

SATURDAY 09 APRIL 2016**SAT 00:00 Susan Hill - The Mist in the Mirror (b036q7f8)**

Waves of Evil

Sir James Monmouth's eerie obsession reaches a terrifying conclusion, but is that the end of the story?
Conclusion of Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story read by Gareth Armstrong, with John Moffatt as the narrator. Abridged in five parts by Oliver Reynolds.
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 00:15 Roald Dahl (b041ym4c)

The Man From the South

Win a car or lose a finger - what will be the result of an old man's bizarre bet? Read by Terry Molloy.
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b008tn7d)

Series 6

Spem in Alium

Thomas Tallis's work is one of the most elaborate and spectacular pieces of choral music ever written.
Scored for 40 voices, the piece is best sung and heard in the round in order to appreciate an extraordinary sonic experience.
Choral conductor Simon Halsey and Michael Morpurgo discuss the music's spine-tingling effect on both performers and listeners.
Featuring:
Graeme Fife
John Davies
Clive Stafford-Smith

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.
Producers: Rosie Boulton & Melvin Rickarby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SAT 01:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b012vzzj)

Episode 2

Jenny has fallen for Robert Forester, though he's not certain of his feelings for her.
Meanwhile, her ex-fiance, Greg, is very certain. He wants Jenny back - and Robert is in the way.
Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Joanne McQuinn as Jenny Theirof and Matt Rippy as Jack Neilsen.

Adapted by Shaun McKenna.

Music composed and performed by David Chilton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 01:30 Ken and Mark and Robert (b00tdznx)

Legendary film-maker Ken Russell is in the studio with Mark Kermode recalling his love of music, which inspired such films as Mahler, Tommy and The Music Lovers as well as many TV documentaries.
Meanwhile, in the adjacent studio, musician Robert Ziegler is also talking about Ken's love of music... to Twiggy, Glenda Jackson MP, Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey, Lord Bragg and Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.
Can Ken hear what they are saying about him? Can they hear what Ken is saying about them?
Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2010.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01sjn6b)

John le Carré - A Delicate Truth

Truth Must Out

If the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing, how can they remain silent? Damian Lewis begins reading A Delicate Truth, the brand new novel from the master of his genre, John le Carré, a novel which tells the story of a good man who must choose between his conscience and his duty to the Service.
An undercover counter-operation in the British colony of Gibraltar; a middle-ranking man from the Foreign Office serving as 'eyes on' and reporting to an ambitious Minister; the aim to capture a jihadist arms-buyer - the success, assured.
But back in the UK a junior officer has his doubts and commits an unthinkable act. Three years on, he will find himself facing an impossible choice. In a journey that will take him from Cornwall to Wales via murky secrets in the depths of Whitehall, Toby Bell will try to find out the truth about the night on the Rock and bring it the attention and justice it deserves.
Tonight: Truth must out - whatever the cost.
John le Carré was born in 1931 and attended the universities of Bern and Oxford. He taught at Eton and served briefly in British Intelligence during the Cold War. For the last fifty years he has lived by his pen. He divides his time between London and Cornwall.

Damian Lewis is a British actor best known for his role as Nicholas Brody in Homeland. His many credits include Band of Brothers, Life and The Forsyte Saga.
The reader is Damian Lewis
The abridger is Sally Marmion
The producer is Di Speirs.

SAT 02:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zdkkc)

A Battalion of Pals

Dr Thomas Dixon presents a timely history of the changing meaning and experience of friendship over the centuries
Two contrasting stories for this examination of the impact of World War One on male friendship.
Dixon begins and ends with the pacifist Bloomsbury Group,

focusing on EM Forster and his famous remark, "If I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country". Dr Matt Cook places this remark - shocking at the time - in the context of Forster's hidden sexual orientation.

Forster began his masterpiece, A Passage to India, before the war, in optimism about the possibility of friendships and love across the nations. As Dr Santanu Das explains, he completed it, after the War, in a far bleaker mood.

Meanwhile, amongst the less highly educated classes, groups of work-mates were being conscripted into the army. Thomas Dixon explores this new role for friendship - as a recruiting sergeant - and its tragic consequences.
Producer: Beauty Buhens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

SAT 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00srvk)

Episode 5

Pregnant Jane books an appointment at an abortion clinic, but Mavis offers her an illegal alternative. Stars Lynne Seymour.
SAT 02:45 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (b007jyjl)
Unspeakeable Rituals and Outlandish Beliefs
Travel writer Paul Theroux describes the bizarre traditions and ceremonies that he encountered during his travels.
Stuart Milligan reads the last extract from Paul's book of travel essays.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b0183r3q)

François Rabelais - Gargantua and Pantagruel

Gargantua

Gargantua and Pantagruel by Francois Rabelais. Dramatised by Lavinia Murray.

Ep 2 - Pantagruel.

Concluding the bawdy and scatological adventures of Medieval giants. This episode concentrates on the story of Gargantua's son, Pantagruel and his morally dubious friend Panurge, as they go on a quest to discover whether marriage is for them. On the way they have many adventures before they come before the Seer of the Holy Bottle who gives them a definitive judgement.
Rabelais.....David Troughton
Gargantua...Robert Wilfort
Pantagruel...Justin Edwards
Panurge...Conrad Nelson
Friar Jean...Jonathan Keeble
Jacqueline/Seer...Fiona Clarke
Librarian/Secretary...Mark Chatterton
Producer Gary Brown

This tale is a dizzying blend of fantasy, comedy, philosophy and scatological humour. The world's a messy place. All the big mock-heroic novels that followed - Don Quixote, Tristram Shandy, Gulliver's Travels, Ulysses - are about mess, they're about slops and slime, encyclopedic in their efforts to encompass humanity in all its bawdy, chaotic, grungy, and painful reality. And like Gargantua and Pantagruel they're also very funny. The Rabelaisian world view is founded on the assumption that the humourless are not yet wise - and these tales insist you learn to laugh at humanity.
Gargantua and Pantagruel is dramatised by Lavinia Murray, one of our leading radio playwrights whose credits include 'The Anatomy of Melancholy' and 'The Confessions of an English Opium Eater'.

SAT 04:00 Wildbrain (b076w83n)

1997 - Final

Lionel Kelleway presents the final of the natural history quiz

from the home of the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water.

SAT 04:30 No Commitments (b007jp4g)

Series 8

All Roads Lead to Rome

Roger's jealousy leads him to an unexpected confrontation.

Stars Celia Imrie, Angela Thorne and Bill Nighy. From February 2002.

SAT 05:00 Winston (b007jn9c)

Winston in Love

I'm in Love, I'm in Love

Now that Nancy has fallen in love with Roland from the Ministry of Whatsinname, she doesn't like to remember what happened with Winston under the old beech tree at Winterleaf Gunner...
Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.
Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio in December 1990.

SAT 05:30 The Rest is History (b075mnxs)

Series 2

Episode 1

Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. So he's devised a comedy discussion show in order to find out more about it.
Along with his historian in residence, Professor Kate Williams, Frank is joined by Katy Brand and Pierre Novellie, who discuss Hodge - the cat belonging to Doctor Samuel Pepys, Nelson and Lady Hamilton, and the Lyme Missal.
Producers: Mark Augustyn and Justin Pollard
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016..

SAT 06:00 Winston Graham - The Little Walls (b076wbmj)

Philip has returned to Europe from America after his brother appeared to commit suicide in Amsterdam.

His search for the truth takes him from England to Holland and Italy...

Winston Graham's novel was the first winner of the Crime Writers' Association award for best crime novel of the year in 1955.

Dramatised by Juliet Ace.

Philip Turner Alex Jennings

Martin Coxon Roger Lloyd Pack

Leonie Winter Kate Buffery

Charlotte Weber Vivian Pickles

Captain Sanbergh Norman Jones

Hermia Maas Helen Cooper

Van Renkum Terence Edmond

Tholen Timothy Morand

With Eric Allen, Ronald Herdman, Siriol Jenkins, Cassie

McFarlane, Neil Roberts, David Sinclair, Matthew Sim and

Auriol Smith.

Producer: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991

SAT 07:30 Capturing America: Mark Lawson's History of Modern American Literature (b00qj2nv)

Fighters and Writers

Mark Lawson tells the story of how American writing became the literary superpower of the 20th century, telling the nation's stories of money, power, sex, religion and war.
Mark traces the way a group of young Americans returning from WWII turned the US into a literary superpower.

