

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2017

SAT 00:00 Doctor Who (b08fjg55)

Serpent Crest, Survivors in Space, part 2/2
The Fourth Doctor and Mrs Wibsey finally track down the hamlet of Hexford, just as the Skishtari Egg is about to hatch... The final part of Paul Magrs' five-story adventure.
Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey, David Troughton as The Visitor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Cornelius Garrett as the Reverend Tongue, Sam Hoare as Lucius, Joanna Tope as Tish and Nerys Hughes as Deirdre.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio and reversioned for broadcast by BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b01cjwtj)

Series 13, The Hallelujah Chorus
Stirring, emotional and unmistakable: The Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah is the subject of this week's Soul Music. The Alzheimer's Society runs a group called 'Singing for the Brain'. It's for people with dementia or Alzheimers and their carers who come together to sing in a group. As music is tied so closely to emotional memories, often lyrics and music remain firmly fixed in the brain, even though other memories have died away.

Julia Burton of the Alzheimer's Society recalls the power of the Hallelujah Chorus, as performed at a special event by Singing for the Brain groups in Wiltshire and Dorset.

Mrs Vera Fiton, whose late husband - Ted - had dementia talks about how important the weekly singing group was for both of them. Taking Ted from his care home to 'do the Hallelujah' was a weekly highlight, he enjoyed it so much, Vera recalls, that he'd still be singing in the taxi on the way home.

Carol Pemberton, of the Birmingham-based a capella quintet 'Black Voices', took part in the reopening concert of Birmingham Town Hall in 2007. The programme director suggested they sing The Messiah, but not as Handel intended, rather a daring interpretation arranged by Quincy Jones, called the 'Soulful Messiah'. It's a soul/gospel version which has to be heard to be believed! Carol describes performing it as one of the biggest highs of her career to date.

Jennifer Blakeley runs Alphabet Photography, a photo company based in Niagara Falls in Canada. She came up with the idea of staging a Flash Mob to promote her company. The Hallelujah Chorus had long been a favourite piece, and she - along with her local choir - set up a flash-mob in a local shopping mall. The result was emotional, extraordinary... and achieved so much more than the intended aim to boost her business. Passers by, not linked with the choir, joined in... others cried, emotions ran high. And the resulting YouTube video has now attracted over 37 million hits.

Paul Spicer, composer, conductor and organist, describes the historical backdrop to Handel's exhilarating composition.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jpbh)

Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair, Roger Shelley Makes a Suggestion
The debonair detective and his wife are in Paris, when the telephone rings with a long distance call... Francis Durbidge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

With Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, Frederick Treves as Inspector Eden, Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, June Tobin as Mary Desmond, John Scott as Bill McCall, Simon Lack as Philip Droste, Betty Baskcomb as the Telephone Operator, Rolf Lefebvre as Louis Franz, John Graham as Dr Foy and Richard Hurdall as Roger Shelly.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.

Producer: Martin C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.

SAT 01:30 The Luddite Lament (b0112y4d)

In The Luddite Lament, the award winning folk singer John Tams looks back at the machine breakers of the 19th century, through the prism of the songs they inspired.

Two hundred years ago parts of Britain were on the brink of rebellion - and you could be imprisoned for singing a song. There were said to be more troops on the border of Yorkshire and Lancashire than on the Continent with Wellington. The reason? Men armed with hammers, pikes and even guns were attacking mills in protest at the introduction of new machinery. Luddism began in the Midlands in 1811 and swept northwards to Yorkshire and then Lancashire.

In just one month in 1812 a mill was attacked by over a hundred men, two Luddites were killed, a manufacturer was shot dead and then, to add to the air of fear and paranoia, the Prime Minister was assassinated. Spies and informers crisscrossed the Luddite areas passing what information they could to the authorities - but the Luddites were notoriously difficult to infiltrate. They sang songs about their exploits - about hardship, about machine breaking and about their hero General Ludd. This programme examines the story of the Luddites using some of those songs.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b009jd8q)

Sadie Jones - The Outcast, Resolution
Lewis has hidden in the woods for two days, determined to save Kit from further brutality. Concluded by Emma Fielding.

SAT 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00n7ktf)

Two Widowers
Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

When we think of the history of home, the cosy experiences of the nuclear family spring easiest to mind. But what of those who had no family or home of their own?

The story of two different widowers and their desperate search for a new wife, based on original material from two unusual sets of diaries which Prof Vickery found in Lincoln.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmtb)

Episode 15
Love is in the air in the Rue Plumet. But why is Jean Valjean so obsessed with secrecy? Stars Joss Ackland and Lucy Whybrow.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b01fcn00)

The Great Animal Orchestra, Episode 5

Read by Nigel Lindsay.

Having explored the worlds of inanimate and animal sound, Krause turns to the sounds and noises generated by modern human beings and their effects on the non-human world around them.

Bernie Krause is the world's leading expert in natural sound. He has spent the last 40 years recording ecological soundscapes and has archived the sounds of over 15,000 species - half of the wild soundscapes he has on tape don't exist anymore because of human actions.

In The Great Animal Orchestra he invites us to listen through his ears to all three as he showcases singing trees, contrasting coasts, and the roar of the modern world.

Written by Bernie Krause

Adapted by Polly Coles

Producer: Clive Brill

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00sp1fl)

Episode 3
When Lorna is taken to London, John fears he has lost her forever. And Carver has murderous plans. Stars Alison Pettit.

SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnvx)

Series 2, Episode 6
Martin Young's famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Carmen Callil and Victoria Glendinning. From July 1998.

SAT 04:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01i0sfh)

Royal Flush
Butterthwaite's frustrated reporter Graham lands an unexpected scoop. Stars Jeffrey Holland and Robert Beck. From May 1996.

