

## SATURDAY 16 JULY 2016

**00:00 Dangerous Visions (b02x9f4n)**

The Testament of Jessie Lamb, Episode 5  
Jane Rogers won the Arthur C. Clarke Award 2012 with her novel set in a future where a deadly virus causing pregnant women to die in their millions. Jessie becomes increasingly certain that sacrificing her own life for a healthy baby is the most important thing she can do. But her plan to become a Sleeping Beauty hits an obstacle.

Directed by Nadia Molinari

Dangerous Visions Season:

The adjective Ballardian refers to the writer JG Ballard's fearful imaginings of what the near future might be like. Even though the master creator of dystopian futures died four years ago, his vision of what our future might become feels as relevant, satirical and as scary as ever. Radio 4's Dangerous Visions is a season of dramas that explore contemporary takes on future dystopias. Dramatisations of Ballard's seminal works, Drowned World and Concrete Island, straddle the season, and we have asked five leading radio writers - Nick Perry, Ed Harris, Michael Symmonds Roberts, Michael Butt and Philip Palmer - to imagine what life might be like in the near future if everything goes wrong - and their Dangerous Visions form the bedrock of the series: clever, imaginative and disturbing takes on just what might happen. What happens if sleep is outlawed? If cloning becomes a matter of course, and your loved ones are capable of being cloned? If North London declares UDI on South London, which has become a wasteland? If human sacrifice becomes a part of society? We are also running a 5 part dramatisation of Jane Roger's award winning terrifying novel The Testament of Jessie Lamb, dramatised by the author. Dangerous Visions - you will be disturbed as you see the present reflected in the glass of an uneasy future.

Credits

Jessie: Holliday Grainger

Joe: Mark Jordan

Cath: Joanne Mitchell

Sal: Rebecca Ryan

Director: Nadia Molinari

Author: Jane Rogers

**00:15 Brian Appleyard - First Church of the New Millennium**

(b007jqnc)

Episode 5

As architect Stephen Rix builds his cathedral, he makes dramatic decision about his life. Read by David Horovitch.

**00:30 Sounds Natural (b0711167)**

Roger Whittaker

From the Wildebeest to the Paradise Flycatcher. Singer Roger Whittaker shares his fascination for the wildlife of East Africa and Wales with Derek Jones - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**01:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent: The Cabatolin Diamonds**

(b036ybrp)

Episode 5

Jock manages to infiltrate the ground crew in a risky gambit, while Dick Barton and his chums get more than they bargained for.

The stirring 'Devil's Galop' heralds the arrival of Douglas Kelly as 'Dick Barton - Special Agent' in another thrilling tale of criminal masterminds, espionage and daring adventure.

Originally starring Noel Johnson, Duncan Carse and Gordon Davies, Dick Barton ran on the BBC Light Programme between 1946 and 1951, but sadly, very few original recordings survive.

With the original lost, this is a very authentic sounding re-recording of 'The Cabatolin Diamonds' using the original scripts and music, which was made for international distribution. Happily the audio was rediscovered in 2009, lurking in the vaults of the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra, Australia.

Script by Geoffrey Webb.

Producer: Morris West

First broadcast in Australia in April 1949.

**01:15 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012lplk)**

Episode 5

Confusion reigns. If Lorna isn't an addict, why does she seem to have a well-used syringe in her possession? Read by Danny Webb.

**01:30 The I Love You Bridge (b01302s4)**

A quest for the original lovers of the 'I Love You Bridge' - a fabulously incongruous message painted on a footbridge on a hollowed-out housing estate in Sheffield.

Presented by feature film maker, opera director and screenwriter, Penny Woolcock, in her first radio documentary.

Perhaps you quietly ask yourself "How do they live like this." / Then out of nowhere the answer / "I love you" / scrawled on the highest bridge." (Rowan Blair Colver). Funny how graffiti can transform cement. How a simple love message scrawled on a bridge between two empty flanks of Brutalist flats can lift our hearts. That's what happened when somebody, somehow, leaned over the perilous edge of this

narrow footbridge on Norwich Row at Park Hill flats, high above Sheffield's train station, and painted: Clare Middleton I love you will u marry me We call it The I Love You Bridge. It's visible for miles, from town. When we set off on this journey we don't know who wrote it or when, or even if it all went up at once. We don't know whether she said 'Yes' or what happened next. Nobody knows, not even the people who've worked on the Estate for years - caretaker, needle exchange worker, decorator, or the few (like writer, Rowan, above) who still live there; not even the local builders who are regenerating the first flank that the bridge links.

In this programme we follow up all kinds of rumours in the hope of sourcing the graffiti and its lovers.

Producer: Frances Byrnes

A Rockethouse Production for BBC Radio 4.

**02:00 Maggie O'Farrell - The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox**

(b00770tg)

Episode 10

After 61 years, Esme knows the truth and confronts her sister, Kitty. Concluded by Hannah Gordon, Frances Grey and Eleanor Bron.

**02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm8nf)**

Charlie Chaplin Went to France to Teach Ladies How to Dance Michael Morpurgo discovers new forms of entertainment available for children in the first half of the 20th century.

**02:30 15 Minute Drama (b01pgjyc)**

A Little Twist of Dahl, The Neck

A series of stories by Roald Dahl

Episode 5: Neck

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these black comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings.

The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting as they do, a hilariously bleak view of family life. Their satisfying conclusions invariably leave bullies, schemers, adulterers and frauds soundly punished. In Neck, Sir Basil Turton, a wealthy newspaper magnate, has recently taken a young wife. Bossy and openly adulterous, the new Lady Turton is despised by Jelks, Sir Basil's butler, for her cruel treatment of his master. One morning she is openly frolicking with her latest lover in the grounds of the estate, when, for a joke, she sticks her head through a hole in one of Sir Basil's priceless Henry Moore sculptures. When she finds she is stuck, Sir Basil with Jelks' assistance, must decide on a course of action.

Produced and directed by David Blount

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

Credits

Storyteller: Charles Dance

Lionel Sturridge: James Glover

Sir Basil Turton: Chris Emmett

Lady Turton: Katie Scarfe

Jelks: David Ryall

Major Haddock: Mark Heap

Writer: Stephen Sheridan

Director: David Blount

Producer: David Blount

**02:45 Book of the Week (b013xn65)**

All Made Up, Episode 5

Award-winning author Janice Galloway reads an extract from her new memoir. Teenaged Janice is about to leave the security of Ardrossan Academy for university, a long-cherished dream of her downtrodden mother. Read by the author and abridged by Sian Preece. Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.