Contributors include Philip Roth, Toni Morrison and Edward Albee as well as Norman Mailer, John Updike and Kurt Vonnegut, the last three recorded in the final major interviews of their lives.
Drawing on interviews with dozens of key writers and critics, Mark Lawson examines the role of authors in capturing the nature of the US and explores the successes and controversies of America's literary output. He shows how differences of race, region and gender informed and expanded the stories being told. And he nominates his candidate for the title of the most unfairly neglected great American novelist.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b0076xwv)

Royal Tours

4 Extra Debut. Denys Blakeway looks at the history and purpose of the royal tour, exploring the travels of Queen Elizabeth II. From April 2006.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b007jpf)

Stephen Fry

Stephen Fry, actor, writer, wit and naughty national treasure chooses his favourite comedies from the BBC radio archive. For Stephen, radio comedy inhabits the very way 'I write and think'. He takes us back to his childhood, curled up and listening to programmes like Men From the Ministry (1972). He remembers his friend Douglas Adams, who Stephen recalls thought the whole world through...only backwards, no better displayed than in the very first Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (1978).
He relives the thrill of being offered the chance to write his very own radio show, and asking his friends Hugh Laurie and Emma Thompson to help out in Saturday Night Fry (1988). Stephen marvels at the brilliance of the team behind the ultimate news show On the Hour (1992) including Armando Iannucci, Chris Morris and Steve Coogan.
He explains what it's like to experience, from the comedy coal face, an absolute radio classic, the antidote to panel games: I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (2003). And chooses his own antidote to radio phone in shows, the award winning Down The Line (2007), starring Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson - who Stephen knew as comedy saplings.
For Stephen, TV is often a greedy, one dimensional medium. For him listening to radio "is so much more".
Producer: Peter McHugh.

SAT 12:00 The Emerald Green Show (b076c11b)

Celebrations

A vain, ambitious black woman dreams of becoming a chat-show queen.

Lisselle Kayla's 4-part comedy series starring Llewella Gideon as Emerald Green.
With Jonathan Firth and Iwan Thomas.
Director: Pam Fraser Solomon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 12:30 Winston (b007jn9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

SAT 13:00 15 Minute Drama (b076wgd)

How Does That Make You Feel

Series 7 Omnibus

Therapist Martha's clients all want to be something they are not and it is driving them, and her, crazy. Stars Frances Tomelty.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b076wgfj)

Mick Fleetwood

Rock musician Mike Fleetwood chooses 'Clap Hands, Here Comes Charlie!' by Charlie Kunz and 'Imagine' by John Lennon.

SAT 14:15 Don Haworth - Recce (b007qspy)

A study of Tom, a seemingly affable man, easy-going and concerned about all the right things.

So why does he find himself isolated and alone with his family on a hillside farm? A TV company's intention to film him at work reveals the reason why.
Don Haworth's drama stars Michael Tudor Barnes as Tom.

Joanna Mackie as Angela and Anna Cropper as Joan.
 Director: Kay Patrick
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.
SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b0076xwv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Winston Graham - The Little Walls (b076wbmj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Capturing America: Mark Lawson's History of Modern American Literature (b00qj2nv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 The Twilight Zone (b076wgf)
 Series 3
 The Last Rites of Jeff Myrtlebank
 A young man wakes at his own funeral, causing panic at the church. Set in the mid-1920s in a small rural town in Arkansas, the townsfolk believe he must be possessed by a wandering demon...
 Starring Robert Knepper. With Ambre Lake, Peggy Roeder and Ricky Adams.
 Narrator: Stacy Keach.
 Written by Montgomery Pittman and adapted by Dennis Etchison.
 Originally a cult sci-fi and horror TV series created by Rod Serling and broadcast in the USA on CBS from 1959 to 1964, The Twilight Zone was first adapted by American producer Carl Amari in 2002 as a 40-minute radio drama series.
 Rod Serling had managed to electrify the new medium of television - so armed with a licence from CBS and the Serling estate, Amari's slick adaptations are based on the original TV scripts.
 Actor Stacy Keach (best known here as TV detective Mike Hammer) takes Serling's original role as narrator - with a full cast, music and sound effects.
 Produced by Carl Amari and directed by Falcon Picture Group.
SAT 18:40 James Follett - The Pentworth Trilogy (b007jrn3)
 Temple of the Winds
 Episode 6
 With everyone trapped behind a 'force wall', a battle of good and evil begins in the town of Pentworth. Read by Nigel Anthony.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b007jpr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Chain Reaction Extra (b077ywdz)
 Al Murray interviews Ian Hislop
 Specially extended episode for BBC Radio 4 Extra from series 11 of Chain Reaction, with bonus material. Pub Landlord creator, Al Murray passes the baton to the comedian and satirist Ian Hislop.
 After an early foray into stand-up as a character called 'The Murderer', Al Murray created his famous Pub Landlord character in the mid-90s as part of a touring show with Harry Hill. The Pub Landlord toured 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 more recently as a candidate for parliament - standing against Nigel Farage in South Thanet during the 2015 UK General Election.
 Al's guest Ian Hislop is much more used to the cut and thrust of British politics both as a long-standing team captain on 'Have I Got News for You' and as the editor of satirical magazine Private Eye. As a dedicated fan and student of history, he's made several acclaimed documentaries on wide-ranging subjects including conscientious objectors and The Beeching Report.
 In this extended version of the original programme, Al grills Ian on his early days writing for such comedians as Harry Enfield, asks how we should define the role of the satirist and poses the intriguing question, 'what's it like being sued?'
 Producer: Richard Morris
 A BBC Radio Comedy Production
 The original, un-extended programme was first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.
SAT 22:45 Poets' Tree (b00slxyx)
 Episode 2
 Islington poet Paul Hamilton meets a fruit linguist, and visits a young offenders institute to demonstrate the rehabilitative powers of poetry.
 Poetry magazine spoof with Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.
 With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.
SAT 23:00 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sjevd)
 1980s
 Cockney comedian Micky Flanagan's first radio series is about his progression from working-class Herbert to middle-class intellectual and being caught awkwardly between the two. His story is told through reflective interviews, but mainly, Micky's acclaimed stand up comedy. Micky's transition from the mean streets of the East End to the leafy lanes of Dulwich is a fascinating story, with each episode focusing on a different decade of Micky's life.
 In this episode Micky takes us through his 1980's, spent running away to New York and being the international lover and player of the East End. He chats to his parents, his sister and his school friends in interviews that shed light on the stand up comedy. The series is written and performed by Micky Flanagan.

The Producer is Tilusha Ghelani.
SAT 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k425)
 Series 2
 The Dig
 Discover the results of a 'live' archaeology dig and visit a very liberal safari park.
 Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.
 With Lucy Montgomery.
 Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
 Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

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SUN 06:00 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (Omnibus) (b00ssp44)
 Episode 1
 In her squalid L-shaped bedsit, Jane has to overcome both her own prejudices and those of 1950s society against her.
 Lynne Reid Banks' ground-breaking story of middle-class Jane, pregnant and unmarried, has remained in print ever since it was first published in 1960.
 Stars Lynne Seymour as Jane, Richard Mitchley as Dr Graham, Marie Gordon-Price as Mavis, Nickie Rainsford as Doris, Bill Wallis as Father,
 Simon Armstrong as James, John Rowe as Dr Maxwell, Rachel Atkins as Jane 2, Trevor Laird as John and John McAndrew as Toby.
 Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes.
 Producer: Alison Hindell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
SUN 07:15 Roger Law and the Chinese Curiosities (b01kblcn)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 In the fourth in the series, Roger Law has arrived in Zhengzhou on his journey through China to see some of the many museums of the country. In this city, a major railway junction, he is amazed to discover a 'Chinese Louvre', a pyramid-shaped building housing some of the finest treasures of the country. He travels on to the Longman Grottoes, where he is amazed to find more than 30,000 Buddha statues and 100,000 Buddha images in a series of caves hollowed out of the rock. He also finds himself alongside almost the same number of Chinese tourists jostling to see a part of their history.
SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b015mnmk)
 Series 8
 Have a Great Weekend
 Radio 4's most curmudgeonly author is back for a new series, complete with his trusty companion Elgar and his never ending capacity for scrimping and scraping at whatever scraps his agent, Ping, can offer him to keep body, mind and cat together. Inevitably he finds himself once more battling through the week encountering the numerous 12-year olds who run the media, teaching the lively bunch of pensioners who can "teach him a thing or two about money making schemes, frugal living and having a good time thank you very much", and regular run-ins with the rather successful Jaz Milvane, director of Ed's only ever book-to-screen adaptation.
 As we renew our acquaintance with Ed we find him in a somewhat lighter mood, enjoying normal weekend-ish type things, like having a bath, and whistling. He's also visiting the DIY store - because he can. His renewed acquaintance with 1960's hot young model, Fiona Templeton, could have much to do with this new outlook, particularly as they have a shared love of the free sachets to be found in the Sunday newspapers. As long as they don't mix up the shampoo sachet with the brown sauce sachet they should be fine.
SUN 08:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b007vvh4)
 Series 2
 Mind My Bike
 Can cheeky schoolboy Jimmy come up with an idea to raise some cash for a new bike?
 Starring Jimmy Clitheroe as The Clitheroe Kid. With Peter Sinclair as Grandfather, Patricia Burke as Mother, Diana Day as Susan and Peter Goodwright as Billy Parker.
 The Clitheroe Kid ran from 1958-1972, gaining audiences above 10 million at its peak.
 Its Lancashire-born star, Jimmy Clitheroe (1921-1973) was just

