

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 Forsyte 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 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 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 Forsyte 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 Forsyte 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 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.

The Forsytes Continues is the 2nd of 4 series of The Forsyte Saga, which follows the life of young Fleur Forsyte, 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 Forsyte 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.

SAT 12:00 Charles Dickens (b00rz6m8)

Sketches by Boz - Series 2, Love and Oysters Comic stories of London life. Meeting an oyster seller sparks disruption for orderly John Dounce. Stars David Calder.

SAT 12:30 The Change (b0076nxd)

Series 3, Episode 1 Convinced that his wife's having an affair with transvestite George, Ken targets Carol. 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.

SAT 13:00 Anthony Bourdain - Kitchen Confidential: Omnibus (b08rzm5v)

Anthony Bourdain's exposé of the restaurant trade, recalling his first encounter with cold soup and oysters. Stars Michael Esper. **SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05p9mlq)** Judith Kerr Children's writer and illustrator Judith Kerr inherits a lullaby by Brahms and Gershwin's hit from Porgy and Bess. **SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b041459I)** CS Forester The author of the Hornblower stories, CS Forester is quizzed on his childhood, his "alter ego" and his writing methods.

His three interviewers are critic Lionel Hale, journalist Margaret Lane and master mariner Adrian Seligman.

CS Forester (1899-1966) wrote 11 books about fictional Royal Navy officer, Horatio Hornblower.

Launched in 1952, Frankly Speaking was a completely novel and ground breaking BBC series. Initially there were three interviewers and the series was both unrehearsed and unscripted. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1957.

SAT 14:45 Marriott's Monologues (b00sp44h)

Kenneth Waller Kenneth Waller (Grandad in BBC TV's sitcom 'Bread') brings us Marriott Edgar's 'Asparagus' and 'Albert and the Headsman'.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b0071kvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 The Forsyte Saga (b07705ws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Hardeep's Sunday Lunch (b01p067w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b08rzszy)

The Lost Stories: Leviathan, Episode 2 The Time Lord learns the true horror of the sinister mediaeval village and that more enemies lurk beyond...

An adventure originally written for the BBC's Doctor Who TV series but never made.

Colin Baker stars as the Sixth Doctor.

With Nicola Bryant as Peri, Howard Gossington as Gurth, John Banks as Herne the Hunter, Beth Chalmers as Althya, Jamie Parker as Wulfric and Derek Carlyle as Siward.

Written by Brian and Paul Finch

Director: Ben Bentley.

Made by Big Finish and reversioned for broadcast by BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 19:00 Brian Johnston - An Innings with Johnners (b01kkldw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0080nk7)

Social Development Chris Addison's spoof lectures exploring human evolution. With Geoffrey McGovern as Professor Austin Herring. From August 2005.

SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b00mbv7f)

Series 1, Education Exploring a fresh theme each week, the award-winning comedian hosts stand-up and sketches. With Ivan Brackenbury. From July 2008.

SAT 23:00 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k1qh)

Episode 4 The cult BBC Radio 1 series hits Queen's University Belfast. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. From October 1993.

SAT 23:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d75nw)

Series 2, Honesty The comedian finds out if telling the truth pays off. With poetry and songs from Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Hardeep's Sunday Lunch (b01p067w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Richard Monks - Kidnap: Omnibus (b01q95nq)

An aid worker is abducted in Pakistan. Richard Monks' drama is told from five viewpoints. Stars Barbara Flynn and Hamza Jeetooa.

SUN 07:15 Elizabeth Bowen - Tears, Idle Tears (b08rzvz7)

4 Extra Debut. Struggling with her seven-year-old son's uncontrollable crying, widow Mrs Dickinson gets unexpected help. Read by June Barrie.

SUN 07:30 Believe It! (b03lppjk)

Series 2, Secrets Jon Canter's "radiography" of Richard Wilson returns for a second series.

Celebrity autobiographies are everywhere. Richard Wilson has always said he'd never write one. Based on glimmers of truth, BELIEVE IT is the hilarious, bizarre, revealing (and, most importantly, untrue) celebrity autobiography of Richard Wilson. He narrates the series with his characteristic dead-pan delivery, weaving in and out of dramatised scenes from his fictional life-story. He plays a heavily exaggerated version of himself: a Scots actor and national treasure, unmarried, private, passionate about politics, theatre and Manchester United (all true), who's a confidant of the powerful and has survived childhood poverty, a drunken father, years of fruitless grind, too much success, monstrosity, addiction, charity work and fierce rivalry with Sean Connery and Ian McKellan (not true). The title - in case you hadn't spotted - is an unashamed reference his famous catchphrase.

