

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017

SAT 00:00 Simon Bovey - Slipstream (b009mbjn)

Fight for the Future Jurgan and Kate are desperate to get the weapon away before all is lost. Stars Rory Kinnear and Rachel Atkins.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b036v094)

Series 16, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace The hymn 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' found its way into weddings, funerals and school assemblies and in this week's 'Soul Music' we hear how it has also embedded itself into the hearts of peace campaigners, charity workers and reformed alcoholics.

The simplicity of this hymn often belies the challenges at its heart. Its lyrics call for unconditional love and forgiveness in the toughest situations. The words are based on a poem which has often been attributed to St Francis of Assisi. However, Franciscan Historian, Dr Christian Renoux, suggests it was most likely to have been written by an anonymous French noble woman. The poem travelled across the globe with translations published during the first and second world wars, subsequently bringing inspiration to public figures ranging from Mother Theresa to President Roosevelt.

In 1967 it caught the eye of South African born musician and 'yogi' Sebastian Temple who put these words to its most famous musical arrangement. It's Sebastian's version that was played at Princess Diana's funeral and that has also touched the hearts of millions worldwide.

Mathew Neville of children's charity 'World Vision' recalls his encounter with this hymn in the Democratic Republic of Congo, whilst closer to home Wendy and Colin Parry share their memories of this music and the role it played in remembering their son Tim, who was killed in the 1993 Warrington Bombings. In Minnesota former lawyer Mike Donohue reflects on how this hymn has guided him on a journey through alcohol abuse and dementia and Sarah Hershberg remembers her good friend Sebastian Temple, who first played this simple hymn in her front room before it went on to travel the world.

SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (b007mcnx)

Proof, Episode 3 The fraud plot thickens, as Tony Beach meets the boss of whisky hauliers Charter Carriers. Stars Nigel Havers.

SAT 01:30 Stone Age Sound (b007635r)

Can sound solve the mysteries of the 5000-year-old Neolithic grave at Newgrange in Ireland? With Joanna Pincock. From July 2001.

SAT 02:00 15 Minute Drama (b01snxsf)

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant, Dinner By Anne Tyler dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Episode Ten - Dinner

Home truths are aired at the final family dinner.

Director: David Hunter.

SAT 02:15 Life at 24 Frames a Second (b00xw5mw)

Fade to Black For the past two weeks the film critic and writer David Thomson has taken his own highly idiosyncratic journey through the power and magic of cinema. But now he considers whether, under the relentless spread of visual media, and in the age of instant delivery, the dream palaces are places to dream anymore. Episode 10: Fade to Black.

Producer: Mark Burman.

SAT 02:30 The Forsythe Saga (b06z5g7g)

The Forsytes, Episode 6 John Galsworthy's epic novels of sex, money and power in an upper class family. Dramatised for radio by Shaun McKenna Soames is determined to win back his estranged wife Irene. His relentless pursuit of her brings him into conflict with his cousin Jo, threatening a new family rift.

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins

Over the next 2 years, BBC Radio 4 is broadcasting a new dramatisation of all 9 books in John Galsworthy's The Forsythe Saga. An epic tale of sex, money and power in the lives of an upper middle-class family in London, it spans 50 years from 1886 to 1936.

Today's play is from the second novel, "In Chancery". The story continues every day this week in the 15 Minute Drama slot and concludes in the Saturday Drama at 1430.

Award-winning writers Shaun McKenna and Lin Coghlan are dramatising the complete novels and Interludes and have taken a new approach to the books - delving deeper behind the Edwardian façade to bring more of Galsworthy's wonderful insight, wit and observation from the page. Although focussed on the period in which they were written - in the first 20 years of the 20th century - the novels feel remarkably contemporary and have much to reveal of our own world and inner lives.

Jessica Raine (Call the Midwife, Jericho) takes a central role as narrator, with Juliet Aubrey playing Irene and Joseph Millson, Soames. Later in the series they are joined by Jonathan Bailey, Max Bennett and Ben Lambert.

The Producers are Marion Nancarrow and Gemma Jenkins.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03h7grj)

The Letters of John F Kennedy, Episode 5 Letters to and from President Kennedy are published in book form and edited by Martin W Sandler to mark fifty years since the assassination of 1963. And a selection, abridged in five episodes by Penny Leicester, reveal the drama and tensions to do with American foreign policy. Other letters reveal Kennedy's wit and warmth when contacting friends and family:

5. Kennedy receives a vivid communique from his advisor JK Galbraith about the practicalities of shelter during nuclear attack.

