 Bert Standing Kevin James
 Landlady Jane Purrell
 Porter Andrew Cullimore
 Producer: Chris Willis
 An Autolycus production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 11:00 Charles Dickens (b07295m9)
 Tales of the Supernatural
 A Madman's Manuscript
 From his prison cell, a raving madman looks back on the horrific events that led him there. Read by Adrian Scarborough.
 Extracted from the 'The Pickwick Papers', the first of Charles Dickens's major novels, written in 1836 when he was just 24.
 One of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.
 First broadcast in March 2016.
THU 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k202)
 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 The Boscombe Valley Mystery
 When a man is murdered, his blood-covered son stands accused. But the detective has his own theory. Stars Clive Merrison.
THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnms)
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THU 12:30 Radio Active (b008jdf3)
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THU 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j8k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Magic People and Places (b0014qk4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b07290vt)
 Episode 4
 John wants to elope with Kismine, but can he escape the fate of all visitors to Percy's home? Read by Garrick Hagon.
THU 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04brrjg)
 Plant Invaders
 The Victorians' pride at the effortless movement of plants around the world during the late 19th century was having an unwelcome side effect. Invasive species were beginning to wipe out native populations of plants. With no natural predators to control them, one man's flower was turning into another man's weed.
 Prof Kathy Willis hears how during the late 1800s, many invasive species from Japanese knot weed to Himalayan balsam to water hyacinth came from deliberate introductions and asks if today, trying to control them is ultimately futile?
 As historian Jim Endersby explains both Charles Darwin and Kew's director Joseph Hooker were the first to examine the impact of invasives, having noticed on the island of St Helena and Ascension Island the effect on native plants.
 One of the current biggest invaders is lantana, familiar to British gardeners as a small pot plant. As Shonil Baghwat of the Open University reveals, since its introduction to Kolkata Botanical garden in the 1870s it decimated native teak plantations. But today opportunities exist to exploit its presence for the wood, basketry and paper industries.
 And Kathy Willis hears from Kew conservationist Colin Clubbe on the extent to which we should view invasive plants in our ecosystems as part of a strategy to maintain resilience to environmental change in the future.
 Producer Adrian Washbourne.
THU 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mf36d)
 Episode 9
 Jennifer is invited to star in French films and Anne gets work in the new medium - television. Jacqueline Susann drama with Julia Ford.
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 Produced by Clive Brill
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 The Senses (b0728zcv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717jly)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)
 Operation Luna
 4. Is There Anybody Out There?
 Captain Jet Morgan and his crew face catastrophe when their rocket loses power.
 Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
 Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
 Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
 Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
 Mitch David Williams
 Other parts played by David Jacobs
 Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.
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THU 18:30 Great Lives (b007gybp)
 Series 9
 Ignaz Semmelweis
 4 Extra Debut. Writer Frances Cairncross chooses a pioneer of antiseptic medical procedures, Ignaz Semmelweis. With Matthew Parris. From May 2006.
THU 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnms)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Radio Active (b008jdf3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j8k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Magic People and Places (b0014qk4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Charles Dickens (b07295m9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k202)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b0717jly)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (b07295ph)
 Series 14
 Episode 4
 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 Vivienne Acheampong, Kieran Hodgson and Emma Sidi.
 The Production Coordinator was Sophie Richardson.
 Newsjack was produced by Matt Stronge and Paul Sheehan
 It was a BBC Radio Comedy Production.
THU 23:00 Ivor Cutler - Prince Ivor (b072969m)
 4 Extra Debut. The BBC commissions Ivor Cutler to write an opera, but nothing goes smoothly. With Julianne Mason. From March 1983.
THU 23:15 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07303j8)
 A Comedy Club special on the life of Ivor Cutler, who died 10 years ago today. Arthur Smith and Neil Innes talk about the eccentric poet, singer, songwriter and storyteller.
THU 23:20 Ivor Cutler - Cutler on Education (b07296fg)
 4 Extra Debut. Poet and humourist Ivor Cutler tries to put his finger on the button of the education debate. With Jennifer Piercey. From March 1989.
THU 23:35 Ivor Meets Craig (b07296j8)
 'An artist is a sick person'. Ivor Cutler talks neighbours and art to New Zealand born-sculptor Craig Murray-Orr. From June 1993.
THU 23:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fr1z3)
 Episode 4
 Musing on old cuppas and paying with Fool's Gold. Songs and stories from Ivor Cutler, with Craig Murray-Orr. From May 1996.

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FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Magic People and Places (b00t4qk4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b07290vn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04brrjg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mf36d)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 PG Wodehouse (b00bq14)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b07171y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18s)
 The Net and the Canal
 Beyond the Firewall
 Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield thinks she's moving closer to a solving the murder mystery, but her internet tormentor has other ideas...
 The conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.
 Starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Denys Hawthorne as Goodfellow and Jane Whittenshaw as Charmaine.
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
FRI 06:30 Ruby Murray: The Secret Story of Curry (b00rtg89)
 The British are mad about curry - 'Ruby Murray' in Cockney rhyming slang.
