

SATURDAY 02 JULY 2016

SAT 00:00 Simon Clark - The Night of the Triffids (b07jwj32)

Episode 3

The more David Masen learns about Manhattan, the less he likes it. And the island's leader has a dubious past. Simon Clark's 2001 novel is the sequel to John Wyndham's sci-fi classic. At the conclusion of 'The Day of the Triffids', scientist Bill Masen had escaped with his wife and four-year-old son to the island.

Now grown up, Bill's son, David wakes up one morning to a world plunged into darkness. Now, the Triffids have an advantage over humanity.

Stars Sam Troughton as David Masen, Nicola Bryant as Cerys/Marnie/Rowena, Paul Clayton as Bill Masen/General Fielding, Geff Francis as Gabriel and John Schwab as Sam Dynes.

Adapted by the author.

Producer: John Ainsworth.

Executive Producers: Jason Haigh-Ellery & Nicholas Briggs. A Big Finish production.

SAT 00:30 Sounds Natural (b07hrwh5)

Spike Milligan

From Rhesus Monkeys to Kookaburras. Star of The Goon Show, Spike Milligan talks to Derek Jones about his enthusiasm for wild animals and his concern for their future - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

Spike Milligan KBE: born 1918 - died 2002.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1972.

SAT 01:00 Graham Swannell - Hec (b07hwpld)

Now aged 87 and living in a home, old soldier Hector is wheeled into Richmond Park on fine days. There he remembers the Battle of the Somme back in 1916, and a young girl called Ethel.

Stars Bill Fraser as Hector.

Script by Graham Swannell.

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

SAT 01:30 Down and Out in the City of Angels (b0128lmt)

Rob Campbell used to be in charge of a top secret computer system for the US military; he now camps down for the night in a doorway, his hair matted, his fingernails grimy, alert for trouble from cops. Corporal Hernandez left the US Infantry in 2006, and considers himself pretty sorted out; but he still gets jumpy hearing fireworks on the 4th of July.

It's Veteran's Day in California. It's a day to celebrate returning heroes, and in true Hollywood style, Arnold Schwarzenegger is giving the address. But Los Angeles, city of sunshine and movie stars, is also the homeless capital of America - estimates vary between 50 and 75 thousand - and returning US veterans from Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, make up a fifth of that number.

Veterans are 50% more likely to become homeless than any other demographic in the US, and to try and end the crisis, one year ago, President Obama gave a speech in which he not only promised to fight the problem, but end homelessness completely amongst veterans by 2015.

Can Obama succeed in his plan to avert a human crisis as a flood of newly discharged soldiers, carrying with them the trauma of war, re-enter an economy in recession?

Peter Bowes heads out to skid row - more than just a row, actually 50 square blocks of down town LA - to find out what the challenge will be, meeting the down and outs on skid row, a city within a city, to find out where things went wrong for America's heroes, and whether Obama has a hope of turning round America's hidden shame.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

SAT 02:00 Deborah Goggach - Tulip Fever (b007jm7m)

Episode 10

Sophia feels she has committed a terrible sin and must pay for it, but how? Read by Emma Fielding and William Gaminara.

SAT 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sg3tf)

The Child Is Father of the Man

With evangelicals to rationalists battling over Britain's children, Michael Morpurgo searches surviving 18th-century records.

SAT 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsrt)

A Whistling Woman, Part 2/7

Frederica has doubts about her television career and her brother, Marcus, makes a shocking discovery. Stars Karl Prekopp.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b06j5ycc)

John le Carré: The Biography

Episode 5

The life of John le Carré by Adam Sisman, is abridged for radio in five episodes by Katrin Williams:

From The Constant Gardener in the 1990s to the present day, and the author is still very much at work - "I find it very difficult to read my own stuff, but I look at it with satisfaction."

Reader: Stephen Boxer

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

SAT 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07psz6r)

Smiley's People

Episode 1

George finds himself back in harness to the circus when an old

friend and colleague is found dead. John le Carré thriller stars Simon Russell Beale.

SAT 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pszqr)

Smiley's People

Episode 2

On the trail of the killer, George is reunited with an old colleague and thinks of an old enemy. Stars Simon Russell Beale.

SAT 05:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0wy)

Smiley's People

Episode 3

George has a chance to take his nemesis down once and for all. Will he lose himself in the process? Stars Simon Russell Beale.

SAT 06:00 The Complete Smiley (b011cfjw)

A Murder of Quality

A public school in the early 1960s. When the wife of one of the masters is found bludgeoned to death, Smiley, out of loyalty to an old friend, finds himself investigating her death - an investigation that lifts the lid on a world of hidden passions and murderous hatreds.

John le Carré's thriller stars Simon Russell Beale as George Smiley, Geoffrey Palmer as Terence Fielding, Marcia Warren as Ailsa, Sam Dale as Inspector Rigby, Geoffrey Streatfield as Stanley Rode, Amanda Lawrence as Janey and Alison Pettitt as Ann Snow.

Dramatised by Shaun McKenna.

Director: Mark Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 07:30 The RSC at 50 (b0100218)

The Ensemble

James Naughtie goes backstage as the Royal Shakespeare

Company celebrates its 50th birthday and reopens its main theatre in Stratford upon Avon. Part 1. The Ensemble.

The RSC is now so much a feature of the British cultural landscape that it is easy to imagine it has been around ever since Shakespeare wrote his plays. Far from it. In this three-part series, James Naughtie explores how the company first came into being in 1961; the creation of its unique ensemble system; its landmark productions; the opening production in April 2011 in its newly built state-of-the-art auditorium within the historic theatre on the banks of the Avon in Stratford.

This series has enjoyed an exclusive breadth of access to the key players of the last half century. It includes the voices of all five of the artistic directors - Peter Hall, Trevor Nunn, Terry Hands, Adrian Noble and Michael Boyd; luminaries such as Peter Brook, Cicely Berry, Judi Dench, Patrick Stewart and David Tennant; not to mention many members of the wider team of artists, technicians and crafts-people who support the actors on stage. James Naughtie explores not only the history of the company but also why the work it does matters to the British cultural scene.

In the first programme, James follows Michael Boyd and company as they prepare the new production - Macbeth - which will formally open the new theatre in April 2011.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

SAT 08:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show: A Retrospective (b07jgwdm)

With the retirement of American public radio's legendary host Garrison Keillor - a look back at over four decades on the airwaves.