Later he writes to the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan - words of social nicety and trepidation about the Russians.

Readers Colin Stinton, Richard Laing, Peter Marinker and Trevor

White

Producer Duncan Minshull.

SAT 03:00 Arnold Bennett - Anna of the Five Towns (b01nvmwn)

Episode 2 Arnold Bennett's powerful story of love, tyranny and rebellion set against the vitality and harshness of life in the Staffordshire Potteries in the late nineteenth, dramatised by Helen Edmundson.

Having inherited a fortune on her twenty first birthday Anna Tellwright begins to gain independence and freedom. But on her return from an eventful holiday with the Suttons and Henry Mynors her joy is marred by some shocking news about one of her tenant's Titus Price. Anna's growing concern for his son William leads her to a defiant act that threatens everything.

Anna.....Charlotte Riley

Tellwright.....David Schofield

Young Agnes.....Emilia Harker

William Price.....Michael Socha

Henry Mynors.....Lee Williams

Beatrice/Older Agnes.....Rosina Carbone

Mrs Sutton.....Olwen May

Mr Sutton/Coroner.....Jonathan Keeble

Sarah Vodrey.....Jacqueline Redgwell

Directed by Nadia Molinari

Anna voyages to the Isle of Man with the Suttons where Henry proposes to her. On returning home and receiving her father's blessing, the joy of her engagement is immediately marred by news that Titus Price has hanged himself. Anna feels that she and her father are culpable, despite Henry's insistence to the contrary. Anna sees Willie, who confesses that he has been involved in forgery. Anna understands his desperation and does everything in her power to protect him and his father's reputation, risking her engagement and the wrath of her father in so doing..

SAT 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b07bbbjp)

Series 6, The University of Gloucestershire A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Gloucestershire with specialist subjects including Biosciences, Media and Religious Studies and questions ranging from Betjeman to BB King via Botham and brass instruments. The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and 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, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides. Other Universities featured in this series include Chester, York, Birmingham City, Bath and Glasgow.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 04:30 No Commitments (b007gz65)

Series 13, New Beginnings Comedy series by Simon Brett following the fortunes of three fortysomething sisters.

6/6. New Beginnings

Can all the loose ends be tied up in time?

Anna Rosemary Leach

Victoria Angela Thorne

Charlotte Felicity Montagu

Emily Lisa Coleman

Eddie James Green

Nick Kieran Hill

George Bruce Alexander

Roger Jonathan Coy.

SAT 05:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

Sonning, I'll Definitely Meet You in Sonning Mark and his manic

mutt are rowing up the Thames, but will Jennifer ever come on

board? Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

SAT 05:30 Sketchorama (b01k2h1q)

Series 1, Episode 1 Award-winning character comedian and doyen of sketch comedy Humphrey Ker presents the pick of the best live sketch groups currently performing on the UK comedy circuit in this brand new showcase - with character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.

Humphrey Ker is himself an established sketch performer, writer, actor and comedian who won the Fosters Edinburgh Comedy Award for Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh festival in 2011. For five years he was part of the much-loved sketch trio The Penny Dreadfuls, with whom he wrote and performed in a string of Edinburgh festival smashes, two series on BBC7 and two plays for Radio 4.

The sketch groups featured in episode one of Sketchorama are: Delete the Banjax: Writer/performers Caroline May-Jones, Daniel Cook, Gareth Cooper and Samuel Champion. They've enjoyed three critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe Festivals, picking up a ThreeWeeks Editors Award at Ed Fringe 2010 and, with their charmingly chaotic performance style, have become one of the most talked about comedy acts on the circuit.

Lady Garden: The all-female group are Beattie Edmondson, Rose Johnson, Eleanor Thom and Camille Ucan. Since their Edinburgh debut in 2008, their fast-paced shows filled with fantastic character creations have received widespread praise from audiences and critics alike.

Idiots of Ants: Andrew Spiers, Elliott Tiney, Benjamin Wilson and James Wrighton. Since forming in 2007, they have gone on to sell-out four Edinburgh festivals and a run in London's prestigious West End. They have attracted a staggeringly large internet following, with their 'Facebook in real life' and 'Wii Breakfast' sketches achieving multi-million hits.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 The Forsythe Saga (b07705ws)

The Forsytes Continues, Episode 1 John Galsworthy's epic novels of love, money and betrayal in an upper class family.

Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

1920 and Soames Forsythe would do anything for his sparkling daughter, Fleur. But when she begins to fall in love with the wrong man, how can he stop history repeating itself?