 Alkarim Jivani speaks to curry lovers north and south of the border to find out how curry came to be so intimately linked with the British sense of identity.
 Historically, the English have been seen as distrustful of foreigners and wary of foreign food. So the nation's long love affair with curry - which is as much working class as colonial - is a surprising one. Even more curious is how this passion for curry is now recognised as part of the British identity. Vindaloo was the unofficial song of England's 1998 World Cup team - an unlikely battlecry for English football fans. In 2001, Robin Cook, then Foreign Secretary, declared that chicken tikka masala was the nation's most popular dish. Chicken tikka masala is even included by the Ministry of Defence in its operational ration packs to bring the troops some home comfort.
 Contributors include:
 * Madhur Jaffrey, whose enormously popular 1982 BBC TV series Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery revolutionised British Indian cuisine.
 * Michelin-starred chef, Atul Kochhar (Great British Menu, Saturday Kitchen), known for his masterful use of spices and Indian twist to modern British cuisine.
 * Namita Panjabi, Group Director, Masala World (Veeraswamy, Chutney Mary, Amaya, and Masala Zone).
 * Neil Hind at Defence Food Services, Defence Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence (Defence Equipment and Support buys equipment and supports the UK army, navy and airforce around the world).
 Producers: Catriona Oliphant / Ian Willox
 Executive Producer: Simon Berthon
 A Chrome Radio Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2010.
FRI 07:00 Dry Slopes (b0729jgv)
 Series 2
 The Invisible Man
 Nobody seems to pay Angus much attention these days. He tries telling his problems to a psychiatrist, but has trouble making himself heard.
 Written by and starring Nick Ball.
 Angus Nick Ball
 Mum Mum
 With Robert Hartley and Wayne Forester.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.
FRI 07:30 Wordaholics (b01rr48h)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the comedy panel show challenging guests to display their knowledge of words and language. Katy Brand and Alex Horne compete against Richard Herring and Natalie Haynes to find out who knows more about words. Katy Brand reveals an unexpected love of Proverbs in the Old Testament and takes a guess at what 'cougar juice' meant at the turn of the 20th century; Richard Herring explains why his favourite West County word from his schooldays is 'wasp';

Natalie Haynes guesses the meaning of the German word 'zechpreller' which has no direct translation in English, and Alex Horne coins his very own onomatopoeia to describe a snowflake landing on a bubble.
 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 (b007jppj)
 Series 6
 Sid's Mystery Tours
 Sid persuades the lad to become a director of his guided tours company, but there's a snag!
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Warren Mitchell, Mavis Villers and Errol McKinnon.
 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 (b007j1q1)
 Series 6
 The Fear of Wages
 Ignoring a telegram about Japan's surrender, Neddie Seagoon and company are still at war.
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1956.
FRI 09:00 Wildbrain (b0729kh8)
 1997 - Heat 4
 Lionel Kelleway visits Derbyshire, to test three contestants' wildlife knowledge in the BBC Natural History Unit's quiz.
FRI 09:30 No Commitments (b007jp1m)
 Series 8
 Fresh Starts
 Former TV soap star Charlotte finds the path to self-knowledge.
 Stars Rosemary Leach and Celia Imrie. From January 2002.
FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b0122r2m)
 LP Hartley - The Hiring
 Episode 2
 In this 1957 thriller by the author of The Go-Between, L.P.Hartley, ex-Sergeant Stephen Leadbitter, raised from an unhappy working class childhood between the wars, is on a peacetime mission to business success as a chauffeur and car for hire. He uniformly despises his clients, especially the ladies, until the young, widowed, naive and immensely rich Lady Franklin hires him to take her on trips to cathedrals which she had visited with her late husband.
 Lady Franklin has been in mourning for her late husband - a man considerably older than her and an invalid - for two years, and is finding it impossible to return to normal life. In the confines of the car, and in search of a cure for her depression, she shares her burden with him. He obliges with a story of his own, a fiction, which grows, monster-like, to plague the inventor. Two alien classes are put on a collision course, causing salvation or destruction to all involved, from the epicentre of an unexpected burst of love.
 Simon Day (The Simon Day Show (R4), The Fast Show) stars as the lonely damaged anti-hero and Lisa Dillon (Cranford, Bright Young Things) as the hugely rich and very young widow who is the unwitting cause of his downfall. Kenneth Cranham narrates.
 Dramatised by Judith Adams from the novel by L.P.Hartley.
 Cast:
 Narrator Kenneth Cranham
 Steve Leadbitter Simon Day
 Lady Franklin Lisa Dillon
 Hughie Joseph Millson
 Constance Ursula Burton
 Clarice Nicola Duffett
 Simmonds Anthony Gleave
 Bert Standing Kevin James
 Landlady Jane Purcell
 Porter Andrew Cullimore
 Producer/Director: Chris Wallis
 An Autolycus production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 11:00 Charles Dickens (b0729jgy)
 Tales of the Supernatural
 The Queer Chair
 Too many glasses of punch and Tom feels the queer chair in the room of his inn turn on him. Read by Adrian Scarborough.