4'3" tall, with a rather shrill voice making him a very believable naughty schoolboy - despite being 35 when it began as a one-off show. Created by James Casey in 1956, a pilot followed and series 1 proper in 1958. Both writing and producing, James stayed with his creation until it finally came off-air. Jimmy died a year later aged just 51.
 Theme music by Alan Roper and played by the BBC Northern Dance Orchestra conducted by Alyn Ainsworth - with Jimmy Leach at the Electronic Organ.
 Scripted by James Casey and Frank Roscoe
 Produced: James Casey
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1959.
SUN 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt0n)
 In the Wards
 Unleashed on the patients, the medics are unprepared for the formidable Sister Virtue.
 The misadventures of student doctor Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's novel 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.
 Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans, Joan Sanderson as Sister Virtue and Irene Handl as Mrs Clark.
 Producer: David Hatch
 Recorded at the BBC Paris studio in London.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.
SUN 09:00 Beethoven for a Later Age: Omnibus (b076zgeb)
 Life with the Tackas Quartet - and tackling Beethoven. First violinist Edward Dusinberre's recollections read by Tim McMullan.
SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b076zjbv)
 Patti Smith
 Singer-songwriter Patti Smith chooses Artie Shaw's 'Nightmare' and 'After the Gold Rush' by Neil Young.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b01m6pk7)
 Mary Berry
 Kirsty Young chats to one of the UK's best-known and respected cookery writers, Mary Berry.
 Specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
 More than six million copies of Mary's books have now been sold - not bad for a girl who failed her school certificate in English.
 On TV, it was her role as a judge on The Great British Bake-off that brought her to the attention of a new generation.
 It was in domestic science lessons that Mary discovered her love of cooking and she is in no doubt of the importance of teaching cookery in school
 "When everybody leaves school, whether they are a boy or a girl, what do they have to do in the home? They have to produce a meal. They haven't been taught to do it. I think it should be essential."
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in August 2012.
SUN 11:15 The Moth Radio Hour (b077njnd)
 Series 2
 Goats, Cops and Haircuts
 True stories told live in the USA: The Moth's founder, George Dawes Green, introduces tales about trust and suspicion.
 The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and years to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
 The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.
 Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
 The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
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SUN 14:30 Vesna Goldsworthy - Gorsky (b057r1hc)
 Episode 1
 Chelski, a London home for Russian wealth. Gorsky, a story about beauty, money and books. Read by Philip Arditti.
SUN 15:45 Vincent McNerney - Food For Thought (b076zs8z)
 A hard-drinking sailor tries to buy friendship in Liverpool by promising the meal of a lifetime. Read by Gerard McDermott.
 From February 1997.
SUN 16:00 Classic Serial (b018g264)
 AG Macdonell - England, Their England
 Martin Jarvis directs a galaxy of stars in a Classic Serial one-off episode. The cast is led by outstanding Scots actor Tony Curran

as Donald.

In this classic 1930s comic novel, a young Scot, Donald Cameron, invailed from the Western Front in 1918, finds himself commissioned to write a book about the eccentricities of the English - through 'a foreigner's eyes'. An enthusiastic innocent abroad, Donald encounters an array of richly comic characters. He attends an absurd country house weekend, enjoys drinks with Fleet Street hacks, attempts some book-reviewing, visits The League of Nations as an MP's private secretary and, memorably, plays village cricket - the most famous fictional cricket match in literature.

The novel is dramatised by Archie Scottney ('Something Fresh', 'Summer Lightning', 'Goldfinger', 'The Mysterious Mr Quin') and who once took 5 wickets for 36 runs.

Martin Jarvis says: 'A joy to direct. The preposterous game of cricket at its heart leaps happily onto the air waves. With Ian Hislop to skipper our all-stars, I felt we had hit some kind of pitch-perfection. The absurdity and blessedness of England and the English remains reassuringly, recognisable.'

Cast:

Donald Cameron Tony Curran
Evan Davies Ioan Gruffudd

Mr Hodge Ian Hislop
Tommy Huggins Alfred Molina

Rupert Harcourt Rufus Sewell
Mr Bloomer Michael York

Sir Henry Ian Ogilvy
Gwennie Jill Gascoine

Pendragon Lloyd Owen
Esmeralda Sophie Winkleman

Carolyn Seymour, Julian Holloway, Oliver Dillon, JD Cullum, Kenneth Danziger,

Darren Richardson, Simon Templeman, Alan Shearman, Matthew Wolf, Daisy Hydon.

Sound design: Mark Holden

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b076ztr4)

Radio Heaney

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

'Radio Heaney' is a compilation of many of the poet's greatest radio moments.

In his acceptance speech as newly-anointed Nobel Laureate, Seamus Heaney recalled how vital a role the wireless had played in his early life growing up on a farm in Mossbawn Co. Derry. On the radio, he heard dispatches from the front line during the Second World War, was gripped by Dick Barton Special Agent and revelled in the musicality of the Shipping Forecast.

As an up and coming published poet, Heaney wrote and presented many programmes for schools in Northern Ireland, exploring and celebrating fellow writers and the local landscape.

He also made for a compelling contributor and interviewee to any discussion on the purpose of poetry and was ultimately crowned with the medium's greatest accolade, an invitation to Radio 4's Desert Island.

Presented by John Toal.

Producer: Owen McFadden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01f5mmk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Saturday Drama (b016k89p)

Something Wicked This Way Comes

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By Ray Bradbury

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths

Composer David Paul Jones

Sound Paul Cargill

Produced/Directed by Pauline Harris

Set in 1960's Illinois this gem of modern Gothic literature is the memorable story of two boys, James Nightshade and William Halloway, and the evil that grips their small Midwestern town with the arrival of a "dark carnival" one Autumn midnight.

These two innocents, both aged 13, (Will is born one minute before Halloween, and Jim one minute after) save the souls of the town (as well as their own). This is a vivid variation on the eternal theme of the fight between Good and Evil. A thrilling, chilling, richly kaleidoscopic sound world ensues; a shimmering mirror maze that reflects your older or younger self, depending on your desires, and a magic carousel that plays Chopin's Funeral March forwards - with each rotation you gain a year, and rotating backwards - you get younger.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b01f5mmk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Hearing With Hegley (b00b0sgk)

Series 1

Episode 2

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.

With contributions from Keith Moore, Susan Norton, Andrew Bailey and Nigel Piper.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

SUN 22:45 No Tomatoes (b0080274)

Trash Talk

Sketch show mixing up language and sounds. Spaghetti spellings with Paul Copley and Helen Moon. From October 2007.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077x0hk)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Simon Day, in the guise of prog rock legend Brian Pern, and Rhys Thomas.

SUN 23:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00c6lv1)

Series 2

Episode 3

Things are looking up for Tom - he's got a new job working at the zoo, which he loves, and he's also met a rather nice girl called Pi, who works with the birds, and what's more it seems that Pi also has a bond in her head.

Everything seems perfect, so surely the band in Tom's head couldn't possibly ruin things for him this time...could they? Starring Suggs and Bob Monkhouse.

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggs Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Phil Cornwell Bouche

Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty DeVere

Bill Nighy Malc

Julia Deakin Phelia

Toby Longworth Clammy

Pi Debra Stephenson

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 23:30 Giles Wembley Hogg Goes Off (b007jrmf)

Series 1

The Arctic

Frozen fiascos are afoot as the dim student traveller sails with Greenpeace. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2002.

MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016

MON 00:00 Saturday Drama (b016k89p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (Omnibus) (b00ssp44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Roger Law and the Chinese Curiosities (b01kblcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Vesna Goldsworthy - Gorsky (b05r71hc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Vincent McNerney - Food For Thought (b076zs8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Classic Serial (b018g264)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b076ztr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01f5mmk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b013lyvn)

Episode 3

As each day passes with Greg still missing after the fight, Detective Lippenholtz is finding Robert's story harder to believe.

Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Joanne McQuinn as Jenny Theirolf, Briony Glasco as Nickie Jurgen and Peter Marinker as Detective Lippenholtz.

Adapted by Shaun McKenna.