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Marion Nancarrow

Dramatisations of all 9 books in John Galsworthy's The Forsythe Saga. An epic tale of sex, money and power in the lives of an upper middle-class family in London, it spans 50 years from 1886 to 1936.

The Forsytes Continues is the 2nd of 4 series of The Forsythe Saga, which follows the life of young Fleur Forsythe, the baby born at the end of series one. Now 19 and thoroughly spoiled by her dotting father, Fleur is relishing everything the 1920s has to offer.

It's 20 years since Soames Forsythe divorced the love of his life, Irene, who went on to marry his cousin Jo. Now their respective children have grown up, neither knowing their parents' troubled history.

When adult life inflicts its first wounds, Fleur throws herself into smart society determined to embrace all that is considered modern. She's an archetypal bright young thing, a restless soul, on a mission to burn her wings. This young generation which has survived the horrors of war is hell bent on consuming all that is shiny and new - it's fast cars and fast living, where scruples are old hat and collecting "sensations" is the thing. To Soames, every inch the Victorian man, this modern age feels increasingly strange and he wonders about his place in it and how to protect his daughter from it.

Still insulated from reality by their wealth and class, the Forsytes and their kind can no longer ignore the threat of social change.

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SAT 07:30 Hardeep's Sunday Lunch (b01p067w)

Series 1, Episode 2 Hardeep Singh Kohli travels to Liverpool to cook lunch for Wayne Burns and Lindsay Ball. For many years food has been an important part of both their lives, so much so that after years of overeating they become obese. Eventually events in their lives convinced them the only way forward was for both to have operations for a duodenal switch. Since then Wayne has literally become half the man he was. But as Hardeep finds out dramatic weight loss hasn't solved all their problems.

Producers: Amanda Hancox

Dawn Bryan.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b007lkvc)

Test Match Special: Ball by Ball Rory Bremner looks back at fifty years of BBC Radio coverage of test match cricket in this country.

The programme has seen a rich variety of commentators, including the poetic elegance of John Arlott, the japes of Brian Johnston and the exuberance of Jonathan Agnew. For some the atmosphere has resembled that of an elite club, but for thousands of others the experience has been as vivid a depiction of summer as the smell of cut grass.

First broadcast in 2007 to mark the 50th anniversary of Test Match Special.

SAT 09:00 Brian Johnston - An Innings with Johnners (b01kklwd)

Rory Bremner takes to the crease to celebrate the life and career of Brian Johnston with contributions and memories from his colleagues, friends and contacts.

The programme selection includes:

Summers Will Never Be the Same - from Test Match Special - a look back at the life of Johnners broadcast after he passed away in 1994.

Trivia Test Match from Meopham in Kent. Johnners umpires a test of wit and general knowledge. With Tim Rice, Willie Rushton, Barry Cryer and Bernard Cribbins.

Hancock's Half Hour. The Monte Carlo Rally

Tony Hancock competes in the famous motor race in a very classic car - provided by Sid. The rally commentator is Brian Johnston.

Johnners goes 'Down Your Way'. Selected series highlights of wonderful characters and stories. Compiled by Barry Johnston. Twenty Questions. Terry Wogan chairs the popular quiz series, featuring Brian Johnston, Willie Rushton, Bettine Le Beau and Anona

The End of the Innings - music, mirth and memories celebrating the life of Brian. With Jonathan Agnew, Farokh Engineer, David Essex, Barry Johnston, Neil Durden-Smith, Terry Wogan and Brian himself. Made in 2012.

SUN 23:30 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen (b007k1z7)

A Guest at the Dentons Pauline the Restart Officer, Matthew Chinnery the Vet and Barbara the Cabbie - just some of the resident misfits of a remote Northern town. The first incarnation of the award-winning black comedy, about the "local people" of Spent - before it hit TV. Starring Mark Gatiss, Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton. Written by the cast and Jeremy Dyson. The League of Gentlemen won a Perrier Edinburgh Festival award in 1997 and this radio series debuted in the same year. They also won a Sony Radio Award. The cult series switched to TV for three series on BBC 2 from 1999, plus stage shows and a feature film. Producer: Sarah Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017

MON 00:00 Ray Bradbury - Tales of the Bizarre (b007jm54)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Mark Gatiss - The Devil in Amber (b00vrfsh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Richard Monks - Kidnap: Omnibus (b01q95nq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Elizabeth Bowen - Tears, Idle Tears (b08rzvxy7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Francis Spufford - Golden Hill: Omnibus (b08s2zzh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Cazalets - Omnibus (b01qxpp9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b08s328w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Believe It! (b03jpipk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mdvw)