SAT 05:00 Miracles R Us (b00sg1hh)

Domestic Arrangements
The man lurking outside turns out not to be the private detective Sylvia supposes, but a potential client. He has inadvertently encouraged a middle-aged American academic, in whom he has no romantic interest, to have hopes of a shared future. She is arriving next week. Can MiraclesRus help?

Caroline.....Deborah Findlay

Sylvia.....Anna Massey

James LinnetDavid Horovitch

Mary Beth Haldeman.....Laura Shavin

Pianist.....Jeremy Limb

Written by Lesley Bruce

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

Music and stings from the music of Nick Drake. Theme: "When the Day is Done" and stings: "Time of No Reply" and "Cello Song".

SAT 05:30 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)

Episode 2
Comedy drama in which Felicity Montagu (Lynn in Alan Partridge and Mrs Mainwaring in the Dad's Army film) and her daughter (Olivia Nixon) play a mother and daughter doing a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity. But the mother and father had been divorced for nine years and he had re-married, so relationships between them all have been strained. Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gable table Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden. This has somehow ended up in the step-mother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it." The series is co-written by Katherine Jakeways who also plays the step-mother.

It's day six of the walk and Ros is concerned that they aren't doing enough to revive the bond between them, while Laura is worried that she doesn't have a passion and focus in her life. Will they both find what they are looking for?

Also starring Tim Key and Javone Prince. The producer was Jane Berthoud, it was a BBC Radio Comedy production.

SAT 06:00 Carson McCullers - The Member of the Wedding**(b08fn9y3)**

Frankie Addams is twelve and five-sixths years old, and desperate to belong.

Carson McCullers 1946 novel adapted for radio by Annie Caulfield.

Stars Eliza Yoder as Frankie Addams, Matthew Givens as John Henry West, Jenny Jules as Berenice Brown, Peter Marinker as Royal Adams, Clive Rowe as Honey Brown / Monkey Man and Isabel Lucas as Big Mama.

Music composed and performed by Martin Winter

Director: Chris Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996

American novelist, Carson McCullers was born in Georgia in 1917 and died in 1967.

SAT 07:20 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012lk2m)

Episode 2
Poking fun at bands in a surviving series extract from gap-toothed comic Terry-Thomas, born in 1911. With Leslie Mitchell. From January 1954.

SAT 07:30 Yes Yes Yes (b00svdkp)

Series 1, In the Shadow of the Post
John Rawling relives the 1973 Grand National at Aintree, when Red Rum snatched victory from Crisp with just yards left to race.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01mtr8p)

The Debate of Our Times
Giles Dilnot delves into the archives of Radio 4's Any Questions and other television and radio discussion programmes to find out if political debate has changed in this country. Walking the corridors of Westminster and Whitehall, he meets Kenneth Clarke, Shirley Williams, Diane Abbott, and Tony Benn, among others, and asks if they think debate has dumbed down? Tony Benn recalls key moments like the dropping of the little known 14 day rule, or the first broadcast of Parliament in 1975, "When the transmitter was switched on, my voice was the first that was heard and I thought about it very carefully, what I would say", but did it impact on political debate outside the House of Commons?

Conservative former Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke thinks the quality of debate is more to do with who is talking, "Every generation has people who are superb at debating and every generation has people who can bore the hind leg off a donkey", but Labour's Diane Abbott believes debate is less than it once was because "professional politicians have been managed to death" which leads to the "killing off of political discussion and public engagement". So Giles asks long standing presenter Jonathan Dimbleby and also the Independent's chief political columnist Steve Richards to compare different decades. And Giles is astonished, when he listens back over five decades of debate about the topics the public really care about such as education or health, to discover that the substance of what is being discussed has not really changed. So, is it possible to say whether debate has declined, or not?

Producer: Kirsten Lass.

SAT 09:00 Edgar Wallace: The Man Who Wrote Too Much? (b055fy0h)

How can a writer, whose publisher declared him the 'King of Thrillers', and was thought to be responsible for a quarter of all new books read in Britain by the late 1920s, be largely forgotten today? In this 3 hour archive special, crime writer Mark Billingham investigates the life of the man called the 'fiction factory', the best-selling author, journalist, playwright, film director and creator of King Kong - Edgar Wallace.

Wallace's life seems the stuff of fantasy. An illegitimate child in London, largely self-educated, he was the newspaper boy who became one of the most famous writers in the world. He sold millions of books, but he was plagued by debts. He died in Hollywood in 1932, aged 56, after writing the original story for King Kong. His body was returned by ocean liner in honour to Britain, only to be reunited with an ocean of outstanding bills.

Crime writer Mark Billingham presents some of the best adaptations and documentaries about Edgar Wallace from the BBC Radio archive: a 1951 version of one of Wallace's biggest successes, The Ringer; one of his best crime creations, The Mind of Mr JG Reeder; and the loveable racing 'turf tipster' Educated Evans, starring Roy Hudd and Andrew Sachs. And though he died in 1932, Mark has a hunch that he may be able to hear from Edgar Wallace himself.

His work was the source of countless 50s and 60s TV and film adaptations. His books have sold in their multi-millions. But from the 'Golden Age' of crime fiction it is Dorothy L Sayers and Agatha Christie who are really remembered today. Was Edgar Wallace just a man who wrote, and did, too much?

Producer: Peter McHugh.

SAT 12:00 Absolutely Delish (b08gpc9w)

Flying the Nest
By Alice Birch. 4 Extra Debut. Ed and Annie's plan for a very special family dinner goes out of the window. Stars John Henshaw and Mary Jo Randle. From May 2013.

SAT 12:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

Lift Off
Jobsworth caretaker Ramsay Potts' love of rules sparks catastrophe for an MP in a lift. Stars Roy Dotrice. From January 1982.