Music composed and performed by David Chilton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

MON 06:30 Thesiger At 100 (b00wlvvv)

An exploration of the life of photographer and traveller, Wilfred Thesiger, who travelled and documented - in thousands of photos - both Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. BBC Security correspondent Frank Gardner, who was encouraged by Thesiger to learn Arabic, looks back on his fascinating life and reflects how it is through Thesiger's work that we currently have such an understanding of the North African and Arab world. Thesiger lived among the marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, and he also became famous for crossing the Rub' al Khali, the "Empty Quarter" of Saudi Arabia, surviving on less than a pint of water a day.

Gardner talks to Christopher Morton of the Pitt Rivers about Thesiger's work, and what it reveals of past ways of life, and he also speaks to the curator of the exhibition, Philip N Grover about ways of interpreting the graphic imagery of the photographs. Thesiger's biographer Alexander Maitland tells the story of his wartime service with the SAS and SOE, and explorer Benedict Allen assesses the importance of Thesiger's travels and writing. Despite Thesiger's keen appreciation of desert peoples and their way of life, he hated modern society. The only modern invention he valued was the camera. We hear his voice in

historic broadcasts from the 1940s and 50s, his elegant prose

recalling his travels in what is now a lost age.

Made to mark the centenary of Wilfred Thesiger's birth on 3rd June 1910.

Producer: Alyn Shipton

A Unique production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

MON 07:00 Trapped (b0076h2t)

The Art Class

Art tutor Mark is having commitment issues until he meets a model who should be committed...

Black comedy set in the art class at a local Adult Education centre - by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Mark Alex Lowe

Moira Wendy Wason

Janice/Elsbeth Tracy-Ann Oberman

Donald Sam Kelly

Alan Roger Sloman

Bob Roger Sloman

Peter Mark Maier

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b0731bsv)

Series 16

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Jon Richardson, Susan Calman and Jack Dee are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as tattoos, milk, supermarkets and Vladimir Putin.

Devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrl4)

Series 3

Is There Honey Still for Tea?

Private Godfrey's humble abode, Cherry Tree Cottage, is threatened with demolition to make way for a new aerodrome...

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

Cissie Godfrey Joan Cooper

Colonel/Sir Charles Fraser Kerr

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.

MON 08:30 Listen to Les (b01nchmv)

From 24/02/1985

Les Dawson has holiday tales to tell and there are problems to solve for agony uncle, Dr Rhubarb.

With Daphne Oxenford, Eli Woods and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1985.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b01m0lgj)

Another edition of the 48th series of Quote... Unquote, the popular quotations programme presented and devised by Nigel Rees. The guests this week are author Louise Doughty, writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes, newsreader Nicholas Owen and columnist Hugo Rifkind. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

MON 09:30 King Street Junior (b007jmmv)

Series 6

A Day at the Centre

Chaos reigns when Mr Sims' class win a trip to the 'Blue Peter' TV studio. Stars James Groux and Karl Howman. From July 1991.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b03bq0c2)

Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour

Men at Arms

by Evelyn Waugh

Dramatised by Jeremy Front

Evelyn Waugh's satirical WW2 masterpiece:

Guy Crouchback is a man scarred by a broken marriage, searching for a purpose in a modern world, when war breaks out he feels he may have at last found a cause worth fighting for.

Directed by Sally Avens

Waugh's trilogy of WWII novels mark a high point in his literary career. Originally published as three volumes: Officers and Gentlemen, Men at Arms and Unconditional Surrender they were extensively revised by Waugh, and published as the one-volume Sword of Honour in 1965, in the form in which Waugh himself wished them to be read. They are dramatised for the Classic Serial in seven episodes.

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tragic, engaging and insightful, this work must be counted next to 'Brideshead Revisited' as Waugh's most enduring novel. Like Brideshead, Waugh drew heavily upon his own experiences during WWII. Sword of Honour effortlessly treads the line between the personal and the political - it is at once an indictment of the incompetence of the Allied war effort, and a moving study of one man's journey from isolation to self fulfilment. His adventures are peopled by colourful characters: the eccentric, Aphorpe, one-eyed, Ritchie-Hook, promiscuous, Virginia Troy. At the centre of the novel is Guy for whom we never lose our sympathy as he emerges from his adventures bowed but not broken. From Dakar to Egypt, the Isle of Mugg to the evacuation of Crete, tragedy is leavened by Waugh's acerbic and farcical comedy.

MON 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01Inckb5)

Haven

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in Haven, a prolonged stay with her uncle and aunt change a young girl's understanding of the world.

The reader is Barbara Barnes

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

MON 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b041y015)

1. Enter a Frightened Lady

Veteran detective Bill Galbraith wants a quiet life, now he's retiring from a long career in the police force.

But his old pal Tommy Evans needs his help over murky goings on from a criminal mastermind...

Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Richard Davies as Tom Evans, Tom Watson as Cater, Peter Dineyley as Gelder, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Hector Ross as Cornell, Katharine Page as Mary Galbraith and Bruce Alexander as Milne.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly, as well as being a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: John Browell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jr14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Listen to Les (b01Inchmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b0131yvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Thesiger At 100 (b00wlbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s8v6t)

Episode 1

Assistant postmaster Martin Sproale is pinning his hopes on a promotion in the quiet coastal town of Theston.

But the area manager has his own plan to push the old-fashioned post office into the hi-tech 21st century...

Michael Palin begins a ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

MON 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zy1c0)

Testaments of Friendship

Dr Thomas Dixon brings his timely fresh history of the changing face of friendship into the era immediately after the First World War, when the international friendship movement flourished.

At the centre of this episode is the story of Vera Brittain, author of the ever-popular memoirs, Testament of Youth and

Testament of Friendship. Thomas Dixon traces Brittain's life through her pre-war loves, the heart-breaking war-time losses of her brother, her two closest male friends and her fiancée, and her post-war friendship with the writer, Winifred Holtby.

Thomas Dixon hears from Brittain's daughter, Baroness Shirley Williams, about her mother's passionate belief in the ability of women to sustain profound friendships even during a period when they were frequently depicted in films, books and newspaper articles as being hostile to one another.

He also speaks with Professor Seth Koven about Muriel Lester, whose friendships both with a poor East End girl, Nellie Dowell, and with Mahatma Gandhi, represented a drive for international peace and reconciliation after the horrors of the First World War.

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

MON 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00sss5c)

Episode 6

Battling 1950s social prejudices, single mother-to-be Jane is in hospital with a threatened miscarriage.

Lynne Reid Banks' ground-breaking story of middle-class Jane, pregnant and unmarried, has remained in print ever since it was first published in 1960.

Stars Lynne Seymour as Jane, Richard Mitchley as Dr Graham, Marie Gordon-Price as Mavis, Nickie Rainsford as Doris, Bill Wallis as Father, Simon Armstrong as James, John Rowe as Dr

Maxwell, Rachel Atkins as Jane 2, Trevor Laird as John and John McAndrew as Toby.

Producer: Alison Hindell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b010dhr)

Edmund De Waal - The Hare with Amber Eyes

Episode 1

By Edmund de Waal. Read by Nicholas Murchie.

264 delicate wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox - that stand as a symbol of the extraordinary events that overtake one family.

Potter Edmund de Waal was entranced when he first encountered this collection in the Tokyo apartment of his great uncle Leggie. Later, when Edmund inherited the 'netsuke', they unlocked a story far larger than he could ever have imagined.

His family the Ephrussi came from Odessa, and at one time were the largest grain exporters in the world; in the 1870s, Charles Ephrussi was part of a wealthy new generation settling in Paris. Charles's passion was collecting; emerging French painters and - when Japanese art and artists became all the rage in the salons - he bought an entire collection of netsuke and sent them as a wedding present to his banker cousin in Vienna.

Later, three children - including a young Ignace - would play with the netsuke as history reverberated around them. The Anschluss and Second World War swept the Ephrussi to the brink of oblivion. Almost all that remained of their vast empire was the netsuke collection, dramatically saved by a loyal maid when their huge Viennese palace was occupied.

Edmund de Waal travels the world to stand in the great buildings his forebears once inhabited. He traces the network of a remarkable family against the backdrop of a tumultuous century and tells the story of a unique collection.

Abridged by Polly Coles

Producer: Clive Brill

A Pacific Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b03bq0c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b01m0lgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b007jmmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Trapped (b0076h2t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b0731bsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Orbiter X (b077018m)

The First Step to the Stars

First broadcast in 1959, a bold plan to conquer space begins with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous. Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Written by BD Chapman.

Fact and fiction were curiously interwoven, as a fortnight before the first BBC broadcast, the Soviet Luna 2 space probe crash landed on the Moon.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Captain Jack Bradley John Witty

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1959.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b007658m)

Tim Page & Gillian Slovo

Louise Doughty and her guests, photographer Tim Page and novelist Gillian Slovo, discuss paperbacks by Chester Himes, Carl Hiaasen and Bao Ninh. From 2001.

