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 scifi 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 (b07hwrh5)

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 (b07hwpdl)

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 Hernadez 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

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 Moggach - Tulip Fever (b007jm7m)

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

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b06j5ycc)

John le Carre: The Biography

Episode 5

Prekopp.

The life of John le Carre 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

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

friend and colleague is found dead. John le Carre 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 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

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

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 longrunning 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 (b007il5i)

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 18thcentury 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 (b07jgzzf)

Omnibus: Karen and gav 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 (b07ii5fl)

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 (b007il69)

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

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 (b011cf iw) [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 Mollov

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 vou've never wanted.

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

SAT 22:30 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007jzxg)

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 lannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 23:00 I, Regress (b01rvpw6)

Series 2 Thunder

Matt Berry plays a 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 Fav 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 (b01rlrk1)

Love and Sweets

The Grand Canvon

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, dving 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.

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SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (b07jjcxp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 How To Have A Perfect Marriage 3:Omnibus (b07jgzzf)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Saturday]

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SUN 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b011cfjw)

[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) (b07 il4vz)

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 Bazeley Rupert Robert Portal

Third Voice Amanda Root

Paul Ottaker Tim Treloar

Leo Leagh Conwell

Foreman/Marcuc 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

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 iazz 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)

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 (b07jl4w7)

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 Paddick, 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

SUN 09:00 Geoff Dver - 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

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07jl6y2)

Hayley Mills

Jennings

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

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07jl8vm)

Conductors Sir Simon Rattle

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

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b07jl8vp)

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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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07jl4vz)

[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

(b07jl9mn) 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-wining 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

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 (b07il8vp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Geoff Dyer - White Sands: Omnibus (b07jl6y0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07jl6y2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07il8vm)

[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 (b00hhrhm)

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.

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 (b0082khk)

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 (b01it0z0)

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

James Carev's sitcom about a clueless bunch of management

consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up their clients' businesses

Marcus Brigstocke

Robin Ince

Catherine Shepherd Beth Chalmers

With Ewan Bailey, Tilly Gaunt, Simon Greenall and Neil

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.

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[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 (b07jl9mn)

[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 Smail. Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd 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)

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 (b04cnsgs)

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 (b007k1im) 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

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 (b007jnbg)

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 (b04cnsgs)

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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 Marmion

Producer: Di Speirs First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

MON 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shhrj)

How I Wish I Were a Boy

Michael Morpurgo discovers middle-class boys went to 19thcentury 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

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 (b039c5dh)

[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

Enisode 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 scifi 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.

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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 Shepherd

Steven Kynman Abigail Burdess

Chris Paylo

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (b07hj8bn)

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.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0x7)

The Secret Pilgrim

Episode 2

The spymaster addresses new recruits, triggering memories of an eventful life. Stars Simon Russell Beale and Patrick

TUE 05:00 The Complete Smiley (b07pt0xb)

The Secret Pilgrim

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: Enyd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

 $\it TUE~06:30~Gone~Today, Hair~Tomorrow~(b01104bx)$

through history and talks to some modern collectors.

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

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

Horrified 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: Tanva 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 Jaine.

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.

Wilfrid Brambell Albert

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 (b007 ipb0) 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 18thcentury dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures

Beau Nash David Bamber Annie Eiry Thomas

Count von Richthofen ...

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 twoparts by Stephen Wyatt.

Oblomov Toby Jones Zahar Trevor Peacock Tarantyev Gerard McDermott Doctor Clive Swift

Stolz/Bailiff Nicholas Boulton Olga Claire Skinner Olga's Aunt Richenda Carev

Director: Claire Grove First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

TUE 11:00 Hidden Agendas (b01ghgk9)

Reading the Signs

Three stories from Wales about secrets and lies, even when they're with good intentions. When Gwyn goes to investigate a fire on a Welsh farm, he suspects the owners are hiding something, but discovers they are not the only ones

Alix Nathan's story is read by Keiron Self.

