

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016

SAT 00:00 Orbiter X (b0784dyd)

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 Gerek 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.
SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b00dj8j)

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.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 01:30 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 world wide 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 Carthoys and Dave Dodd

A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s9lcn)

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 his ten-part reading of his first novel.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

SAT 02:15 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b010hd95)

Edmund De Waal - The Hare with Amber Eyes

Episode 5

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 Iggie. 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 Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 04:00 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

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Mike Walker - The Sound of Fury (b00bqm6w)

The life and times of rock 'n' roll singer, Billy Fury.

Stricken with rheumatic fever as a child, and not expected to live beyond the age of 20, Billy Fury went on to become Britain's answer to Elvis Presley. But if you thought his story started with the huge hit 'Halfway to Paradise', think again...

Anton Lesser stars in Mike Walker's drama is inspired by real events.

Billy Fury Anton Lesser

Larry Parnes Peter Whitman

Stuart Colman Robert Glenister

Russell Harty Rory Bremner

Dickie Pride Andy Serkis

Marty Wilde Ian Targett

Joe Brown Alistair McGowan

Jack Good Nicholas Boulton

Terry Peter Watts

The Nurse/Donna Siрил Jenkins

Hugh Jeremy Clyde

The Doctor Richard Tate

The Stage Door Man Ken Sharrock

The Producer Tom Bevan

The Interviewer James Taylor

The Woman in the Street Rachel Atkins

Songs performed by Gavin Stanley.

Born Ronald Wycherley on 17th April 1940, Billy Fury died 28th January 1983.

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1994

SAT 07:30 Capturing America: Mark Lawson's History of Modern American Literature (b00qps7x)

The Crucible of Capitalism

Mark Lawson explores how American writing became the literary superpower of the 20th century, telling the nation's stories of money, power, sex, religion and war.

Mark considers how America's post-war playwrights - from Tennessee Williams to David Mamet - have challenged political rhetoric about the triumph of capitalism in the USA.

Edward Albee, author of 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' reveals his candidate for 'the best American play'. Other interviewees include Tony Kushner, author of 'Angels in America, and the late August Wilson, whose sequence of ten plays about the African-American experience is typical of the structural ambition and political questioning found in so many of the major post-war American plays.

Through the theatres of Broadway, the programme also explores the commercial pressures in America's largely-unsubsidised theatre culture, which have led to several of the nation's greatest playwrights - including Albee, Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams - facing long periods of neglect.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01465z9)

A Tribute to Robert Robinson

We all know Robert Robinson as the chairman of such broadcasting classics as Ask the Family and Brain of Britain but in a career spanning many decades, he also made travel programmes, Points of View, the Today programme and Stop the Week which ran on Radio 4 from 1974 to 1992. In Archive on 4: A Tribute to Robert Robinson, Laurie Taylor takes a look at the life and work of one of Britain's broadcasting legends in the company of some of the former contributors to Stop the Week: Ann Leslie, Matthew Parris, Sarah Harrison and Nick Tucker. There are also contributions from Will Wyatt, Victor Lewis-Smith and Hunter Davis and a wealth of archive that reveals a complex man, a consummate wordsmith and one of the first TV celebrities.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Controller (b01ngpk1)

Alexei Sayle

Alexei Sayle, the original alternative stand-up comedian, actor and writer chooses his favourite comedies from the BBC radio archive.

Alexei takes us back to his Liverpool childhood and Sunday luncheon listening in Round the Horne (1965). There's more illicit childhood listening in I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (1966) starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. Alexei's admiration of rule breakers guides his next choices, the logic defying The Burkiss Way (1980) and the news shattering On the Hour (1992), the original radio home of Alan Partridge.

The idea of making something seem so real but twisting it deviously has always appealed to Alexei, and is at the core of the award-winning spoof radio phone in show, Down the Line (2007), starring Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson. Alexei's final choice finds him interrogating one of his best friends in comedy, the comedian Lenny Henry in Chain Reaction (2005). But did one of comedy's great talkers allow Lenny to get a word in edgeways?

SAT 12:00 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.

SAT 12:30 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.

SAT 13:00 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b077ns7x)
The Secret
Muriel Howard's memoir of her Somerset childhood and keeping secrets. Starring Scarlett Brookes and Jeany Spark.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b077nszj)
Cyrille Regis
Footballer Cyrille Regis chooses 'Distant Drums' by Jim Reeves and 'How Great Thou Art' by the Canoldir Male Voice Choir.

SAT 14:15 Drama (b011pkg2)
The 40 Year Twitch
Yvonne's having a wobble. Her husband's always been one for the birds and now she's worried she's finally lost him. But do blue tits really lure men into midlife crises? Can sparrows be a bad influence? Comedy drama by Daniel Thurman.
Directed by Toby Swift
When Yvonne loses her job at the age of 64, she starts to fear that husband Neil's devotion to birding - birdwatching to the uninitiated - is actually all about escaping her and their humdrum life together. Thus begins a somewhat overenthusiastic pursuit of the truth as she trains her binoculars firmly on Neil's every move. Can best friend Wendy bring her back to earth?

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01465z9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Mike Walker - The Sound of Fury (b00bqm6w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Capturing America: Mark Lawson's History of Modern American Literature (b00qps7x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Twilight Zone (b077nvqq)
Series 3
Caesar and Me
In desperate need of cash, struggling ventriloquist Jonathan West takes some unsound advice from a surprising source. Starring Jason Alexander. With Zanny Laird, Meg Thalken, Rich Komenich and Lisa Joyce.
Narrator: Stacy Keach.
Written by Adele Strassfield 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 and directed by Carl Amari and Roger Wolkski for Falcon Picture Group.

SAT 18:40 James Follett - The Pentworth Trilogy (b007jrqw)
Temple of the Winds
Episode 7
With the town cut off, some of its leaders try and use the crisis to gain more power and status. Read by Nigel Anthony.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Controller (b01ngpkl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Chain Reaction Extra (b077nvwq)
Sandi Toksvig interviews Roy Hudd
Specially extended episode for BBC Radio 4 Extra from series 11 of Chain Reaction, with bonus material. Broadcaster and erstwhile News Quiz host Sandi Toksvig turns interviewer as she chats to comedy icon, Roy Hudd.
Sandi Toksvig is a prolific writer and broadcaster who chaired the News Quiz on BBC Radio 4 for nine years and over 220 episodes. In 2015 she was a founder member of the Women's Equality Party and, later that year was announced as the new host of the long-running BBC television series, QI.
Roy Hudd has clocked up more than 50 years in show business, starting out as a Butlins redcoat in the 1950s and then developing a stellar career through numerous successes on stage, radio and screen. BBC Radio listeners know him best as the host of the much loved News Huddlines on Radio 2 for 26 years. More recently, Roy gained plaudits for his moving portrayal of Bud Flanagan in the BBC drama 'We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story'
In this extended version of the original programme, Roy tells Sandi about his showbiz beginnings, reveals how Arthur Askey gave him a leg up in the early days and shares his favourite pantomime story courtesy of Tom O'Connor.
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 (b00snx7d)
Episode 3
Paul Hamilton, the Islington poet, hears poetry written by a

computer; conducts a rare interview with the legendary poet Celia Tierny; and meets the English teacher who inspired him to try 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? (b00smngp)
1990s
The cockney comedian charts his life story during the 1990s - returning to education and becoming a teacher. Part of Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, originally broadcast on Radio 4 in June 2010.