Cotton Comes to Harlem, by Chester Himes

Publisher: Canon Gate

Tourist Season, by Carl Hiaasen

Publisher: Pan

The Sorrow of War, by Bao Ninh

Publisher: Vintage.

MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jr14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Listen to Les (b01Inchmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b0131yvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Thesiger At 100 (b00wlbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01Inckb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b041y015)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b0731bsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01q7bq4)

Series 5

Les Dennis

Les Dennis tries his first ever taste of cheese, reads The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe, hears his first ever Rolling Stones Album and watches the hit comedy The Inbetweeners. He gives

his verdict to Marcus Brigstocke.

Produced by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077sjft)

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jon Holmes chats to Helen Atkinson Wood.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (b075thgv)

Series 48

Episode 6

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by Zoe Lyons, Vikki Stone, Jon Holmes and Freya Parker to present the week in news through stand-up and sketches.

Zoe Lyons lays out her thinking as to why there are now more overweight people on the planet than underweight, Jon Holmes denounces our increasingly selfie obsessed society, Vikki Stone performs a song to help engage the British Public on the EU referendum and The Guardian's Foreign Correspondent Luke Harding discusses what it was like to investigate the Panama Papers.

MON 23:30 Elvenquest (b017757w)

Series 3

Episode 6

When the Questers get drunk to celebrate Vidar's birthday, Sam tries once again to gain (albeit with customary cack-handedness) the affections of Penthiselea, much to her consternation. Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is anxious to get one over his old nemesis, Kaybar the Maleficent, and so decides to do something really newsworthy and light the "Beacon of Doom".

If the "Beacon of Doom" is lit then the runes dictate that one of the Questers must do battle in hand-to-hand combat with Lord Darkness himself. And so, to impress Penthiselea, Sam volunteers to be that Quester. Problem is, Sam doesn't have the first idea how to fight hand-to-hand. Fortunately, nor it seems, does Lord Darkness. Should make for an interesting showdown then...

Vidar Darren Boyd

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Amis, aka the "Chosen One" Dave Lamb

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Sam Stephen Mangan

Penthiselea Sophie Wickham

Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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TUE 06:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b0131yvn)

Episode 4

Robert has been shot. Could Greg Wyncoop - who has not been seen since they both fought by the river - really have done it? Or is his body lying in the morgue?

Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Briony Glassco as Nickie Jurgen and Peter Marinker as Detective Lippenholtz.

Adapted by Shaun McKenna.

Music composed and performed by David Chilton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 06:30 Face to Face with Evelyn Waugh (b007qtln)

John Freeman's interview for BBC TV with English writer Evelyn Waugh. Introduced by Joan Bakewell. From June 1960.

TUE 07:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)

Cut

Emerald Green's illusions of glamour and fame are shattered when she meets her TV producer.

A vain, ambitious black woman dreams of becoming a chat show queen.

Lisselle Kayla's four-part comedy series starring Llewella Gideon as Emerald Green.

Tristram Jonathan Fifth
Fabio Iwan Thomas
Victor Dean Hill
Eunice Sheila Reid
David Jonathan Keeble
Director: Pam Fraser Solomon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 07:30 Clare in the Community (b062n4nb)
Series 10
Sisters
Clare and her estranged sister are forced to co-operate with one another, in between some Sparrowhawk team lead self-defence training.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Nali/ Megan Nina Conti
Ray Richard Lumsden
Helen Pippa Haywood
Simon Andrew Wincott
Libby Sarah Kendall
Joan/ Sarah Barker Sarah Thom
Scarlett Eleanor Curry
Stine Wetzel Amelia Lowdell
Hunter Neet Mohan
Dylan Elliot Steel
Producer Alexandra Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b00t29v7)
Series 4
Episode 9
Kenneth Horne blasts off boldly in 'Journey to Uranus', a ditty from Rambling Sid Rumpo and 'Bona Books' with Julian and Sandy.

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 departed after series 3.

Written by Barry Took, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer. Music by the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

TUE 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jzmq)
Flushed With Success
The bungling bureaucrats take on Trooping the Colour and try to fix the plumbing...
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.
Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in May 1973.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (b075thgy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland (b007jlrq)
Growing Up
The comedian points out the pitfalls of growing up, becoming an adult and having children.

The first of a six-part series illustrating the Domicic minutiae of life
Stand-up and sketches with Simon Greenall, Sally Grace and Dave Lamb.
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b03c2myq)
Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour
Men at Arms, part 2
by Evelyn Waugh
dramatised by Jeremy Front.

The Halbadiers are yet to see action so Guy spends his time aiding Apthorpe with the concealment of his Thunder box - a portable latrine. And Guy's ex-wife Virginia makes a

reappearance in his life.

Directed by Sally Avens
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Today in 'In Sight of the Lake' a woman goes in search of a doctor, again.

The reader is Liza Ross,
The abridger is Sally Marmion
The producer is Di Speirs.

TUE 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b041y956)
2. Dutch Treat
Veteran detective Bill wanted a quiet life in retirement, but now he's on the trail of a missing diamond courier.

Will he meet the King of Diamonds or even the Joker in Amsterdam?
Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Tom Watson as Cater, Peter Dineylen as Gelder, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Trader Faulkner as Dykers, Peter Williams as Brent, Bruce Alexander as Milne and Stephen Grief as Jacobus.

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Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s90x3)
Episode 2
Martin Sproule feels increasingly slighted by his lack of promotion at the post office. Meanwhile he discovers there's a rival Hemingway collector.

Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.
Producer: Rosemary Watts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zy24b)
The Suburbs of the Heart
Continuing his history of friendship over the last 500 years, Dr Thomas Dixon explores how friendship was changed by a new form of technology and a new type of science in the early years of the twentieth century.

Just as the internet has been seen as an enemy of friendship, so the new technology of the early twentieth century - the telephone - was initially viewed with mistrust. Magazines and newspaper articles listed it along with the telegram and the motor car as potentially detrimental to the art of friendship.

One author wrote: "we live, alas in the suburbs of each other's hearts".

Meanwhile, as the real suburbs were extended, the new science of psychology began to advise lonely city-dwellers on how to form new alliances and friendships.

Dr Thomas Dixon hears from Professor Mark Peel about the impact of urbanisation on friendship, and is won over by his surprisingly passionate defence of Dale Carnegie's often mocked best-seller, How to Make Friends and Influence People.

Producer: Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

TUE 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room

(b00st4hk)
Episode 7
Reconciled Jane and Toby are making Christmas plans, when an unexpected visitor arrives. Stars Lynne Seymour and John McAndrew.

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Edmund de Waal travels the world to stand in the great buildings his forebears once inhabited. He traces the network of a remarkable family against the backdrop of a tumultuous century and tells the story of a unique collection.

Abridged by Polly Coles
Producer: Clive Brill
A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b03c2myq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)
Series 3
Commercial Death
Crime writers John Harvey and Val McDermid try to solve the mystery of who killed the radio DJ?
Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.
Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson play the suspects.
Producer Liz Anstree
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

TUE 16:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland (b007jlrq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Clare in the Community (b062n4nb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Orbiter X (b077y362)
Conflict in Space
The crew of Orbiter 2 discover why their sister ship has been disabled - and who is responsible...
First heard in 1959, a bold plan is underway to conquer space with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous. Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Written by BD Chapman.
Captain Bob Britton John Carson
Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
UFO Commander Arthur Lawrence
Control Officer Camm Francis Hall
Radio Operator John Matthews
Producer: Charles Maxwell.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

TUE 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2sh)
Series 2
Dublin Gaiety Theatre
Geoffrey Wheeler crosses the water to Dublin to discover more about the city's famous Gaiety Theatre.

One of the finest venues on the Variety circuit, it played host to the Eurovision Song Contest in 1971, when theatre-goers and television audiences shared in its centenary celebrations.

With extracts from some of the musical shows for which the Gaiety is renowned, and comedy from stars past and present, including Jack Benny.

Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.
Producer: Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b00t29v7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jzmq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b01381wz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Face to Face with Evelyn Waugh (b007qtln)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00w2282)

Series 4

A Wretched Life Made Much, Much Sadder

After an embarrassing disaster involving a bridge and a train full of puppies and orphans Pip and Harry travel to America on the SS Massive Britain, where Pip begins a reading tour.

But all is not as it seems and Mister Benevolent lures our hero into a gunfight at the "All Right I Suppose Corral"
Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead

Pipely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077sjtv)

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jon Holmes chats to Helen Atkinson Wood.