SAT 13:00 Modesty Blaise - The Silver Mistress: Omnibus (b08nm5l)

En route to see Modesty, Sir Gerald helps two stranded nuns. But later his car is found in a ravine. Stars Daphne Alexander.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08fnp4g)

Lindsey Davis

The story covers twenty years of this extraordinary composer's life, his relationship with his family, his friends, his teaching and composing and his constant solitary walking and travelling.
Gustav Holst Adrian Scarborough
Isobel Holst Amanda Root
Ralph Vaughan Williams Michael Maloney
Imogen Holst Georgina Osen
Constable Mark Straker
Reporter Anthony Glennon
Directed by David Hitchinson.

TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1hd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b01bm3q3w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Paul Temple (b007rgr1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00b123t)
Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture, Episode 2
The Secret Scripture
By Sebastian Barry, abridged by Neville Teller.

2/10. Roseanne has been a patient in Roscommon Mental Hospital for many years. Dr Grene has begun investigating whether any of his patients were originally incarcerated for social, rather than medical, reasons.
Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

TUE 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00ndm9q)
Taste
Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.
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Taste - and the making of a marriage. The story of an 18th-century couple, the Graftons - fashionable, rich, and deeply in love - who spend life together doing up their magnificent houses.
Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Techerniak.
Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.
A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007imw2)
Episode 17
Valjean confronts Cosette about her love for Marius. Joss Ackland stars in Victor Hugo's tale of injustice, heroism and love.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01dn3q)
Tim Winton: Land's Edge - A Coastal Memoir, Episode 2
by Tim Winton.
The acclaimed author considers the very particular Australian relationship with the sea and describes his encounters with dolphins and whale sharks off the coast of Western Australia.
Read by Stephen Dillane
Abridged and produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

TUE 15:00 ER Braithwaite - To Sir With Love (b00dz530)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b00xhck5)
Episode 3
More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Anne Bradford, Professor David Singmaster and William Harston. From June 1998.

TUE 16:30 Babbewick Hall (b01mxtj6)
Series 1, Episode 1
Squire Fenton Babbewick inherits an estate, but his manservant is dismayed. Stars Nicholas Le Prevost. From December 1995.

TUE 17:00 Control Group Six (b00752h5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b0410x01)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Orbit One Zero (b08fxq95)
The Cylinder
Monitoring a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery in outer space.
Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie.
Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery...
Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder.
Written by Peter Elliott Hayes
Producer: David Davis
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1961.

TUE 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007lmc0)
Series 2, Robb Wilton
Mark Radcliffe profiles the variety star best remembered as Nether Backwash magistrate Mr Muddlecombe JP. With Ken Dodd.

TUE 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k1hd)
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TUE 20:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)
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TUE 21:00 First for Radio (b01ngrwt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b007739x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b0410x01)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 2000 Years of Radio (b0076b0q)
Series 2, Sherwood FM
Can the Sheriff of Nottingham develop a sinister laugh? Recreation of the wireless archives with Al Holloway. From October 2002.

TUE 22:45 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b007r0c7)
Series 1, Lending Things
Haunted by his past, the comedian has words of caution on the return of personal items. With Rob Rouse. From September 2003.

TUE 23:00 The Nick Revell Show (b007k24d)
Series 1, Episode 4
The writer has quit smoking and is jetting off, but the geraniums don't want him to go. With Doon MacKichan. From February 1992.

TUE 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lg3p)
Series 1, Episode 1
Arthur Smith invites an audience into his home for music and comedy.
Paul Sinha in the lounge, Milton Jones in the bedroom and Glenn Tilbrook in the kitchen provide music and nourishment in the shape of Welsh rarebit, and Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Puzzle Panel (b00xhck5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Babbewick Hall (b01mxtj6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007rj64)
Paul Temple and the Vandyke Affair. Presenting Mr Vandyke
The suave sleuth throws a party and invites all the suspects, but can he finally unmask the culprit?
Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
With Richard Williams as Sir Graham Forbes, Peter Wilde as Terry Palmer, James Beattie as Charlie, John Scott as Bill McCall, Simon Lack as Philip Droste, Richard Hurdall as Roger Shelly and Betty Hardy as Marian Faber.
From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case.
Producer: Martin C Webster
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.

WED 06:30 To Sir with Love Revisited (b007wjxg)
4 Extra Debut. Burt Caesar explores the story behind ER Braithwaite's account of life in a school in Steptey during the 1950s. From August 2007.

WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b007vhr4)
Series 1, Pantomime Cows
Robert lands a festive stage role, but ends up drinking too much before a show. Stars John Gordon Sinclair and Caroline Quentin.

From March 1989.
WED 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)
Series 3, Let's Talk About Sex
Travel back in time to the 1980's for this sitcom about comedian Stephen K Amos's teenage years growing up gay, funny and black in South London. This week Stephen plucks up the courage to reveal a secret.
Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.
Starring Ellen Thomas, Laurie Kynaston, Stephen K Amos, Bola Okun, Emerald Crankson, Karen Bartke and David Sterne.
Produced by Paul Sheehan.
Production Coordinator Beverly Tagg.
A BBC Studios Production.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007jvk6)
Son of a Sea Lord
Sub-Lieutenant Phillips is up for promotion, but will his Lord Nelson fantasy help or hinder?
Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Lady Hamilton, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Vice-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 and George Evans.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1972.

WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007svnp)
The Old School Reunion
Surprises are in store as the lad heads back for prize-giving day at his old school.
Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed 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 January 1957.

WED 09:00 Genius (b008gh65)
Series 1, Paul Daniels
From the 99p coin to steel drum urinals, Dave Gorman asks magician Paul Daniels to select the best loopy idea. From October 2005.