SAT 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k498)
Series 2
Under New Management
Discover the secret of computer techniques in film, experience the history of rock'n'roll and meet the Museum's curious new curator.
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) (b00sw811)
Episode 2
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.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes.
Producer: Alison Hindell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SUN 07:15 Roger Law and the Chinese Curiosities (b01kbn0n)
Series 1
Episode 5
In the final programme in the series, Roger Law concludes his journey through China looking for the very best of the country's museums, old and new. He ends up in Beijing, making a visit to the city's 'Tap Water' museum to find out what's on display. From there he heads off to find wonderful Chinese textiles and the extraordinary sound of bells in two more of the city's unusual museums, before ending up in one of the finest collections of art that can be found anywhere in the country.

SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01fhsf6)
Series 8
Original British Drama
Ed reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week, 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.
This week, following one of his numerous, pithy, letters of complaint to the BBC, Ed finds himself doing some research for his son, Jake, the only family member left representing the name of Reardon working in the media. The unexpected consequence of this is that Ed finds himself working in harmony with the 12-year-olds both on screen and in the coffee stations and tea points of power, to produce a piece of genuinely water-cooler factainment.
Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.
Produced by Dawn Ellis.

SUN 08:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b007k1cw)
Series 2
I Shot an Arrow in the Air
Cheeky schoolboy Jimmy has been given a new present, but can he handle it wisely?

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 (b007j120)
Our First Operation
Sir Lancelot Spratt causes alarm for medic Simon Sparrow in the operating theatre.
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 and Ann Murray as Sister.
Producer: David Hatch
Recorded at the BBC Paris studio in London.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

SUN 09:00 At the Existentialist Café: Omnibus (b077s3jj)
Paris, 1933: Three French philosophers, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir and Raymond Aron, spark a movement - Existentialism.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b077s3qj)
Phil Tufnell
Cricketer Phil Tufnell chooses 'Soul Limbo' by Booker T and the MGs and 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You' performed by Gloria Gaynor.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b01mg07z)
James Corden
4 Extra's extended edition. Kirsty Young chats to actor, writer, Broadway star and TV chat show host, James Corden. From February 2012.

SUN 11:15 The Moth Radio Hour (b077s57q)
Series 2
Family Photos, Grandmothers, Legos and Revenge
True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness with tales about family, school, goodbyes and the perils of revenge. The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

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SUN 14:15 Roger Law and the Chinese Curiosities (b01kbn0n)
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SUN 14:30 Vesna Goldsworthy - Gorsky (b05s3mfy)
Episode 2
Nick agrees to Gorsky's plan to arrange a meeting with Natalia, sparking a lavish refurb at the bookshop. Read by Philip Arditti.

SUN 15:45 Ruth Rendell - The Astronomical Scarf (b077s7n9)
4 Extra Debut. When a secretary chooses a birthday present for her boss's wife, a series of events unfurl. Mystery story read by Janet Maw.

SUN 16:00 Jeremy Front - The Long Weekend (b0076cwx)
Former school chums Sophie and Gemma re-unite after 20 years at Sophie's country estate.
But the idyllic sounding long weekend takes a turn for the unexpected.
Starring Emma Fielding and Jane Slavin.
Black comedy written by Jeremy Front.
Gemma Emma Fielding
Sophie Jane Slavin
Toby Stephen Tompkinson

Inspector Fenton Clive Merrison
 Dodo Clare Corbett
 Freddie Robert Portant
 Ivor Ben Crowe
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b077scj2)
 A Notebook on Aimé Césaire
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'A Notebook on Aimé Césaire'. When poet and politician Aimé Césaire died at the age of 94 in 2008, it robbed the Caribbean island of Martinique of its most articulate and powerful voice. He was a prolific writer - of poetry, plays and essays - and served as Mayor of Martinique's capital Fort-de-France for over 50 years, as well as representing Martinique in the French National Assembly for 45 years. Aimé Césaire dedicated his life, in print and in public, to his people and his island.
 Featuring Christian Lapousinière, director of the Césaire Study and Research Centre, filmmaker Euzhan Palcy, anthropologists Richard and Sally Price, and Dominique Taffin, director of the Martinique National Archive.
 Includes readings by John Norton.
 Producer: Martin Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01fhys6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 The Female Ghost (b00nj7cx)
 The Cold Embrace
 When handsome young artist Josef betrays his delicate fiancée, her retribution is eerily appropriate...
 The first of four ghostly stories by women dramatised by Christopher Hawes.
 Mary Braddon's eerie tale stars Stephanie Turner as Mary Braddon, Jonathan Firth as Josef, Alison Pettitt as Gertrude, Ioan Meredith as the Postmaster, John Hartley as Father, Carolyn Jones as the Woman, Hugh Dickson as the Passenger, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Parisienne and Chris Pavlo as the Fisherman.
 Producer: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.
SUN 18:30 Voices From the Grave (b007jwn9)
 50 Berkeley Square
 The most haunted house in Victorian London is set to give up its dark secret. 100 years back in time, Molly discovers that passion never dies.
 Dylan Ritson's horror stars Harry Myers as Robert, Sophie Roberts as Molly and John Cummins as Angel.
 Voices From the Grave is a series of four chilling and intimate dramas, inspired by existing ghost stories from around Britain. The writers make these stories more than simply scary - they are studies of humanity, love, rage and despair, of passion, longing and pain.
 Writer Dylan Ritson has a long and successful career in theatre, film and radio. His radio work includes The Dream-Workings and Brain-Sayings of James Tilly Matthews and The Hunting of the Snark.
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.
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SUN 22:30 Hearing With Hegley (b00b41k4)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.
 With:
 Keith Moore
 Susan Norton
 Nigel Piper
 Andrew Bailey
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.
SUN 22:45 No Tomatoes (b0080jxn)
 Train Times
 Time warnings from Paul Copley and Helen Moon. Sketch show mixing up language and sounds. From October 2007.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b077x357)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats again to Brian Pern, aka Simon Day, and Rhys Thomas.
SUN 23:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cm91h)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 After falling over and knocking himself out, Tom - and the band in his head - awakes to find himself in a strange world where castrati singers are all the rage...
 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.
 Tom Caine Suggs
 Dr Boone Bob Monkhouse

Bouche Phil Cornwell
 Jake Andrew McGibbon
 Monty De Vere Nick Romero
 Malc Bill Nighy
 Phelia Julia Deakin
 Clammy Toby Longworth
 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 (b007jrq6)
 Series 1
 Moscow
 Cycling solo on a tandem, the inept student is Russia-bound, fundraising for donkeys. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2002.

MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016

MON 00:00 The Female Ghost (b00nj7cx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Voices From the Grave (b007jwn9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (Omnibus) (b00sw811)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:15 Roger Law and the Chinese Curiosities (b01kbn0n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Vesna Goldsworthy - Gorsky (b05s3nfy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Ruth Rendell - The Astronomical Scarf (b077s7n9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Jeremy Front - The Long Weekend (b0076cwx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b077scj2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01fhys6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 The Spying Game (b0169kss)
 A Demon in My Head
 A troubled spy struggles to stay on top while suffering from crippling migraines. Jean-Hugues Opiel's existential tale read by Trevor White.
 A gripping series of espionage stories about hired assassins, double agents and secret codes.
 Translators: Freddy Michalski and Brad Spurgeon
 Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2011.
MON 06:30 Henry Moore, My Father (b00qckc0)
 Henry Moore's daughter, Mary, refreshes our view of the life and work of Britain's foremost 20th-century sculptor.
 Contributors include Antony Gormley, Anthony Caro, Richard Wentworth and Penelope Curtis.
 Mary takes listeners on a tour of the Moore's home at Hoglands in Hertfordshire, a small house crammed with extraordinary carvings and paintings from all over the world. Being Moore's only child, life for Mary was never going to be totally straightforward. Hoglands was besieged by people wanting to talk to her father and take photographs of the family having tea in the garden. Art students, including Gormley, Caro and Wentworth, 'popped up'.
 'My father was an extremely generous man who had time for anyone curious about art, unless of course he was watching the tennis,' Mary says.
 The Henry Moore Foundation was formed in the last years of Moore's life and it stands as the most important supporter for sculpture in Britain.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.
MON 07:00 Trapped (b0076h5p)
 A Boy in a Well
 A local TV news team are desperate for a dramatic story to boost their ratings.
 Pennine News Network needs a big story to go national and keep them all employed. So when 9-year-old boy falls down a well - will he be trapped long enough for the team to keep their jobs?
 Black comedy by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.
 Ben Paul Poplewell
 Trevor Chris Pavlo
 Mrs Pickery Catherine Tate
 MacFee Ralph Ineson
 Becky Catherine Shepherd
 Mike Paul Copley
 Stuart Philip Jackson
 Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b076bz3n)
 Series 16
 Episode 2
 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.
 Joe Lycett, Sam Simmons, Richard Osman and Aisling Bea are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as kitchens, pigeons, the Vatican and

breakfast cereal.
 The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.
 Produced by Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrnv)
 Series 3
 Ten Seconds From Now
 The Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon is set to take part in a secret worldwide radio broadcast.
 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
 Private Walker Larry Martyn
 BBC Producer Frank Thornton
 Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.
MON 08:30 Listen to Les (b01nh8zx)
 From 10/03/1985
 Les Dawson with tales of Britain's first space hero, and the Cosmo show discusses birds.
 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 March 1985.
MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b01m5fnp)
 Another edition of the 48th series of Quote... Unquote, the popular quotations programme presented and devised by Nigel Rees. The guests this week are the broadcaster Samira Ahmed, actor Simon Jones, historian Dominic Sandbrook, and journalist Dominic Lawson. The reader is Peter Jefferson.
 Producer: Ed Morrish.
MON 09:30 King Street Junior (b007jmns)
 Series 6
 Thursday's Child
 Teaching staff are worried over a controversial new proposal from the school governors. Stars James Groot. From July 1991.
MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b03g8g7)
 Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour
 Unconditional Surrender
 by Evelyn Waugh
 Dramatised by Jeremy Front
 Evelyn Waugh's satirical WW2 masterpiece:
 Guy's military career is revived when he is selected for a mission to Italy. He travels to London to await orders.
 Directed by Tracey Neale
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MON 11:00 Bath Festival Stories, Series 3 (b01d23ny)
 Cleaning the Silver
 This year's Radio 4 stories from the Bath Literature Festival were recorded on stage on International Women's Day and are all written by women in the West Country, with women at their heart. They all have a slightly edgy feel to them, too, as ghosts, shadows and the memories of strange events unfold. In Jenni Mills' story, Cleaning the Silver, a daughter remembers her childhood under the regime of a strict and bullying father, and revisits the circumstances around his shocking death. Jenni writes psychological thrillers, and is the author of two novels, Crow Stone and The Buried Circle - the latter set at Avebury stone circle, not far from her home in Wiltshire. Cleaning the Silver is set in another place she knows well, one of the smaller Channel Islands.
 Before turning to writing, Jenni worked in broadcasting as a producer, TV director, and radio presenter, fronting Woman's Hour, Famous For Fifteen Minutes and other R4 programmes. Further stories in the Bath Festival series are by Morag Joss and Patricia Ferguson
 Producer: Sara Davies.
MON 11:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b042m84m)
 6. The Last Move
 All the cards are played, and the spotlight falls on the Joker. Retired detective Bill Galbraith is powerless to stop Cater - but a new arrival changes the game.

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, Bruce Alexander as Milne, Mary Galbraith as Katharine Page and Robert Gillespie as the Gunman.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.
MON 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrvn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Listen to Les (b01nh8zx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 The Spying Game (b0169ksj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Henry Moore, My Father (b00qckc0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdcy9)
 Episode 6
 Whizz-kid post office manager Nick Marshall makes an offer to Martin Sproule, but will he take it?
 If he does, what will it mean for him and Ruth?
 Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.
 Producer: Rosemary Watts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
MON 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcvz5)
 Henry VIII - The King Must Wear Gold
 Tracing male peacockery through the ages - how clothes symbolised power, philosophy, taste, sexuality and personal expression.
MON 14:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f3s)
 Lost Letters
 Tilley, a young postal worker is asked to deliver a lost letter found in an old post box, posted in 1960.
 Her search takes her to the Newcastle flat of Amy Heard.....
 Five gentle stories by Julia Darling about letters, postal workers and the way communication is changing.
 Tilley Grace Stillgrove
 Amy Heard..... Val McLane
 Mr Peas..... Donald McBride
 Music by Dave Scott and Neil Blenkinsop
 Producer: Susan Roberts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b00zdbj1)
 Edgelands
 Episode 1
 Poets Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts explore a wilderness that is much closer than you think: those debatable zones that are neither town nor countryside. These two lyric poets celebrate the strange beauty of these places that we all journey through, but generally fail to acknowledge.
 Recorded entirely on location in the English edgelands, this Book of the Week journeys through the post-industrial landscapes of ruined warehouses, landfill sites, retail parks, sewage works and power stations.
 Today, the car breaker's yard and the graffitied bridge.
 Read by Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts
 Produced by Emma Harding
 Edgelands is published by Jonathan Cape (27th February 2011).
 It won a Royal Society of Literature Jerwood Award for non-fiction in 2009.
 Paul Farley is the author of four collections of poetry - including 'Ice Age' - and has received the Forward Prize for Best First Collection, the Whitbread Poetry Award and the E.M. Forster Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
 Michael Symmons Roberts has published five collections of poetry - including 'Corpus', which won the Whitbread Poetry Award - and two novels. He is a frequent collaborator with the composer James MacMillan and their opera, 'The Sacrifice' won the RPS Award.
MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b03g8gv7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b01m5fnp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b007jmns)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Trapped (b0076h5p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b076bz3n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Orbiter X (b077xnzr)
 Breakaway
 Captain McClelland and Flight Engineer Hicks plan to use an unmanned probe in their desperate bid to return to Earth.
 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
 Neasen Ian Sadler
 Letmann John Cazabon
 Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
 Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook
 Written by BD Chapman
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00765d2)
 Tim Waterstone & Nicola Horlick
 Louise Doughty and her guests, book store supremo, Tim Waterstone, and top city analyst, Nicola Horlick, discuss paperbacks by Paolo Coelho, Graham Greene and John Diamond. From 2001.
 The Alchemist by Paolo Coelho
 Publisher: HarperCollins
 The End of the Affair by Graham Greene
 Publisher: Penguin
 C: Because Cowards Get Cancer Too by John Diamond
 Publisher: Vermillion.
MON 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jrvn)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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MON 21:15 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b042m84m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b076bz3n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01q8np2)
 Series 5
 Jenni Murray
 Dame Jenni Murray cooks her first ever healthy meal, using tofu and lentils, watches her first violent film, and samples the delights of controversial comedian Frankie Boyle.
 She gives her verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (b077xsd8)
 Series 17
 Episode 1
 Made for 4 Extra. Jeremy Hardy and Susan Calman are among Miles Jupp's guests for this bumper bonus version of Friday's programme.
MON 23:45 Paperback Hell (b0076cd4)
 Series 1
 Disco Shoes
 The first of four chapters by four authors from the bestseller charts and none of them very good. With Rebecca Front. From January 2003.

TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016

TUE 00:00 Orbiter X (b077xnzr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b00zdbj1)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b076bz3n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c36bm)
 Where's Father Jack?
 A suspicious death in a pond unites the kindly Detective Inspector Cromwell and convent Mother Helen - a nun with a nose for crime.
 Are they about to embark on a long and unlikely relationship?
 Timothy Spall stars as DI Cromwell and Cheryl Campbell as Mother Helen.
 Crime and convents, the police and perdition come together in comedy writer and former monk Robert Smith's series of mysteries.
 DI Cromwell Timothy Spall
 Mother Helen Cheryl Campbell
 DC Kelp Jeremy Finch
 Father Jack Jonathan Olivet
 Sister Beth Chalmers
 Nun Gemma Saunders
 Producer: Ned Chaillet
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.
TUE 06:30 Triple Espresso, Marinetti and the Futurists (b00gm2y6)

Art critic Richard Cork tells the story of the Futurist movement and its founder, Filippo Tommaso Marinetti. Featuring recordings of Marinetti himself and the music of composer and fellow Futurist Luigi Russolo.
TUE 07:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygdk)
 Face Value
 The show has failed to deliver, but Emerald's too desperate to give up so easily. Her feathers are ruffled when a bright and talented intern arrives.
 A vain, ambitious black woman dreams of becoming a chat-show queen.
 Lisselle Kayla's comedy series starring Llewella Gideon as Emerald Green.
 Tristram Jonathan Firth
 Fabio Iwan Thomas
 Victor Dean Hill
 Eunice Sheila Reid
 David Jonathan Keeble
 Tanesha Jo Martin
 Director: Pam Fraser Solomon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
TUE 07:30 Clare in the Community (b063dcbg)
 Series 10
 Things That Go Bump in the Day
 The Sparrowhawk team are forced to work together to overcome a little problem they discover in the office. Lead by Clare, they're thinking outside the box...
 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 (b0044qkq)
 Series 4
 Episode 10
 Kenneth Horne is the wise old chief in 'The Apache Story'. But is Kenneth Williams a pseudonym? And exactly how will Julian and Sandy 'Keep Britain Bona'?
 With 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.
 Scripted 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 (b0148wfp)
 Under the Weather
 The outlook's stormy for the bungling bureaucrats as they arrive at the Met Office.
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
 With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddley 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.
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 Evelyn Waugh - Sword of Honour
 Unconditional Surrender
 by Evelyn Waugh
 Dramatised by Jeremy Front
 Evelyn Waugh's satirical WW2 masterpiece:

After injuring his knee during a parachute jump, Guy believes his wartime experience is at an end, but then he receives orders to fly to Italy on a secret mission.

Directed by Tracey Neale

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TUE 11:00 Bath Festival Stories, Series 3 (b01dd5d4)

It May be Lalique, by Morag Joss

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The last story in the series will be read by Patricia Ferguson
Producer: Sara Davies.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b011zn6g)

Shelley Silas - The People Next Door
by Shelley Silas,
directed by Mary Peate.

Sarah has never much liked her next-door-neighbours Samuel and Teresa - he plays his music too loud and she's just plain creepy, but are they as weird as Sarah thinks, or is she just letting her imagination run away with her? Husband James is sure it's the latter.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b004tqkg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdrsn)

Episode 7

Assistant postmaster Martin Sproale finally stirs into action, but has Nick been ahead of him all along? Where is Elaine?

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 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcwj1)

The Stuart Kings - The Crisis in Fashion

The radiant clothing at the court of King Charles I, sumptuously painted by Anthony Van Dyck, but showing tensions of the age.

TUE 14:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f48)

Old Letters

Venetia Love has retired after a lifetime's service in the Post Office. When her son in Australia sends a computer so they can keep in touch via e mail, she's not impressed.....

Five gentle stories by Julia Darling about letters, postal workers and the way communication is changing.

Venetia LoveMadeline Moffatt

Eliza Perks.....Val McLane

Alf Donald McBride

Music by Dave Scott and Neil Blenkinsop

Producer: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b00zf6d5)

Edgelands

Episode 2

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TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b03gvtvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Foul Play (b00k7xd6)

Series 3

Death in Intensive Care

Crime writers Frances Field and Peter N Walker try to solve a medical mystery.

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 Flying the Flag (b00br86w)

Series 3

Whose Rubbish Is It Anyway?

"Lights going up, walls coming down - the West is starting to look a bit lost without someone to blame for all its troubles".

Her Majesty's Ambassador Mackenzie continues to dispense his own blend of British Foreign Policy, despite the arrival of Glasnost, Perestroika - and a container ship of toxic waste...

Series 3 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Stephen Greif as Spiro and Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.

TUE 17:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Clare in the Community (b063dcbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Orbiter X (b077yfpb)

The Price of Survival

Unity are plotting to commandeer the yet to be assembled Orbiter X space station for their own evil purposes.

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

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Neasen Ian Sadler

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

Written by BD Chapman

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

1959.

TUE 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2zj)

Series 2

Bradford Alhambra

Geoffrey Wheeler visits the Bradford Alhambra, built by the impresario Francis Laidler to be the finest purveyor of family entertainment in the North of England.