**03:00 Thomas Hardy - The Return of the Native (b0076sfl)**

Episode 3

Clym and Eustacia are married, but her unhappiness and renewed passion for Wildeve threatens all of them. Stars David Calder.

**04:00 Whispers (b007k358)**

Series 3, Episode 4

Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, Penny Junor and Julian Fellowes. From October 2005.

**04:30 No Commitments (b01mmrb8)**

Series 10, A Bride Too Far

Victoria and Emily battle it out over the wedding, while Charlotte is feeling left out. Stars Celia Imrie. From February 2004.

**05:00 Winston in Europe (b007tzt5)**

An Educated Woman

Arriving in France, the old rogue's talk of Flaubert, Baudelaire and Renoir baffles Nancy. Stars Bill Wallis. From March 1992.

**05:30 Rumbblings from the Rafters (b07jw65)**

Edible Dormouse and Peacock Butterfly  
An Edible Dormouse played by Hugh Dennis and a Peacock Butterfly played by Amanda Abbington reveal the truth about life in an old attic in a house in Amersham in the last of three very funny tales, written and introduced by Lynne Truss, with additional sound recordings by Chris Watson. The Edible Dormouse is no Common Dormouse. He is Russian

and extremely serious-minded. He is obsessed with answering the question, "Why are we here?" both the philosophical question and the literal one. No answer satisfies him. So he has reached his own conclusion, which involves secret agents and a submarine. "I may be rare, cute-looking, and of indisputable foreign origin, but I am not stupid." He is planning a meeting with his fellow Edible Dormouse to discuss their next move. He knows this won't be easy. The others think he is mad. Top of the agenda is what they should call themselves. "Imagine how it feels to be one of the only zoological species in existence whose very name says, "Have you ever thought of eating me?"

The Peacock Butterfly is youthful, intelligent, and ever so concerned with being brave and sensible about mortality. Having been born the previous year, she is re-visiting the attic before dying. "I remember when I first came in, I thought hello, this wouldn't be a bad place to pop off, when the time comes." But trying to be brave about her inevitable end is much harder than she expects. "Well, I'm sorry to say that for some completely inexplicable reason I totally lost it at the sycamore! I mean what's wrong with me?" But as she settles down to die, a sudden thought changes everything ...

Edible Dormouse: Hugh Dennis

Peacock Butterfly: Amanda Abbington

Written and introduced by Lynne Truss

Wildlife sound recordings Chris Watson

Producer Sarah Blunt.

Credits

Presenter: Lynne Truss

Edible Dormouse: Hugh Dennis

Peacock Butterfly: Amanda Abbington

Producer: Sarah Blunt

Writer: Lynne Truss

**06:00 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)**

When writer Charles Condomine invites a medium to hold a séance at his country house, he anticipates little more than some harmless fakery and a lot of good material for his new novel. Instead, he gets a ghostly visitation from his dead first wife, rather to the chagrin of his very much alive second one...

Noël Coward's classic comedy stars Roger Allam as Charles and Maggie Steed as Madame Arcati.

Adapted for radio by Bert Coules. Director Philip Franks.

Producer Patrick Rayner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

**07:30 The RSC at 50 (b010dp0l)**

The New Theatre

James Naughtie explores the history of the Royal Shakespeare Company as it marks its 50th birthday and reopens its main Stratford theatre. Part 3. The new theatre.

The struggle to create a new theatre in Stratford, fit for the diverse work of the Royal Shakespeare Company in the 21st Century, goes right back to its founding in 1961. In the final episode of his three-part series, James Naughtie speaks with the key players about the problems with the Elisabeth Scott Shakespeare Memorial Theatre built in 1932, the triumphant experiments at The Other Place and The Swan, and - built within the original walls - the brand new theatre with its thrust stage which will open with Michael Boyd's production of Macbeth in April 2011.

Former Artistic Directors Trevor Nunn, Terry Hands and Adrian Noble tell Jim about their times with the company while Judi Dench recalls the terror and hilarity of performing with Ian McKellen in Nunn's famously intense production of Macbeth at The Other Place in 1976. Architect Rab Bennetts and current Artistic Director Michael Boyd explain the challenge of creating the new space while the series culminates in an examination of why performing Shakespeare matters to the artistic well-being of the nation.

As Peter Brook says to Jim in a rare interview: "This is Shakespeare. Not "Shakespeare Memorial" but this is Shakespeare as the real, living example that there is something more".

The series as a whole features an exclusive breadth of interviews with the key players of the past half century. With all five artistic directors Peter Hall, Trevor Nunn, Terry Hands, Adrian Noble and Michael Boyd; luminaries such as Peter Brook, Cicely Berry, Greg Doran, Judi Dench, Patrick Stewart and David Tennant, and backstage artists, technicians and craftpeople, James Naughtie explores both the history of the company and the reasons why its work matters to the wider British cultural scene.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

Credits

Producer: Beaty Rubens

Presenter: James Naughtie

**08:00 Archive on 4 (b03ddnfm)**

Not Enough Hours in the Day

In this Archive on Four Claudia Hammond traces the history of the time use survey. She explores how social change has transformed the way people use their time, with more women working outside the home and the rise of supposedly labour-saving devices. These days men have an average of 5 hours and 48 minutes spare and women have 5 hours and 23 minutes, far more time than most people realise. Going back to the BBC archives and others such as those at Sussex

University Claudia compares now with the past. Eighty years ago the BBC conducted Britain's first ever survey of time use. Its aim was to discover whether anyone would have time to take up a brand new leisure activity - watching TV. In fact last year's time use survey in the US tells us that if people gain any unexpected spare time they spend it watching TV.

But we are unreliable chroniclers of our time: even in the last fortnight we remember only between nine and fifteen things we have done.

The programme will trace the history of the time-use surveys and why they are much harder to conduct than you might think. People hate filling them in. Lawyers have to account for every six minutes of their time in order to charge the right clients, so they're experts on time use, but they detest doing it because it reminds them how fast time goes. Using the BBC written archives and first-hand accounts of time-use from the Mass Observation Archive at Sussex University Claudia follows the changes in the way time-use has been measured.

We'll also learn here the idiosyncratic stories of the individuals who recorded their own time use. The Reverend Robert Shields has written what is thought to be the longest diary in the world. It's 30 times longer than Pepys' diary and it fills 91 cardboard boxes. Using six typewriters he noted down everything he did, describing everything from his dreams to his urination. He died in 2007 and won't allow most of it to be read until 2057, but a few pages are available. Then there's Gordon Bell who works for Microsoft and is chronicling every 20 seconds of his life with a photograph and employs people to scan every page he reads from books, so that there's a complete digital record of his life.