WED 09:30 Second Holmes (b015qv32)
The Case of the Reading Undertaker
The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson investigate the death of a man by crossbow. Stars Peter Egan. From January 1983.

WED 10:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda (b007k05d)
Episode 1
From the moment their eyes meet across a packed gaming room, Daniel Deronda is as drawn to Gwendolen Harleth as she is to him.
George Eliot's 1876 classic novel of love and idealism, dramatised in three parts by Robert Forrest.
Stars Anna Chancellor as Gwendolen Harleth, James Bryce as Grandcourt, Michael Perceval-Maxwell as Deronda, Joanna Toppe as Mrs Davilow and Finlay Welsh as Klesmer
Director: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 11:00 First for Radio (b01nlbl4)
Steak
Four acclaimed novelists write their first stories for radio. Steak by Evie Wyld, describes how a group of male barflies in small town Australia are unsettled by the appearance of Mariella..
Reader Mike Sengelow
Producer Duncan Minshull.

WED 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00s0fn5)
Richard Lumsden - The Six Loves of Billy Binns
By Richard Lumsden
Tom Courtenay stars as a 110-year-old who wants to remember what love feels like one last time before he dies. His past loves are ready to remind him.
Director Sally Avens.

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WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00b1242)
Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture, Episode 3
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By Sebastian Barry, abridged by Neville Teller.

3/10. Roseanne, an elderly patient in a mental hospital, is writing her life story. Her psychiatrist is astounded at what she recounts.
Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00ndm9s)
Science and Nature at Home
Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded

for the series.
 These days we take it for granted that the home is a place of refuge in which we express our true self; that idea was an invention of the 18th century. Prof Vickery explores the invention of taste, and the role of interior decor in creating both social prestige and a successful marriage.
 A room constructed entirely of feathers, a hermitage in the garden of a Lincolnshire vicarage, Alexander Pope's grotto - how eccentric homes reflected wider 18th-century ideas about science and nature.
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WED 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmwk)
 Episode 18
 Tragedy stalks the streets and a familiar face is discovered spying on the Revolutionaries. Starring Joss Ackland.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b01dnmr1)
 Tim Winton: Land's Edge - A Coastal Memoir, Episode 3 by Tim Winton.
 The acclaimed Australian author describes how a childhood of snorkelling has led to a passion for freediving and recalls childhood evenings in the mysterious sand dunes of Western Australia.
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 The Power
 The mysterious cylinder reveals its contents and - more terrifyingly - its awesome capabilities...
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 Producer: David Davis
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b008xkv2)
 Blinded By Science
 Provocative and thoughtful new writing and discussion, presented by Dominic Arkwright. This week's subject is Blinded By Science.
 Joining Dominic to write and talk about science and what we make of it are Dr. Ben Goldacre, author of Bad Science in the Guardian, Tania Hershman, writer in residence in the Science Faculty at Bristol University and space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock.
 Produced by Beatrice Fenton.
WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007jvk6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]
WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007svnp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]
WED 20:00 Paul Temple (b007rj64)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]
WED 20:30 To Sir with Love Revisited (b007wixg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]
WED 21:00 First for Radio (b01nlb14)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]
WED 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b008ofn5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]
WED 22:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]
WED 22:30 My First Planet (b01gvqng)
 Series 1, Inglorious Barbers
 Written by Phil Whelans
 A queue for the loo and a rogue backrub threaten to blow up the colony. And just what is Lillian's "Special Skill"...?
 A sitcom set on a shiny new planet where we ask the question - if humankind were to colonize space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.)
 Welcome to the colony. We're aware that having been in deep cryosleep for 73 years, you may be in need of some supplementary information.
 Personnel
 Unfortunately, Burrows the leader of the colony has died on the voyage, so his Number 2, Brian (Nicholas Lyndhurst) is now in charge. He's a nice enough chap, but no alpha male, and his desire to sort things out with a nice friendly meeting infuriates the colony's Chief Physician Lillian (Vicki Pepperdine - "Getting

On"), who'd really rather everyone was walking round in tight colour-coded tunics and saluting each other. She's also in charge of Project Adam, the plan to conceive and give birth to the first colony-born baby. Unfortunately, the two people hand-picked for this purpose - Carol and Richard - were rather fibbing about being a couple, just to get on the trip.
 Add in an entirely unscrupulous Chief Scientist, Mason and also Archer, an idiot maintenance man who believes he's an "empath" rather than a plumber, and you're all set to answer the question - if humankind were to colonize space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.)
 Produced & directed by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive Television Ltd Production for BBC Radio 4 with special guest
 Carshalton Richard Bond.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08gdnls)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Jess Fostekew chats to Rachel Parris.
WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pbxz2)
 Series 2, Myths
 The Welsh dragon, Merlin and Fireman Sam. Determining the ultimate mythical hero of Wales. From December 2012.
WED 23:30 Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test (b037vick)
 Episode 1
 Paul Sinha is proudly British. He also loves a quiz. So you would have thought that the UK Citizenship Test, which newcomers to this country must pass to become citizens, would have been right up his street. But the questions in the 2012 and 2013 Home Office guides seem either bizarrely easy - "Where is Welsh most widely spoken?" - or infuriatingly vague - "What happened in the First World War?".
 So Paul has created his own test, to better reflect the things that aspiring migrants should understand before they can call themselves British. In episode one he deals with the history syllabus, looking at what we know about the most important legal document in our history; the Patron Saints of the Home Nations; provides a guide to our twenty most important cities; and points out a historical error in the official guide. He also tests the studio audience on their knowledge, with those that answer incorrectly being deported.
 The series intertwines the sort of comedy Paul has become known for on The Now Show, The News Quiz, and Fighting Talk, as well as his own Radio 4 shows The Sinha Test and The Sinha Games, and the command of facts and figures he demonstrates on the ITV quiz show The Chase.
 Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
 Producer: Ed Morrish.