SUN 08:00 Educating Archie (b06cjlq)

From 30/10/1950 Radio ventriloquism from Peter Brough and schoolboy, Archie Andrews.

With Max Bygraves, Julie Andrews, Hattie Jacques and Robert Moreton.

Running from 1950- 1958, Educating Archie introduced a number of soon-to-be household names to listeners, including Tony Hancock, Benny Hill, Harry Secombe, Dick Emery, Hattie Jacques, Bruce Forsyth and Max Bygraves - all taking a turn in tutoring Archie.

With the Tanner Sisters, the Hedley Ward Trio and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Robert Busby.

Producer: Roy Speer

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1950.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b05zltc4)

From 30/05/1961 When a rival school moves next door to Chiselbury, Professor Jimmy Edwards is determined to close it down. With June Whitfield and Arthur Howard.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentfolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents. Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95 pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1961.

SUN 09:00 Sound: Omnibus (b08s2wjf)

Going deaf at the age of 28, Bella Bathurst shares her vivid chronicle of that experience. Read by Adjoa Andoh.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05r6n9I)

Charlie Higson Comedian Charlie Higson chooses 'Waiting for the Man' by the Velvet Underground and Randy Newman's song 'Rollin'.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08s2wjh)

The Great Outdoors. Jane Goodall 4 Extra Debut. From Beethoven to Puccini. Primatologist Dr Jane Goodall shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From January 2000.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b08s2w17)

Series 4, What Is Original? Guy Raz asks when is copying flattery, when is it thievery, and when is it sheer genius? With musician Mark Ronson.

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

SUN 11:55 The Listening Project (b042lp8t)

Gwen and Clive - Perfect Harmony Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a theatrical couple who met on stage in Oklahoma at Drury Lane in 1948 and have been together ever since, proving once again that it's surprising what you hear when you listen.

The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can upload your own conversations or just learn more about The Listening Project by

visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject

Producer: Marya Burgess.

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SUN 14:30 Francis Spufford - Golden Hill: Omnibus (b08s2zzh)

Episode 2 New York, 1746: Smith writes to his father from the debtors prison where he has been detained. Read by Jamie Parker.

SUN 15:45 The Cazalets - Omnibus (b01qxxp9)

Marking Time, Episode 1 With the outbreak of the Second World War, the Cazalet family find themselves broken apart and the children forced to face bewildering issues.

Elizabeth Jane Howard's family saga of 'The Cazalets' vividly catalogues the lives and loves of three generations.

Starring Penelope Wilton as the narrator, Raymond Coulthard as Rupert, Zoe Tapper as Zoe, Flora Spencer-Longhurst as Polly, Alix Wilton Regan as Louise, Dominic Mafham as Hugh and Will Howard as Christopher.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan

'The Cazalets' saga consists of The Light Years, Marking Time, Confusion and Casting Off published between 1990-1995 and the fifth, All Change, in 2013.

Produced and directed by Sally Avens and Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b08s328w)

The Living Poet - Fleur Adcock BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry with archive featuring New Zealand born poet, Fleur Adcock.

"I've written a lot about places - too much, I sometimes think. It seems to have something to do with my wandering childhood". In 'The Living Poet', Fleur Adcock introduces and reads a selection from her work.

Plus, in an interview from BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, Fleur talks to Martha Kearney about her personal life.

Producers: Fraser Steel and Olive Clancy.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985 and 2008.

SUN 17:30 Believe It! (b03lppjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Tales of the Bizarre (b007jm54)

Series 1, I Sing the Body Electric When a young mother dies, she's replaced by a 'Mark V, 110 volt, AC/DC, Electric Grandmother'. What else?

Ray Bradbury introduces his own tingling tale dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Starring David Jarvis as Tom, Angus McInnes as Father, Buffy Davis as Agatha, Colin Scott Moncrieff as Timothy and Joanna Tope as the 'Mark V, AC/DC, Electric Grandmother'.