The Alhambra came to be associated with pantomime, and generations of Bradford schoolgirls dreamed of joining the Sunbeam Troupe of pantomime dancers. Two Sunbeam Girls, who first danced on the Alhambra's stage in 1929, recall their adventures.

With Bill Pertwee.

Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

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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 (b00w7dnw)

Series 4

A Painful Life Further Re-Miserabled

Pip and Harry put to sea with Captain Beehab in a bid to thwart a sea-going Mister Benevolent and rescue Ripely.

But fate has other plans and they are shipwrecked. Pip soon finds himself on a desert island that holds many surprising secrets.

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

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b078cuj1)

The best in contemporary comedy. Thom Tuck chats to Stu Goldsmith.

TUE 23:00 Father Figure (b01c9b73)

Series 1

Power Cut

Family sitcom written by and starring Irish comedian Jason Byrne. It's a Saturday night for cosying up in front of Strictly Come Dancing but best laid plans are about to be changed - for the better?

Tom Whyte..... Jason Byrne

Elaine Whyte..... Lucy Montgomery

Dylan Whyte Dominic Applewhite

Mary WhytePauline McLynn

Pat Whyte..... Dermot Crowley

Roddy Michael Smiley

Producer:Julia McKenzie.

TUE 23:30 Radio 9 (b04gnvtq)

Series 2

Episode 4

It's back to groovy 1960s London and a doctor obsessed with Womble songs. Stars Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker. From July 2005.

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016

WED 00:00 Orbiter X (b077yfpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2zj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c36bm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Triple Espresso, Marinetti and the Futurists (b00gm2y6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdrsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcwj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b00zf6d5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b03gvtvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Foul Play (b00k7xd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Flying the Flag (b00br86w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Clare in the Community (b063dcbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3d42)

Icon, or A Pocketful of Nuns

A murder brought them together, but for Detective Inspector Cromwell and Mother Helen within her enclosed convent, it's the theft of an icon that reunites them.

And there's also the small problem of Monsignor Nietzsche.

Timothy Spall stars as DI Cromwell and Cheryl Campbell as

Mother Helen.

Crime and convents, the police and perdition come together in comedy writer and former monk Robert Smith's series of mysteries.

DI Cromwell Timothy Spall

Mother Helen Cheryl Campbell

DC Kelp Jeremy Finch

Monsignor Nietzsche Sandor Eles

Sister Demi Elizabeth Bell

Radio/Tannoy Beth Chalmers

Producer: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

WED 06:30 Jazz Frenzy (b00vxzvk)

Poland, August 1956. Rioters had been shot dead in Poznan weeks before. The invasion of Hungary is just weeks away.

The Cold War rages, but for eight young Londoners, newly formed as The Dave Burman Jazz Group, their unlikely journey

behind the Iron Curtain is an overwhelming surprise. Jazz in Poland had been banned by first the Nazis and then the Communists, but had been played secretly by a faithful few.

Until the death of Stalin in 1953, playing and listening to jazz was illegal. This 'decadent Imperialist music' could lead to

expulsion from music college, blacklisting or worse. But in the 'thaw' that followed Stalin's death, the restrictions on jazz began

to lift. Now, at the seaside resort of Sopot, tens of thousands of young people journeyed miles by hitching rides or cramming

into trains to hear jazz and that rarest of attractions - a British band.

The Dave Burman Jazz Group had been assembled in just a few weeks - it would never play together again. But for a few days, the Cold War blew hot as they thumped out Tiger Rag, Bucket's

Got a Hole in It, Sugar and other standards to crowds of thousands all over the country. Their contact with Polish jazz

lovers was minimal, frequently ushered by Communist officials during their hectic tour. For those Polish musicians taking part

in Sopot '56, this was the beginning of their Jazz Frenzy, of freedom.

Dave Burman and the rest of the musicians returned to England never to experience such adulation and success again. Now, more than 50 years later, Dave is reunited with former band members Alan Teulon and Laurie Chescoe, before returning to Poland with his son and producer of the programme to meet some of those whose lives were changed forever by the events of Sopot '56.

Producer and Presenter: Mark Burman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
WED 07:00 The Brothers (b00pzgzs)
Series 3
First Aid
Michael aims to dump his fiancée, Nigel suffers, and Zorro wields some murderous crutches. Stars Adam Godley. From March 2007.
WED 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04ls125)
Series 2
Tempting Fete
Lucy borrows Kat's guitar and finds that this machine irritates aliens. Meanwhile tempers are fraught as preparations are made for the annual village fete, and Richard receives some surprising news from The Computer.
Series two of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien race that have noticed that those all-at-once invasions of Earth never work 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, and much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljabaan who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The Computer (his hyperintelligent 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 Julian Rhind-Tutt
Computer John-Luke Roberts
Madeleine Jane Slavin
Penny Elaine Claxton
Written by Eddie Robson
Script-edited by Arthur Mathews
Original music written and performed by Grace Petrie
Producer: Ed Morrish.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0112d2)
Series 6
Germany's Troutbridge
HMS Troutbridge's mission to foster good relations with the German navy goes awry.

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

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 (b00h38dy)
Series 8
Episode 11
Serving up teapot hysteria and the pun-tastic '20,000 Leaks Under the Sea'.
Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Sketches written by Graeme Garden, Peter Kemp and Bill Oddie.
Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.
Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.
WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b00762gh)
Series 4
Episode 2
Graeme Garden chairs the debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Sue Perkins, Steve Punt and Marcus Brigstocke. From June 2001.
WED 09:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007k3yd)