Known in the USA as 'A Prairie Home Companion', the first show was performed in 1974 in St. Paul, Minnesota for an audience of 12 adults and children. Over time, APHC grew to become American public radio's most popular entertainment programme with four million weekly listeners on 500 plus radio stations from coast to coast.

As the show's founder, Garrison Keillor retires from hosting the show in July 2016, this retrospective, specially created for BBC Radio 4 Extra, features comedy skits, the iconic 'News From Lake Wobegon' monologues and lots of music drawn from over 40 years of weekly broadcasts.

Produced and compiled for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Prairie Home Productions.

SAT 09:00 The Rudest Man in Britain (b03rxc77)

The Rudest Man in Britain excavates the archives from the perspective of Gilbert Harding - a well-loved radio personality who went on to achieve wider television exposure as star of long-running panel shows such as 'What's My Line?' once watched by millions. Clever, amusing and often outrageous, Harding was a familiar voice of wireless who became a pioneer of popular TV. But behind the public persona, there was a troubled and conflicted character. To create a profile of Gilbert Harding's life and sample his broadcasting work Simon Fanshawe will draw on Stephen Wyatt's play Dr Brighton and Mr Harding, in which Harding (played by Roger Allam) wrestles with his inner demons and fantasies, knowing also that he is in increasingly poor health (hence his reason for moving to the coast to embrace 'Dr Brighton').

Simon samples excerpts from Round Britain Quiz, What's My Line?, and The Brains Trust and a complete edition of Twenty Questions - which, as a format, still stands up well. He also revisits Harding's seminal 1960 Face to Face television interview with John Freeman, where he broke down on camera when the questioner touched a nerve. Simon Fanshawe explores the development of many now familiar formats on Radio and TV - and assembles a fascinating and rounded portrait of this tortured but much loved polymath.

Producer: Mike Greenwood.

SAT 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007j15j)

Series 1

The Offer

After a row with his father Albert, Harold decides to leave their rag and bone business and take up another offer of employment.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold.

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

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

Adapted for BBC radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

SAT 12:30 King of Bath (b045q4t8)

By Any Other Name

No self-respecting Bath heiress would join the travelling players, but when one does, Beau Nash comes to the rescue. Six-part comedy drama series by Arnold Evans casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.

Beau Nash David Bamber

Annie Eiry Thomas

Lucy Lynn Seymour

Dr Cheyne Andrew Wincott

Hazlitt Peter Gunn

Fanny Alice Arnold

Composer: John Hardy.

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 13:00 How To Have A Perfect Marriage 3: Omnibus (b07jgzdf)

Omnibus: Karen and gay husband Jack are still married two years after he came out. But can things remain that way?

Starring Greg Wise.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07jj5fl)

Shaun Keaveny

BBC 6 Music presenter Shaun Keaveny chooses 'This Old Heart of Mine' by the Isley Brothers and 'Purple Rain' by Prince.

SAT 14:15 Sentimental Journey (b007700r)

Annie Nightingale

Arthur Smith joins BBC Radio 1's Annie Nightingale on a trip back to Romania where, in 1990 following the revolution that deposed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, the DJ organised a tour bringing Western music to the youth of Bucharest.

Producer: Sharon Banoff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007j69)

Series 1

The Man Who Watched Trains Go By

Carter's Uncle Mort proposes staying at home, where he recalls days of steam and northern food.

Carter Brandon gets a week off work, so he decides to go on day-trips in his car, with his Uncle Mort, 'where the fancy takes them.

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of four series of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV from 1975 to 1979.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Peter Skellern

Mrs Brandon Joan Matheson

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

SAT 15:00 Garrison Keillor's Radio Show: A Retrospective (b07jgwdm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 The Complete Smiley (b011cfjw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 The RSC at 50 (b0100218)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b07jjcxp)

The Curse of Davros

Episode 2

Two sets of adversaries are set to confront each other, south of Brussels in June 1815. Will history be changed at the Battle of Waterloo?

Colin Baker stars as the Sixth Doctor.

Flip Lisa Greenwood

Davros Terry Molloy

Jared Ashley Kumar

Napoleon Bonaparte Jonathan Owen

Writer: Jonathan Morris

Director: Nicholas Briggs.

A Big Finish production.

SAT 19:00 The Rudest Man in Britain (b03rxc77)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Buy Me Up TV (b0094k0g)

Episode 1

Another chance to hear Buy Me Up TV.

Every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted.

Featuring Justin Edwards, Colin Hault, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen Macintosh, Alex MacQueen and Greg Proops. With special guest Eamonn Holmes.

SAT 22:30 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007jzgx)

Episode 4

A-ha! Alan Partridge welcomes the Duchess of Stranraer, impressionist Steve Thompson and MP Sandra Peaks. Classic chat from On the Hour's supreme sports reporter and his guests from the world of theatre, politics and emotional tragedy. With thanks to Alan's chief researcher Steve Coogan.

Assistant researchers:

Patrick Marber

Rebecca Front

Doon Mackichan

David Schneider

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 23:00 I, Regress (b01rvpw6)

Series 2

Thunder

Matt Berry plays a corrupt and bizarre regression therapist in this dark, Lynch-meets-Kaufman-style comedy.

Unsuspecting clients are taken on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different phobia. As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream (or nightmare-like) trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

With:

Isabel Fay

Steve Furst

Sally Okafor

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SAT 23:15 Richard Marsh (b01lrk1)

Love and Sweets

The Grand Canyon

Winner of Best Scripted Comedy in the BBC Audio Awards

2014, poet and playwright Richard Marsh fuses poetry and prose to tell the funny and poignant story of his honeymoon road trip across America with the girl of his dreams.

Richard and Siobhan have always wanted to drive across America, and they're doing it in style - in an old banger, covered from top to tail with their favourite sweets, on honeymoon. Their thrilling journey through the States takes them to gun clubs in West Virginia, dying docks in Baltimore, casinos in Las Vegas, moon-lit beaches by the Atlantic and a magnificent sight Richard's always dreamt of seeing - the Grand Canyon.

But it turns out America's quite big, and Siobhan's not very good at driving on the right - or asking for directions. It's a lot of hard miles, and they can't drive away from themselves. Is their new marriage strong enough to withstand all those hot, silent mornings - or has the honeymoon period come to an end more quickly than they thought?