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017

THU 00:00 Orbit One Zero (b08fxwv3)
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THU 00:30 Off the Page (b008xkv2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 01:00 Paul Temple (b007rj64)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 01:30 To Sir with Love Revisited (b007wixg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00b1242)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00ndm9s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmwk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [14:30 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b01dnmr1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 03:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda (b007k05d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 04:00 Genius (b008gh65)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 04:30 Second Holmes (b015qv32)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 05:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b007vhr4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 05:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Wednesday](#)]
THU 06:00 JR Planche - The Garrick Fever (b08fxzr2)
 1745: the inhabitants of Ballinasloe are going mad for the great actor, David Garrick - but is the drunken scruff playing Hamlet up on stage, really him...?
 Stars Ben Crocker as Decimus Gingle, Jonathan Lermitt as Mr Hardup, Moira Buffini as Polly Hardup, Valerie Boothman as Lady O'Leary / Kitty, Robin Watson as Major Derrydown, Michael Gabe as Mr Undertone and Harry Reeder as the Stage Manager
 JR Planche's one-act farce, adapted and directed by David Blount
 First broadcast in BBC Radio 4's Thirty Minute Theatre in 1990.
THU 06:30 Opening the Boxes: A Soprano's Secrets (b0138529)
 Two years ago, music critic Michael White was asked to look at some storage boxes, in which were packed the memorabilia of the soprano Jennifer Vyvyan, who died in 1974.
 For several months, he and her son Jonathan Crown delved through them and uncovered the fascinating story of one of

Britain's most dazzling classical music stars. In this programme, White reveals his discoveries, from the dramatic roles she pioneered for Benjamin Britten to her definitive recordings of Handel, made with Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir Adrian Boult. We learn of her aristocratic roots, a controversial marriage, her championing of new music and the baroque revival, as well as a lifelong struggle against a fatal disease.
 We also hear archive recordings of Vyvyan herself, and the recollections of her contemporaries April Cantelo, Steuart Bedford and John Copley. Above all we hear one of the most golden voices of the post war era of British music.
 Producer: Alyn Shtiport
 An Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)
 Series 1, The Day of Judgement
 Perpetually unemployed and friendless loser Angus Dry agonises over the death of a bee. Starring Nick Ball. From April 1995.
THU 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b06wj5wn)
 Series 2, Episode 4
 The second series of this sitcom from Danny Robins (co-creator Lenny Henry comedy Rudy's Rare Records), set and recorded in Sweden and starring Edinburgh Comedy Award-winner Adam Riches, Danny Robins and a cast of Sweden's most popular TV comedy actors.
 Geoff has moved to Yxsjö in northern Sweden, to start a new life with his girlfriend Linda in the (frequently frosty) bosom of her family.
 This year, new dad Geoff has plenty of fresh experiences to contend with, including three varieties of pickled cabbage, sinister Christmas elves and an unpleasant visit from Sweden's answer to the BNP. It's all worth it though for Linda (Sissela Benn, star of the Swedish version of The Office) and baby John.
 While Geoff and Linda now have their own place, he still has to deal with her disapproving Dad, Sten (comedian Thomas Ordredson from Crimes of Passion), her alarmingly flirtatious mother Gunilla (comedian Anna-Lena Bergelin) and her apparently suicidal, arsonist brother, Anders (award-winning stand up Fredrik Andersson).
 Geoff is determined to be more Swedish than the Swedes as he takes to his new country with renewed enthusiasm, and he has help, in the form of fellow expat, cynical Ian (Danny Robins), an unending source of (slightly misleading) information, and Soran (Farshad Kohlg of The Killing), a Danish Kurd with Swedophobia.
 Episode 4: It's Summer and Geoff, Linda and baby Jon are off on holiday - bliss. Geoff has seriously romantic plans too, as they head further north for bright summer nights, skinny dipping and wild strawberries. But their idyll is soon under threat from mosquitoes, fish and the rest of the family.
 Writer: Danny Robins
 Director: Frank Stirling
 A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00ck47d)
 Series 1, Episode 11
 The cast indulge in some ancestry one-upmanship - and a highway robbery romp in 'The Adventures Of Dando Tweakshaft'.
 Stars Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Joan Sims and announcer, Douglas Smith.
 After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of Round The Horne were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.
 Written by Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Myles Rudge
 With the Max Harris Group.
 Producer: John Simmonds
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.
THU 08:30 Know Your Place (b01874kv)
 Not to Be Used for Babies
 Caretaker Ramsay awards the cleaner her own storeroom, but is keen the perk isn't abused. Stars Roy Dotrice. From January 1982.
THU 09:00 All the Way From Memphis (b00j6bh8)
 Series 1, Episode 3
 James Walton's pop music quiz with Andrew Collins, Tracey MacLeod, Richard Curtis and Anthony Wilson. From December 2004.
THU 09:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014hq46)
 Power Is Happiness
 Edward could be up for promotion, but will it go to his head?
 Orwellian sitcom starring Robert Lindsay. From April 1985.
THU 10:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda (b007k06p)
 Episode 2
 Gwendolen is married to the philandering Grandcourt, while Daniel tries to trace Mirah's father. Starring Anna Chancellor.
THU 11:00 First for Radio (b01nq3kv)
 She Wiped the Surface
 Four acclaimed novelists write their first stories for radio. In She Wiped the Surface, Louisa Young, describes how a mother happily arranges her daughter's birthday party, but this masks a family bereavement. How to cope?
 Reader Emma Fielding
 Producer Duncan Minshull.
THU 11:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field (b01pkmq6)
 Craig has joined the army to get away from football, but somehow the game has followed him to Basra. Stars Daniel Abelson.