**09:00 Sondheim - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (b07153b8)**  
Dennis Quilley and Julia McKenzie star in an exclusive BBC recording of the Royal National Theatre's hit 1993 revival of Stephen Sondheim's musical thriller. Introduced by Sheridan Morley.

A half-mad barber returns home after escaping from an unjust imprisonment, to take vengeance on the judge who sentenced him, ravished his wife and now plans to marry his daughter. However, Sweeney doesn't limit himself to one victim, he takes revenge against the whole world for his and his daughter's suffering by slitting the throats of his customers, whose corpses are then made into meat pies by his enterprising accomplice, Mrs Lovett.

Music and lyrics written by Stephen Sondheim based on Hugh Wheeler's book, adapted by Christopher Bond.

Starring Dennis Quilley as Sweeney Todd, Julia McKenzie as Mrs Lovett, Adrian Lester as Anthony Hope, Sheila Reid as Beggar Woman/Lucy, Carol Starks as Johanna, Philip Curtis as the Bird Seller, Christopher Benjamin as Judge Turpin, Barry James as Beadle Bamford, Adriana Lewis Morgan as Tobias Ragg, Nick Holder as Adolfo Pirelli and Stephen Hanley as Fogg.

The ensemble players: Di Botcher, Megan Kelly, Mandy Moore, Martin Nelson, Peter Prentice, Ernestina Quarcoo and Rhashan Stone.

Musicians: Colin Wray [trumpet], Dean Foley [horn], Emma Fowler [clarinet], Rachel Edmunds [bassoon], Julia Leighton-Jones [violin], Judith Herbert [cello], David Berry [double-bass] and Philip Hopkins [percussion].

Associate Music Director: Mark Dorrell and Production Music Direct: Paddy Cunneen.

Director: Declan Donnellan  
For the BBC: Recording Engineer: Mike Robinson, Sound Balancer: Tim Durham and Producer: John Langridge.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1994.

**11:35 Stephen Sondheim in Conversation (b07156k2)**  
Legendary composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim in conversation with Mark Lawson.

With a string of award-winning shows to his name - including A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Company, Follies, A Little Night Music, Sweeney Todd, Into The Woods and Passion - Stephen discusses his career and shares his views on musical theatre.

Recorded with an audience at the 2010 Cheltenham Literary Festival when Stephen was on a UK book tour, coinciding with his 80th birthday.

First broadcast in Front Row on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**12:00 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04ndrcb)**  
Pursued by a Bear

The struggles of a Dublin theatrical costumier. The local nun's drama group offers hope. With Doreen Keogh. From September 1998.

**12:30 J Kingston Platt (b01rr6y0)**  
Romance

The showbusiness survivor shares a touching tale of unexpected romance. Written and read by Peter Jones. From September 1993.

**13:00 Life Lines: Omnibus (b07157yt)**  
An ambulance call handler's own life is fast becoming as much of an emergency as the calls she takes. Stars Sarah Ridgeway.

**14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07158fp)**  
Steve Earle

Singer Steve Earle chooses 'Shoo-Fly Pie and Apple Pan Dowdy' and 'I Am a Patriot' by Little Steven & The Disciples

of Soul.

**14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b007516)**  
Stephen Fry

The actor and writer opens up to Professor Anthony Clare about love, self-loathing and contemplating suicide. From June 1997.

Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with prominent people from different walks of life.

Born in Dublin, author Anthony held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle. In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred to TV. Series highlights include conversations with Bob Monkhouse, Cecil Parkinson and Gerry Adams.

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.

**15:00 Archive on 4 (b03ddnfm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**16:00 Noel Coward - Blithe Spirit (b01ghlgw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**17:30 The RSC at 50 (b010dp0l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**18:00 The Real George Orwell (b01qldly)**  
Nineteen Eighty-Four, Episode 2  
Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway

Winston Smith has found love and comfort with Julia, and now they are determined to join the Brotherhood, a secret, counter-revolutionary organisation pledged to destroy The Party. But for The Party's enemies, deep in the Ministry of Love, there is the threat of Room 101.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

Credits  
Winston Smith: Christopher Eccleston  
Julia: Pippa Nixon  
O'Brien: Tim Pigott-Smith  
Parsons: Kim Wall  
Charrington: Robert Blythe  
Actor: Christine Absalom  
Actor: Sam Alexander  
Actor: Don Gilet  
Actor: Susie Riddell  
Actor: Joe Sims  
Actor: Joshua Swinney  
Director: Jeremy Mortimer  
Writer: Jonathan Holloway

**19:00 Comedy Greats (b007k42m)**  
The Noughties, Episode 2  
Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

Yo! From the 21st century of radio comedy, Baz presents another six-pack of noughties favourites:

- \* Absolute Power Series 3 (3/6)
- Roguish Martin enters the Lords, as Charles takes on a Big Brother 'star'. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From 2002.
- \* Fags, Mags and Bags Series 1 (1/6) Raising Keenan
- Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary's Glasgow corner shop sitcom. Owner Ramesh tackles a young tearaway. From 2007.
- \* The Sunday Format Series 3 (1/4)
- Celebrity eaters choose 'Desert Island Biscuits'. Radio's posh paper tells all. With Alexander Armstrong, Emma Kennedy and Tracy-Ann Oberman. From 2001.
- \* Chain Reaction Series 1 (2/6) Jimmy Carr interviews Matt Lucas
- The deadpan funny man and the 'Little Britain' star in the tag talk show, where the guest is next interviewer. From 2005.
- \* Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting Series 1 (2/6)
- Linda Smith gets her neighbour's Jack the Ripper letters authenticated and falls foul of the mafia. With Jeremy Hardy and Don Estelle. From 2001.
- \* Dead Ringers Series 6 (5/5)
- More celeb sound-alikes as Thora Hird instructs James Bond and Zippy imitates Cherie Blair. Topical impressions with Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens and Kevin Connolly. From 2002.
- Produced and scripted by Peter Reed
- First broadcast on BBC 7 in 2003.

**22:00 Buy Me Up TV (b009jcxh)**  
Episode 3

Another chance to hear the comedy series inspired by every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.

Starring Justin Edwards, Colin Hault, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen MacIntosh, Alex MacQueen, Greg Proops and this week's special guest, Rich Hall.

**22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07159h7)**  
The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Fred MacAulay.

**22:30 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007jvc2)**  
Episode 6

Cheesy host Alan Partridge meets BBC TV's Commissioning Director and a maverick Lord. Stars Steve Coogan. From

January 1993.