 Extracted from 'The Pickwick Papers', the first of Dickens major novels, written in 1836 when he was just 24.
 The last of a series of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.
FRI 11:15 Sherlock Holmes (b007k21c)
 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The Five Orange Pips
 After receiving a violent death threat letter, Colonel Elias Openshaw calls on the Baker Street detective. Stars Clive Merrison.
FRI 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jppj)
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FRI 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b074h8j)
 Episode 5
 Can John and Kismine escape as Percy's hidden family estate falls under attack? Concluded by Garrick Hagon.
FRI 14:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04bryyz)
 Patterns from Crossed Peas
 In 1900 three papers by three botanists, unknown to each other, appeared in the same scientific journal. Each had independently "rediscovered" the rules of inheritance that Gregor Mendel had found four decades earlier in his solitary investigations of pea plants.
 Kathy Willis reassesses Mendel's famous pea experiments in the light of his attempts to uncover what happens over several generations when hybrid plants are created. As historian Jim Endersby explains, Mendel's initial results may have stunned him and shown what plant breeders might have suspected for decades, but science now had mathematical laws to create new varieties.
 Historian Greg Radick sheds light on how Mendelism, in the years leading up to the First World War, became heavily promoted by Cambridge botanist William Bateson and was put into action by the first Professor of Agricultural Botany, Roland Biffen. His success in creating new wheat hybrids is explained by a unique international assembly of wheat ears from the early 1900s, curated by Mark Nesbitt, Head of Kew's economic botany collection.
 Producer Adrian Washbourne.
FRI 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mflv8)
 Episode 10
 Neely has won an Academy Award, but her second marriage is already on the rocks. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.
FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00z9pzy)
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FRI 17:30 Wordaholics (b01rr48h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmt2)
 Operation Luna
 5. The First of Many
 The stalled rocket ship prevents Captain Jet Morgan and his crew from returning to Earth.
 Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
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 Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
 Mitch David Williams
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FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0076xfb)
 Series 5
 Ol' Man River
 'Old Man River' flowed out of the 1927 musical "Show Boat" with music by Jerome Kern and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein (pictured).
 It remains with us today as both a political anthem of oppressed people and a song of deep comfort. Sung by a hospital porter it was the last song that market trader Dave Everett heard before he went into surgery and it calmed his fears.
 Tony Benn recalls hearing the great Paul Robeson singing it at the House of Lords Tea Room. Including interviews with Tony Benn, Paul Robeson Jr and Cleo Laine.
 Featuring:
 Hugh Fordin
 Tony Benn
 Dave Everett
 Cleo Laine
 Steve Abrams
 Paul Robeson Jr
 Ian Bradley
 Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.
 Producer: Nicola Humphries
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
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FRI 22:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b01n7hhp)
 Series 4
 Three's a Crowd
 Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham. Starring Lenny Henry, Larrington Walker and some terrific tunes.
 Rudy's Rare Records is a tiny down at heel old reggae record shop in Birmingham - one of a dying breed; a place with real soul, stacked with piles of vinyl, where the slogan is "if we don't have it - them don't mek it". It's owned by the charismatic, irrepressible Rudy Sharpe (Larrington Walker), reluctantly helped out by his long-suffering neurotic son Adam (Lenny Henry) and Handsworth's first, black, surly girly goth, Tasha (Natasha Godfrey). Rudy has recently married his long-term love interest Doreen (Claire Benedict) which is leaving his best friend Clifton (Jeffery Kissoon) feeling left out.
 Cast:
 Adam.....Lenny Henry
 Rudy.....Larrington Walker
 Tasha.....Natasha Godfrey
 Doreen.....Claire Benedict
 Clifton.....Jeffery Kissoon
 KarenSusie Riddell
 Craig.....Joe Sims
 Written by Danny Robins
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 Tracks in this episode:
 THE MAGIC NUMBER - DE LA SOUL
 BUMP N GRIND - R KELLY
 I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY - JOHN HOLT
 RUDE BOY NUMBER - CUTTY RANKS
 IT'S A MAN'S MAN'S MAN'S WORLD - JAMES BROWN
 HONOUR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER - DESMOND DEKKER
 WHINE AND GRINE - THE BEAT
 IRON LION ZION - BOB MARLEY
 I CAN'T STAND THE RAIN - HORTENSE ELLIS AND PRINCE WEEDY.
FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0730311)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith is joined by Rob Auton.
FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b03npb2y)
 Series 4
 The Sea Section; Dog Days
 One of the world's best storytellers is back on BBC Radio 4. This week, dealing with family tragedy in 'The Sea Section' and some comic verse about our canine friends in 'Dog Days'.
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 23:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01pdy85)
 Series 3

Episode 5
 The man who insists Superman is Indian, and the Bhangra Muffins are acting cool.
 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.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.