TUE 23:00 Father Figure (b01c3dlh)

Series 1

The Wake

Set in London this is a Belfast-tinged sitcom post 'The Troubles' but suffused with old sectarian enmities. It's centred around young couple Tom and Elaine Murphy (called Jason and Chloe in the pilot) and their son Dylan (in the pilot they had young kids called Mikey and Lewis). For childcare reasons, Jason has recently given up his job at the 'Irish Republican theme pub' meaning that Elaine - a hospital doctor - is the breadwinner. Jason's parents (Mary and Paddy) are staunch Irish Catholics. The mother disapproves of their Protestant daughter-in-law, but the father tries to keep the peace. Chloe's parents (Jarleth and Tina) hold equally extreme Protestant views.

Series regulars include Jason Byrne, as well as Sharon Horgan (Pulling), Pauline McLynn (Father Ted), Michael Smiley (Spaced), Paul Putner (Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), and West End star Paul Nicholas (Just Good Friends). Others featured in the series include Simon Nye, Caroline Quentin, Matthew Horne, Kevin Eldon, Stewart Lee, Liza Tarbuck, Tim Minchin, Miriam Margolyes, Michael Kitchen, and Rhys Thomas.

TUE 23:30 Radio 9 (b04g429s)

Series 2

Episode 3

Travels at sea, a magazine for NIMBYs and faking your way in abseiling. Stars Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker. From July 2005.

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016**WED 00:00 Orbiter X (b077y362)**

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WED 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s90x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

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WED 06:00 The Spying Game (b016c7by)

The Living Daylights

Legendary spy James Bond battles to rescue a trapped British agent. Ian Fleming's Cold War thriller set in Berlin. Read by Dan Steven.

Hired assassins, double agents and secret codes. 'The Spying Game' is 4 Extra's gripping series of espionage stories.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2011.

WED 06:30 The Paris Bouquinistes (b00srktl)

Paris has many grand monuments dominating its skyline, but for regular visitors to the 'city of light' there's a sight every bit as ingrained into its terroir as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and Sacre Coeur - that of the riverside booksellers. Having plied their trade for centuries on the banks of the River Seine, Les Bouquinistes can count Presidents (including Mitterand and Thomas Jefferson) as regular customers, and boast a proud history of providing a source of literatures thought subversive to the prevailing authorities of the day.

More recently, many have branched out from books to supplement their income, offering plastic souvenirs instead of Balzac, plastic tat in place of Monserrat - a practice the city council, worried about tarnishing the image of playground Paris, has fought against.

Kirsty Lang takes a long stroll along the Seine to meet some of the latest crop and discover how confident they feel about the future prosperity of their time-honoured trade.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

WED 07:00 The Brothers (b00pszc)

Series 3

The One True Yoghurt

Nigel stutters, Michael proposes, and Zorro seeks the meaning of life in a dessert. Stars Raymond Coulthard. From March 2007.

WED 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b0410zq7)

Series 2

Counter Plot

Richard is alarmed to discover that Uljabaan has commandeered six allotments for some sort of experiment, while Katrina is more concerned that he's arrested Lucy. But what kind of plants is he planting inside the building he has built?

Series two of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien race that's noticed an all-at-once invasions of Earth never works out that well. So they've locked the small Buckinghamshire village of Cresdon Green behind an impenetrable force-field in order to study human behaviour and decide if Earth is worth invading. The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for the weekend to borrow the money for a deposit for a flat when the force-field went up.

So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village, willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she forms The Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret and Richard who wish she wouldn't make so much of a fuss This is also much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljabaan who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The Computer (his hyper-intelligent supercomputer), is trying to actually run the invasion.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Field Commander Uljabaan Charles Edwards

The Computer John-Luke Roberts

Ron Dave Lamb

Lawrence Michael Bertenshaw

Written by Eddie Robson

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01kv7h1)

Series 6

The Sicilian Secret Agent

When the crew of HMS Troutbridge sets off to pick up an MI5 man in the Med, Phillips takes a wrong turning.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicoate as Captain Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Michael Bates as Commander Bracewell and Tenniel Evens as Taffy Goldstein .

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 December 1963.

WED 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b007jskn)

Series 8

Episode 10

The Radio Prune team hand out their gongs - and get saved by the bell.

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, Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b00762c8)

Series 4

Episode 1

Debates galore from getting old - to whether the Devil has the

best tunes?

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit. With Hugh Dennis, Arthur Smith, Gyles Brandreth and Henry Naylor.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 09:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqpl)

The Prunestone

Two crime writers decide to aid the perfect murder. Stars Peggy Mount, Dorothy Tutin and John Savident. From September 1988.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b03cdh4l)

Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour

Officers and Gentlemen, part one

by Evelyn Waugh

dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Sent home in disgrace following a misbegotten raid in Dakar, Guy is again looking for useful employment. But his next posting takes him somewhere totally unexpected.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

WED 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nkt55)

Gravel

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyen of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in Gravel, a woman remembers a life-changing winter when she was very young and tries to assuage her sense of complicity.

The reader is Laurel Lefkow

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

WED 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b041ycyn)

3. Fear Is the Key

The mysterious pack puts pressure on the King of Diamonds - as veteran detective Bill Galbraith races to save a life...

Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Tom Watson as Cater, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns, Peter Dnyele as Gelder, Richard Davies as Tom Evans, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Stephen Grief as Jacobus, Trader Faulkner as Dykers and Peter Williams as Brent.

Producer: John Browell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01kv7h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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WED 13:00 The Spying Game (b016c7by)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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WED 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s93jx)

Episode 3

As pressure mounts at the post office, Martin finds himself being challenged in his private life, too.

Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

WED 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b040014g)

In Need, In Deed, By Post

Dr Thomas Dixon continues to trace the changing meaning of friendship over the last five hundred years.

Mass Observation and the archive of the Co-Operative Correspondence Club provide intimate evidence for friendship during the Second World War.

Dr Clare Langhamer discusses how, in 1935, one lonely mother in County Wicklow began a correspondence network that continued through to the 1990s, long preceding today's MumsNet and NetMums.

She also shares some revealing evidence from the vast Mass Observation archive at the University of Sussex about how women's friendships were affected by their war-work.

Thomas Dixon also considers how men on active service formed new bonds across the class divide, and, in one extraordinary case from the BBC Sound Archive, not only with other human beings: "I have a passion for tanks," begins Captain Michael Halstead's account of life on the front line.

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

WED 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00st9x9)

Episode 8

Single mother-to-be Jane returns home to find her boarding house deserted. Stars Lynne Seymour.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b010hd91)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b040zq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783jsj)

The Master Plan

The captive crew of Orbiter 2 uncover the true nature of the aliens and where they have been imprisoned.

First broadcast in 1959, a bold plan is underway to conquer space with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous.

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Captain Bob Britton John Carson

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Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Max Kramer Gerek Schjelderup

Greta Ravel Irene Prador

Captain Jack Bradley John Witty

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00771wy)

The Power of Positive Thinking

Does looking on the bright side bring you good luck? Is 'Seize the Day' the proper motto for a satisfying life? Or should we accept our limitations and embrace negativity?

Psychologist Richard Wiseman, philosopher Julian Baggini and journalist Lucy Cavendish explore whether the glass is half full or half empty. Dominic Arkwright chairs the discussion.

Producer Jolyon Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

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WED 22:30 Seekers (b03ffkgn)

Series 1

The Baby

Someone's left a baby under Terry's seat. When the owner doesn't come back, Stuart, Joe and Terry have to look after it. They argue about if they were in Three Men and a Baby, which character they'd be. Obviously, all three of them want to be Tom Selleck.

Stuart has a brainwave and uses the baby to show Nicola how mature and grown up he is, and in a moment of inspiration he claims it's his adopted child. This moment of inspiration turns out to be a moment of stupidity when Stuart is challenged by the incensed mother who returns to find her baby in a papoose strapped to Stuart. She blames the father.

Who is the father?

Steven Burge's comedy about the staff and the clients who frequent a Job Centre in the Essex town of Rayleigh.

Starring Matthew Horne and Daniel Mays.

Stuart Mathew Horne

Joe Daniel Mays

Terry Tony Way

Nicola Zahra Ahmadi

Ribena Hannah Wood

Mr Brooks Alex Lowe

Tom Boddle Alex Lowe

Mrs Kanglee Bharti Patel

Gary Probert Steve Oram

Policewoman Philippa Stanton

Policeman Michael Bertenshaw

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

WED 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jstr)

Series 1

The Sweat of the Mastersons

A young Charles Masterson seeks his fortune in Dickensian London, a town seething with body-snatchers, opium dens and female impersonators....

An improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself - based entirely on audience suggestions.

Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Caroline Quentin, Jim Sweeney and Phelim McDermott.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

WED 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jqfb)

Series 2

The Great Outdoors

The sketch show team take their audience on an activity holiday.

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de

Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vanduyck.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.

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THU 06:00 The Spying Game (b016d4h9)

Max Is Calling

An idealistic CIA recruit is pitched against the hardened cynicism of a seasoned operative.