**23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b043bldw)**  
Series 4, Episode 1

Hugh Dennis, Steve Punt, Rob Newman and David Baddiel scrutinise horse racing and party conferences. From October 1990.

**23:30 2525 (b007znn2)**  
Episode 1

In the year 2525, if man is still alive, if woman can survive... then it may sound something like this. Set 511 years in the future, 2525 welcomes you into a world of competitive kitchen appliances, robotic stand-up comedians and religions devoted to the worship of The Beatles.

Cast:  
Jenny Bede  
Jamie Demetriou  
Kieran Hodgson  
Catriona Knox  
Wael Shepherd

Written by Colin Birch, Ali Crockatt and David Scott, Jason Hazeley and Joel Morris, Jon Hunter, Jane Lamacraft, Alex Lowe, Paul Putner, John Luke Roberts and Eddie Robson.

Produced by Ashley Blaker

A John Stanley production for BBC Radio 4.

Credits  
Performer: Jenny Bede  
Performer: Jamie Demetriou  
Performer: Kieran Hodgson  
Performer: Catriona Knox  
Performer: Wael Shepherd  
Writer: Colin Birch  
Writer: Ali Crockatt  
Writer: Jason Hazeley  
Writer: Joel Morris  
Writer: Jon Hunter  
Writer: Jane Lamacraft  
Writer: Alex Lowe  
Writer: Paul Putner  
Writer: John-Luke Roberts  
Writer: Eddie Robson  
Producer: Ashley Blaker

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**01:00 Life Lines: Omnibus (b07157yt)**  
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**02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07158fp)**  
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**02:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b007516l)**  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**05:30 The RSC at 50 (b010dp0l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

**06:00 A Little Twist of Dahl: Omnibus (b01phj36)**  
Five darkly comic tales by the master of the bizarre - Roald Dahl. With Charles Dance as the storyteller.

**07:15 Out of Armenia (b04w0jxm)**  
Venice

Guided by an earnest novice monk from the bells of Santa Croce to the Armenian monastery-island of San Lazzaro, Charles Emmerson continues to Venice on his journey through the Armenian diaspora of Europe.

Armenian traders have been in Venice for centuries. Tall tales of Armenians fighting with Venetians at Troy still circulate. But when the island of San Lazzaro, a former leper colony, was turned into an Armenian monastery in the early 18th century, it became a new magnet for Armenians in the city.

Over the years, San Lazzaro developed into a sacred citadel of Armenian culture. The monks collected together manuscripts and books of the Armenian world even as they turned to dust elsewhere. We hear the Armenian religious singing which the monks kept alive, and share the wonder of the Venetian Armenians who first heard it when they were young.

San Lazzaro's reputation spread - it's claimed Byron visited the island to learn the Armenian language by swimming all the way from the Venice shore. Charles learns of the very spot on the island where Byron came to meditate after trying to master the twists and turns of the semi-mystical Armenian alphabet.

Speaking with the monks today, Charles discovers the links which tie the monastery to the outside world, even as it becomes harder and harder to make up a football team for the island's meagre football pitch.

The gardener reveals the monastery's culinary secrets - rose-petal jam, and copious supplies of dairy products from the Lido. And as the mist draws in, and vespers end, the abbot takes out the monastery speedboat to return his visitors to the city. The island falls back into the protective silence of the night.

Produced by Cicely Fell



**07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07jyrdj)**

Series 65, Episode 3

The nation's favourite wireless entertainment pays a visit to Glasgow's Pavilion Theatre. Old-timers Barry Cryer and Tony Hawks are joined on the panel by locals Susan Calman and Fred Macaulay with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell provides piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

It is a BBC Studios production.

Credits

Presenter: Jack Dee

Panellist: Barry Cryer

Panellist: Tony Hawks

Panellist: Susan Calman

Panellist: Fred Macaulay

Producer: Jon Naismith

**08:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)**

Series 2, The Entente Cordiale

Cross-channel harmony hits the buffers, when the station is twinned with one in France.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Valentine /Bradshaw/Head of French Rail, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and Roger Delgado as Dupont.

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 October 1973.

**08:30 J Kingston Platt (b01rtzx7)**

Ronnie Melcombe and his Surprising Wife

The showbiz veteran relates a startling tale of a wife addicted to shock. Written and read by Peter Jones. From September 1993.

**09:00 The Write Stuff (b00v1qkl)**

Series 14, PG Wodehouse

More literary challenges will be set as another series of The Write Stuff starts, seeing the return of host, James Walton, along with novelists, John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks as team captains.

Each episode features an "Author of the Week" whose life and work provide a focus for the questions as well as the basis for the pastiches at the end of the show. This series the following writers will be "Authors of the Week":

- Episode 1: P.G. Wodehouse

- Episode 2: Tennessee Williams

- Episode 3: Marcel Proust

- Episode 4: The Beats (Kerouac, Ginsberg, Burroughs)

- Episode 5: Stephenie Meyer (author of the Twilight series)

- Episode 6: Edgar Allan Poe

As ever, the team captains will be joined by guest panellists from the literary world and this series the guests will include best-selling crime writer, Mark Billingham; Horrid Henry author, Francesca Simon; poet, Ian McMillan; children's author, Sue Limb and journalist and broadcaster, Francis Wheen.

The guest panellists for Episode 1 will be Francis Wheen and Ian McMillan and the show will finish, as ever, with each panellist reading out a pastiche of the "Author of the Week"'s work - this week they imagine how Wodehouse might have tackled historical fiction.

**09:30 King Street Junior (b007jnc6)**

Series 7, Taking the Rap

School trouble is brewing over a pupil playing truant and a strict disciplinarian on the staff. With Dilys Laye. From May 1992.

**10:00 Charles Dickens (b007jzxc)**

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Orphans

The arrival in Cloisterham of Neville and Helena Landless, twins from Ceylon, sets in motion a chain of events which leads to murder....

Charles Dickens's unfinished book completed by Leon Garfield and dramatised for radio in 5-parts by David Buck.

Starring Ian Holm as John Jasper, Mark Payton as Edwin Drood, Gareth Thomas as the Reverend Crisparkle, Simon Treves as Neville, Helena Breck as Helena, Susan Sheridan as Deputy and Mary Wimbush as Princess Puffer.

Pianist: Nicholas Kok

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service co-production first broadcast in 1990.

**11:00 Patrick O'Brian - Little Death (b047kjc)**

Haunted by World War Two and vowing not to kill again, an ex-fighter pilot is invited to shoot pigeons. Read by Liam O'Callaghan.