Directed in Edinburgh by Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SUN 18:30 Mark Gatiss - The Devil in Amber (b00vfjsh)

Episode 5 Will spy hero Lucifer Box reach cult leader Ozymund Mons' Satanic lair, deep beneath the Swiss Alps, in time to prevent the sacrifice of the "perfect victim"?

Mark Gatiss concludes his own fiendishly gripping adventure abridged by David Jackson Young.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b08s2w17)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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SUN 22:00 Believe It! (b03lppjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Radio 9 (b0419ml6)

Series 1, Episode 3 The 'accidental' movement in art is explained, plus sponsored surgery. Written by and starring Johnny Daakes and Hills Barker. From November 2003.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08sqn13)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Tom Ward.

SUN 23:00 Cabin Pressure (b00lvyz7)

Series 2, Kuala Lumpur A week on stand-by at the airfield gives Arthur an opportunity to brush up on his stewarding skills, while Douglas seems to have disappeared. And why is everyone terrified of Dirk the groundsman...?

Starring Stephanie Cole as Carolyn Knapp-Shappety, Roger Allam as 1st Officer Douglas Richardson, Benedict Cumberbatch as Captain Martin Crieff, John Finnmore as Arthur Shappety, Paul Putner as Dave and Roger Morlidge as George.

Producer: David Tyler

Made for BBC Radio 4 by Pozzitive productions.

First broadcast in August 2009.

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.

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MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mdwv)

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 got 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)

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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 Wilson.

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 recorder 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)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

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)

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Series 3, 28/05/2017 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present a satirical round-up of election news and comment from comedians, journalists and commentators...

Joining Steve and Hugh for hustings - Jake Yapp, Ellie Taylor, Luke Kempner and Emma Sidi.

Recorded mere hours before transmission, the Now Show team look across the political spectrum, giving their own unique take on the election news and shenanigans.

Produced by Adnan Ahmed

BBC Studios Production.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08sqn8q)

The best in contemporary comedy. Jon Holmes chats to John-Luke Roberts.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b08s3qg2)

Series 20, Episode 6 Jeremy Hardy, Holly Walsh, Suzi Ruffell and Andrew Maxwell are Miles' guests for another round of News Quizzing.

This week Miles and teams attempt to negotiate a "U-turn"

Producer: Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sn)

Series 3, Episode 6 The Luton laureate muses on school puddings and asks his audience 'how long is your dog?' From March 2000.

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017**TUE 00:00 Haunted (b01qkppr)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076k1s)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 01:00 Dick Francis (b007mdwv)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 01:30 Walking With Headphones: How the Walkman Conquered the World (b007612d)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nm5ww)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b036k1s5)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:30 The Forsyte Saga (b0774vsg)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b01jwvt)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Monday](#)]**TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b01p6880)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 04:00 Quote... Unquote (b069r3rw)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 04:30 The Change (b0076p01)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 05:00 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b08r1pwp)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 06:00 Dick Francis (b007mx06)**

Proof. Episode 5 Mystery for Tony and Flora - is her son back from Australia? And can a diary unlock the mystery? Stars Nigel Havers.

TUE 06:30 Speak on the Dotted Line (b007r03c)

Rory Bremner probes the inner workings of recognition and voice verification technology. Can he outwit the software? From June 2007.

TUE 07:00 Girlies (b08s3sv2)

Series 2, Episode 4 As tragedy strikes, can the five feisty, foxy, fighting females try to forgive and forget?

The second of Sudha Bhuchar and Shaheen Khan's four-part comedy series charting the ups and downs of five 30-something women living in London, SW19.

Stars Bharti Patel as Vinny, Zita Sattar as Tula, Roger Liddle as Dan, Alice Arnold as Marianne, Sophie Levy as Alia, Nyla Levy as Sara, Shaheen Khan as Jabeen, Sudha Bhuchar as Sonal, Sakuntala Ramanee as Samina, Charubala Chokshi as Masi, Burt Caesar as Ali, Shiv Grewal as Salim, Alice Arnold as Nurse, Cal McCrystal as Jo, Holly McGoldrick as Jade, Lannah McAdam as Amber and Christopher Trenfield as Karan.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Kristine Landon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

TUE 07:30 Small Scenes (b041q2ys)

Series 2, Episode 2 Episode two of the symphonious sketch show, starring Daniel Rigby, Sara Pascoe, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd and Henry Parker. This week, Oxford Zoo is annexed by its own monkey kingdom and a young woman falls under the romantic

spell of "The Great Dimbleby."