Proof, Episode 4 Doggy drink, a missing racehorse and a body at a restaurant. Wine merchant Tony Beach is in the thick of it... Dick Francis's thriller dramatised in eight parts by Ernest Dudley. Stars Nigel Havers as Tony Beach, Stephen Hattersley as Sgt. Ridger, Sheila Grant as Mrs Palissey, Manning Wilson as Chief Sup. Wilson, Edward de Souza as Orkney, Avril Clark as Isabella and Michael Kilgarriff as the Commentator. Director: Matthew Walters First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

MON 06:30 Walking With Headphones: How the Walkman Conquered the World (b0076l2d)

Comedian Steve Punt meets people who simply would not leave home without their personal stereo. Why the devotion? From April 2004.

MON 07:00 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)

Sketches by Boz - Series 2, The Steam Excursion Mr Percy Noakes was a friend to all - until the organisation of a river trip proves to be his undoing. Stars Marston Bloom.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b08r1pwp)
Series 78, 22/05/2017 Just a Minute is 50 years old this year! Nicholas Parsons has been hosting since day one, and presides over the following all-star panel: Paul Merton, Pam Ayres, Zoe Lyons and Julian Clary.

The panel have to talk on a given subject for sixty seconds without repetition, hesitation or deviation. How much does Pam know about New York City? Julian gives us everything he's go on Julius Caesar, Zoe talks about her love of pick 'n' mix, and Paul tells us about his strong point.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle and it was produced by Matt Stronge.

Just A Minute is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

Series 4, Repeat Yourself the Burkiss Way, pt 1 Enter the "Pardon, Sir?" school of languages.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Scripted by David Renwick and Andrew Marshall. Producer: David Hatch First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

Series 2, Uninvited Guests Calamity strikes when the Home Guard and ARP wardens share the church hall.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Arnold Ridley as Godfrey and Bill Pertwee as Hodges.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. Producer: John Dyas First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1975.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b069r3rv)

Quote ... Unquote, the popular quotations quiz, returns for its 51st series. In almost forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian KcKellen, Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the

Quote Unquote stage. Join Nigel as he quizzes a host of celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes.

Episode 3
Writer Jeremy Front
Comedian Sarah Kendall
Writer, critic and broadcaster Nicolette Jones
Comedian and Red Dwarf actor Norman Lovett
Presenter ... Nigel Rees
Producer ... Carl Cooper.

MON 09:30 The Change (b0076p0i)
Series 3, Episode 2 Ken is surprised to find that he has a new bedmate - but not the one he'd hoped for. Starring Lynda Bellingham as Carol, Philip Jackson as George, Maureen Beattie as Maureen and James Vaughan as Ken. Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife funk - Carol is hormonal and 15-stone George is a transvestite. Onlookers can't quite agree on the nature of their dynamic. Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b01p0680)
Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo, Episode 1 By Alexandre Dumas, adapted for radio by Sebastian Baczkiewicz. At the age of nineteen, seaman Edmond Dantès has a charmed life - about to be promoted to Captain, and engaged to the beautiful Mercedes. But Marseilles in 1815 is a dangerous place, and three of Dantès' acquaintances set in train a chain of events that will lead Edmond to fourteen years of solitary confinement in the notorious Chateau D'If.

Alexandre Dumas was born in 1802. His father, the illegitimate son of a marquis, was a general in the revolutionary armies, but died when Alexandre was four years old. His most successful novels were The Count of Monte Cristo (serialised between 1844-5) and The Three Musketeers, published in 1844.

MON 11:00 Feminine Mystiques (b0385kp5)

Theatre Six By Sarah Hall
Read by Francesca Dymond
Fifty years since the first publication of Betty Friedan's seminal feminist work The Feminine Mystique, three leading writers celebrate her influence in new short stories for Radio 4 exploring the contemporary feminist landscape.

In our final story in the series, Sarah Hall's compelling story takes us to a dystopian near future in the tradition of Margaret Atwood. In a world almost - but not quite - recognisable to us, a young woman finds herself in a terrifying situation, and a young doctor confronts a new political world order that challenges her professional faith.

Sarah Hall has been chosen as one of Granta's Best Young British Novelists 2013, and is author of The Carhullan Army and The Electric Michelangelo. Producer: Allegra McLroy.