**11:15 Afternoon Drama (b013852k)**

Rightfully Mine

Ella Hickson is one of the brightest young stars of the British new writing scene. She is currently Pearson playwright in residence at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

Of Ella's second stage play 'Precious Little Talent' the Sunday Times commented:

'Of the young female playwrights sparkling in the West End, Ella Hickson shines the brightest... this fresh, ardent play suggests that it's writer, Ella Hickson, has a wide-open future'.

In 'Rightfully Mine', Ella Hickson explores the relationship between a mother and a daughter and asks what rights raising a child gives you - do the things you do for your children really come for free?

'I suddenly wonder whether the best thing you can ever do for your child is not to sacrifice anything for them, to live, almost in spite of them - that way you'll never hold it against them - you'll never feel that they owe you anything...'

Twenty six year old Amy is desperate to have her own child, but a teenage illness and subsequent operation has made it impossible for her to bear her own. Her last resort is to ask her fifty year-old mother, Celia, to act as surrogate. A favour which Celia gives freely, and Amy is afraid to receive.

Celia: Kath Howden

Amy: Shauna MacDonald

Paul: John Paul Hurley

Written by Ella Hickson

Directed by Lu Kemp.

**12:00 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**12:30 J Kingston Platt (b01rtzx7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**13:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent: The Cabatolin Diamonds (b03790m8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**13:15 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012r6vn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

**13:30 House Beautiful (b00zm1l1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01k9qrm)**

Michael Palin - The Truth, Episode 1

Written by Michael Palin.

Keith Mabbut has completed his book on the Sullom Voe oil terminal but feels decidedly unfulfilled. Returning home to London he is determined to embark on a novel.

Keith is at a crossroads in his life. When he is offered the opportunity of a lifetime - to write the biography of the elusive Hamish Melville, a highly influential activist and humanitarian - he seizes the chance to write something meaningful.

His search to find out the real story behind the legend takes him to the lush landscapes and environmental hotspots of India. The more he discovers about Melville, the more he admires him - and the more he connects with an idealist who wanted to make a difference.

But is his quarry genuinely who he claims to be? Is he really a Gandhi-like leader of the people, a political mover and shaker, an enigma? These are the question Keith must ask himself. But as he soon discovers, the truth can be whatever we make it.

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

**14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00snq94)**

The Kiddy and the Pork Chop

Michael Morpurgo looks at the impact of economic improvements on children in the second half of the 20th century.

**14:30 15 Minute Drama (b012wdjr)**

Ernest Hemingway - A Farewell to Arms, Episode 1

Ernest Hemingway's novel, dramatised by Stephen Keyworth.

1/10 Frederic Henry, an American ambulance driver for the Italian army, plays courtship games with Catherine Barkley, a British nurse.

Cast

Frederic ..... Patrick Kennedy

Catherine ..... Morven Christie

Rinaldi ..... Carl Prekopp

Ferguson ..... Alex Treagar

Manera ..... Jonathan Forbes

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole

As part of the BBC Year of the Book, Radio Four presents Ernest Hemingway's greatest love story set in the Italian conflict in the First World War, where American ambulance driver Frederic Henry and British nurse Catherine Barkley are serving. Despite themselves, they find life and passion beneath the numbness of war and death.

A dramatisation by Steven Keyworth, with Patrick Kennedy (Atonement, War Horse) as Frederic, and Morven Christie (Lost in Austen, The Sinking of the Laconia) as Catherine.

Credits

Visual Editor: Toby Swift

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

**14:45 Book of the Week (b014f9pz)**

Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile, Episode 1

Nothing obsessed explorers of the mid-nineteenth century more than the quest to discover the source of the White Nile. It was the planet's most elusive secret, the prize coveted above all others. Between 1856 and 1876, six

larger-than-life men and one extraordinary woman accepted the challenge. Showing extreme courage and resilience, Richard Burton, John Hanning Speke, James Augustus Grant, Samuel Baker, Florence von Sass, David Livingstone, and Henry Morton Stanley risked their lives and reputations in the fierce competition.

Award-winning author Tim Jeal deploys fascinating new research to provide a vivid tableau of the uncharted 'Dark Continent', its jungle deprivations, and the courage as well as malicious tactics of the explorers. On multiple forays launched into east and central Africa, the travellers passed through almost impenetrable terrain and suffered the ravages of flesh-eating ulcers, paralysis, malaria, deep spear wounds, and even death. They discovered Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria and became the first white people to encounter the kingdoms of Buganda and Bunyoro.

Jeal weaves the story with authentic new detail and examines the tragic unintended legacy of the Nile search that still casts a long shadow over the people of Uganda and Sudan.

Tim Jeal is the author of acclaimed biographies of Livingstone, Baden-Powell, and Stanley, each selected as a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times and the Washington Post. He lives in London.

Reader: Alex Jennings

Abridger: Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**15:00 Charles Dickens (b007jzxc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**16:00 The Write Stuff (b00v1qkl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**16:30 King Street Junior (b007jnc6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**17:00 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v2pbf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07jyrdj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**18:00 15 Minute Drama (b03v7d7cs)**

Ed Harris - The Interplanetary Notes of Ambassador B, Episode 1

Ambassador B should be inspecting minor planets of far-away suns for the peaceful Interplanetary Commonwealth. Instead, her recorded reports reveal that she is veering off-course, pursuing a vendetta and bringing anything but peace. Mind-bending, interstellar fun and adventure from Sony Gold-winning writer Ed Harris.

1/5 Ambassador B inspects a planet which encourages free speech. But where no one has a word to say about her predecessor, Ambassador A.

Produced and Directed by Jonquil Panting.

Credits

Ambassador B: Fenella Woolgar

Minister Lung: Carolyn Pickles

Stone: Clive Hayward

Supervisor Lobe: Michael Bertenshaw

Complainant 1: Steve Toussaint

Complainant 2: Cassie Layton

Rib: Matthew Watson

Ambassador A: Priyanga Burford

Director: Jonquil Panting

Producer: Jonquil Panting

Writer: Ed Harris

**18:15 Brian Appleyard - First Church of the New Millennium (b007jqp7)**

Episode 6

Architect Stephen Rix brings back evidence that his cathedral vision really does exist. Read by David Horovitch.

**18:30 A Good Read (b007f7sz)**

Dolly Dhingra &amp; Tony Wheeler

Matthew Parris and his guests, journalist Dolly Dhingra and founder of the Lonely Planet guides Tony Wheeler, discuss books by Amitav Ghosh, Vikram Seth, Douglas Adams and Mark Carwardine. From 2002.