A BBC Cymru Wales Production, directed by Nigel Lewis. TUE 11:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007jw6z)

Wrapped in a duvet, Edna recalls her younger days. Will she ever emerge for an evening engagement? Stars Billie Whitelaw. TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rdsv7)

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TUE 13:30 Gone Today, Hair Tomorrow (b01104bx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770nl)

You've Got a Visitor

By Maggie O'Farrell, abridged in 10 parts by Sally Marmion. 2: Esme Lennox has been confined to a psychiatric hospital for 60 years. Her great-niece Iris has only just learned of her existence.

Read by Hannah Gordon and Frances Grey.

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shl8f)

Reinstated Divinity

Michael Morpurgo discovers how the Victorian obsession with childhood, both real and romanticised, appeared in art and literature.

TUE 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007 jssw)

A Whistling Woman, Part 4/7

Daniel has difficulty communicating with Will and Lucy joins a disreputable religious commune. Stars Shaun Dooley.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b013n5g7)

Fire Season

Episode 2

Written by Philip Connor. Abridged by Jane Marshall. In April there's little lightning in the Gila wilderness so a fire is unlikely, meanwhile the fire lookout spies the first hummingbird of the season from his tower and learns once more to embrace the solitary nature of his summer job. 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.

TUE 15:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t2t) [Reneat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Counterpoint (b00fhrt6)

Semi-final 2

Ned Sherrin hosts the music quiz with Peter Ashman of Buckinghamshire, Adrian Clark of London and John Taylor from Lincoln

TUE 16:30 King of Bath (b045xxsw) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Two Doors Down (b0089m6i)

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TUE 17:30 My Teenage Diary (b07hfwrm)

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David and the rebels must use desperate tactics to try and halt Fielding. But can they outfight the megalomaniac? Simon Clarke'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.

TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b07jlr2g)

Richard Ingrams

Former editor of 'Private Eye' and 'The Oldie' magazines, Richard Ingrams tells Robin Ray about music which stirs his

Recalling his life, career and the perils of lampooning the rich and famous, Richards selection includes Mozart, Delius and Bach.

Producer: Andrew Mussett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991

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TUE 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p9l4v)

A Terrifying Life Made Even Scarier a Bit Some More A new and terrible danger threatens Victorian Britain as Harry Biscuit becomes possessed by the evil Pen of Penrith, which turns his heart to inky black.

Pip and Gently Benevolent join forces to take on this new, cruel and cake-obsessed nemesis and his army of robot swans. They also turn out to share a love of antiquing in the Cotswolds. Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Servewell James Bachman

Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane Lily Sarah Hadland

Hector the Holy Horse Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 23:00 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b016lgkl)

Strength

Mark Watson reignites his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden

As broadcast live in November 2011 - Mark invites the audience join in via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

Asking the big questions crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - Mark kicks off with a look at "Strenoth"

Strength comes in many forms. We all need to be strong sometimes in life, whether we're dealing with an emotional fallout or carrying a really heavy dog to the vet's. Some have inner strength, like people who survive divorce etc; some have outer strength, like guys who pull buses with their teeth in competitions.

But can strength be - ironically - a weakness? Strength can have its downsides. Our fondness for displays of strength has led to disastrous episodes like wars breaking out and 'Gladiators' being brought back. Mr Strong, in the Mr Men books, got strong by eating a barn full of eggs, but must have suffered terrible sideeffects. How can we be strong, but remain human?

Mark Watson is a multi-award winning comedian, including the inaugural If.Comedy Panel Prize 2006. He is assisted by Tim Key, winner of Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2009 and Tom Basden who won the If Comedy Award for Best Newcomer

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011. TUE 23:30 Danny Robins Music Therapy (b00fl0p7) Episode 2

Harnessing the power of music to solve problems and generally improve the world, Danny Robins writes a new town anthem for Middlesbrough - and lends a hand to a love-lorn pensioner aided by a Status Ouo tribute band and a trumpeter.