MON 11:15 Catherine Czerkawska - The Curiosity Cabinet (b03bsh1)

The Brown Swan Still trying to recover from the loss of her husband, Sophie visits an exhibition of paintings in an Edinburgh gallery.

There she sees a 17th century portrait of a young girl called Henrietta. Before much longer, Sophie and Henrietta are to become linked over 300 years...

Catherine Czerkawska's three-part play stars Grace Glover as Sophie, Ceil Kearney as Henrietta, William Trotter as William Shaw, Meg Fraser as Maisie, John Buick as Manus and Stella Forge as Katy.

Whistle played by Mike Katz.

Director: Hamish Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

MON 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Dick Francis (b007mdwv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Walking With Headphones: How the Walkman Conquered the World (b0076l2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nm5ww)

Mrs Miniver Comes Home; On Hampstead Heath Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging stories about an English housewife.

Read by Penelope Wilton.
Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 14:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b036k1s5)

Log Piles and Long Grass What looks like a woodlouse, can roll up into a ball, and was at one time thought to cure digestive disorders when swallowed? Well the answer can be found in the first of a new series of five programmes in which Brett Westwood joins naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol, and with the help of wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in different habitats around the garden, beginning with log piles and long grass. Here they find "tiggy

hogs and coffin cutters", local names for woodlice; endearing little armoured scavengers that feed mostly on fungi. And where you find woodlice you might also find their predators; a spider, "which has got these enormous fangs and the woodlice meets a sticky end!". The decaying leaves which accumulate in log piles are also good hibernation sites for bumblebees; which in spring will emerge to collect nectar and pollinate garden plants. So log piles can help ensure pollination! In the long grass nearby, Brett and Phil go looking for cuckoo spit, and an insect which can catapult itself to a height of 140 times its body length! They are also attracted by a hive of activity; the sounds of red mason bees buzzing around artificial nesting sites which have been built for them; these are short lengths of drainpipe containing dozens of hollow tubes in which the bees make their nests and lay their eggs. Artificial nests are a great way of encouraging pollinators into your garden. Finally they discuss the merits of wood mice in a garden and the creatures they attract; "What could better than being in bed at night and hearing Tawny Owls hunting in your garden, wood mice are something you really do need!"

Producer Sarah Blunt.
MON 14:30 The Forsythe Saga (b0774yvg)
The Forsytes Continues, Episode 2 John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal. Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

In desperate need of distraction, a newly married Fleur throws herself into the social whirl of 1920s London. When a troubled poet declares he's in love with her, she wonders how she can add him to her collection of Bright Young Things
Original music composed by Neil Brand
Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins

Today's play marks the start of the fourth novel in the series, The White Monkey.

The story continues every day this week in the 15 Minute Drama slot and concludes in the Saturday Drama at 1430.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b01jwivt)

Beauty and the Inferno, From Scampia to Cannes Essays by Roberto Saviano. Translated by Oonagh Stransky. Italian journalist Roberto Saviano describes the affects of writing his successful Mafia expose' Gomorrah on his life and work. In this episode, he is given a rare release from enforced hiding, to take a trip to the Cannes Film Festival for the opening of the film version of his explosive book, which dramatises his insights going undercover in Naples to reveal the scale and brutality of the modern Mafia operation in Italy and beyond. He is accompanied to Cannes by the youthful stars of the film, ordinary kids from the streets of Naples who play wannabe gangsters, all of whom who have grown up, as Saviano did, in the shadow of violent organised crime.

A series of essays from Italian journalist Roberto Saviano, the celebrated author of Gomorrah - a sensational book exposing the inner workings of the Italian Mafia. Saviano explores a range of his passions, both light and dark, sharing common themes of David vs Goliath and the power of art and talent to overcome difficulties, while offering a compelling insight into his life in hiding and under permanent police protection since Gomorrah's publication in 2006. Saviano describes the effects on his life and work of writing the book, including a surreal 'fish out of water' trip to the Cannes Film Festival for the opening of the film version.

Abridged by Eileen Horne
Reader: Nicholas Murchie
Producer: Clive Brill
A Pacific Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b01p0680)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b069r3rv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Change (b0076p0i)

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MON 17:00 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b08r1pwp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Haunted (b01qkqpr)

Little Girl Lost Her daughter-in-law is worried. Can Mrs Grove really talk with her husband beyond the grave?

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Rosemary Timperley's tale dramatised by Derek Hoddinott.

Stars Ruth Dunning as Mrs Grove, Jenny Linden as Sally, John Carson as Herbert, Bernadette Windsor as Janet and Adrian Egan as the Doctor / John Grove.