The T Machine
Copper trousers, murderous intent and a paradoxical tale of the villainous Dr Julius Venn and his misbegotten future history.
Stars Roy Kinnear. From October 1988.
WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00jwvx2)
Geoffrey Chaucer - Troilus and Criseyde
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Dramatisation of Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde.
One of the great works of English literature, this powerful, compelling story explores love from its first tentative beginnings through to passionate sensuality and eventual tragic disillusionment. Lavinia Greenlaw's new version for radio brings Chaucer's language up-to-date for a modern audience while remaining true to his original poetic intention.
After seeing the beautiful widow Criseyde at the temple in Troy, Troilus falls instantly in love with her. Inexperienced in love, he is unable to act on his feelings and locks himself in his room to compose love songs. Pandarus, worried for his friend, eventually persuades Troilus to tell him why he is so miserable and is delighted to hear that the cause is Troilus' love for his niece Criseyde.
Worried about her reputation, Criseyde is at first reluctant to enter into a relationship with Troilus. After much cajoling and manipulation, she reluctantly comes around to the idea.
Pandarus is frustrated that the relationship is moving too slowly and engineers a complex plan to get Criseyde and Troilus in bed together.
Troilus Tom Fergusson
Criseyde Maxine Peake
Pandarus Malcolm Raeburn
Servant/Friend Kathryn Hunt
Calchas/Servant Kevin Doyle
Priam/Servant Terence Mann
Hector/Diomedes Declan Wilson
With music composed by Gary Yershon and performed by Ehsan Emam, Tim Williams and Mike Dale.
Directed by Susan Roberts.
WED 11:00 Bath Festival Stories, Series 3 (b01d1f59)
The One I Saw
This year's Radio 4 stories from the Bath Literature Festival are all are written by women in the West Country, with women at their heart, recorded on stage on International Women's Day. They all have a slightly edgy feel to them, too, as ghosts, shadows and strange events unfold. In the final story in the series, The One I Saw, by award-winning novelist Patricia Ferguson, two strange and disturbing events separated by many years bring about a profound moment of understanding.
Producer: Sara Davies.
WED 11:15 Drama (b00mrygf)
Nick Leather - Wednesdays with Strangers
Wednesday with Strangers
When a welcome pack to the UK offers advice on how to talk to strangers, a migrant worker decides to spend his one day off each week attempting to get to know the people of Britain and prove to his disillusioned flatmate that there is such a thing as the British Dream after all. A gentle comedy of manners by Nick Leather.
Mirek.....Matt McGuirk
Alex.....Eddie Capli
Andy.....James Quinn
Frank.....Greg Wood
Joy.....Sue Kelly
Producer Gary Brown.
WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0112d2)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Jazz Frenzy (b00vxzvq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdv1x)
Episode 8
Martin succumbs more and more to the power of the chair, but soon gets his comeuppance.
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 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcwj3)
Charles II - Fashion Restored?
An old sartorial order seemed restored, but French fashions prompted a style that would herald the three-piece suit.
WED 14:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f4r)
Letters Home
15 year old Janie is anorexic.
Her mother Grace, a school dinner lady, feels powerless - until a library book suggests she writes letters to her daughter..
Five gentle stories by Julia Darling about letters, postal workers and the way communication is changing.
GraceSiobhan Finneran
Janie ... Tara Prendergast
MelJo-Anne Knowles
Music by Dave Scott and Neil Blenkinsop
Producer: Susan Roberts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b00zf37p)
Edgelands
Episode 3

Poets Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts explore a wilderness that is much closer than you think: those debatable zones that are neither town nor countryside. These two lyric poets celebrate the strange beauty of these places that we all journey through, but generally fail to acknowledge.
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Today, container yards and power stations.
Read by Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts
Produced by Emma Harding
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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 The Brothers (b00pzgzs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04ls125)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783p4d)
Marooned in Space
The evil Unity organization sets about planting an insider within the Commonwealth Space Project headquarters.
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
Gelbin Arthur Lawrence
Captain Jack Bradley John Witty
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook
Written by BD Chapman
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b007sptx)
Zeitgeist
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Joe Queenan, Pauline Black and Toby Young discuss one of the few German words to find a secure place in the English language.
Though adored by fashion writers and political columnists alike, Queenan says: 'If you used words like zeitgeist where I grew up, they'd break your legs'.
Dominic Arkwright presents.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b0112d2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00h38dy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3d42)
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WED 22:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04ls125)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Seekers (b03gghks)
Series 1
Seek Hard
It's an unusual day in the Job Centre when armed robbers, having been cornered by police after doing a bank job across the road, take everyone hostage.
This could be Stuart's chance to prove to Nicola he's a hero. He needs to do something spectacular to compete with her past boyfriend who Joe claims was none other than Christian Bale. 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 Harty Alex Lowe
Dave Alex Lowe

Mrs S Sally Grace
Mr A Ben Crowe
Mr G Paul Chequer
Gary Probert Steve Oram
Policeman Sean Murray
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.
WED 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jswb)
Series 1
The Tatting of the Mastersons
The Wild West is the setting for a show-down over faulty dental work!
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 (b00804kc)
Series 2
Astronaut Training
The sketch show team take the audience to Nevada for astronaut selection by NASA.
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 February 1991.

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THU 05:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04sl25)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3k9d)
Sister, Brother
When a convicted forger decides on a new career as a nun, the sex change is just the beginning of his problems. And DI Cromwell is not amused when Mother Helen is put in danger. Crime and convents, the police and perdition come together in comedy writer and former monk Robert Smith's mystery. Starring Timothy Spall as DI Cromwell, Cheryl Campbell as Mother Helen, Jeremy Finch as DC Kelp and Stephen Critchlow as Sister Paula.
Producer: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
THU 06:30 The Shapes of Things: BB Remembered (b00v71w4)
Kate Best looks back at the life and work of 'BB' - the pen-name of the writer and illustrator Denys Wakin-Pitchford. Best known for his children's books which include a much-loved classic, *The Little Grey Men*, BB also wrote prolifically about the countryside, documenting the wildlife which was his lifelong obsession.
Kate visits some of his Northamptonshire haunts and talks to those who knew him - and fans including Ian McMillan and Philip Ardagh explain his lasting appeal. With readings by Sir Derek Jacobi.
Producer: Thomas Morris
THU 07:00 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)
Series 1
Girls Talk
Patrick and Helen get dragged to a stag and hen night for a couple neither of them know. Stars Jim Sweeney. From August 2001.
THU 07:30 Don't Make Me Laugh (b076mq2s)
Series 2
Episode 1
David Baddiel hosts the second series of the panel show where some of the funniest comedians have to go against all their instincts and try not to make an audience laugh.
Featuring Richard Osman, Clive Anderson, Nick Helm and Yasmine Akram.
A So Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jthd)
Series 2
The Banquet
Author Gerald writes off his car whilst trying to help his wife Diana find inspiration.
The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife.
Written by Basil Boothroyd.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter ran from 1976 to 1981
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.
THU 08:30 Radio Active (b008ythl)
Series 4
Minorities Programme
With their franchise under threat from broadcasting authorities, Radio Active must target community relations.
Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.
Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins with Jon Canter, John Docherty and Moray Hunter.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.
THU 09:00 Booked (b0783q7s)
Series 3
Episode 5
Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Roger McGough, Mark Thomas, Miles Kington and Dillie Keane. From November 1997.
THU 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008y6pd)
Series 3
Episode 6
More odd stories, idiotic court hearings and surprises from the dictionary.
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.
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Criseyde's Uncle Pandarus has been the matchmaker for the Trojan hero Troilus and young widow Criseyde, who are desperately in love. But what will happen when Criseyde is handed over to the Greeks at the gates of Troy to join her 'traitor' father?
Troilus Tom Ferguson
Criseyde Maxine Peake
Pandarus Malcolm Raeburn
Servant/Friend Kathryn Hunt
Calchas/Servant Kevin Doyle
Priam/Servant Terence Mann
Hector/Diomedes Declan Wilson
With music composed by Gary Yershon and performed by Ehsan Emam, Tim Williams and Mike Dale.
Directed by Susan Roberts.
THU 11:00 John Burnside - Tourists (b0075746)
A woman goes on holiday with her ex-husband, who wants to revisit the past and correct a mistake. Read by Tracy-Ann Oberman.
THU 11:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k017)
Mrs Chatterley of Gravesend reveals similar interests to her famous namesake.
Martyn Wade's comedy set in the 1930s starring Felicity Montagu and Rachel Atkins.
A failing firm of solicitors is saved from ruin by the prospect of a literary libel case. But it may involve the rather buttoned up partner of the firm going way beyond the call of duty.
Constance Chatterley Rachel Atkins
Miss Priestley Felicity Montagu
David Horovitch Mr Greene
Mr Chatterley Jon Glover
Director: Cherry Cookson
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Episode 9
Martin's drunken antics lead him into a field of bulls, and Ruth starts to worry about him...
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Producer: Rosemary Watts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
THU 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcwg5)
Beau Nash - The Rise of the Middling Sort
The impact of an English dandy. The interior designer visits Bath, the hub of the 18th-century men's clothing revolution.
THU 14:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f57)
Letters to God
Winifred writes letters to God about her marriage to James. On his last postal round before retirement, something happens to James which changes both their lives...
Five gentle stories by Julia Darling about letters, postal workers and the way communication is changing.
Winifred Peas.....Judi Earl
James Peas.....Donald McBride
LennyRoger Morlidge
Music by Dave Scott and Neil Blenkinsop
Producer: Susan Roberts
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THU 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783r2p)
Operation Salvage
Captain Kent of the CSP embarks on a rescue mission, whilst the crew of Orbiter 2 make plans to get home.
'Orbiter X' is a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with a space station.
Captain Bob Britton John Carson
Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup
Gelbin Arthur Lawrence
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
Captain Jack Bradley John Witty
Captain Knight John Graham
Written by BD Chapman
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b012wjd1)
Series 25
Graham Greene
The Third Man, Brighton Rock, Travels With My Aunt - the books of Graham Greene all still have a definite ring. But the man himself was an enigma. He worked both as a spy as well as a foreign correspondent, and wrote endlessly about shady characters and secret affairs. This programme opens with him talking about his love of playing Russian Roulette - it turns out that Graham Greene was easily bored.
Choosing Greene for Great Lives is Tim Butcher, 20 years a war reporter for the Daily Telegraph and more recently author of *Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart*, a title that suggests the influence of Greenland. Tim says that it's his