Written by Danny Robins with Isy Suttie and Danielle Ward. Producer: Ben Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

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WED 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076trz) The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Emily Inglethorp has suddenly died - apparently of strychnine poisoning. Captain Hastings has asked Hercule Poirot to investigate and there's a visit from Detective Inspector Japp of Scotland Yard.

Agatha Christie's 1920 crime thriller.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams Japp Philip Jackson

Alfred Hugh Dickson

Evie Nichola McAuliffe John Sean Arnold

Mary Susan Jameson

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton Cynthia Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

The Coroner Peter Howell

Dr Bauerstein Robert Portal Mr Mace Harry Myers

Summerhayes/Rustic Don McCorkindale

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

WED 06:30 The Strongest Girl in the World (b00tq0x3)

Cervs Matthews celebrates her childhood heroine and the rebel of Swedish children's literature, Pippi Longstocking, who has captured the imaginations of children all over the world, including Cerys' own, for over 60 years.

Pippi has red hair, freckles and a nose the 'shape of a very small potato'. She was invented by the Swedish author, Astrid Lindgren, in the 1940s who created the character for her daughter before later sending the idea to a publisher. Pippi is an orphan - her mother is an angel and her father is the king of a cannibal island. She eats pancakes, drinks lots of coffee and goes to school when she feels like it. She defies all the rules, speaks out against authority and she is courageous and loval

Though possibly not an obvious role model for children, Cerys Matthews says; 'Pippi has always been my hero and my role model. I feel a kinship with her. I like getting my boots on, stomping around, and being independent. Even if I've sometimes been too independent for my own good'. Nothing could have prepared Lindgren for the huge reception Pippi received; fiercely criticised on the one hand as irresponsible and seditious, and enthusiastically applauded on the other as a work of liberation and an outstanding artistic

accomplishment. Today Pippi Longstocking has become a worldwide phenomenon, a national treasure and a trade mark. In this programme Cervs explores the many layers to the Pippi Longstocking character. With contributions from Astrid Lindgren's daughter, Karin Nyman; Britain's most famous Swede; Ulrika Jonsson; writer Ulla Lundqvist; artist Marianne Lindberg de Geer and the voice of Lindgren herself from a Swedish Radio interview recorded in 1988.

Producer: Sarah Cuddon A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4. WED 07:00 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076457)

Series 1

I'll Build That Bridge When I Come To It Pete is in love with Cassie, but is she in love with him? Stars Debra Stephenson and David Lamb, From September 2001.

WED 07:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04vkl9j)

Series 6

will she accept?

Ann Widdecombe Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences starting with politician Ann Widdecombe.

Ann tries camping in a tent for the first time and watches as much of The Thick Of It as she can stand on TV. Marcus also offers Ann the chance to drink a Jagerbomb - but

Director: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio in December 2014. WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00lqzs5)

Series 7

Captain Povey Reports Sick

When Captain Povey catches a cold, the Number One takes over ensuring chaos aboard HMS Troutbridge. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One. Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heat Ronnie Barker as Lieutenant Queeg. Michael Bates as Lieutenant Dingle and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral. Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1965. WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)

Series 1

The Boxing Champion

When the lad hits the gym, he knocks down a prize boxer completely by chance - which gives Sid an idea

Starring Tony Hancock. With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Paul Carpenter.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz. Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

WED 09:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)

Series 1

Episode 1

Sue Perkins presents moral and ethical posers to Dave Gorman, Richard Herring, Rebecca Front and Dominic Lawson Would you provide an alibi to someone you hate? Would you confront an elderly relative about casual racism at a family gathering?, and what are the relative merits of Silvio

Berlusconi, Vlad the Impaler, L. Ron Hubbard and Amanda Holden? This is the panel show spotlighting the choices bombarding us

in Britain today, as well as some more theoretical problems. There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

WED 09:30 Rent (b04dyv2z)

Series 1

Episode 4

It's party-time for students Paul and Ruby, but posh hote-time for Maria and Richard - and never the two shall meet, or shall they ..?