Contains some explicit language.

Written and performed by Richard Marsh

Producer: Ben Worsfield

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00qps81)

Series 2

Episode 3

Mark Thomas: The Manifesto. Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas creates a People's Manifesto, taking suggestions from his studio audience and then getting them to vote for the best. The winner of each show will be enforceable by law, so pay attention.

The weeks' edition will include policies such as banning cars from city centres; monitoring investment bankers' testosterone levels; and abolishing all forms of self-regulation.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

SUNDAY 03 JULY 2016**SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (b07jcxp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 How To Have A Perfect Marriage 3: Omnibus (b07jgzff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07jj5f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Saturday]

SUN 02:15 Sentimental Journey (b007700r)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b011efjw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 The RSC at 50 (b0100218)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07j14vz)

Babel Tower and A Whistling Woman

Omnibus of the conclusion of 'Babel Tower', the third novel of AS Batt's quartet, and the start of the fourth, 'A Whistling

Woman'.

It's the late '60s and Frederica has embarked on a career in television in London and there are major changes in her Yorkshire home.

Older Frederica Rosemary Leach

Frederica Indira Varma

Leo Jack Langan

Daniel Shaun Dooley

John Ottaker Richard Coyle

Begbie/Ounce Ben Onwukwe

First Voice/Goatley Peter Marinker

Jude Mason Mark Heap

Agatha Amanda Root

Nigel Mark Bazley

Rupert Robert Portal

Third Voice Amanda Root

Paul Ottaker Tim Treloar

Leo Leigh Conwell

Foreman/Marcus Carl Prekopp

Judge Ian Masters

Richmond Bly Jeff Nuttall

Wilkie James Callis

Luk Janek Lesniak

Lucy Sandra Clark

Jacqueline Alison Pettitt

Impey ... Peter Darney

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.

SUN 07:15 Out of Armenia (b04vk72b)

Manchester

Writer and historian Charles Emmerson traces the history of the Armenian diaspora through Europe's Armenian communities today.

From Manchester, home to Britain's oldest Armenian community, Charles travels to Paris, the largest and most dynamic Armenian diaspora community in Europe, still living in the shadow of the memory of the massacres and deportations of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire in 1915.

In Venice, he meets the monks charged with the safe-keeping of Armenian traditions of literature and song on the island of San Lazzaro. In Istanbul, we hear the more recent stories of the city's Armenian community - subtle architects building a new relationship between Turks and Armenians from the foundations up.

Finally, at the foot of Mount Ararat, in Yerevan, underground jazz music and Syrian refugees tell a new story - of a new focus for Armenian identity and fresh challenges to its survival. Armenians have long lived in diaspora, struggling to keep their common identity alive in communities dispersed around the world. They became leading figures in Ottoman Istanbul. In the 19th century, some moved to the dirt and damp of the booming textile city of Manchester, establishing themselves in the city's middle-class suburbs and building the first Armenian church in north-west Europe.

Over tea and cake in warm family homes, Charles hears the stories of a tiny but close-knit community, now concerned about how to keep alive its identity, language and religion for a new generation of Mancunian Armenians. The church holds services just once a month, when a priest comes up from London. Some ask whether there will be an Armenian community in Manchester at all in 50 years' time.

Produced by Cicely Fell

An Above The Title production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 07:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)

Series 1

With David O'Doherty

In a new brand music comedy series comedian Alex Horne and his 5 piece band give us a latin lesson; ponder the language that unifies us all and guest comedian David O Doherty takes us for a noisy ride in the 'quiet carriage'.

Host Alex Horne

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland

Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier

Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds

Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe

Guest performerDavid O'Doherty

Producer Julia McKenzie.

SUN 08:00 Ray's A Laugh (b07j14w7)

From 23/01/1959

After the loss of the family photo album, Kitty wants to recapture the past so Ted buys a new camera.

Starring Ted Ray. With Kitty Bluett and Kenneth Connor.

Ray's A Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.

Scripted by Bernard Botting and Charles Hart.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1959.

SUN 08:30 Floggit's (b007xrf9)

From 16/11/1956

Village shopkeepers Gert and Daisy take in a lost St Bernard dog, but it doesn't seem to understand English.

Starring Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daisy.

With Joan Sims, Hugh Paddock, Ronnie Barker, Ron Moody, Iris Vandaleur and Peter Hawkins.

Originally popular regulars in 'Workers' Playtime' on the BBC Home Service during wartime, Gert and Daisy won their own series, Floggit's, where they've inherited a village general store in Russett Green with a ragbag of local characters to deal with. It ran for 2 series between 1956 and 1957.

Scripted by Terry Nation, John Junkin and Dave Freeman.

Producer: Bill Gates

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.

SUN 09:00 Geoff Dyer - White Sands: Omnibus (b07jl6y0)

Geoff Dyer's travel essays begin with a pilgrimage in Los Angeles to the house of an intellectual hero. Read by Alex Jennings.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07jl6y2)

Hayley Mills

Actress Hayley Mills chooses 'Blue Skies' by Willie Nelson and the theme from the soundtrack to the film Whistle Down the Wind.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07j18vm)

Conductors

Sir Simon Rattle

4 Extra Debut. From Bach to Joni Mitchell, conductor Simon Rattle shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From January 2008.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b07j18vp)

Series 3

Science Hour

True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces stories about heroic research, prizes and survival against great odds.

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 13:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07j14vz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 Out of Armenia (b04vk72b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Graham Greene - The Third Man: Omnibus (b07j19mn)

Samuel West reads from the classic Graham Greene novella that inspired one of the most acclaimed films of all time, starring Orson Welles.

As snow falls on a ravaged postwar Vienna, penniless pulp Western writer Rollo Martins arrives, hoping to meet his old school chum and hero, Harry Lime. But why isn't Harry there to greet him? Rollo is about to learn the first of many shocking truths about his greatest friend...

Greene's novella was published the year after the film, The Third Man, was released, but formed the basis of Greene's screenplay. The Oscar-winning film, directed by Carol Reed, is now considered a masterpiece, and was chosen by the BFI as the best British film of the 20th century in 1999.

Author: Graham Greene, 1904-91, one of the most acclaimed and most popular writers of the 20th century, was shortlisted for the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1967. His novels include: Brighton Rock, The End of the Affair, The Power and the Glory, and The Honorary Consul.