THU 12:00 Stop Messing About! ([b00ck47d](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

THU 12:30 Know Your Place ([b01874ky](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

THU 13:00 JR Planche - The Garrick Fever ([b08fxzr2](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

THU 13:30 Opening the Boxes: A Soprano's Secrets ([b0138529](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime ([b00b124b](#))
 Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture, Episode 4
 The Secret Scripture
 By Sebastian Barry, abridged by Neville Teller.
 4/10. Roseanne, a long-time patient in a mental hospital, is writing her traumatic yet colourful life story. Dr Grene, the senior psychiatrist at the hospital, is keeping his own record.
 Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

THU 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life ([b00ndm9v](#))
 Courtship and Setting Up Home
 Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.
 These days we take it for granted that the home is a place of refuge in which we express our true self; that idea was an invention of the 18th century. Prof Vickery explores the invention of taste, and the role of interior decor in creating both social prestige and a successful marriage.
 The story of two 18th-century marriages and how the husbands prepared new houses for their bride. One got it right, the other destroyed any chance of a happy partnership.
 Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.
 Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.
 A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables ([b007jmwz](#))
 Episode 19
 Marius and the rebels face the cannons while Valjean and Javert face each other. Who will survive? Starring Joss Ackland.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week ([b01dnmzv](#))
 Tim Winton: Land's Edge - A Coastal Memoir, Episode 4 by Tim Winton.
 The acclaimed Australian author discovers that his relationship with the sea is echoed in his children and their delight in beachcombing. "Gifts and signs wash ashore here on the hard white beach, and I stoop with my kids, some days, and pick them up and hold them to the light."
 Read by Stephen Dillane
 Abridged and produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

THU 15:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda ([b007k06p](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]

THU 16:00 All the Way From Memphis ([b00j6bh8](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]

THU 16:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four ([b014hq46](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]

THU 17:00 Dry Slopes ([b00lr3nz](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]

THU 17:30 The Cold Swedish Winter ([b06wj5wm](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

THU 18:00 Orbit One Zero ([b08fxzqq](#))
 The Voices
 After dramatic events in outer-space, the disturbance of noise, light and vibration subsides...
 Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie.
 Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery...
 Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder.
 Written by Peter Elliott Hayes
 Producer: David Davis
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.

THU 18:30 Great Lives ([b00d6zwt](#))
 Series 16, Henry VII
 Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris. Former Chancellor George Osborne nominates Henry VII, founder of the Tudor dynasty. By making the crown much less financially independent on the nobles, he claims that Henry played a key role in establishing the processes of modern government. Studio guest Dr Steven Gunn helps to assess whether Osborne is right.

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THU 21:00 First for Radio ([b01nq3kw](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]

THU 21:15 Annie Caulfield - On the Field ([b01pkmq6](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]

THU 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter ([b06wj5wm](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

THU 22:30 Newsjack ([b08fx0xq](#))
 Series 16, Episode 5
 BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack returns for its 16th series with brand new host Angela Barnes.
 Irreverent and satirical, Newsjack is the scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public, and then bought to life by a revolving cast of sketch performers.
 This weeks cast features Kieran Hodgson, James Meehan and Mandeep Dhillon
 The programme continues to be a showcase for new comedy writing: anyone can submit material (sketches and one-line jokes) - these can be submitted every week of the six week run.
 Details for submitting material can be found here:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kvs8r>
 Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Abby C. Kumar
 BBC Studios Production.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews ([b08gdnmx](#))
 The best in contemporary comedy. Jess Fostekew chats to Rachel Parris.
THU 23:00 Rubbish ([b00770pw](#))
 Series 1, Excited
 Local government officer Martin Christmas makes an unusual visit to the fire station. Stars Reece Dinsdale. From October 2006.

THU 23:30 Hut 33 ([b01j9hsk](#))
 Series 3, Know Thyne Enemy
 It's 1942 and the war is not going well - so the codebreakers of Bletchley Park are under even more pressure than usual.
 Archie, Gordon and Charles try to think like Germans to predict the Enigma machine code...
 Stars Tom Goodman-Hill as Archie, Robert Bathurst as Professor Charles Gardner, Fergus Craig as Gordon, Alex MacQueen as 3rd Lt. Joshua Featherstonhaugh-Marshall, Olivia Colman as Minka and Lill Roughley as Mrs Best.
 Written by James Cary.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017

FRI 00:00 Orbit One Zero ([b08fxzqq](#))
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FRI 00:30 Great Lives ([b00d6zwt](#))
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FRI 01:00 JR Planche - The Garrick Fever ([b08fxzr2](#))
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FRI 02:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables ([b007jmwz](#))
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FRI 02:45 Book of the Week ([b01dnmzv](#))
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FRI 03:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda ([b007k06p](#))
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FRI 04:00 All the Way From Memphis ([b00j6bh8](#))
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FRI 05:00 Dry Slopes ([b00lr3nz](#))
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FRI 05:30 The Cold Swedish Winter ([b06wj5wm](#))
 [Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Thursday](#)]

FRI 06:00 Alun Owen - The Lancaster Gate End ([b01f4xrc](#))
 Contrary views are swapped in a series of blunt exchanges between two regular visitors to one of Her Majesty's royal parks.
 Starring John Le Mesurier as the Colonel, Peggy Aitchison as the Woman and Alan Dudley as the Park Keeper.
 Written by Alun Owen.
 Producer: Eynd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4's Thirty Minute Theatre in June 1982.