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Parker and Mike Wozniak. Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)

Series 5, Men of Property Albert and Harold set out to buy their rag and bone yard's freehold.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Norman Bird, Jeanne Cook and Michael McClain. Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b00vzb5d)

A Rotten System/Chaos erupts when Number 2 and Mildred overhear a doctor mention Number 1's "complaint".

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.

With Norma Ronald, Joan Sanderson and John Graham.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966.

Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor,

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1969.

TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b08s3qg2)[Repeat of broadcast at [23:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sn)**[Repeat of broadcast at [23:45 on Monday](#)]**TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b01p3151)**

Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo, Episode 2 By Alexandre Dumas, adapted for radio by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

It is 1838, and the Count has arrived in Paris. His enemies, Baron Danglars, Gerard de Villefort and Fernand de Morcerf have no idea that Edmond Dantes, who they betrayed in Marseilles a quarter of a century earlier, is plotting to destroy them.

Music by David Tobin and Jeff Meegan

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer and Sasha Yevtushenko.

TUE 11:00 Brazilian Bonanza (b03bsb91)

Lost Time/Tatiana Salem Levy's Lost Time reflects on the legacy of Brazil's military regime of the 70s and 80s. The readers are Barbara Flynn and Georgie Fuller with Joel MacCormack. Tatiana Salem Levy debut novel A Chave de Casa (2007) won the Sao Paulo Prize for literature. She is a writer and translator and lives in Rio de Janeiro.

Ángel Gurría-Quintana translated Lost Time and as well as a translator he is also a historian and journalist. His work has appeared in The Financial Times, The Guardian, The Economist and The Paris Review among others.

Abridged by Miranda Davies

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

Brazilian Bonanza is a series of three short stories shining the spotlight on Brazil's literary culture. As all eyes turn to Brazil in anticipation of the next World Cup and the Olympics, and as dance and cinema continue to make their mark, now is the moment for the burgeoning interest in literature to take centre stage.

The three stories illustrate how Brazilian writing is making a name for itself on Britain's literary scene. Tatiana Salem Levy's, Lost Time will appear in Other Carnivals, a new anthology of short stories which is being published to coincide with FlipSide a vibrant festival celebrating Brazilian literature, art, music and dance at Snape Maltings on Suffolk's beautiful coast from 4th-6th October. Paloma Vidal's story, Asi Es La Vida a new anthology of short stories which is being published to coincide with Litro magazine which focuses on women's writing from Brazil. Finally, Antonio Prata's Valdir Peres. Juanito and Poloskei appeared in Granta's special issue featuring contemporary Brazilian writing.

TUE 11:15 Catherine Czerkawska - The Curiosity Cabinet (b03bsh13)

The Mute Swan In the 1600s, Henrietta has been abducted to Garve. In the modern day, Sophie visits the island with her son.

Stars Ceit Kearney.

TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]**TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b00vzb5d)**[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]**TUE 13:00 Dick Francis (b007mx06)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]**TUE 13:30 Speak on the Dotted Line (b007r03c)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]**TUE 14:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nm9sb)**

The New Car; Guy Fawkes Day The engaging stories of an English housewife, created for The Times in 1937 and immortalised on film. Read by Penelope Wilton.

TUE 14:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b036tsnf)

Ponds/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 and Tom Lawrence, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most

likely to see and hear in a garden pond. Garden ponds are arguably the most diverse of all garden wildlife habitats, and Brett and Phil begin by watching pond skaters (the wolves of the pond) and whirligig beetles on the surface of the water. "They remind me of bumper cars at the fair" says Phil as whirligig beetles whizz about over the elastic surface film. These beetles are able to look down and up at the same time. Imagine if we could this! "What goes on in a Whirligig beetle's brain I just can't contemplate" laughs Phil. Surprisingly, below the surface, life is anything but quiet as water boatmen communicate with one another by stridulation - producing a remarkably loud tapping sound. There are also backswimmers (so called because they swim upside down), which can be identified explains Phil as "the ones that bite really painfully" so best left alone! Further below the surface, you might frogs (their loud purring courtship calls announcing their return to the pond after hibernation and the arrival of spring), and the terrors of the deep; the dragonfly nymphs. These are fearsome predatory larvae with needle-sharp pincer-like jaws, "jet propelled" and feed on tadpoles. These larvae are transformed into the beautiful flying adults, which are not uncommon; species like the Southern Hawker Dragonfly readily colonise small garden ponds and "they'll come and check you out. They're very curious insects, they hover round your head and come and look at you." Don't be alarmed they are completely harmless despite their old names such as 'Horse stinger' and 'Devil's damning needle'!