House share comedy about life with lodgers written by Lucy Flannery.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan

Amy Linda Polan

Paul Toby Longworth

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

WED 10:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t6b)

Episode 2

Gentle, intelligent Oblomov completely fails to deal with life. He lives in a flat in St Petersburg never doing today what he can nut off till tomorrow

During a summer in the country, he has fallen in love with pretty clever Olga. Back in St Petersburg, Olga's patience is put to the test

Toby Jones stars as Oblomov - a tragic-comic hero for a couch potato generation.

Conclusion of Ivan Goncharov's 1859 novel dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

Oblomov Toby Jones

Zahar Trevor Peacock

Tarantyev Gerard McDermott

Olga Claire Skinner

Agafya/ Nurse Fiona Clarke Stolz Nicholas Boulton

Nicolai Harry Myers

Director Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

WED 11:00 Hidden Agendas (b01gvwxy)

The Invitation

The second of three stories from Wales about secrets and lies, even when they're with good intentions. Chapman is attracted to Karlssen's brilliance, but discovers he's on the receiving end of his ambition, and it's dark.

Neil Hartman and Tony Haynes' story is read by Iestyn Jones A BBC Cymru Wales Production, directed by Nigel Lewis.

WED 11:15 Drama (b0156n2v) The Falcon and the Hawk

Helen Macdonald is a falconer and poet. She keeps a goshawk called Mabel. As a child she fell in love with a rare book of intense nature writing, J.A. Baker's The Peregrine, which records a winter watching wild peregrines on the Essex coast. Her new play brings her birds and his together. Baker tramps the bleak coastal marshes scanning the skies for fleeting

moments of bloody drama as a peregrine stoops at immense speed after a plover or a pigeon. Helen woos her captive-bred goshawk in her spare bedroom - acclimatising it to human noise and human movement. Baker crouches over a half-dead pigeon and finishes it off for the wild falcon; Helen walks the city

street with a goshawk on her fist. The stories begin to fly closer to one one another.

Part recorded on location on The Bird of Prev Centre at Newent, Gloucestershire.

Producer: Tim Dee.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b00lgzs5) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076trz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Strongest Girl in the World (b00tq0x3) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770p8)

Daughters Who Just Don't Listen

By Maggie O'Farrell, abridged in 10 parts by Sally Marmion. 3: Why was Esme incarcerated in an asylum? Iris goes in search of some answers and discovers a shameful past.

Read by Hannah Gordon and Frances Grey WED 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shrwl)

Father, Is It Time?

Michael Morpurgo reveals children's working lives during the Industrial Revolution - up chimneys, in factories and down

WED 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jst2) A Whistling Woman, Part 5/7

The religious community in Yorkshire becomes cult-like under the influence of its charismatic leader. Stars Ben Thomas

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b013n5hj)

Fire Season

Episode 3

Written by Philip Connor. Abridged by Jane Marshall. Near the end of April, with the snow melted, the mule packers arrive with supplies and ask the fire lookout if he ever gets lonely or sad in his wilderness lookout but he's not about to confide the near mystical feelings he experiences to two guys in leather chaps and cowboy hats.

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.

WED 15:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Rent (b04dvv2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076457)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04vkl9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 18:00 Oscar Wilde (b008hvvx)

The Canterville Ghost

Episode 1

When American Minister, Hiram B Otis signs the deeds for Canterville Chase, he not only buys a piece of English history, but he also inherits a troublesome ghost.

No sooner have Mr Otis and his family moved into their new home than they come up against this unruly spirit and a battle of

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

Producer: Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b008kj7x)

Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series.

Fatherhood

BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson became a father for the third time at the age of 61. He joins writer Will Cohu, a self-confessed middle-class would-be super dad, and charity worker Shaun Bailey, determined to defy the negative stereotype of a black father, to discuss the challenges of modern fatherhood.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b00lqzs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076trz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 The Strongest Girl in the World (b00ta0x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Hidden Agendas (b01gvwxy) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Drama (b0156n2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04vkl9i) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b03y152p)

Series 1 Big Farmer

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is 'Help!'.