Director: Derek Hoddinott
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076k1s)

Ken Russell & Ben Haggarty Sue MacGregor and her guests - film-maker, Ken Russell and professional storyteller, Ben Haggarty - discuss books by Michael Frayn, George and Weedon Grossmith and Hugh Brody. From 2004.

The Trick of It by Michael Frayn
Publisher: Faber

The Diary of a Nobody by George and Weedon Grossmith
Publisher: Penguin

The Other Side of Eden by Hugh Brody
Publisher: Faber.

MON 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007inqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

WED 20:00 Dick Francis (b007nlgf)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

WED 20:30 This Are 2 Tone (b009pdfz)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

WED 21:00 Brazilian Bonanza (b03c4839)
[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]

WED 21:15 Catherine Czerkawska - The Curiosity Cabinet (b03bsh17)
[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]

WED 22:00 Rum Bunch (b08r1wv8)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

WED 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007iwqc)
Series 2, Episode 3A phone-in to match-make partners - and an Asian Babe fancies a job on BBC TV's Newsnight. Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Nitin Sawhney, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.
Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001. Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.
Script Editor: Sharat Sardana
Producer: Anil Gupta.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08sqpln)
The best in contemporary comedy. Jon Holmes chats to John-Luke Roberts.

WED 23:00 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007iq9r)
Series 1, Good and EvilThe sci-fi star and inventor explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.

WED 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rs8gz)
Series 1, Knowing Your UnionsJohn Weak discovers nothing is legally binding about a legally binding contract. Stars Alexander Armstrong. From September 2005.

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THU 00:00 Haunted (b01qlcld)
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THU 00:30 Off the Page (b0124pp5)
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THU 03:00 Classic Serial (b01p6rz5)
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THU 04:00 Genius (b008gh91)
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THU 04:30 Wally Who? (b08s7l76)
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THU 05:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b008hh96)
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THU 05:30 Rum Bunch (b08r1wv8)
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THU 06:00 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
Proof, Episode 7Kenneth Junior makes a request from hospital, and Tony learns more about the mysterious Paul Young. Stars Nigel Havers.

THU 06:30 The Stationery Cupboard (b01cks4c)
Lucy Mangan loves pens...and paper...and folders. In fact, from her first fountain pen to the latest leather notebook, Lucy has been thrilled by the smell and feel of fresh stationery. Of course, she's not alone - one of the most popular luxuries for Desert Island Discs castaways is pen and paper. In The Stationery Cupboard, we meet fellow devotees of the paraphernalia of school and office life. Lucy goes back to her South London junior school to talk to children about pencil cases. She meets writers to discuss the merits of the 1920s typewriter, a sleek laptop, and a pile of lined A5 notebooks. The psychologist Linda Blair explores our attachment to particular designs, and members of the Writing Equipment Society explain why happiness is a collection of two thousand fountain pens.
Producer: Chris Ledgard.

THU 07:00 Street and Lane (b00vhw43)
Series 1, Hitting the HighsThe Yorkshire builders need specialist help to fix a penthouse roof leak. Stars Fine Time Fontayne. From September 2005.

THU 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05wvhnv)
Series 10, Joan of the JunctionWeek four of Ed Reardon's 'No Fixed Abode' status finds him tramping along the canal trying to find someone to take him, and Elgar, in. When he fortunes upon the somewhat colourful Joan he hits the jackpot in more ways

than one as not only does he gain a rather comfortable cabin bed, but as the pair chat about Joan's rather picaresque life over a can of cider, Ed discovers she has lived her life in the manner for a perfect Sunday night TV drama. Cue a call to his agent, Ping. Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.
Produced by Dawn Ellis.
Ed Reardon's Week is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

THU 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)
Series 1, The PartyKate's furious - why haven't they been invited to their friend's party?
A series based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Starring Richard Briers as George Starling and Prunella Scales as Kate Starling.
With Rodney Diak, Audrey Nicholson, David Graham and David Morton.
This 1960's newlyweds sitcom brought Richard Briers and Prunella Scales to prominence. Originating on BBC TV, it was adapted for radio due to its popularity. A decade later, Richard Briers went on to play Tom Good in The Good Life and Prunella Scales went on to star as Sybil in Fawlty Towers.
Written by Richard Waring.
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1965.