Reader: Samuel West

Abridger: Richard Hamilton

Producer: Justine Willett

Music from the original soundtrack written and performed by Anton Karas.

SUN 15:45 Doris Lessing - Flight (b0075lgs)

4 Extra Debut. A capricious granddaughter and a dovecote of birds are an old man's only escape from his cold, family home. Read by Jack Klaff.

SUN 16:00 Classic Serial (b03mcl9b)

Ernest Hemingway - The Old Man and the Sea

The Old Man And The Sea

by Ernest Hemingway

dramatised by Simon Armitage

This Pulitzer prize winning novel is Hemingway's masterpiece; set in Cuba on the Gulf Stream, this is the thrilling and tantalising story of an epic battle between an old, experienced fisherman and a large marlin. Santiago, has gone 84 days without catching a fish, and is considered unlucky; his only friend is young Manolin, the boy whom he's taught how to fish. When on the 85th day, Santiago sets sail again, his luck seems

to change when he catches the biggest fish of his life. But the biggest battle of his life is about to commence.
 Produced and Directed by Pauline Harris
 Further Information
 Cited by the Nobel Committee as contributing to Hemingway's Nobel Prize in Literature, the novel is a seemingly simple tale, full of emotion and drama.
 It's the story of the struggle of life - a meditation on life and death, and old age. It's about the challenge of survival and the pitting of one man's ageing body and ageing mind against nature. It's about an ancient culture about to come to an end, and a practice as old as time itself. It's a final act, and the boy is there to remind us that life moves on, and a new generation steps forward.
 The dramatist is SIMON ARMITAGE CBE, poet, playwright and novelist.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b07jlcgp)
 Tales from Ovid: Echo and Narcissus & Callisto and Arcas BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Tales of Ovid'.
 Poet Ted Hughes begins reading from his award-winning reworking of Ovid's Metamorphoses - stories of the teeming underworld and overworld of Romanised Greek myth and legend.
 Starting with 'Echo and Narcissus' and 'Callisto and Arcas', this highly praised collection won the 1997 Whitbread prize for poetry and WH Smith Literary Award.
 Ted Hughes: born: 1930 and died: 1998.
 Producer: Susan Roberts
 First broadcast in two-parts on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
SUN 17:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Simon Bovey - The Voice of God (b007jwks)
 Silent Roar
 The Colonel persuades Sam and Joshua to help him in his deadly infrasound project. Stars Clare Corbett and Matthew Dyktynski. From February 2006.
SUN 18:30 Algernon Blackwood - The Willows (b007jvd9)
 Episode 2
 The canoe is damaged and the narrator decides the willow trees are against their presence on the island. Read by Roger Allam. From March 2005.
SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b07j8jvp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Geoff Dyer - White Sands: Omnibus (b07j6y0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07j6y2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07j8vm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Fabulous (b00hrhrm)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Faye is anxious.
 She knows today's women are fabulous: they have the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe.
 They cope with singledom, marriage and having kids with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them.
 So why can't she pull it off?
 Daisy Haggard stars as Faye in Lucy Clarke's sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.
 With:
 Olivia Colman
 Adam Buxton
 Katy Brand
 Matthew Holness
 Laura Solon
 Joanna Scanlan
 Music by Osymyso.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.
SUN 22:45 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b0082kxk)
 Episode 1
 Peter Bradshaw's hilariously disturbing personal account of one boy's transition into adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire at the hands of an eccentric father.
 In this opening episode, our young hero's chance playground encounter opens the long-concealed door into a dark erotic journey of the soul.
 Read by the author.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07kd85j)
 From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats a little bit more with Felicity Ward.
SUN 23:00 Think the Unthinkable (b01jt0z0)
 Series 3
 Making Cuts
 When is a pay cut not a pay cut? When Unthinkable Solutions have to sell it to the staff. Their diplomatic skills are tested to breaking point.
 James Carey's sitcom about a clueless bunch of management

consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up their clients' businesses.
 Starring:
 Marcus Brigstocke
 Robin Ince
 Catherine Shepherd
 Beth Chalmers
 With Ewan Bailey, Tilly Gaunt, Simon Greenall and Neil Edmond.
 Producer: Adam Bromley.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
SUN 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00773bh)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 More from China Lion and the new barn conversion couple, plus a visit to the Dragon's Den
 Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series
 With Ben Moor, Katherine Parkinson and Ben Willbond.
 Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by the cast, Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

MONDAY 04 JULY 2016

MON 00:00 Simon Bovey - The Voice of God (b007jwks)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Algernon Blackwood - The Willows (b007jvd9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07j4vz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:15 Out of Armenia (b04vk72b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Graham Greene - The Third Man: Omnibus (b07j9mn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Doris Lessing - Flight (b0075lgs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Classic Serial (b03mcl9b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b07jlcgp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tk5)
 The Mysterious Affair at Styles
 Episode 1
 It's 1916 and in a quiet English village, Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings become joyously re-acquainted. But beneath the seeming tranquillity, murder is brewing.
 Agatha Christie's 1920 crime thriller.
 CAST:
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Hastings Simon Williams
 Evie Nichola McAuliffe
 Emily Jill Balcon
 Alfred Hugh Dickson
 John Sean Arnold
 Mary Susan Jameson
 Lawrence Nicholas Boulton
 Cynthia Annabelle Dowler
 Dorcas Hilda Schroder
 Original music composed by Tom Small.
 Dramatist: Michael Bakewell
 Director: Endy Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
MON 06:30 Youssou N'Dour at 50: Africa's Greatest Star (b00mp5zb)
 Robin Denselow profiles the musician Youssou N'Dour as he reaches his 50th birthday, and travels to Senegal to interview the singer in his home city of Dakar.
 Denselow analyses not just his music but the way N'Dour has used it for the benefit of his country and his continent. He had huge success with the duet 7 Seconds with Neneh Cherry in 1994, but he has been making music for nearly 40 years and has collaborated with many international artists.
 Contributors include Peter Gabriel, Branford Marsalis, DJ Charlie Gillett and Senegalese band Orchestra Baobab.
 A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 07:00 Charles Dickens (b00rp9t0)
 Sketches by Boz: Series 1
 The Private Theatricals or Mrs Joseph Porter
 The British love for amateur dramatics takes over a household with farcical results. Stars Nicholas Farrell and David Antrobus.
MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07h6qsp)
 Series 65
 Episode 1
 The 65th series of Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises yet more quality, desk-based entertainment for all the family. The series starts its run at the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool where regulars Barry Cryer, Jeremy Hardy and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Rory Bremner, with Jack Dee as the programme's reluctant chairman. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired

nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano.
 Producer - Jon Naismith.
 It is a BBC Studios production.
MON 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cmsg)
 Series 2
 Pass the Parcel
 Bert's parcel mix-up at the station's Left Luggage Office sparks havoc
 Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Percy/Bradshaw/Rev, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and Douglas Blackwell as the Brigadier.
 Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalman, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1973.
MON 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k1jm)
 My Stag Movie, part 2/2
 The veteran auditionee exposes more of his film-making exploits. Did he ever hit the big screen?
 British show business doyen, J Kingston Platt shares reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.
 Performed and written by Peter Jones.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986
MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b039c5dh)
 The quotations quiz hosted by Nigel Rees.
 A host of interesting celebrities will be joining Nigel as he quizzes them on the sources of a range of quotations and asks them for the amusing sayings or citations that they have personally collected on a variety of subjects, including quotes they wish they'd said and the family sayings that they grew up with.
 This week Nigel is joined by Actress and Singer - Janie Dee, former editor of Private Eye and current editor of The Oldie - Richard Ingrams, science writer and broadcaster Vivienne Parry and comedian and writer Robin Ince.
 Reader Peter Jefferson.
 Produced by Carl Cooper.
MON 09:30 King Street Junior (b007jnbj)
 Series 7
 Horses for Courses
 A school break-in sparks trouble and it's interview day for the Deputy Head's job. With Brenda Blethyn. From April 1992.
MON 10:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)
 The Secret Pilgrim
 Episode 1
 Recollections of an eventful secret life when a British spy went missing. John le Carre thriller stars Simon Russell Beale.
MON 11:00 Half-Light (b01j6wh7)
 Henry Drake Goes Home
 By Neil M. Gunn, first published in 1941.
 Read by Robert Jack.
 After three decades living in the north of Scotland, the outbreak of World War Two moves an elderly man to return to his home county of Devon.
 Short story by Neil M. Gunn, one of Scotland's finest writers who is best known for his novel The Silver Darlings. Gunn was born in 1891, in the coastal village of Dunbeath, in Caithness, and wrote prolifically over a period that spanned the recession of the 1920s through to the aftermath of the Second World War. He died in 1973.
 The stories in this series are taken from Half-Light, a new collection of Gunn's short fiction compiled by his nephew Dairmid Gunn and published by Caithness-based Whittles Publishing.
 Abridged and produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
MON 11:15 Drama (b0076vgl)
 Louise Wallinger - Cut Me and I Bleed Elvis
 Sarah collects voices on tape, but her microphone is taking over her life. Stars Jo McInnes and James Fleet.
MON 12:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cmsg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k1jm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tk5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Youssou N'Dour at 50: Africa's Greatest Star (b00mp5zb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770mv)
 Let Us Begin With Two Girls at a Dance
 'Let us begin with two girls at a dance. One sits on a chair, opening and shutting a dance-card with gloved fingers. The other stands beside her, watching the dance unfold: the circling couples, the bounce of the floor. It begins here'.
 The haunting story of a terrible family secret and a life stolen.

Hannah Gordon, Frances Grey and Eleanor Bron begin Maggie O'Farrell's highly acclaimed novel set between the conventions of 1930's Edinburgh and the freedoms of today.
Abridged by Sally Marmaion
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
MON 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shrrj)
How I Wish I Were a Boy
Michael Morpurgo discovers middle-class boys went to 19th-century public schools as a shield from too much female influence.
MON 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jssj)
A Whistling Woman, Part 3/7
Frederica reignites an old flame, John, and her new TV series starts. Marcus finds a damsel in distress. Stars Richard Coyle.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b013f0xk)
Fire Season
Episode 1
Written by Philip Connor. Abridged by Jane Marshall.
For nearly a decade, Philip Connors has spent half of each year in a 7 foot by 7 foot room at the top of a tower, on top of a mountain, alone in millions of acres of remote American wilderness. His job: to look for wildfires.
Capturing the wonder and grandeur of this most unusual job and place, Fire Season evokes both the eerie pleasure of solitude and the majesty, might and beauty of untamed fire at its wildest. Connors' time on the peak is filled with drama - there are fires large and small; spectacular midnight lightning storms and silent mornings awakening above the clouds; surprise encounters with smokejumpers and black bears. Filled with Connors' heartfelt reflections on our place in the wild, Fire Season is an instant modern classic: a remarkable memoir that is at once a homage to the beauty of nature, the blessings of solitude, and the freedom of the independent spirit.
Read by Kerry Shale
Produced by Jane Marshall
A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 15:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b039e5dh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 King Street Junior (b007jnbg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Charles Dickens (b00rp9t0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07h6qsp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Simon Clark - The Night of the Triffids (b07jllsy)
Episode 4
Valiantly trying to save Christina, back in Manhattan - David learns the extent of Fielding's megalomania.
Simon Clark's 2001 novel is the sequel to John Wyndham's sci-fi classic. At the conclusion of 'The Day of the Triffids', scientist Bill Masen had escaped with his wife and four-year-old son to the island.
Now grown up, Bill's son, David woke up one morning to a world plunged into darkness. Now, the Triffids have an advantage over humanity.
Stars Sam Troughton as David Masen, Nicola Bryant as Cerys/Marnie/Rowena, Paul Clayton as Bill Masen/General Fielding, Geff Francis as Gabriel and John Schwab as Sam Dynes.
Adapted by the author.
Producer: John Ainsworth.
Executive Producers: Jason Haigh-Ellery & Nicholas Briggs.
A Big Finish production.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00767ls)
Mike Phillips & Joan Bakewell
Rosie Boycott welcomes thriller writer, Mike Phillips and broadcaster, Joan Bakewell to discuss books by Lucian Boia, William Maxwell and Mark Kurlansky. From 2002.
Romania by Lucian Boia
Publisher: Reaktion Books
Time Will Darken It by William Maxwell
Publisher: Panther
Cod by Mark Kurlansky
Publisher: Vintage.
MON 19:00 Parsley Sidings (b04cnsng)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k1jm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tk5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Youssou N'Dour at 50: Africa's Greatest Star (b00mp5zb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 Half-Light (b01j6wh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:15 Drama (b0076vgl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07h6qsp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Concrete Cow (b04v8zs2)
Series 2
Art
Someone goes too far at a murder-mystery party.
Second series of the sketch show in which anything is possible.