King of the one-liners, Milton Jones returns BBC to Radio 4 for an amazing 10th series in a new format where he has decided to set himself up as a man who can help anyone anywhere whether they need it or not. Because, in his own words, "No problem too problemy".

But each week, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. So when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

This week, Milton Jones is asked for help because there are ugly rumours about the local farm going too far with its GM crops. At least, that's what the vegetables are saying.

Written by Milton with James Cary ("Bluestone 42", "Miranda") and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show "House Of Rooms") the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill ("Spamalot" "Mr. Selfridge") as the ever-faithful Anton, and Dan Tetsell ("Newsjack"), and features the one and only Josie Lawrence working with Milton for the first time.

Producer David Tyler's radio credits include Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, Cabin Pressure, Bigipedia, Another Case Of Milton Jones, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, The Brig Society, Giles Wemmbley Hogg Goes Off,

The 99p Challenge, The Castle, The 3rd Degree and even, going back a bit, Radio Active.

Produced and Directed by David Tyler A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07kd89l)

From **10pm** to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Cariad Lloyd chats about 'improv' with Pippa Evans and Rachel Parris

WED 23:00 The Mel and Sue Thing (b0076b0v)

Episode 4

A clip from a new posh British blockbuster and plus the continuing saga of Sweet Fanny Adams, Jane Austen's seminal work.

More mayhem from Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins. With Paul Chahidi

Written by Mel Giedrovc and Sue Perkins.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002. WED 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00gknj8) Series 3

The Museum Reopens

A temp with a scary clown face aids the tour guide. 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 July 2006.

THURSDAY 07 HILV 2016

THU 00:00 Oscar Wilde (b008hvvx)

[Reneat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b008kj7x) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076trz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Strongest Girl in the World (b00tq0x3) [Reneat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday] THU 02:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme

Lennox (b00770p8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday] THU 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shrwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jst2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday] THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b013n5hj) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t6b) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Rent (b04dyv2z) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076457)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04vkl9j) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tw5) The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 4

Hercule Poirot, Captain Hastings and Detective Inspector Japp have become heavily involved with the case, but everyone in the household has an alibi for the time of the murder.

Agatha Christie's 1920 thriller. CAST:

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams Japp Philip Jackson

John Sean Arnold Mary Susan Jameson

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Evie Nichola McAuliffe Dorcas Hilda Schroder

Mr Phillips Ioan Meredith Sir Ernest Michael Mears

Costumier's Assistant Richard Katz Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 06:30 The Twilight World of Syd Barrett (b011plrs)

Since his death on the 7th July 2006, Syd Barrett lives on freezeframed, still young and a striking lost soul of the 1960s whose brief moment of creativity outshines those long years of solitude shut away in a terraced house in his home town of Cambridge.

This revealing programme hears how his band Pink Floyd (and family) coped with Barrett's mental breakdown and explores the hurriedly arranged holiday to the Spanish island of Formentera where the star unravelled. We also hear about his pioneering brand of English psychedelic pop typified on early Pink Floyd recordings 'Arnold Layne', 'See Emily Play' and the strange songs on Pink Floyd's impressive debut album 'The Piper At the Gates of Dawn'.

Undoubtedly Barrett's experimentation with the drug LSD affected him mentally and the band members reveal how concerned they were when he began to go catatonic on-stage, playing music that had little to do with their material, or not playing at all.

By Spring 1968 Barrett was out of the group and after a brief period of hibernation, he re-emerged in 1970 with a pair of albums, 'The Madcap Laughs' and 'Barrett', but they failed to chart and Barrett retired to a hermit life existing under the watchful gaze of his caring sister Rosemary (featured in the programme)

David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright (one of the last interviews before his sad passing) reveal how there was little understanding of mental illness when it came to the drug fused culture of the time. These days a strung out star is hurriedly booked into the Priory and given counselling. Barrett's mental breakdown was not understood and the steps taken to help him were inappropriate and still rankle the members of Pink Floyd todav...

Producer: John Sugar

A Sugar Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2011.