FRI 06:30 Malmesbury: The Philosophy Town ([b017551k](#))
 Britain's most famous political philosopher Thomas Hobbes was born there, and Malmesbury in Wiltshire wants to become for philosophy what Hay-on-Wye is for books, St. Ives for painting, or Aldeburgh for music.
 It is setting out to become the country's special 'Philosophy Town'. The scheme is the brainchild of philosophy and small-town enthusiast Michael Cutburt, and he has got the backing of Wiltshire Council and the involvement of the local and long-established Thomas Hobbes Society. He has also enthused the head teacher of Malmesbury School, whose students are being encouraged to take philosophy seriously.
 For the past three years Malmesbury has hosted an annual philosophy festival. Initially this focused on Hobbes - and the country's leading experts came to speak - but now its scope is

wider. This year, under the title Cherish The Thought, the theme is 'history and ideas', with a particular emphasis on links between British and French philosophical traditions.
 Mark Whitaker (who has himself published work on Hobbes) reports from the Malmesbury Festival. He interviews leading philosophers who are speaking. These include John Cottingham, Simon Glendinning and Angie Hobbs. Professor Hobbs has been designated a 'Town Philosopher', and she also holds an academic title in the Public Understanding of Philosophy.
 The Festival raises questions as to what philosophy is once it escapes from the academy. Whitaker interviews members of the audience and local residents about how they see the link between their town and philosophy. He also explores plans to give philosophy a permanent place in Malmesbury. There is talk of a 'Philosopher's Footpath' from Oxford, of inscriptions of great philosophical sayings on the town's buildings, and of a philosophical bookshop-cum-cafe.
 Producer: Mark Whitaker
 A Square Dog Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:00 Miracles R Us ([b00sjpjd](#))
 Postcards
 Caroline and Sylvia are dubious over a new client, but a weekend away dampens any misgivings. Stars Anna Massey. From June 2010.

FRI 07:30 Guilt Trip ([b07mxt9d](#))
 Episode 3
 Comedy drama in which Felicity Montagu (Lynn in Alan Partridge and Mrs Mainwaring in the new Dad's Army film) and her daughter (Olivia Nixon) play a mother and daughter doing a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity. But the mother and father had been divorced for nine years and he had re-married, so relationships between them all have been strained. Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gate table Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden. This has somehow ended up in the step-mother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it." The series is co-written by Katherine Jakeways who also plays the step-mother.
 It's day 10 of the walk and in this episode they spot a narrow boat that reminds Laura (Ros's daughter) of the Rosie and Jim boat she remembers from the children's TV show. But when the owner (Juliet Cowan) invites them aboard, it does not all go quite as they might have expected.
 The producer was Jane Berthoud, it was a BBC Radio Comedy production.
FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00pzgpy](#))
 Series 2, Episode 2
 Oxford take on Bermondsey in 'Universal Challenge', unclad fashion news - and ballet on the radio?
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.
 Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
 Written by Peter Vincent, David McKellar, Les Lilley, Chic Jacob, Humphrey Barclay, David Lund, Bill Oddie, Hugh Woodhouse, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer.
 Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus'. ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
 Songs by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden with music by Dave Lee.
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1965.

FRI 08:30 The Goon Show ([b00jctj9](#))
 Who Is Pink Oboe?
 Cowardly Captain Seagoon goes to war. With Peter Sellers on leave, Graham Stark and Kenneth Connor are enlisted. From January 1959.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree ([b05rnx80](#))
 Series 5, Cardiff University/Prifysgol Caerdydd
 A quiz show hosted by Steve Punt where a team of three University students take on a team of three of their professors. Coming this week from Cardiff University, The 3rd Degree is a funny, lively and dynamic quiz show aimed at cultivating the next generation of Radio 4 listeners while delighting the current ones.
 The Specialist Subjects in this episode are Biology, Journalism and Astrophysics and the questions range from the intricacies of relativistic length contraction to the idiocies of homeopathy via Grexit, webinars and a man called Walter Plinge.
 The show is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in a genuinely original and fresh take on an academic quiz. Being a Radio 4 programme, it of course meets the most stringent standards of academic rigour - but with lots of facts and jokes thrown in for good measure.
 The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quick-fire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the 'Highbrow & Lowbrow' round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, film, and One Direction.
 The host, Steve Punt, although best known as a satirist on The Now Show also delights in all facets of knowledge, not just in the Humanities (his educational background) but in the sciences as well. He has made a number of documentaries for Radio 4, including The Poet Unwound - The History Of The Spleen, as well as a half-hour comedy for Radio 4's Big Bang Day set in the Large Hadron Collider, called The Genuine Particle.
 Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 Are You From the Bugle? ([b01jcc07](#))

Rovers Return

A celebrity is visiting Butterthwaite. Can Graham get the story? Stars Jeffrey Holland and Mark Gatiss. From June 1996.

FRI 10:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda ([b007k07z](#))

Episode 3

A heady mix of death, revelation, politics and marriage make up the climax to this 1876 classic. Starring Anna Chancellor.

FRI 11:00 First for Radio ([b01ntfsh](#))

Hanging On

Four acclaimed novelists write their first stories for radio.

In Holding On by Ross Raisin, a woman stands at the end of a cliff, which is at the end of her garden - which means what, exactly?

Reader Deborah Findlay

Producer Duncan Minshull.