depiction of seedy life that appeals. The programme also features the voices of Beryl Bainbridge, Christopher Hampton and Auberon Waugh, along with a classic clip of Trevor Howard as Scobie in the Heart of the Matter from 1953. Matthew Parris is unimpressed with Greene's treatment of his wife, Vivienne, and questions whether the image Greene created was really true. David Pearce, founding trustee of the International Graham Greene Festival offers a robust defence. Future programmes in the series include editions on Shakespeare, Kirsty MacColl, and Antonio Carluccio on the sculptor Eduardo Paolozzi. The producer is Miles Warde.
THU 19:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jthd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Radio Active (b008ythl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3k9d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 The Shapes of Things: BB Remembered (b00v71w4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 John Burnside - Tourists (b0075746)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k017)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Don't Make Me Laugh (b076mq2s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 The Headset Set (b012lkzw)

Series 1
Episode 5
The team at catalogue company Smile5 discover their colleague Dan has died.
They react in their usual callous and manipulative way. Meanwhile, Ralph the trainer has a new trainee in Philip the artist.
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 (b078cwmp)
The best in contemporary comedy. Thom Tuck chats to Stu Goldsmith.
THU 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b007jmdn)
Series 3
The Final Reckoning
When God discovers that rules are being broken in Hell, he sends some archangels to investigate.
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell. Satan Andy Hamilton
The Professor James Grout
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 (b007680t)
Series 1
Recital Statistics
The poet-in-residence's mission to bring quiche to the Quays comes to its artistic climax. Stars James Quinn. From June 2002.
THU 23:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00sr30b)
Series 2
Normal Things
Cartoonist Steven has a very removing experience when an expert de-clutters his house.
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

FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2016

FRI 00:00 Orbiter X (b0783r2p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b012wjdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3k9d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Shapes of Things: BB Remembered (b00v71w4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdrz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcwg5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f57)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b00zf386)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b00k2qr9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Booked (b0783q7s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008y6pd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Don't Make Me Laugh (b076mq2s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3rlj)
Virtual Saints
Despite moving the convent into cyber space, Mother Helen and her nuns are not safe from declining numbers. And DI Cromwell has the small matter of an old murder to solve.
Timothy Spall stars as DI Cromwell and Cheryl Campbell as Mother Helen.
Crime and convents, the police and perdition come together in comedy writer and former monk Robert Smith's series of mysteries.
DI Cromwell Timothy Spall
Mother Helen Cheryl Campbell
DC Kelp Jeremy Finch
Mr Lord Bryan Pringle
Caret/Sister Elizabeth Conboy
Youth Tom George
Producer: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.
FRI 06:30 Mapping the Town (b0076hbm)
4 Extra Debut. Julian Richards looks at the colourful village created by Clough William-Ellis in north Wales. From October 2003.
FRI 07:00 Winston (b007jnbb)
Winston in Love
Happy Days in Cawnpore
Winston declares his love for Nancy. He even asks her to marry him. But is this just a ploy to get rid of her new suitor, Roland?
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 January 1991.
FRI 07:30 The Rest is History (b0773pcp)
Series 2
Episode 3
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 Holly Walsh and Richard Herring, who discuss Burke and Hare, Mussolini, Catherine Parr and the jokes of yesteryear.
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? (b007jrcz)
Cold Feet
Bob gets the jitters over marrying his fiancée, Thelma. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier, Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris and Brigit Forsyth as Thelma Chambers. With Sheila Fearn and Michael Segal.
Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais. Adapted for radio by Patrick Tilley.
Producer: John Brownell
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 (b007jtj9)
Series 7
The Sleeping Prince
When Neddie Seagone is made president of Yakabakoo, he tries to quell a revolution.
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: Pat Dixon
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1957.
FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b015mzdd)
Series 4
Linehan, Sutherland, Scales
Hosted by the Professor of Ignorance from the University of Buckingham John Lloyd C.B.E. and the intensely curious comedian Dave Gorman.
This week's guests:
Coming from a long line of vicars, Robin Ince is the UK's most rational comedian, and he tests his reason to the limit once every year by performing at least four shows a day at the Edinburgh fringe. His infamous Bad Book Club, which in which he invites his fellow comedians to celebrate awful literature, has become an institution, and his massive Christmas show Nine Lessons and Carols For Godless People is now a huge event, featuring the likes of Jarvis Cocker, Dara O Briain and Richard Dawkins.
Roger Highfield is a scientist, science author and the editor of New Scientist, but if you met him, you wouldn't immediately guess that science is his thing. He's jolly and worldly and has the hearty laugh of a comic supervillain. He first made his name as a scientist being the first person ever to bounce a neutron off a soap bubble. Roger has written and co-written 9 best-selling science books, including a book on the hows and whys of Dolly the sheep, an explanation of the science of Harry Potter and a biography of Einstein.
Gareth Edwards is a filmmaker whose success and methods of achieving it have sent ripples of fear through the studios of Hollywood. His movie Monsters is an apocalyptic blockbuster which he made for one five hundredth of the budget for Avatar by shooting with a small, mobile team, hiring non-actors on the spot and using dazzling-but-cheap CGI effects.
FRI 09:30 No Commitments (b016n8zl)
Series 9
Changing Lives
Roger sees his dad's death as a watershed, while others see it as a chance to redecorate. Stars Bill Nighy. From January 2003.
FRI 10:00 Saturday Drama (b00fr7kx)
Lynne Truss - Giving Up the Ghost
By Lynne Truss.
In a house full of carbon monoxide, firefighter Scott gets separated from his colleagues and begins to experience the last terrible moments of his friend Jacko's life, who had died in similar circumstances eight months earlier.
Scott Adrian Bower
Alan Struan Rodger
Philip Jeff Rawle
Giggsy Joe Absalom
Mike Brendan Charleson
H/Jacko Richard Nichols
Lucy Sara McGaughey
Directed by Kate McAll.
FRI 11:00 Mat Coward - Famous for One Thing (b0783t54)
"I had an idea that writing about what had happened to me would be therapeutic." A short story read by Chris Harris.
FRI 11:15 Drama (b01292v9)
Roy Apps - Life Begins at Crawley
In Roy Apps's comedy, Penelope Keith plays Eleanor Prendergast - the wife of a newly imprisoned Tory MP who's been fiddling his expenses big time! She's driven to crime to make ends meet (she's got her Porsche to run after all, and the mortgage on Sunnybrook Farm to pay) and soon finds herself at the wheel of a stolen articulated lorry full of vodka, facing down an armed Russian mobster and - perhaps most scary of all - eating chips out of a polystyrene tray on Brighton Pier!
The trouble begins when she meets young Kerry (Kelly Adams) in the prison car park after her first visiting session. Eleanor's at her wits' end, but Kerry advises her to get a grip and 'take up crime, like the rest of us.' But that's just the point, I'm not like the rest of you! snobby Eleanor complains. However, she decides to pick Kerry's brains and invites her down to her house in deepest Sussex.
While Kerry is at Eleanor's discussing the relative merits of armed robbery over demanding money with menaces, an articulated lorry packed with Russian vodka gets stuck outside in the lane, due to sat nav error. The lorry driver trips and cracks his head open on Eleanor's mannequin pis. Eleanor, with years of experience driving horse-boxes for her daughter behind her, moves the lorry so the ambulance can get through.
If she is serious about a life of crime, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Kerry gets a text offering a lucrative deal on the vodka and soon, any doubts Eleanor may have had about the venture quickly disappear. With Kerry at her side, and with a crash of gears, Eleanor sets off in the articulated lorry for a 'meet' at a warehouse in Crawley....
Written by Roy Apps
Cast:
Eleanor Penelope Keith
Kerry Kelly Adams
Charles David Collings
Malky Russell Floyd
Andronnikov Richard Attlee
Sasha Rob Heaps
Agency Man Nicholas Boulton
Agency Girl Jessica Carroll
Kelvin Sam Taylor
Producer/Director: David Blount
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 12:00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads?**(b007jrcz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jtj9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 DI Cromwell - Jagged Prayer (b00c3rlj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Mapping the Town (b0076hbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sf1x0)

Episode 10

Martin returns to the post office, seeking Geraldine.

Meanwhile, Nick anticipates a big day.

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

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

FRI 14:15 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Men of Fashion (b00jcw7)

Beau Brummell - The Dandy Style

Tastemaker to the Regency, Beau Brummell was British fashion's most influential man. The interior designer surveys his impact.

FRI 14:30 Julia Darling - Posties (b0076f5r)

Letters to the Dead

When undelivered letters start to pour through the letterbox of Olix's flat, the Albanian asylum seeker turns to an elderly neighbour, Merril for help...

The last of five gentle stories by Julia Darling about letters, postal workers and the way communication is changing.

Merril ... Madeleine Moffatt

Milosh Rad Lazar

Music by Dave Scott and Neil Blenkinsop.

Producer: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b00zf5sh)

Edgelands

Episode 5

Poets Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts explore a wilderness that is much closer than you think: those debatable zones that are neither town nor countryside. These two lyric poets celebrate the strange beauty of these places that we all journey through, but generally fail to acknowledge.

Recorded entirely on location in the English edgelands, this Book of the Week journeys through the post-industrial landscapes of car breaker's yards, landfill sites, retail parks, sewage treatment works and power stations.

Today, ruined warehouses and abandoned piers.

Read by Paul Farley and Michael Symmons Roberts

Produced by Emma Harding

Edgelands is published by Jonathan Cape (27th February 2011).

It won a Royal Society of Literature Jerwood Award for non-fiction in 2009.

Paul Farley is the author of four collections of poetry - including 'Ice Age' - and has received the Forward Prize for Best First Collection, the Whitbread Poetry Award and the E.M. Forster Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Michael Symmons Roberts has published five collections of poetry - including 'Corpus', which won the Whitbread Poetry Award - and two novels. He is a frequent collaborator with the composer James MacMillan and their opera, 'The Sacrifice' won the RPS Award.

FRI 15:00 Saturday Drama (b00fr7kx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b015mzzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 No Commitments (b016n8zl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Winston (b007jnbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Rest is History (b0773pcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Orbiter X (b0788cqv)

Return to Woomera

Patched up Orbiter 2 heads for Earth - but will CSP realise that the incoming incommunicado ship is friendly?

'Orbiter X' is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Captain Jack Bradley John Witty

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b00dnjrn)

Series 7

So What

On 2nd March 1959, Miles Davis and his sextet began

recording a new album: "Kind of Blue".

The first track was "So What" and the album became the best selling Jazz album of all time.

This programme tells the stories of people whose lives have been changed by this piece of music.

Featuring:

Clemency Burton-Hill

Jonathan Eno

Estelle Kokot

Ashley Kahn

Dr Richard Niles

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosa Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 The Rest is History (b0773pcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b039q252)

Series 3

Episode 2

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 series of his hit sketch show.

The first series was described as 'sparkingly 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.

This time around, 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 second episode of the series addresses making new friends; the problem with polymath bestselling authors; and a brief history of choice. And the show as a whole is... slightly off.

Written by and starring John Finnemore, with Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

FRI 23:00 Dave Podmore (b007rkg1)

Dave Podmore's World of Cricket

Episode 1

Eat the Dream. Pod makes a bid to run the opening ceremony

of the 2003 Cricket World Cup - on the cheap, of course.

Sitcom about the exploits of talentless, amateurish, smug, inept

and self-deluding English cricketer Dave Podmore.

Starring Chris Douglas and Andrew Nickolds with Chris Pavlo

and Nicola Sanderson.

Written by Chris Douglas, Andrew Nickolds and Nick

Newman.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

FRI 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvs3)

Series 1

China

The stand-up comic discovers the bustling city of Shanghai, performs in front of the locals and marvels at the wonders of a

thousand pensioners in a park.

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.