THU 07:00 All the Young Dudes (b01bmq92)

Series 2

Monday Monday

Patrick rashly agrees to babysit, and Billy actually gets some work. Written by and starring Jim Sweeney. From October 2002.

THU 07:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6)

Episode 1

Internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine interviews members of his live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark gleeful wordplay and preposterous songs.

In this opening episode, Tim talks to a death-defying parachutist, hears about a hair-raising brush with a Royal Protection Officer and tells at least two jokes about chickens Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.

THU 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

The Clock

Author Gerald and his wife Diana hear some bumps in the night.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.

With Douglas Blackwell and Patricia Hughes.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

THU 08:30 Radio Active (b007k39v)

Did You Catch It?

Sir Norman Tonsil attempts to review his radio station's output, including a novel way of choosing the Choir of the Year Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey

Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope and Richard Curtis.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Jeremy Pascall.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

THU 09:00 Booked (b0075sxg)

Episode 4

Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Mark Thomas, Arthur Smith, David Stafford and Dillie Keane. From 1998. THU 09:30 When the Dog Dies (b0460hzd)

Series 4

One Dog and His Man

The final series of Ronnie Corbett's popular sitcom, written by Ian Davidson and Peter Vincent

Ronnie is granddad Sandy and his old dog is Henry. If the dog dies or his lodger moves on, Sandy's children want him to downsize. He doesn't.

To help his finances, Sandy, still in the family home, took in a young couple as lodgers. But then the man left, leaving the attractive Dolores behind. Sandy's children are quite sure Dolores is a gold-digger. Meanwhile, Sandy's opinion that it would be inhuman to move Henry somewhere unfamiliar is wearing a bit thin - as is the old dog himself. But keeping the

dog alive and the lodger happy are one thing, what really concerns Sandy deeply is providing a guiding hand to his whole family - advising here, prompting there, responding to any emergency callout. If he kept himself to himself, things would be a lot simpler and smoother. But a lot duller too. Episode Five: One Dog And His Man

Why is Henry chewing a leg of Sandy's piano? Is he losing his canine marbles? He needs to go to the Dog Whisperer. To get Henry back, Sandy has to take to the skies

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4. THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b01jgb92)

Publish and Be Damn'd: The Memoirs of Harriette Wilson

Episode 1

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 himself. 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 Harriette's exciting, secretive, unpredictable world is brought vividly to life in Ellen Dryden's radio dramatization of the book which set the whole country gossiping about the behaviour of the men who ran it, and the women they loved.

In the first episode, Harriette escapes from the stultifyingly boring household of her first aristocratic protector in favour of a more exciting, younger lover. But will he be able to keep her in the style to which she has become accustomed?

We also meet Harriette's friends and rivals such as the mysterious Julia, her saintly sister Fanny, and her satanic sister Amy. Featuring Blake Ritson as the Duke of Argyle, Charles Edwards as Lord Ponsonby, and Barnaby Kay as the Duke of Wellington.

Producer: Ellen Dryden

A First Writes Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:00 Hidden Agendas (b01h7cdv)

Christmas '83 in the Rhondda

The last of three stories from Wales about secrets and lies, even those set with good intentions. It's Christmas '83 in the Valleys, and Ceri has two young children. She'd like to give them toys but their father has other plans.

Shelley Rees reads a story by Rachel Trezise.

A BBC Cymru Wales Production, directed by Emma Bodger. THU 11:15 Hattie Naylor - Chinese Whispers (b0076cb5) Little Cinderellas

The battles of an unmarried British woman in her quest to adopt a Chinese baby girl.

Facing the hurdles of both British and Chinese bureaucracy, the emotional complexities of adoption are revealed when her motivation is questioned...

First of two drama documentaries by Hattie Naylor about the consequences of China's single-child policy.

Yang Chun.... Li-Leng Au

Husband Wai-Keat Lau Ilsa.... Samantha Spiro

Sarah Parminder Sekhon

Kevin Kwong Loke

Zhang Li... Imelda Hunter

African woman.... Abi Eniola British woman Carla Simpson

Producer: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007 izss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Radio Active (b007k39v) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Twilight World of Syd Barrett (b011plrs) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox (b00770pv)

The Granddaughter of an Advocate

By Maggie O'Farrell, abridged in 10 parts by Sally Marmion. 4: As Esme gets her first taste of freedom for over 60 years, forgotten memories of her privileged past are reawakened. Meanwhile, Iris must find her a home.