The Glass Palace by Amitav Ghosh

Publisher: Harper Collins

Last Chance to See by Douglas Adams and Mark Carwardine

Publisher: Pan

The Golden Gate by Vikram Seth

Publisher: Faber.

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**20:30 House Beautiful (b00zm1l1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**21:00 Patrick O'Brian - Little Death (b047kjc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**21:15 Afternoon Drama (b013852k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b07jyrdj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**22:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00m6bhh)**

Series 4, Episode 1







Headed abroad, author Gerald is not keen to visit his wife Diana's friend.

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

With Lolly Cockerell, Jane Knowles, Brian Haines and Michael Spice.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

**08:30 Radio Active (b007jvv0)**

Series 6, The Fit and Fat Show

Anna Daport presents her very personal radio guide to staying fit and healthy.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

**09:00 Booked (b07llch7)**

Series 4, Episode 6

Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary quiz with Dillie Keane, Miles Kington, Roger McGough and Mark Thomas. From August 1998.

**09:30 Tanika Gupta - Pankhiraj (b07lp4lr)**

The Wedding

Dida is a storyteller with an unpredictable brand of magic. In Tanika Gupta's four-part comedy, three generations of women collide at a family wedding.

Starring Charubala Chokshi as Dida, Souad Faress as Sripurna, Meera Syal as Malati, Vinny Dhillon as Rehana and Geoffrey Beevers as Geoffrey.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

**10:00 Charles Dickens (b007k01g)**

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, A Performance

Hunting for proof that his nephew Edwin was murdered by Neville Landless, Jasper finds it in the most tragic way.

Stars Ian Holm.

**11:00 Deborah Moggach - Suspicion (b07l1nn86)**

Episode 1

4 Extra Debut. Velda's new boyfriend is handsome and charming. But why is she increasingly suspicious of him? Read by Barbara Flynn.

**11:15 Afternoon Drama (b0076x19)**

Rani Moorthy - Curry Tales

By Rani Moorthy.

Four cooks share their secrets. The stories include mood fusion curries for New Delhi society, a grandmother's legacy in Malaysia, and an accountant's egg curry in London.

With Rani Moorthy, Pik-Sem Lin, Rina Mahoney, Liz Sutherland.

Director: Shabina Aslam.

**12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b008h45n)**

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**13:30 Sylvie Simmons: The Rock Chick (b010dd43)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kd08w)**

Michael Palin - The Truth, Episode 4

Written by Michael Palin.

Mabbut accepts Ron Latham's offer and uses his contacts to establish Melville's whereabouts. It transpires Melville is working on a project in India and Mabbut heads for Bhubaneswar in search of his elusive subject.

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Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

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**14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00spnww)**

Calling a Hit a Smack

Michael Morpurgo examines how children have fallen between the family and the state, sometimes with tragic results.

**14:30 15 Minute Drama (b012wzfg)**

Ernest Hemingway - A Farewell to Arms, Episode 4

Ernest Hemingway's greatest novel of love and war, dramatised by Stephen Keyworth. 4/10 Frederic has to go back to the war, and Catherine gives him some parting news.

Cast

Frederic ..... Patrick Kennedy

Catherine ..... Morven Christie

Major ..... James Lailey

Gage ..... Susie Riddell

Van Campen ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Ettore ..... Simon Bubb

Shopkeeper ..... Alex Tregear

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

Credits

Visual Editor: Toby Swift

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

**14:45 Book of the Week (b014m912)**

Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile, Episode 4

Following in the footsteps of Burton, Speke and Baker, Dr Livingstone aims to solve the Nile mystery once and for all. Nothing obsessed explorers of the mid-nineteenth century more than the quest to discover the source of the White Nile. It was the planet's most elusive secret, the prize coveted above all others. Between 1856 and 1876, six larger-than-life men and one extraordinary woman accepted the challenge. Showing extreme courage and resilience, Richard Burton, John Hanning Speke, James Augustus Grant, Samuel Baker, Florence von Sass, David Livingstone, and Henry Morton Stanley risked their lives and reputations in the fierce competition.

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Abrider: Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

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4/5 Landing on an unknown rock, Ambassador B gets a cheery welcome, dinner and even a movie. Too bad the armrests have handcuffs.

Produced and Directed by Jonquil Panting.

Credits

Ambassador B: Fenella Woolgar

Cook: Ewan Bailey

Frost: Steve Toussaint

Emperor Vent 4th: Kasper Hilton-Hille

Actor: Wilf Scolding

Actor: Michael Bertenshaw

Actor: David Cann

Actor: Carolyn Pickles

Director: Jonquil Panting

Producer: Jonquil Panting

Writer: Ed Harris

**18:15 Brian Appleyard - First Church of the New Millennium (b007jqg8)**

Episode 9

With his cathedral vision still in mind, architect Stephen Rix undertakes a dangerous journey. Read by David Horovitch.

**18:30 Great Lives (b0079n8m)**

Series 12, Billie Holiday

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

5/9. Pauline Black, lead singer with The Selecter, nominates Billie Holiday, one of the greatest jazz singers of all time. Pauline played Billie in an award-winning stage role in 1990. Guest is Julia Blackburn, whose book With Billie was based on the observations of people who knew her.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07l1scr8)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Thom Tuck talks again to Danish comedian Sofie Hagen.

**22:30 The Music Teacher (b03c49xt)**

Series 3, Episode 6

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

As the local church's bicentennial concert bears down on all at the Arts Centre, Nigel finds himself with an interesting offer from Belinda and a room gradually filling with instruments to boot.

Audio production by Matt Katz

Directed by Nick Walker

Written and produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

Credits

Nigel Penny: Richie Webb

Belinda: Vicki Pepperdine

Clive: Dave Lamb

Lenny: Adrian Decosta

Guy: Jim North

Rachel: Jess Robinson

Elliot: Ben Katz

Director: Nick Walker

Producer: Richie Webb

Writer: Richie Webb

**22:45 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b02147zz)**

Series 2, About Difficult Dads

EPISODE SIX: ABOUT DIFFICULT DADS

Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing - tells the story of young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who after becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, opted not to use his architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian, much to his family's annoyance who desperately want him to get a 'proper job.'

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

Janet a.k.a. Mum - loves Nathan, but she aint looking embarrassed for nobody!

Martin a.k.a. Dad - turning 50 and doesn't want to.

Shirley a.k.a. Grandma - can't believe she left the paradise in the West Indies and came to the freezing United Kingdom for a better life so that years later her grandson could 'tell jokes!' How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!

Each episode illustrates the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his disapproving family as he tries to pursue his chosen career.