Gayle Lynds' thriller is set in the spy capital of the world,

Vienna. Read by Simon Lee Phillips.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2011.

THU 06:30 The Goodies: Anything, Anywhere, Anytime

(b00vr5d2)

In their twelve years in our living rooms the Goodies rediscovered the Lost Island of Munga, represented the UK in the Winter Olympics, started Britain's space program and blew up the BBC.

First appearing on our screens in November 1970, The Goodies' Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor - were prime-time mainstays for the next decade. They were the fifth biggest-grossing pop act of 1975, bagged two Silver Roses of Montreux, and were so funny they caused a 50-year-old bricklayer to laugh himself to death.

Their shows, in which the trio played an agency of three bicycling blokes for hire to do "anything, anywhere, anytime", were freewheeling streams-of-nonsense in which TV conventions were upended and every silent-movie gag in history lovingly re-created.

On the 40th anniversary of the Goodies' television debut, comedian Ross Noble hops on his tandem and revisits a world of giant cats, Lancastrian martial artists, rampaging Dougals and funky gibbons.

Producer: Simon Barnard

A Wise Buddah production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 07:00 All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)

Series 1

Lazy Sunday

Patrick faces a full house, as Maria takes on her pub competition. Stars Jim Sweeney and Cathryn Harrison. From August 2001.

THU 07:30 Hal (b04tdqvw)

Series 1

Fidelity

Hal Crutenden stars as a 40-something husband and father who, years ago, decided to give up his job and become a stay at home father. His wife, Sam, has a successful business career which makes her travel more and more. His children, Lilly and Molly, are growing up fast, and his role as their father and mentor is diminishing by the day.

So what can Hal do as he reaches a crossroads in his life? Help is (sort of) at hand in the form of his eager mates - Doug, Fergus and Barry - who regularly meet at their local curry house for mind expanding conversations that sadly never give Hal the core advice he so desperately needs.

Hal is confused even further as he regularly has visions of his long dead and highly macho father, who he's forced to engage in increasingly frustrating conversations.

In this last episode of the series, Hal faces a new challenge - unwanted romantic attention. Happily married to Sam and with two adoring daughters, life is a picture of roses at home. But how will Hal cope with the romantic attention of a new, attractive neighbour Angie?

The cast includes co-writer Dominic Holland, Ed Byrne, Ronni Ancona, Anna Crilly, Gavin Webster, Dominic Frisby, Samuel Caseley and Emily and Lucy Robbins.

Produced by Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.

THU 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

Series 6

Seance in a Wet Rag and Bone Yard

Sceptical Harold slams Albert's claims about speaking to the dead...

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Patricia Routledge, Gwen Nelson and Edward Kelsey.

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

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

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.

THU 08:30 Radio Active (b008x3l1)

Series 4

The Breakfast Show

Radio Active's Breakfast Show is broadcast simultaneously on TV with a whole host of celebrity interviews, an agony aunt and live music.

What could possibly go wrong?

Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.

Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins and Jon Canter.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1984.

THU 09:00 Booked (b0075ly2)

Series 3

Episode 4

Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Mark Thomas, Dillie Keane, Roger McGough and Miles Kington. From April 1997.

THU 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008wff3)

Series 3

Episode 5

A new matron at a boys' school and the case of the false beard. Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of JB Morton.

With Brian Bowles, Simon Greenall, Henrietta Gooden and

featuring June Whitfield.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour - thanks to characters he created between the wars.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins.

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b03f86lk)

Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour

Officers and Gentlemen, part 2

by Evelyn Waugh

dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Guy's unit have been posted to Egypt where they are surrounded more by rumour than action. But the chaos of war is approaching.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

THU 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01npb85)
 Pride
 Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.
 Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.
 Today in Pride, an old man remembers his past and a friendship that might have grown in other circumstances.
 The reader is Garrick Hagan
 The abridger is Sally Marmion
 The producer is Di Speirs.
THU 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b041ykc)
 4. The £7,000,000 Touch
 The 'King' is taken and double-crossing ends in death. Retirement continues to elude veteran detective Bill Galbraith. Bundled into a car, he's face-to-face with Jacobus.
 Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Tom Watson as Cater, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns, Peter Dyneley as Gelder, Richard Davies as Paul, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Stephen Grief as Jacobus, Trader Faulkner as Dykers.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.
THU 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Radio Active (b008x3tl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 The Spying Game (b016d4h9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Goodies: Anything, Anywhere, Anytime (b00vr5d2)
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THU 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s9d01)
 Episode 4
 Martin finds himself drawn more and more to Ruth, but Elaine has some curt words for him.
 Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.
 Producer: Rosemary Watts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
THU 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b04009c6)
 Families of Choice
 Dr Thomas Dixon brings his major history of friendship up to the 1970s, when gender politics began to change friendships once again, and considers how popular culture both reflected and influenced this change.
 Professor Barbara Taylor shares her personal memories of how the second-wave feminist movement of the 1970s altered women's friendships in the way that Mary Wolstonecraft had discussed right back in the eighteenth century.
 Thomas Dixon also explores the growing freedom of gay men and lesbian women to establish their own "families of choice". And - somewhat excitedly - he debates with the cultural critic Matthew Sweet how television reflected friendships between men. While Thomas confesses to an erstwhile love of the phenomenally successful American sit-com, Friends, Matthew Sweet makes an expansive claim for British television's The Likely Lads, comparing the depth of Terry and Bob's friendship to that of Tennyson and Hallam.
 Meanwhile, slightly extending a quotation of the 17th Century poet, George Herbert, Thomas declares: "David had his Jonathan, Christ his John, Eric had his little Ern, Ant his Dec."
 Producer: Beaty Rubens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.
THU 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00st9k)
 Episode 9
 With Toby gone, single mother-to-be Jane bumps into the baby's father and asks him for help. Stars Lynne Seymour.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b010hd93)
 Edmund De Waal - The Hare with Amber Eyes
 Episode 4
 By Edmund de Waal. Read by Nicholas Murchie.
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 Later, three children - including a young Ignace - would play with the netsuke as history reverberated around them. The Anschluss and Second World War swept the Ephrussi to the brink of oblivion. Almost all that remained of their vast empire was the netsuke collection, dramatically saved by a loyal maid when their huge Viennese palace was occupied.
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buildings his forebears once inhabited. He traces the network of a remarkable family against the backdrop of a tumultuous century and tells the story of a unique collection.
 Abridged by Polly Coles
 Producer: Clive Brill
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008wff3)
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THU 17:00 All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Hal (b04tdqwg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783mpg)
 Flight to the Moon
 The crew of Orbiter 2 are captured, in space, by the sinister Unity organisation and taken to the Moon.
 First broadcast in 1959, a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' is underway.
 Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.
 Written by BD Chapman.
 Captain Bob Britton John Carson
 Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
 Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
 Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup
 Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
 Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins
 Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook
 Producer: Charles Maxwell.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076zvp)
 Series 10
 WH Auden
 4 Extra Debut. Broadcaster Jeremy Vine chooses the poet WH Auden. With Matthew Parris and Auden biographer Richard Davenport-Hines. From August 2006.
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THU 22:30 The Headset Set (b012fs7b)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 It is appraisal day in the offices of catalogue company Smile5, but only Sailesh has prepared for it.
 Eavesdrop on both sides of the bizarre, horrific and ludicrous phone calls when customers call in as events unfold with company staff.
 Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu
 Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith
 Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hoult
 Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Paul Sharma
 Various Philip Fox
 Writers: James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, Celia Pacquola, Andy Wolton, Benjamin Partridge, Colin Hoult, Kevin Core, Madeliene Brettingham, Rebecca Hobbs and Dan Tetsell.
 Script editor: James Kettle
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077sk0j)
 From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jon Holmes chats to Helen Atkinson Wood.
THU 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b007jmd4)
 Series 3
 The Beautiful Game
 Satan decides to hold a major football tournament in Hell - The Underworld Cup.
 Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.
 Satan Andy Hamilton
 The Professor James Groot
 Thomas Jimmy Mulville
 Scumspawn Robert Duncan
 Other characters played by Felicity Montagu, Philip Pope, Nick Revel and Michael Fenton Stevens.
 Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999
THU 23:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b00767xp)
 Series 1
 The Best Page is a Rampage

The new poet-in-residence has a run-in with 'the man', which gets his creative juices flowing. Stars James Quinn. From May 2002.
THU 23:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00snqqs)
 Series 2
 Normal Sleep
 The cartoonist searches for the secret meaning of life, said to be written on a sausage.
 Paul McCrink stars as Steven Appleby with what he laughably describes as "insights into normal, everyday life".
 With:
 Rosalind Paul
 Ewan Bailey
 Nigel Betts
 Rachel Atkins
 Written by Steven Appleby
 Producer: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003