PRODUCER: Sarah Blunt.**TUE 14:30 The Forsyte Saga (b077gd56)**

The Forsytes Continues, Episode 3 John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal.

Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

Soames ruffles feathers at a board meeting when he questions the modern way of doing business

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01i04ng)

Beauty and the Inferno, Brittle Bones Essays by Roberto Saviano. Translated by Oonagh Stransky.

Italian journalist Saviano pays tribute to the great jazz pianist Michel Petrucciani, in a triumphant tale of the man's music and his indomitable spirit, despite being crippled by brittle bone disease.

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 Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b01p3151)[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]**TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00k3x21)**

Series 2, Episode 1 John Lloyd and Sean Lock host a panel show in which three distinguished guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum.

John and Sean's guests are Brian Eno, Chris Donald and Dave Gorman.

TUE 16:30 Ballylenon (b007mf83)

Series 1, Episode 6 Will the "1000 Years" Festival mark the end of the old courthouse battle?

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher and Gerard McSorley as Stumpy Bonnar, Kevin Flood as Canon Friel and Dominic Letts as Aubrey Frawley.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

TUE 17:00 Girlies (b08s3sv2)[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]**TUE 17:30 Small Scenes (b041q2ys)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**TUE 18:00 Haunted (b01qk150)**

Walk on the Water A salutary lesson about talking to strangers, as a young girl finds her whole life blighted by one encounter.

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

Stars Anna Cooper as Rachel, Ursula Howells as Mother, Jack May as Father, David Ashford as Peter and Brian Hewlett as the Man. With Brian Haines, Trevor Cooper and Leonard Fenton.

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

TUE 18:30 Sounds Natural (b08s7dq0)

Adam Faith/Singer, actor and businessman, Adam Faith (1940-2003) talks to Derek Jones about his interest in wildlife, conservation and his love of London Zoo.

Some of his choices from the BBC Sound Archives include Lions, Puffer Fish, Dolphins, the Silvery Gibbon and the Giant Panda.

The release of "What Do You Want?" in 1959 sparked a run of hit records for Adam, followed by his big TV break as lovable-rogue, Budgie.

Produced in Bristol by John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.

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TUE 21:15 Catherine Czerkawka - The Curiosity Cabinet ([b03bshl3](#))

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

TUE 22:00 Small Scenes ([b04lq2ys](#))

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

TUE 22:30 Revolting People ([b00fj2br](#))

Series 2, Even More Trying Times Samuel's emporium faces competition from a new Super-emporium. 1770 America sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From January 2001.

TUE 23:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market ([b043xqrv](#))

Series 1, Grain How do you make economics funny? How do you put the comedy in commodity? Simon Evans has the answer in this new series which asks us to get involved in investment.

Rather than being cowed by an apparently complicated and overwhelming system, Simon jumps right in. He takes as his focus four commodities which are so intrinsic to our lives they have an almost elemental significance - land, gold, oil and grain. Yet, despite the fact we encounter them everywhere we look, very few people have been able to build a fortune on them.

All that's about to change as, Simon enlists help from the experts. Each week he will be joined by Tim Harford, Merry Somerset Webb and a guest specialist as they examine the chequered social and economic histories of these commodities. By looking at four such fundamental products, Simon brings us to a closer understanding of how global economic forces have a far-reaching and often surprising impact on our lives.

In this episode, Simon looks at commodities markets in grain. How moral is it to trade in food? how much of it is animal feed and what is the future of food?

Performed by Simon Evans, with regular guests Tim Harford and Merry Somerset-Webb, and to talk about grain markets, Kanes Rajah and Jim Rogers.

Written by Simon Evans with Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton

Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

TUE 23:30 Twenty Players ([b06h97ts](#))

Series 1, Archie McGillivray Forgotten sporting heroes. Tony Gubba tells the story of the world's greatest golfing ballonist. From May 1995.