About Difficult Dads

Nathan's Dad celebrates his 50th birthday but resents being made to feel middle-aged by his son. So, he challenges him to see who is The Man of the House.

Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle

Additional Material by Ola and Maff Brown

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

Credits

Nathan: Nathan Caton

Mum: Adjoa Andoh

Dad: Curtis Walker

Grandma: Mona Hammond

Girl: Chizzy Akudolu

Reverend Williams: Don Gilet

Comedy Club Promoter: Ola

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

Writer: Nathan Caton

Writer: James Kettle

Writer: Ola

Writer: Maff Brown

**23:00 The Mark Steel Revolution (b00ft51b)**

The Russian Revolution

The radical comedian re-assesses the historical forces and key players. With Carla Mendonca and Martin Hyder. From July 1998.

**23:30 Polyoaks (b01p3ntd)**

Series 2, The Shaky Shaky Hip

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'. Of all the doctors at Polyoaks, Hugh is the committed political mover and shaker. To get on politically in the NHS it helps to play squash. And to play squash it helps if your



hip is working. Dr Hugh's isn't - and he hates going to see the doctor.

Cast:

Dr Roy Thornton.....Nigel Planer  
 Dr Hugh Thornton.....Simon Greenall  
 TV's Dr. Jeremy.....David Westhead  
 Nurse Vera Duplessis.....Polly Frame  
 Mr. Devlin.....Phil Cornwell  
 Robert.....Lewis McLeod  
 Written by Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer  
 Directed by Frank Stirling  
 Producer: David Spicer  
 A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

#### FRIDAY 22 JULY 2016

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]

##### 00:30 Great Lives (b0079n8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

##### 01:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent: The Cabatolin Diamonds (b037bbf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

##### 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kd08w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

##### 05:00 All the Young Dudes (b01c7rsl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

##### 05:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07k08xb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

##### 06:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent: The Cabatolin Diamonds (b037bh90)

Episode 10

Going to Jean's aid, Dick and Freddie find the distinction between friends and enemies is becoming blurred. The stirring 'Devil's Galop' heralds the arrival of Douglas Kelly as 'Dick Barton - Special Agent' in another thrilling tale of criminal masterminds, espionage and daring adventure.

Originally starring Noel Johnson, Duncan Carse and Gordon Davies, Dick Barton ran on the BBC Light Programme between 1946 and 1951, but sadly, very few original recordings survive.

With the original lost, this is a very authentic sounding re-recording of 'The Cabatolin Diamonds' using the original scripts and music, which was made for international distribution. Happily the audio was rediscovered in 2009, lurking in the vaults of the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra, Australia.

Script by Geoffrey Webb.

Producer: Morris West

First broadcast in Australia in April 1949.

##### 06:15 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012s2g9)

Episode 10

The master criminal tells all about his humble origins and rise to prominence, and seals his fate. Concluded by Danny Webb.

##### 06:30 Green Ears (b012216q)

Many of us think of our gardens, parks and green urban spaces as retreats and oases of calm from our busy lives, others think of them as places for fun, socialising and play, whereas there are some who think of them as just hard work. Whatever we think, we usually think of them in terms of what they look like, even maybe what they smell like. But in Green Ears, Professor Trevor Cox explores what they sound like.

Acoustics play a massive part in our sense of space. With loud noises like traffic or industrial works actually causing us harm. The right sorts of sounds, at the right volume and pitch though can really help to enhance our sense of tranquillity.

So what are the sounds we most like to hear in our gardens?

Water trickling, birds singing, bees buzzing, wind rustling leaves and children playing (quietly or from a distance!) can be as calming as beautiful planting and clever layout.

But it has to be the right trickle of water, get it wrong and you may find you want to rush to the loo! too loud and the sense of Niagara Falls in your small back yard can feel threatening. Trevor talks to the scientists who have put it

to the test and found the water sound we all seem to enjoy.

He talks to garden designers who not only think about harmonising colours and textures of plants, but think about how they'll attract birds and insects into the garden as well as creating cocooned quiet spaces and introducing natural noises.

Plants can also be used to block out or distract you from unwanted sounds. Green walls not only reflect sounds, but they can also absorb them. Again water can be used to distract you from a busy motorway - and these have all been used to varying effect by urban planners aiming to create pockets of peace and calm in busy cities.

Trevor also explores the use of artificial sounds in our green spaces and finds out how a garden in Florence is being used as a sound laboratory to test cutting edge sonic devices to see if they can increase the harmony of the garden.

##### 07:00 Winston in Europe (b007vcn9)

Where Are We Now?

The old rogue challenges Nancy's intelligence, and Father sings the praises of Crewe toilets. Starring Maurice Denham.

##### 07:30 Dave Podmore's Big Bake Off Bash (b07kp5gj)

England's sleaziest cricketer Dave Podmore says there's more to cricket than stuffing yourself with cakes and sandwiches half-way through the game, but he can't remember what. Pod's at rock bottom, crying into his cold beans, until he thinks there could be "some light at the end of the doldrum" when he hits on a plan to create the best cricket tea that ever graced a Cath Kidston tablecloth or clogged an English artery, and to do it on the biggest stage of all: The Great British Bake Off.

Logging every glorious calorie along the way is Andy Hamer of Radio One County's ever popular "Triglyceride Watch".

It's oven gloves off as Pod battles through the rounds, but will his unorthodox kebab cake rise to the occasion? Let's see how the public votes.

##### 08:00 Something to Shout About (b07lp1tz)

Series 1, Episode 3

Brave Michael volunteers to shed some pounds for the team's ad campaign for slimmer's bread.

Starring Michael Medwin as Michael, Fenella Fielding as Janet, Joan Sims as Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as Maggie, Nicholas Phipps as Adrian and Warren Mitchell as the Doctor/Mr Morris.

"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 with Ronnie Wolfe.

Music by The Jingle Belles and The Bernie Fenton Quartet, under the direction of Cliff Adams.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1960.

##### 08:30 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)

Spon

A certain brown terror awaits Dick Emery, who is filling Harry Secombe's shoes, but not his trousers. From September 1957.

##### 09:00 Whispers (b007k3bv)

Series 3, Episode 5

Gyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, Richard Herring and Louise Doughty. From November 2005.

##### 09:30 No Commitments (b01mntn2p)

Series 10. A Marriage of Inconvenience Victoria is livid when her daughter's wedding plans are upstaged by her sister Charlotte. Stars Bill Nighy. From February 2004.

##### 10:00 Charles Dickens (b007k02r)

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Redress

Neville Landless, whom Jasper thinks killed Edwin, has been found stabbed to death. But Datchery has a plan. Stars John Moffatt.