Starring:
Robert Webb
Beth Chalmers
Catherine Shephard
Steven Kynman
Abigail Burman
Chris Pavlo
Written by James Cary.
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (b07hj8bn)
Series 16
Episode 3
The main political parties are in meltdown, Britain's future is uncertain, the currency has been in free fall. So it's probably time to relax and have a laugh at it all.
The show attempts to make sense of one of the busiest news weeks since... well, since last week.
MON 23:30 Elvenquest (b01qm4pp)
Series 4
The Magnificent Five
Whilst waiting for news on the whereabouts of the Sword of Asnagar, the Questers stop a pub brawl and in doing so attract the attention of some villagers from the small village of Mexigaroth who are being terrorised by an evil bandit, who goes by the name of "El Maldado".
Never ones to stand by when a wrong can be righted, the Questers promise to help the villagers defeat El Maldado and his hordes.
Meanwhile, Lord Darkness has to make a presentation for an assembly of the Dark Lords. Pretty routine stuff, surely...?
Starring:
Darren Boyd as Vidar
Kevin Eldon as Dean/Kreech
Dave Lamb as Amis
Stephen Mangan as Sam
Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness
Ingrid Oliver as Penthiselea
and
Chris Pavlo as Hilario
Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
Producer: Sam Michell.

TUESDAY 05 JULY 2016

TUE 00:00 Simon Clark - The Night of the Triffids (b07jllsy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00767ls)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tk5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Youssou N'Dour at 50: Africa's Greatest Star (b00mp5zb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770mv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shrrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jssj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b013f0xk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x7)
The Secret Pilgrim
Episode 2
The spy-master addresses new recruits, triggering memories of an eventful life. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Patrick Malahide.
TUE 05:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0xb)
The Secret Pilgrim
Episode 3
About to take retirement, an experienced agent carries out one final job. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Patrick Malahide.
TUE 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tng)
The Mysterious Affair at Styles
Episode 2
In the blistering summer heat, tensions are mounting at Styles Court. It will not be long before Captain Hastings has to call upon the services of Hercule Poirot.
Agatha Christie's 1920 crime thriller.
CAST:
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Hastings Simon Williams
Emily Jill Balcon
Alfred Hugh Dickson
John Sean Arnold
Mary Susan Jameson
Lawrence Nicholas Boulton
Cynthia/Annie Annabelle Dowler
Dorcas Hilda Schroder
Evie Nichola McAuliffe
Dr Bauerstein Robert Portal
Mr Wells Richard Syms
Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell
Director: Eynd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
TUE 06:30 Gone Today, Hair Tomorrow (b01104bx)
For centuries hair has been used as a symbol of remembrance; from a simple lock kept to the more intricate practice of weaving hair into bracelets or its use in art and jewellery.
Historian and biographer Juliette Barker traces these practices through history and talks to some modern collectors.
Now that it's become apparent that hair offers us the chance to retrieve good quality DNA, could it be about to enjoy a renaissance as favoured medium once more by which we remember our loved ones and ancestors?
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
TUE 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0089m6j)
Series 1
The Height of the Iguana
Horror residents of Marlborough Road discover Sally might be leaving them. They could never survive their own chaos without her.
Meanwhile, the free range children plan revenge on Victor...
Conclusion of series one of Annie McCartney's sitcom.
Starring Frances Tomelty as Sally, Ali White as Saffron, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Robert Patterson as Tony, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Alan McKee as Victor, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Joel McElnay as Ben, Alfie Lloyd as Sam and Gerard McSorley as Trevor.
Director: Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.
TUE 07:30 My Teenage Diary (b07hfwrm)
Series 7
Samira Ahmed
Journalist Samira Ahmed reads from her teenage diaries penned in 1980s London, when she was obsessed with school work, Dallas and learning to drive.
She discusses her formative years with Rufus Hound.
Producer: Harriet Jaime.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.
TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rdsv7)
Series 1
The Bird
Harold Steptoe is furious when his date Roxanne is late for dinner.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.
The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
Roxanne Marion Stone
Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.
TUE 08:30 The Men from the Ministry (b007jpb0)
That's My Baby
Love-struck civil servant Lamb is fast-tracked into fatherhood.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. From June 1975.
TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (b07hj8bn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 King of Bath (b045xxsw)
Merely Players
A duelling count and a quack apothecary - only Beau Nash can give a looming tragedy a happy ending.
Six-part comedy drama series by Arnold Evans casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.
Beau Nash David Bamber
Annie Eiry Thomas
Count von Richthofen Andrew Wincott
Mr Trout Simon Ludders
Fintan Fitzgerald Richard Nichols
Poppy Lesley Rooney
Composer: John Hardy
Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.
TUE 10:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t2t)
Episode 1
Gentle, intelligent Oblomov completely fails to deal with life. He lives in a flat in St Petersburg. He is always about to go and sort out his estate but he rarely gets out of bed. Never doing today what he can put off till tomorrow.
Toby Jones stars as Oblomov - a tragic-comic hero for a couch potato generation.
Russian writer, Ivan Goncharov's 1859 novel dramatised in two parts by Stephen Wyatt.
Oblomov Toby Jones
Zahar Trevor Peacock
Tarantsev Gerard McDermott
Doctor Clive Swift
Stolz/Bailiff Nicholas Boulton
Olga Claire Skinner
Olga's Aunt Richenda Carey
Director: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.
TUE 11:00 Hidden Agendas (b01ghk9)