TUE 23:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life ([b007jmzw](#))

Series 1, Normal Death The cartoonist sells his soul to the devil in the hope of securing eternal life. Stars Paul McCrink. From August 2001.

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WED 01:30 Speak on the Dotted Line ([b007r03c](#))

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WED 02:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver ([b00nm9sb](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 02:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife ([b036tsnf](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 02:30 The Forsyte Saga ([b077gd56](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:30 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week ([b01k04mg](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial ([b01p3151](#))

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

WED 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity ([b00k3x21](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [16:00 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 04:30 Ballylenon ([b007mf83](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [16:30 on Tuesday](#)]

WED 05:00 Girlies ([b08s3sv2](#))

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

WED 05:30 Small Scenes ([b04lq2ys](#))

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

WED 06:00 Dick Francis ([b007mjlf](#))

Proof, Episode 6 Wine merchant Tony Beach has to deal with some unwanted visitors to his store. Stars Nigel Havers and George Parsons.

WED 06:30 This Are 2 Tone ([b009pdfz](#))

Phill Jupitus celebrates the phenomenon that was 2-Tone music. Thirty years ago, bands such as the Specials, the Beat, Madness and the Selecter created a new sound born from a blend of punk, reggae and ska.

WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me ([b008h696](#))

Series 2, Up on the Roof Landing a job performing in a prison, will Robert finally get a captive audience? Stars John Gordon Sinclair. From March 1990.

WED 07:30 Rum Bunch ([b08r1wv8](#))

Series 1, Grissock Justin Edwards, Mel Giedroyc and Dave Mounfield are in the mining town of Grissock to tell the story of talc through the ages, using songs, sketches and powerful verbatim theatre.

Justin has actually done some research for this week's play, interviewing some miners in the social club and writing down what they said to him. Sadly, not all of it was relevant. The band go on strike and special guest Vicki Pepperdine launches a coup. Is this the end for Rum Bunch?

The Rum Bunch is Justin Edwards (The Consultants, The Odd Half Hour, Newsjack, Sorry I've Got No Head, The Thick of It), Mel Giedroyc (Mel and Sue, Bake Off, Let It Shine) and Dave Mounfield (Count Arthur Strong, This Is Jinsy).

The house band is Jason Hazeley and David Reed - The Penny Dreadfuls.

Produced by Jim North

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark ([b04b24nq](#))

Have Been Masquerading A mix-up at the dry-cleaners leads to an unexpected promotion for Sub Lt. Phillips aboard HMS Troutbridge.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caddicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral, Michael Bates as the Rear Admiral and Lawrie Wyman as AS Tiddy. Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1968.

WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour ([b007inqr](#))

Series 5, The Americans Hit Town Visiting servicemen get Griselda excited and Sid all keen to rent out the lad's rooms.

Stars Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.

WED 09:00 Genius ([b008gh91](#))

Series 2, Episode 4 Dave Gorman and Chris Addison chew over ridiculous, brilliant but unworkable ideas, and choose the best. From September 2006.

WED 09:30 Wally Who? ([b08s7176](#))

I Want to Be in Movies "Hobnobbing it with the rich and famous. I'm definitely moving up in the world. Who'd have dreamt that one day I'd be drinking in a bar where they let you have peanuts for nothing?".

Can Wally Thornton turn his dreams of screen stardom into reality?

Starring Tony Brandon as Wally. With Chris Ellison, John Jardine, Nick Maloney and Rosalind Knight.

Tony Brandon's BBC career was mainly as a disc-jockey for Radio 1 and 2 from 1967-1982, but as an actor, he also recorded the comedy series 'The Family Brandon' and 'Wally Who?'. Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Theme and incidental music by Debbie Katz.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 1982.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial ([b01p6rz5](#))

Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo, Episode 3 By Alexandre Dumas, adapted for radio by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

With Fernand de Morcerf dead, the Count begins to tighten the net around Baron Danglars and Gerard de Villefort, and their unsuspecting wives.

Music by David Tobin and Jeff Meegan

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer and Sasha Yevtushenko.

WED 11:00 Brazilian Bonanza ([b03c4839](#))

Asi Es La Vida - That's Life Rebecca Callard reads Paloma Vidal's short story Asi Es La Vida - That's Life in which a filmmaker returns to her past to research her next project.