FRI 11:15 Afternoon Drama ([b01gyvfm](#))

Helen Macdonald - Through the Wire

Helen Macdonald's drama documentary tells the story of the British POWs who survived incarceration in German camps in World War Two by studying the birds that flew freely all around them. While some of their fellow prisoners plotted escape and dug tunnels, men like John Buxton, Peter Conder and George Waterston looked hard at the birds that flew overhead on migration and also at those that chose to fly through the camp wire, like redstarts and goldfinches, and breed amongst the prisoners and their guards. With days, even years, to spare but without any binoculars or other equipment, the birdmen turned watching into their way of getting through the war. They enlisted the help of other prisoners and even some of their guards (bird study was a major field in Germany) and they recorded their observations using scraps of old cigarette packets to write on. After the war their studies were often published and became, and in cases remain, key texts for the bird species they were writing about. Several of the birdmen went on also to become major figures in ornithology and bird conservation. Using scientific papers, monographs, letters and diary entries Helen Macdonald, poet, falconer and scholar of wartime ornithology, has created a drama about men sitting still and straining their eyes looking at the sky. The music is by Olivier Messiaen, the French composer and bird lover, who was also incarcerated in another nearby prison camp by the Germans, where he listened to the birds he heard and inspired by them and the accidental collection of instruments and players there were in his camp, wrote his modernist masterpiece, The Quartet for the End of Time.

Producer: Tim Dee.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00pzzpv](#))

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FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime ([b00b124l](#))

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture, Episode 5
The Secret Scripture

By Sebastian Barry, abridged by Neville Teller.

5/10. Dr Greene has found a document claiming that Roseanne's father was a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary and was killed by the IRA. But this is totally at odds with her own memories of her father and the way he died.

Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

FRI 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life ([b00ndm9x](#))

Neat and Not too Showy

Historian Amanda Vickery presents a series which reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years. She draws on first-hand accounts from letters and diaries, many of which have never been heard before. Including songs which have been specially recorded for the series.

These days we take it for granted that the home is a place of refuge in which we express our true self; that idea was an invention of the 18th century. Prof Vickery explores the invention of taste, and the role of interior decor in creating both social prestige and a successful marriage.

Moving into the 19th century, Prof Vickery explores the homes of people lower down the social scale and their ideas about how they wanted them to look. She draws on a series of funny and revealing letters which she discovered in the archive of a wallpaper company.

Readers: Deborah Findlay, John Sessions, Madeleine Brolly and Simon Tcherniak.

Singers: Gwyneth Herbert and Thomas Guthrie, with David Owen Norris at the keyboard.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables ([b007jmxz](#))

Episode 20

With Marius in his arms and barely alive, Valjean struggles to find a way out of the Parisian sewers. Starring Roger Allam.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week ([b01dmn41](#))

Tim Winton: Land's Edge - A Coastal Memoir, Episode 5 by Tim Winton.

In a specially-commissioned coda, the acclaimed author describes how the increasingly threatened and fragile marine ecology has turned him into an environmental campaigner in Western Australia.

Read by Stephen Dillane

Abridged and produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

FRI 15:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda ([b007k07z](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]

FRI 16:00 The 3rd Degree ([b05rnx80](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]

FRI 16:30 Are You From the Bugle? ([b01jcc07](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]

FRI 17:00 Miracles R Us ([b00sjpjd](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]

FRI 17:30 Guilt Trip ([b07mxt9d](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

FRI 18:00 Orbit One Zero ([b08fv3gi](#))

The Frozen World

"If I had known, that night, the terrible risk Elizabeth had taken!" But Clifford knew...

Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery...

Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder.

Written by Peter Elliott Hayes

Producer: David Davis

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music ([b01m5hby](#))

Series 14, Dvorak's New World Symphony

While for many, it will be always associated with brown bread, the Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony is an enduring a piece that never fails to move and inspire. We hear from the anti-apartheid campaigner Albie Sachs, who explains that through whistling the theme while in solitary confinement, he was able to make contact with the wider world and kept his spirit and hope alive.

Margaret Caldicott recalls the important role the piece played in her mother's life while in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Producer Lucy Lunt.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00pzzpv](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show ([b00jct9](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

FRI 20:00 Alun Owen - The Lancaster Gate End ([b01f4xrc](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

FRI 20:30 Malmesbury: The Philosophy Town ([b017551k](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

FRI 21:00 First for Radio ([b01ntfsh](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama ([b01gyvfm](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]

FRI 22:00 Guilt Trip ([b07mxt9d](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

FRI 22:30 The Trap ([b01kjl9h](#))

Dan Mersh, Jeremy Limb and Paul Litchfield began working together as The Trap in 2000. Since then they have created four highly acclaimed live shows, while credits collectively and individually cover 15 Storeys High, People Like Us, Jam and Jerusalem, Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, Comedy Cuts, Headcases and Miranda.

Not only will the show feature a variety of sketches and songs, but it will also feature an interactive quiz. (Not really). So you could win a stunning prize. (You can't). It also features Peep Show's Isy Suttie. (That bit's true). And posing the questions in the fictional quiz will be Newsnight's Kirsty Wark. (That's true, too).

Three-man comedy team The Trap have created some of the most innovative, inspired, hilarious and noisy live sketch shows the world has ever seen. Their props ranged from a set of 'glass bagpipes' to the actual Goodies' trandem, which they still own to this day. Their revolutionary use of multi-media caused one reviewer to ask: "Like all good inventions, I don't know why nobody had thought of doing comedy like this before".

Their merciless spoofs of atrocious student theatre, the Bad Play series of shows, gained a fervent cult following. This summer they return to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for the first time in six years to perform Bad Musical, which aims to be the worst musical ever conceived, written and performed.

This new show, recorded in a packed BBC Radio Theatre, takes in job interviews, murders, awards ceremonies, and a singalong of a Wings' classic (see if you can guess what it is).

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews ([b08gdng4](#))

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Rob Auton.

FRI 23:00 The Boosh ([b007jxrs](#))

Hitcher

Howard and Vince take Tony the Prawn to a zoo for animal offenders. Stars Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding. From November 2001.

FRI 23:30 Ectoplasm ([b007w5l4](#))

The Case of the Missing Lost Soul
A countess begs Lord Zimbabwe's help to skip eternity as a Barry Manilow fan. With Dan Freedman and Nick Romero. From July 2000.