##### 11:00 Deborah Moggach - Suspicion (b07lp1vl)

Episode 2

When Velda's boyfriend Kenneth disappears from her flat, she traces him to an unexpected destination. Read by Barbara Flynn.

##### 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00rdwrh)

Judith Somerville - Listening to Time

By Judith Somerville. Hans and Anna meet by chance when visiting one of the remote Aran Islands, the extraordinary beauty of which leads to them developing an unexpected and intense bond. For Hans, it is part of a journey of emotional recovery.

Anna ..... Kate Broughton

Hans ..... David Tuffrey

Mrs O'Flaherty ..... Joanna Monro

German voices ..... Michael Shelford

Directed by Cherry Cookson.

Credits

Producer: Cherry Cookson

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##### 13:30 Green Ears (b012216q)

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##### 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kd0wq)

Michael Palin - The Truth, Episode 5

Written by Michael Palin.

Mabbut has been commissioned to write a book about the elusive activist Hamish Melville. He heads to India in search of his subject but, as he begins to unravel the full story, Mabbut finds himself in deep trouble.

Keith Mabbut is at a crossroads in his life. When he is offered the opportunity of a lifetime - to write the biography of the elusive Hamish Melville, a highly influential activist and humanitarian - he seizes the chance to write something meaningful.

His search to find out the real story behind the legend takes Mabbut to the lush landscapes and environmental hotspots of India. The more he discovers about Melville, the more he admires him - and the more he connects with an idealist who wanted to make a difference. But is his quarry genuinely who he claims to be? Is he really a Gandhi-like leader of the people, a political mover and shaker, an enigma? These are the questions Keith must ask himself. But as he soon discovers, the truth can be whatever we make it.

Read by Alex Jennings

Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

##### 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sprf9)

Reinventing Childhood

Michael Morpurgo recalls the impact of adults on childhood down the centuries up to the present day.

##### 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b012x129)

Ernest Hemingway - A Farewell to Arms, Episode 5

Ernest Hemingway's beautiful novel of love and war, dramatised by Stephen Keyworth. 5/10 Frederic takes up with a new ambulance unit, and med part in the great Italian retreat.

Cast

Frederic ..... Patrick Kennedy

Catherine ..... Morven Christie

Bonello ..... Carl Prekopp

Girl ..... Alex Tregear

Bartolomeo ..... Jonathan Forbes

Sergeant ..... James Laitley

Medical Officer ..... Simon Bubb

Piani ..... Daniel Rabin

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

Credits

Visual Editor: Toby Swift

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

##### 14:45 Book of the Week (b014m93d)

Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile, Episode 5

Having found Dr Livingstone, Stanley is determined to continue the doctor's quest to find the source of the Nile. Nothing obsessed explorers of the mid-nineteenth century more than the quest to discover the source of the White Nile. It was the planet's most elusive secret, the prize coveted above all others. Between 1856 and 1876, six larger-than-life men and one extraordinary woman accepted the challenge. Showing extreme courage and resilience, Richard Burton, John Hanning Speke, James Augustus Grant, Samuel Baker, Florence von Sass, David Livingstone, and Henry Morton Stanley risked their lives and reputations in the fierce competition.

Award-winning author Tim Jeal deploys fascinating new research to provide a vivid tableau of the unmappped 'Dark Continent', its jungle deprivations, and the courage as well as malicious tactics of the explorers.

Jeal weaves the story with authentic new detail and examines the tragic unintended legacy of the Nile search that still casts a long shadow over the people of Uganda and Sudan. Tim Jeal is the author of acclaimed biographies of Livingstone, Baden-Powell, and Stanley, each selected as a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times and the Washington Post. He lives in London.

Reader: Alex Jennings

Abridger: Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

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##### 15:00 Charles Dickens (b007k02r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

##### 16:00 Whispers (b007k3bv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

##### 16:30 No Commitments (b01mntn2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

##### 17:00 Winston in Europe (b007vcn9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

##### 17:30 Dave Podmore's Big Bake Off Bash (b07kp5gj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

##### 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b03vh0c6)

Ed Harris - The Interplanetary Notes of Ambassador B, Episode 5

Ambassador B should be inspecting minor planets of far-away suns for the peaceful Interplanetary Commonwealth. Instead, her recorded reports reveal that she is veering off-course.

pursuing a vendetta and bringing anything but peace.  
Mind-bending, interstellar fun and adventure from Sony  
Gold-winning writer Ed Harris.  
5/5 Ambassador B decides to turn in her badge on the next  
planet she finds. But when she gets there, there's no one to  
surrender to.

Produced and Directed by Jonquil Panting.  
Credits

Ambassador B: Fenella Woolgar  
Man in Message: David Cann  
Woman 1: Carolyn Pickles  
Woman 2: Cassie Layton  
Man in Forest: Matthew Watson  
Ambassador A: Priyanga Burford

Actor: Michael Bertenshaw  
Actor: Steve Toussaint  
Actor: Wilf Scolding  
Director: Jonquil Panting  
Producer: Jonquil Panting  
Writer: Ed Harris

**18:15 Brian Appleyard - First Church of the New Millennium**

(b007jqm)

Episode 10  
Architect Stephen Rix's cathedral has finally been built.  
But what has been the true cost? Concluded by David  
Horovitch.

**18:30 Sounds Natural (b07lp1v3)**

Derek Nimmo

From the Bar-Tailed Godwit to the Natterjack Toad. Actor,  
producer, author and Just A Minute panellist, Derek Nimmo  
talks to Derek Jones about his love of wildlife photography  
and filming, plus his recent trip to Australia - aided by  
recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Derek Nimmo: born 1930 - died 1999.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**19:00 Something to Shout About (b07lp1tz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**19:30 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**20:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent: The Cabatolin Diamonds**

(b037bh90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**20:15 Edgar Wallace - White Face (b012s2g9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

**20:30 Green Ears (b0122t6q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**21:00 Deborah Moggach - Suspicion (b07lp1v1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**21:15 Afternoon Drama (b00rdwrh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**22:00 Dave Podmore's Big Bake Off Bash (b07kp5gj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**22:30 BBC Radio New Comedy Award (b07lp1v5)**

2016, Heat 6 - Cardiff

Ten new comedians perform in the sixth heat from The Glee  
Club, Cardiff with host Mae Martin.

**23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07lsdgn)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to  
Andrew Maxwell.

**23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01cvr0t)**

Series 2, Egypt

The comedian entertains bewildered Bedouins in the desert  
and ponders the merits of doing a wildlife show. From May  
2003.