THU 08:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)
Episode 1Fast moving sketches and a plethora of comedy characters starring Ian Carmichael, Joan Sims and Hugh Paddick. Films like Private's Progress and I'm All Right Jack helped make Ian Carmichael a major star of both British stage and screen. Play it Cool was his first radio comedy series promising a variety of potty and pompous situations.
Written by Eric Merriman - best known for his work on numerous series of Beyond Our Ken.
With music from Rosemary Squires, The Mike Sammes Singers and The Ken Thorne Orchestra
Produced by John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1964.

THU 09:00 All the Way From Memphis (b00momb4)
Series 2, Episode 1James Walton's pop music history quiz with Andrew Collins, Tracey MacLeod, Dave Gorman and Mary Anne Hobbs. From May 2006.

THU 09:30 Nineteen Ninety-Eight (b01blmbz)
Episode 1Can Edward keep his girlfriend and avoid explosions?
Orwellian sitcom with David Threlfall and Hugh Laurie. From March 1987.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b01p9gjt)
Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo, Episode 4By Alexandre Dumas adapted by Sebastian Baczkiewicz. Caderousse is dead, and the Count's ward Andrea is poised to marry Eugenie Danglars. While Heloise de Villefort pursues her own murderous plans to secure General Noirtier's inheritance for her son. The Count's revenge, so long in the planning, is devastating in its conclusion.
Music by David Tobin and Jeff Meegan
Directed by Jeremy Mortimer and Sasha Yevtushenko.

THU 11:00 Brazilian Bonanza (b03cv47m)
Valdir Peres, Juanito and PoloskeiValdir Peres, Juanito and Poloskei is by Antonio Prata. On a suburban street in 1980s Brazil, status and wealth are measured by the size and sophistication of the toys received on birthdays and at Christmas. Antonio Prata has published nine books, including Douglas (2001), Adulterado (2009) and most recently, Meio intelectual, meio de esquerda (2010). He also writes for television and contributes a literary column to the newspaper Folha de S.Paulo. Daniel Hahn is a writer, editor and translator. He is the recipient of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. He is currently national programme director of the British Centre for Literary Translation.
Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.
Translated by Daniel Hahn.
Abridged by Miranda Davies.
Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

THU 11:15 Never Mind, I Stopped My Train (b01hbrw2)
July 18th 1898: The heroism of driver, Walter Peart and fireman, Harry Dean when the boiler of their Great Western Railway steam engine horrifically exploded.
Martin Sorrell recreates the background to this story which acts as a tribute to all railwaymen.
Narrated by Martin Jarvis and Joanna Myers. With Ann Windsor as Ada Peart, Nicholas Murchie as Edmund Mears/William Jarrett and Jonathan Tafler as John Hodges.
Director: Martin Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

THU 12:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)
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THU 12:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

THU 13:00 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

THU 13:30 The Stationery Cupboard (b01cks4c)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

THU 14:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nmhmh)
Doing a Mole; Christmas ShoppingCreated in The Times of 1937 and immortalised on film, the engaging stories of an English housewife. Read by Penelope Wilton.

THU 14:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b037gxxb)
Trees and ShrubsIf you want to take a closer look at the wildlife in your garden trees and shrubs, then you need an umbrella! The reason why becomes clear, when Brett Westwood is joined by naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol and with the help of

recordings by wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in garden trees and shrubs.
Storied vegetation creates the most diverse habitat for birds in gardens, mimicking the woodland edge. Willow Warblers, Blue Tits and Great Tits all use trees as a caterpillar food source and song posts. With the help of the umbrella, Brett and Phil discover looper caterpillars (larvae of Geometrid moths) and a staple diet of many nesting tits and warblers. They get their name from the way in they loop their body up and then stretch out. They are sometimes called 'measurers' or 'inch worms' as they appear to measure out an inch at a time! Phil then produces a strange looking object "It reminds me of dish mop" he laughs. It turns out to be Rose bedeguar gall (Robin's pin-cushion) and Phil explains how these and other galls are produced in a fascinating process in which insects, (a wasp in the case of the Bedeguar gall) reprogramme plant tissue development. Brett and Phil then move into the back garden to compare notes on the ideal tree for a small garden before finally discussing the value of old trees and dead wood in the garden; including feeding sites for birds like Nuthatches and sounding boards for drumming woodpeckers!
PRODUCER: Sarah Blunt.