Dad Curtis Walker
 Grandma Mona Hammond
 Reverend Williams Don Gilet
 Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle
 Additional Material by Ola and Maff Brown
 Produced by Katie Tyrrell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07kd8c9)
 From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Cariad Lloyd chats about 'improv' again with Pippa Evans and Rachel Parris.
THU 23:00 The Mark Steel Revolution (b007jswj)
 The French Revolution
 Radical comic Mark Steele turns his analytical mind to the guillotine and all things French.
 In the first of six lectures on the theme of revolution, Mark examines some of the major historical forces at work during revolutions as well as holding up a mirror to our own age.
 With Martin Hyder and Carla Mendonca.
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
THU 23:30 Polyoaks (b01nxzcl)
 Series 2
 Desperately Seeking Susans
 In the NHS satire by Dr. Phil Hammond and David Spicer, a general practice somewhere in Bristol is faced with challenges and opportunities in equal measure as they adjust to another 'biggest shake-up of the NHS in a lifetime'.
 This week, Polyoaks faces rocketing drugs bills as they try to implement 20% cuts. The Practice Manager, Betty, demands an audit in the pharmacy. Unfortunately, it appears drugs are going missing and it looks like an inside job. Brothers Hugh and Roy and celebrity TV doctor Jeremy are all prime suspects and Betty and practice nurse Vera turn detectives.
 Cast:
 Dr. Roy Thornton.....Nigel Planer
 Dr. Hugh Thornton.....Simon Greenall
 TV's Dr. Jeremy.....David Westhead
 Betty Crossfield.....Jane Whittenshaw
 Nurse Vera Duplessis.....Polly Frame
 Mr. Devlin.....Phil Cornwall
 Mrs. Strickland.....Claire Vousden
 Malcolm.....David Holt
 Written by Dr. Phil Hammond and David Spicer
 Directed by Frank Stirling
 Producer: David Spicer.

FRIDAY 08 JULY 2016

FRI 00:00 Oscar Wilde (b008jw9k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (m000fwym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tw5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Twilight World of Syd Barrett (b011plrs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770pv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sjp2l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jstb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b013n5jn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b01jgb92)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Booked (b0075sxx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 When the Dog Dies (b0460hzd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 All the Young Dudes (b01bm92)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tz9)
 The Mysterious Affair at Styles
 Episode 5
 Captain Hastings and Detective Inspector Japp are bewildered by the antics of Hercule Poirot as he rushes back to Styles Court in a state of great excitement.
 Agatha Christie's 1920 thriller.
 CAST:
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Hastings Simon Williams
 Japp Philip Jackson
 Mary Susan Jameson
 Evie Nichola McAuliffe
 Cynthia Annabelle Dowler
 Dorcas Hilda Schroder
 Lawrence Nicholas Boulton
 Alfred Hugh Dickson
 Original music composed by Tom Smail.
 Dramatist: Michael Bakewell
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
FRI 06:30 Picking Round Apples (b014qxbg)

Steve Carver lives the life of a seasonal apple picker on a farm in Herefordshire.
 In his previous programmes for Radio 4 'Dancing Round the Mediterranean' and 'Touring Round Torquay', Steve immersed himself in a new line of work, living alongside co-workers and experiencing their way of life.
 Now he is 'Picking Round Apples' in Herefordshire:
 For a week in mid-August, Steve gave up his home comforts and moved into a small campervan parked in the corner of a field in rural Herefordshire.
 Every year a small band of retired people establish a make-shift and temporary, but close community. Every day, all day, they pick apples. The money they earn boosts their pensions, and a simple and quietly socially life is also a great draw.
 However it's hard work - bad backs, scratched arms, and sore feet are the wounds that must be borne.
 The retired pickers live in their motor-homes for the summer, with many over-wintering in Spain when the weather begins to cool. No such luxury (or destination) for Steve - we gave him a basic campervan, with no electrical 'hook-up'; the use of a microwave in a farm-building, which also houses the showers and loos.
 He was cold at night (trekking socks a necessity in bed, even in August), he got a little sick of microwave meals, but he enjoyed meeting the other pickers, appreciating what they meant by 'getting into the zone' of apple picking: reach... pick... put in bucket... reach... pick... put in bucket... almost - as Steve said - like a form of meditation.
 Join Steve to find out how he got on 'Picking Round Apples' at Tillington Fruit Farm near Ledbury in Herefordshire.
 Producer: Karen Gregor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
FRI 07:00 Winston (b007trv)
 Winston in Europe
 Don't Gush, Nancy
 Father wants to move again. He's got the wanderlust. He's had enough of England. You can't get decent eccles cakes here any longer...
 Peter Tinniswood's bawdy six-part 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 4 in March 1992.
FRI 07:30 Rumbblings from the Rafters (b07hwxbk)
 House Fly and Soprano Pipistrelle Bat
 Lee Mack and Pam Ferris star as an annoying house fly and a warm-hearted soprano pipistrelle bat as they reveal the truth about life in a draughty old attic in a house in Amersham.
 Written and introduced by Lynne Truss.
 House Fly Lee Mack
 Soprano Pipistrelle Bat Pam Ferris
 The House Fly loves life. "The best bit is the buzzing". He loves the aerobatics, dodging the flypapers in the attic and "... my favourite manoeuvre, settling on the ceiling. It is unbelievably brilliant" He loves to buzz. But he also loves, what to humans, is a disgusting way of life. He loves to walk around on filth and to poo everywhere and to spread disease "And listen, we don't mind! Not at all. It's the least we can do". He would love to spread more diseases and takes great joy in telling us just exactly how he does this ... perhaps best not to listen if you're eating!
 The Soprano Pipistrelle Bat is a very different creature; a tiny bat with a huge and loving heart. She is nine years old and has given birth to a single pup each year. Her newest pup, Jethro, is her darling; "... such a lovely little face. Chestnut fur. Perfect little ears. He smells like chicken flavour crisps. Ooh, I could eat him." He is six weeks old and weaning - proudly catching insects for himself; and this is always a poignant time for this mother-bat, where pride and sadness mingle. The main concern with Jethro, she finds, is that he can't seem to grasp the idea of torpor, "Oh don't mum. Don't go torpid. It's like you're dying", but as she knows "torpor is nothing to be scared of, ... torpor is your friend".
 Wildlife sound recordings Chris Watson.
 Producer Sarah Blunt
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.
FRI 08:00 Something to Shout About (b07k0tdl)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Scared he'll be sacked if he doesn't find a new client, Michael Lightfoot and the advertising agency team battle to woo an American businessman to win the account for his secret new product.
 Starring Michael Medwin as account executive Michael, Fenella Fielding as his seductive secretary Janet, Joan Sims as ditzy typist Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as no frills executive Maggie Tufnell, and Nicholas Phipps as copy writer Adrian and Warren Mitchell as the American businessman, Mr Pimslow. "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners', Something To Shout About ran to 54 episodes over three series
 Written by Myles Rudge and Ronnie Wolfe.
 Music by The Jingle Belles and The Bernie Fenton Quartet, under the direction of Cliff Adams.
 Producer: John Simmonds
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1960.
FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)