Read by Hannah Gordon, Frances Grey and Eleanor Bron. THU 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sjp2l) I Ain't a Child

Michael Morpurgo tells the story of Victorian street children and the organisations that grew up to rescue them. THU 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007 jstb)

A Whistling Woman, Part 6/7 Protesters disrupt the prestigious conference at the Yorkshire university where Luke is speaking. Stars Peter Marinker.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b013n5jn)

Fire Season

Episode 4

Written by Philip Connor, Abridged by Jane Marshall, May is relentless with wind, the fire lookout's tower vibrates, guy wires scream and the distant hills are swallowed in dust. As he spots a cloud rise from the hills his eye is drawn to the

contours but he decides the spiral is just dust, it's colour and movement don't jibe with smoke. He quits his post early and finds a spot of early evening peace by a mountain pond. 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.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b01jgb92) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Booked (b0075sxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 When the Dog Dies (b0460hzd)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 17:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Oscar Wilde (b008jw9k)

The Canterville Ghost

Episode 2

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 read by

Alistair McGowan Producer: Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (m000fwym)

Series 33

Ernest Hemingway

Michael Palin first came across his Great Life when he was studying for school exams, his love of Ernest Hemingway has never gone away. He, along with expert Naomi Wood tell Matthew Parris why this twentieth century legend is a Great Life.

Producer :Perminder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 19:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

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THU 21:15 Hattie Naylor - Chinese Whispers (b0076cb5) [Reneat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Music Teacher (b03bfkcx)

Series 3

Episode 4

Richie Webb returns as multi-instrumentalist music teacher Nigel Penny.

Nigel is somewhat distracted from his teaching duties by his temporary homelessness, his illegally parked rented transit van and Arts Centre Manager Belinda's increased security measures. Directed by Nick Walker

Audio production by Matt Katz

Written and produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 22:45 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b01sjj87) Series 2

About Poorly Relatives

The series is a mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with scenes from his family life.

Janet a.k.a. Mum - At the end of the day she just wants the best for her son. However, she'd also love to brag and show her son off to her friends, but with Nathan only telling jokes for a living it's kind of hard to do. She loves Nathan, but she aint looking embarrassed for nobody!

Martin a.k.a. Dad - works in the construction industry and was looking forward to his son getting a degree so the two of them could work together in the same field. But now Nathan has blown that dream out of the window. Martin is clumsy and hardheaded and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way).

Shirley a.k.a. Grandma - cannot believe Nathan turned down architecture for comedy. How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!

So with the weight of his family's disappointment will Nathan be able to persist and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference?

About Poorly Relatives - Nathan Caton is unsympathetic when his parents are poorly as he has an important gig and needs to be on his A game. But he agrees not to tell Grandma that they're poorly as she doesn't believe in poorly.

Nathan Nathan Caton

Mum Adjoa Andoh

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. DevlinPhil Cornwell 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 (m000fwvm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b0076tw5)

[Reneat 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 (b0075sxg)

[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 (b01bmq92) [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.

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 sociable 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 (b007tbrv)

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

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 Rumblings 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 Pipstrelle 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 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

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 vou're dving", but as she knows "torpor is nothing to be scared of, .. torpor is vour 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)

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,

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1960.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)

Ill Met by Goonlight

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)

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 soor 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

Argyle 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 Naravan Stories (b01dc3p8)

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 (b07k0tld)

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 Navlor about the consequences of China's single-child policy.

Grandfather Burt Kwouk

Mother.... Sarah Lam

Aunty 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 (b00sjw36)

The Habit of Schooling

Michael Morpurgo discovers the reaction to the 1870 Forster Education Act, marking the start of compulsory education for

FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007 istn)

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.