THU 14:30 The Forsythe Saga (b077j4yz)
The Forsytes Continues, Episode 5John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal.
Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan
Soames visits his cousin George and muses on life and death.
Original music composed by Neil Brand
Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b01k07kb)
Beauty and the Inferno, The Man Who Was Donnie BrascoEssays by Roberto Saviano. Translated by Oonagh Stransky.
Roberto Saviano dines out his American counterpart, Joe Pistone, an FBI agent who went undercover inside New York Mafia, just as Saviano went undercover with the Naples Camorra.
Immortalised in the cinema by Johnny Depp, the real-life Joe offers his insights into the changing face of organized crime in America and in Italy, and the challenges he and Saviano share, living their lives under constant threat.
This series of essays are by the celebrated author of Gomorrah - a sensational book exposing the inner workings of the Italian Mafia. Journalist Roberto Saviano explores a range of his passions, both light and dark, sharing common themes of David vs Goliath and the power of art and talent to overcome difficulties, while offering a compelling insight into his life in hiding and under permanent police protection since Gomorrah's publication in 2006.
Abridged by Eileen Horne
Reader: Nicholas Murchie
Producer: Clive Brill
A Pacific Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b01p9gjt)
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THU 16:00 All the Way From Memphis (b00momb4)
[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]

THU 16:30 Nineteen Ninety-Eight (b01blmbz)
[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]

THU 17:00 Street and Lane (b00vhw43)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]

THU 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05wvhnv)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

THU 18:00 Haunted (b01qlcld)
Listen to the SilenceMary must face her fears. Can she refuse the offer made by a strange voice claiming to be her grandfather?
Stars Gwen Watford.
A series of stories of the Supernatural. Rosemary Timperley's tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.
Stars Gwen Watford as Mary, George Pravda as the Captain, Patsy Rowlands as Mrs Maple, David Ashford as the Doctor.
With Heather Bell and Alexander John.
Director: Derek Hoddinot
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00jhhdd)
Series 18, Carl Gustav JungMatthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.
Ruby Wax discusses the life and work of Carl Gustav Jung, who has been called 'the father of analytical psychology'. Along with author and Jungian analyst Professor Andrew Samuels, Ruby discusses Jung's theories of personality and psychological types, and reveals how his work has affected her own life.

THU 19:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

THU 19:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

THU 20:00 Dick Francis (b007n9gl)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

THU 20:30 The Stationery Cupboard (b01cks4c)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

THU 21:00 Brazilian Bonanza (b03cv47m)
[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]

THU 21:15 Never Mind, I Stopped My Train (b01hbrw2)
[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]

THU 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b05wvhnv)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

THU 22:30 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01hxmkk)
Series 2, Episode 2This comic but informative look at the history of space exploration looks this week at the role that leaps of the imagination have played in the science of rocketry, including the

Producer: Maggie Ayre.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s09rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Doctor at Large (b009hq0t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Dick Francis (b007new9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 A Gothic Cathedral (b0075cdg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 The Forsyte Saga (b0780jv8)

The Forsytes Continues, Episode 7 John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal.

Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

Faced with the consequences of flirting with danger, Fleur must make a choice. In the changing world of high finance where honesty no longer appears to be in fashion, Soames decides to make a stand. Away from the glittering lights of London's smart set, Bicket and Victorine's dreams of escaping to a better life in Australia are no closer to coming true.

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins

Over the next 2 years, BBC Radio 4 is broadcasting a new dramatisation of all 9 books in John Galsworthy's The Forsyte Saga. An epic tale of sex, money and power in the lives of an upper middle-class family in London, it spans 50 years from 1886 to 1936.

Today's play concludes the fourth novel in the series, The White Monkey. We pick up the story again in September.

FRI 22:00 Sketchorama (b01kbg7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Laura Solon: Talking and Not Talking (b00bw01s)

Series 2, Episode 2 Divorcee Carol has a fruit surplus and Adrian is asked to be a Bond girl. Award-winning comedy with Ben Moor. From June 2008.

FRI 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b01p0rpi)

Series 4, Whitehaven Comedian Mark Steel returns with a new series, looking under the surface of some of the UK's more distinctive towns to shed some light on the people, history, rivalries, slang, traditions, and eccentricities that makes them unique.

Creating a bespoke stand-up set for each town, Mark performs the show in front of a local audience.

As well as examining the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

During this 4th series of 'Mark Steel's In Town', Mark will visit Tobermory, Whitehaven, Handsworth, Ottery St Mary, Corby, and Chipping Norton.

This week, Mark visits Whitehaven, to discuss surrealist pirates, the dubious origins of rum butter, and the unreassuring link between rugby and nuclear power.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

FRI 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00kwf75)

Series 1, Jimmy Carr Interviews Matt Lucas Deadpan comedian, Jimmy Carr and 'Little Britain' funny man, Matt Lucas in the tag talk show, where this week's guest is next week's interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.