Ill Met by Moonlight
 Neddie Seagoon is sent to capture the German general who commands the island of Crete. Stars Spike Milligan. From March 1957.
FRI 09:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Anthony Holden, Lucy Moore, Dan Tetsell and John O'Farrell. From October 2005.
FRI 09:30 No Commitments (b01mhqbz)
 Series 10
 Time With the Family
 Emily is engaged to Nick, so Roger and Victoria must absolutely meet her fiance's parents. Stars Bill Nighy. From February 2004.
FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b01jqb92)
 Publish and Be Damn'd: The Memoirs of Harriette Wilson
 Episode 2
 Adapted by Ellen Dryden.
 Nancy Carroll stars as Harriette Wilson - one of the most infamous and talked-about women of the early 19th century. Her lovers included aristocrats, adventurers and even the Duke of Wellington, and when they all ceased to support her after her retirement, she had a simple bargain for them - 'pay up, and I'll keep you out of my memoirs'.
 A scandalous bestseller of their time, her memoirs reveal a sharp-witted, good-hearted, infinitely adaptable, madcap woman who took on the patriarchy of the time and did something close to beating them at their own game.
 Having finally made contact with the mysterious Lord Ponsonby, Harriette finds there are all kinds of obstacles to their blossoming romance - including the small matter of his wife whom everyone agrees is an angel. Harriette's former lovers, the dashing Duke of Argyll and the taciturn but loyal Duke of Wellington, are never far from the picture and are soon joined by a new, passionate young admirer. The Marquis of Worcester is devoted to Harriette as only a 19 year-old can be. Eventually Harriette is persuaded to reveal all in her memoirs - a course of action which leads Wellington to make one of the most famous remarks in the English Language.
 Cast:
 Harriette Nancy Carroll
 Ponsonby Charles Edwards
 Wellington Barnaby Kay
 Argyll Blake Ritson
 Fanny Anna Francolini
 Amy Abigail Burdess
 Matthew Lee Jonathan Dryden Taylor
 Poodle Byng/ Doctor/ Beaufort Gus Brown
 Porter/ Brougham Jonathan Coote
 Leinster Andrew Mudie
 Worcester Nigel Thomas
 Producer: Ellen Dryden
 A First Writes Radio production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 11:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01d3c38)
 A Willing Slave
 A contradictory tale of a disciplined but willing servant, who resents and desires her true master. Read by Zia Mohyeddin. From January 1991.
FRI 11:15 Hattie Naylor - Chinese Whispers (b07k0tdl)
 Little Emperors
 The adoration of a lone male through his childhood - and the pressure and hopes heaped on an only child - spark his rebellion as a teenager...
 Second of two drama documentaries by Hattie Naylor about the consequences of China's single-child policy.
 Grandfather Burt Kwouk
 Mother.... Sarah Lam
 Auntie Pik-Sen Lim
 Father David K S Tse
 Wang Lei, aged 16 Jonathan Chan-Pensley
 Wang Lei, aged 4 Jack Miller
 Boy Wai-Keat Lau
 Producer: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
FRI 12:00 Something to Shout About (b07k0tdl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tz9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Picking Round Apples (b014qxbg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770qd)
 I Would Like to Go to the Sea
 By Maggie O'Farrell, abridged by Sally Marmion.
 5/10. Esme returns to an old family haunt.
 Read by Hannah Gordon, Frances Grey and Eleanor Bron.
FRI 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sju36)
 The Habit of Schooling
 Michael Morpurgo discovers the reaction to the 1870 Forster Education Act, marking the start of compulsory education for all.
FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jstn)
 A Whistling Woman, Part 7/7
 Alexander hosts a play to raise cash for repairs and a fire at the farm has dire consequences. Stars Indira Varma.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b013n5k1)

Fire Season

Episode 5

Written by Philip Connor. Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A new relief lookout appears on the mountain but the author is unsure that he has what it takes to cope alone in the wilderness. And some smokejumpers arrive to put out a fire, which reminds the author of the famous tragedy of the Mann Gulch fire which inspired Norman Maclean's famous book.

Capturing the wonder and grandeur of this most unusual job and place, Fire Season evokes both the eerie pleasure of solitude and the majesty, might and beauty of untamed fire at its wildest. Connors' time on the peak is filled with drama - there are fires large and small; spectacular midnight lightning storms and silent mornings awakening above the clouds; surprise encounters with smokejumpers and black bears.

Read by Kerry Shale

Produced by Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b01jqb92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Whispers (b007k2s1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 No Commitments (b01mhqbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Winston (b007brv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Rumbblings from the Rafters (b07hwxbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Oscar Wilde (b008lz2g)

The Canterville Ghost

Episode 3

Troublesome ghost of a dead nobleman, Sir Simon is determined to oust the Otis family from his ancestral home. So his hauntings are becoming more and more elaborate...

First published in 1887, Oscar Wilde's novella is concluded by Alistair McGowan.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.

FRI 18:30 Sounds Natural (b07k0ts9)

Bernard Cribbins

From the Meadow Pipit to the Red-Backed Shrike. Actor Bernard Cribbins talks to Derek Jones about his love of bird watching, fishing and the importance of conservation - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1972.

FRI 19:00 Something to Shout About (b07k0tdl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Picking Round Apples (b014qxbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Hattie Naylor - Chinese Whispers (b07k0tdl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 The Iguanodon (b0075cj0)

Big Fat Liars

Don O'Reilly discovers smoking and hiding do not mix - and they all come second in a run-in with some very insistent pirates.

The passengers and crew of 'The Iguanodon' are still adrift in the Woe Betides.

Three-part comedy adventure by Paul Lucas.

Sam Varley Paul Haigh

Mr Brook Bernard Cribbins

Don O'Reilly Dermot Crowley

Isabel Rosemary Leach

The Captain John Arthur

Laura Sally Phillips

Harriet Patsy Byrne

Other parts played by Fred Harris and Kevin Eldon.

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Awards (b07k0v3s)

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Heat 4 - Manchester

Ten new comedians perform in the fourth heat from Manchester's Comedy Store with host Nathan Caton.

FRI 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01c6txd)

Series 2

Belgium

Comedian Ross Noble Ross sets about proving Belgium is not dull, with chocolate, odd statues and the legacy of Jean-Claude Van Damme

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.