Asi Es La Vida - That's Life is first published in English in the October 2013 issue of the storytelling magazine, Litro, which this month focuses on contemporary women's writing from Brazil. Paloma Vidal is the author of the novels Mar azul (Rocco, 2012) and Algum lugar (7Letras, 2009) and the short story collections Mais ao sul (Língua Geral, 2008) and A duas mãos (7Letras, 2003). She is a professor of literary theory at the Federal University of São Paulo and an editor of Grumo magazine. She lives in São Paulo.

Hilary Kaplan is a poet and translator of Brazilian poetry and fiction. She received a 2011 PEN Translation Fund award for her translation of Rilke Shake by Angélica Freitas. Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard.

WED 11:15 Catherine Czerkawka - The Curiosity Cabinet ([b03bshl7](#))

The Swan on the Lake When Henrietta's fate in 17th-century Garve looks set for a happier ending, Sophie and Ben's holiday must come to an end. Stars Grace Glover.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark ([b04b24nq](#))

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

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour ([b007inqr](#))

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WED 13:00 Dick Francis ([b007mjlf](#))

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

WED 13:30 This Are 2 Tone ([b009pdfz](#))

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

WED 14:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver ([b00nmzm7](#))

Married Couples; At the Dentist's Created in The Times of 1937 and immortalised on film, the engaging stories of an English housewife. Read by Penelope Wilton.

WED 14:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife ([b03757cm](#))

Hedges Ever wondered what causes the semi-circular holes in your rose bushes, and what is it that raids the honeysuckle for nectar? Well the answers to these garden mysteries are revealed 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 and Geoff Sample, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in a garden hedge. Hedgerows provide food, shelter and nesting sites for birds, climbing frames for plants and food for insects. Male wrens build multiple nests (often in hedges) and the female then selects one in which to lay her eggs.

Wrens are also notable for their song; it's a very loud explosive song for such a small bird "The whole bird seems to vibrate". Brett and Phil then turn their attention from song to scent; and to the honeysuckle which grows in this garden around the porch, but is often entwined in hedges and likely to attract the lovely Twenty-plume Moth - so called because "their wings look like beautiful Chinese fans ... and each wing is divided into what look like little feathers", and although it's called the Twenty-plume Moth, it actually has 24 plumes, six on each of the four wings; a really exquisite moth. They also look for signs of leafcutter bees, before finally discussing hedgehogs, the ardent adventures of one particular male in Phil's garden, their extraordinarily noisy courtship, and the importance of hedges as highways and corridors between gardens.

PRODUCER: Sarah Blunt.

WED 14:30 The Forsyte Saga ([b077gqk9](#))

The Forsytes Continues, Episode 4 John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal.

Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

While Fleur decides to flirt with danger, Michael wrestles with his conscience at work

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week ([b01k078g](#))

Beauty and the Inferno, Playing It All Essays by Roberto Saviano. Translated by Oonagh Stransky.

Roberto Saviano describes meeting his hero, the great Lionel Messi, Barcelona FC's star player, and another courageous fighter whose life embodies the title of the book - the transcendent beauty of his sporting skills matched only by the infernal battle it took for him to reach the top of his game.

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 Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial ([b01p6rz5](#))

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WED 16:00 Genius ([b008gh91](#))

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

WED 16:30 Wally Who? ([b08s7176](#))

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

WED 17:00 An Actor's Life for Me ([b008h696](#))

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

WED 17:30 Rum Bunch ([b08r1wv8](#))

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

WED 18:00 Haunted ([b01qkt50](#))

The Dream Woman Isaac lives in constant fear of a knife-wielding female. But is she of this Earth - or from beyond the grave?

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Wilkie Collins's tale dramatised by Derek Hoddinott.

Stars Charles Kay as Isaac, Maureen O'Brien as Rebecca, Richard Bebb as The Doctor, Douglas Blackwell as The Landlord and Katherine Parr as Mrs Stratchard. With David Timson and Danny Schiller.

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

WED 18:30 Off the Page ([b0124pp5](#))

Always On Mobile phones, laptops and tablet computers give us the opportunity to be constantly deluged by information wherever we are in the world. And if we have one of these devices and don't turn it off then we can be reached, wherever we are. So is being always on a good thing? Here with new writing and discussion are the Financial Times Slow Lane columnist Harry Eyres, Guardian digital media correspondent Jemima Kiss and the best selling author William Powers who has written a guide book on how to live wisely and happily in a connected world.