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FRI 06:00 The Spying Game (b016d8xj)
 The Red Carnation
 The loyalties of a former Russian spy are tested to the limits when she uncovers an assassination plot. Baroness Orczy's thrilling tale, set in 19th century Vienna, is read by Adjoa Andoh.
 Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2011.
FRI 06:30 Mitch Benn's Wondrous Stories (b00n5211)
 Armed with little more than a harpsichord and a copy of The Hobbit, musician and comedian Mitch Benn fearlessly uncovers the myths and legends of the symphonic concept album.
 Meeting some of the leading artists and fans of the genre, including Rick Wakeman, Jeff Wayne, David Bedford, Brian Blessed and Stuart Maconie, he battles capes and keyboard solos to rediscover the wondrous stories behind these epic musical extravaganzas.
 From Rick Wakeman's 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' to Jeff Wayne's 'The War of the Worlds', musicians in the seventies somehow decided that it was a good idea to retell classic tales in the form of symphonic concept albums.
 Classical music met rock to spawn towering monuments to pretension and excess: gigantic gatefold covers, sleeve notes longer than a 19th century novel, and - surely its defining feature - portentous narration delivered by some of our finest thespians.
 For a generation of acned youth weaned on Tolkien and Moorcock, these epic compositions were masterpieces, a symphonic escape from dreary mid-70s discontent and economic gloom. They sold millions, but until recently, languished forgotten in the vinyl collections of middle-aged men, gathering dust in the post-punk apocalypse. But with The War of the Worlds now filling stadiums wide with thirty years on, and Rick Wakeman's two tudor-tastic Six Wives of Henry VIII concerts selling out at Hampton Court last year, can Mitch be discovering a symphonic rock renaissance?
 Produced by Jackie Curthoys and Dave Dodd
 A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 07:00 Winston (b007ylvk)
 Winston in Love
 Taking Tea With Roland
 Nancy wants her new man to meet the family, but will old rogue Winston sabotage the event? Stars Bill Wallis. From January 1991.
FRI 07:30 The Rest is History (b0769tsq)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. So he's devised a comedy discussion show in order to find out

more about it.

Along with his historian in residence, Professor Kate Williams Frank is joined by Al Murray and Isy Suttie, who discuss Robin Hood, wartime slogans, Annie Oakley and a statue-related history mystery.

Producers: Mark Augustyn and Justin Pollard

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

FRI 08:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jr9f)

Home Is the Hero

Bob's fiancée Thelma is appalled by the return of Terry to his home town after seven years.

Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier, Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris and Brigit Forsyth as Thelma Chambers. With Sheila Fearn and Peter Whitman.

Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais. Adapted for radio by Patrick Tilley.

Producer: John Browell

Originally lost from the archive, the audio was recovered in the BBC's Archive Treasure Hunt in 2003.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b008zfwf)

Series 7

The Spectre of Tintagel

Neddie Seagoon reveals his Arthurian roots and goes in search of treasure in deepest Cornwall.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.

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 October 1956.

FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b01n0xpx)

Series 5

Murray, Bondeson, McAlister

Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham,

Professor John Lloyd CBE welcomes comedian Jimmy Carr for the fifth series.

Three guests are invited to donate one item each and explain why it deserves a place in the museum.

In the opening episode, John and Jimmy welcome the Natural History Museum's resident dipterologist (fly expert) Erica McAlister; Consultant Rheumatologist at the Cardiff University School of Medicine Jan Bondeson and comedian, historian and fictitious Pub Landlord Al Murray.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

FRI 09:30 No Commitments (b016c7c0)

Series 9

Ill of the Dead

There is a death in the family and the ripples from Victoria's insecurities flow outward. With Angela Thorne. From January 2003.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b03f87yp)

Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour

Unconditional Surrender

by Evelyn Waugh

Dramatised by Jeremy Front

Evelyn Waugh's satirical WW2 masterpiece: Guy is beginning to lose his idealism about the War.

Directed by Sally Avens

Waugh's trilogy of WWII novels mark a high point in his literary career. Originally published as three volumes: Officers and Gentlemen, Men at Arms and Unconditional Surrender they were extensively revised by Waugh, and published as the one-volume Sword of Honour in 1965, in the form in which Waugh himself wished them to be read. They are dramatised for the Classic Serial in seven episodes.

This is a story that continues to delight as we follow the comic and often bathetic adventures of Guy Crouchback. Witty and tragic, engaging and insightful, this work must be counted next to 'Brideshead Revisited' as Waugh's most enduring novel. Like Brideshead, Waugh drew heavily upon his own experiences during WWII. Sword of Honour effortlessly treads the line between the personal and the political - it is at once an indictment of the incompetence of the Allied war effort, and a moving study of one man's journey from isolation to self fulfilment. His adventures are peopled by colourful characters: the eccentric, Apthorpe, one-eyed, Ritchie-Hook, promiscuous, Virginia Troy. At the centre of the novel is Guy for whom we never lose our sympathy as he emerges from his adventures bowed but not broken. From Dakar to Egypt, the Isle of Mugg to the evacuation of Crete, tragedy is leavened by Waugh's acerbic and farcical comedy.

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To Reach Japan

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Today in To Reach Japan, a young poet sets out across a continent and finds more than she imagined.

The reader is Laurel Lefkow

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

FRI 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of

Diamonds (b042m3c2)

5. Appointment in Zurich

The 'King of Diamonds' stays in Amsterdam, whilst Galbraith chases the 'Queen of Hearts'.

A quiet retirement still eludes veteran detective Bill Galbraith. His criminal mastermind foe, Cater, sets an intricate plan in motion.

Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Richard Davies as Tom Evans, Tom Watson as Cater, Peter Dineley as Gelder, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Francis Jeater as Betty Van Druten, Peter Hawkins as Lander, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns and Bruce Alexander as Milne.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly, as well as being a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: John Browell

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Episode 5

Whizz-kid manager Nick Marshall continues to make his clandestine plans for Theston's Post Office, and Elaine isn't happy.

Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

FRI 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b0400mh3)

The Lonely Cyborg

Dr Thomas Dixon brings his major series on the changing face of friendship to a close with a look at how the old and the young are navigating their friendships today through technologies old and new, and at how friendship might look in the future.

A group of Birmingham schoolgirls prove themselves thoughtful and self-aware about how to conduct their friendships online and about the differences between online and face-to-face friendships. Professor Deborah Chambers, an authority on social media and personal relationships from the University of Newcastle, confirms that fears about children's online friendships with strangers have been exaggerated.

At the other end of the life-span, Thomas Dixon speaks with the writer Penelope Lively about friendship in her ninth decade, and about why she likes to consider herself part of "the landline generation".

Closing the series, Thomas Dixon emphasizes the importance of physical touch and presence for friendship, and presents a final montage of the voices which have featured throughout the series, sharing stories of their own friendships.

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

FRI 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00svclh)

Episode 10

With the baby due, expectant single mother Jane receives unexpected financial help. Stars Lynne Seymour.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b010hd95)

Edmund De Waal - The Hare with Amber Eyes

Episode 5

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Inside the Moon Station

The crew of Orbiter 2 have been taken to the Moon by the shadowy Unity organisation.

First broadcast in 1959, a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' is underway.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

With Ian Sadler and John Cazabon

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b00djtj8)

Series 7

Swan Lake

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

1/4. Swan Lake

The story behind Tchaikovsky's ballet and the impact it has had on those who have heard and danced to it.

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FRI 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b039ctgm)

Series 3

Episode 1

John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-upper in things like Miranda, presents a third series of his hit sketch show. The first series was described as "sparklingly clever" by The Daily Telegraph and "one of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" by The Guardian. The second series won Best Radio Comedy at both the Chortle and Comedy.co.uk awards, and was nominated for a Sony award.

In this new series, John promises to stop doing silly sketches about nonsense like Winnie the Pooh's honey addiction or how goldfish invented computer programming, and concentrate instead on the the big, serious issues.

This first episode of the series addresses the kind of animals that don't get sanctuaries; why the train manager needs to see the train driver; and why people literally shout at the radio?

Written by and starring John Finnemore, with Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan. Original music is by Susannah Pearce.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077x2zm)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats again to Brian Pern, aka Simon Day, and Rhys Thomas.

FRI 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007qh3)

Series 2

Karl Marx

The radical comedian offers his assessment of the influential revolutionary thinker and philosopher. From April 2001.

FRI 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvrg)

Series 1

Budapest and Warsaw

Kicking off his comedy travelogues in the capital of Hungary, the stand-up comic then takes the train to Poland.

As well as entertaining the locals with his unique brand of stand-up, Ross Noble chats to the Mayor of Warsaw about furry hats, uncovers the truth about suicidal Hungarian monks and even shares a curry with Poland's only comedian...

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.