Producer Paul Dodgson.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark ([b04b24nq](#))

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WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jncr)[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 (b03bshl7)**[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]**WED 22:00 Rum Bunch (b08r1wy8)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**WED 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jwqc)**

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 (b007jg9r)

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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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 (b05vwhv)

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 newly-weds. 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 (b00m0mb4)

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 (b01p9gjl)

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 Yevushenko.

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.

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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.

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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 Hoddinott

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.

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Series 2, Episode 2This comic but informative look at the history of space exploration looks this week at the rocket that leaps of the imagination have played in the science of rocketry, including the

strange story of Russian Cosmism, and how their mission to bring back to life everyone who has ever lived produced pioneering work on multi-stage rockets; and the even stranger story of a plan in the 1950s for a giant spaceship capable of carrying a hundred and fifty people that could have been built using existing technology - Project Orion. There was just one snag - it was to be fuelled by nuclear bombs.

Starring Helen Keen, Peter Serafinowicz and Susy Kane

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

THU 22:45 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076qm0)

Series 2, Pavlov's Last Dog Retired scientist Ivan Pavlov discovered conditioning. Now based in Siberia, a visitor arrives. Stars Simon Munnery. From February 2005.

THU 23:00 Rubbish (b008scr4)

Series 2, Couples Comedy series by Tony Bagley about Martin Christmas, local government officer, cynic and manic depressive. 5/6. Couples

Martin has turned into some kind of agony aunt and he is less than happy about it.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Barney Matthew Cottle

John Neil Dudgeon

Sarah Pippa Haywood

Scott Kevin Eldon

Saffron Nadia Kamil

Naomi Katherine Jakeways

David Martin Trenaman

Comper Ewan Bailey.

THU 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007vh35)

Series 1, Episode 5 The musical comedian presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs. With guest Neil Innes. From August 2005.

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FRI 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05wyhvv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Dick Francis (b007ncw9)

Proof, Episode 8 Tony Beach and his detective chum Gerard MacGregor attempt to unearth the true identity of Paul Young. Stars Nigel Havers.

FRI 06:30 A Gothic Cathedral (b0075cdg)

Simon Fanshawe tells the story of Roget's Thesaurus, the retirement project of an eminent Victorian with a passion for order and classification. From September 1998.

FRI 07:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)

See You Outside Boots in OxfordMark and his manic mutt look for the enigmatic Jennifer in the city of dreaming spires. Stars Timothy Spall. From December 1992.

FRI 07:30 Sketchorama (b01kbq7m)

Series 1, Episode 2 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 two of Sketchorama are: The Noise Next Door: Tom Houghton, Charlie Granville, Matt Grant, Tom Livingstone and Sam Pacelli have been performing their own distinctive brand of off-the-cuff comedy for over six years. They have an uncanny knack of transforming audience suggestions into fantastically funny scenes and songs in the blink of an eye, with a perfect blend of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners and epic stories.

The Boom Jennies: A trio featuring Lizzie Bates, Anna Emerson and Catriona Knox who produce fun, fast-paced, inventive sketch comedy mixed up with some top-notch tunes.

Jigsaw: Dan Antopolski (Triple Perrier Award Nominee, BBC New Comedy Award Winner and Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe Award Winner 2009), Tom Craine (BBC National Student Award Winner 2006) and Nat Luurtsema (Chortle Best Newcomer Nominee 2008) have joined forces to create a hydrated sketch monster. They enjoyed a self-titled Fringe debut in 2011 featuring well honed, fast paced material.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s09rq)

Series 3, Episode 5 Revealing secrets of radio audience research - plus the rhubarb tart song.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by John Esmond and Bob Larbey, Graeme Garden, Alan Hutchison and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Dave Lee, Bill Oddie and John Cleese.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1966.

FRI 08:30 Doctor at Large (b009hg0t)

The Doctor's Dilemma Seaside ship's doctor Simon Sparrow attempts emergency surgery using cutlery and brandy...

The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Jock Hornby, Peter Jones as Easter and Norma Ronald as Wendy Swithenbank.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1969.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b07bthdt)

Series 6, The University of Chester A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Chester with specialist subjects including Archaeology, English and Computer Science and questions ranging from looms to Lemmy via Oscar Wilde and Microsoft Windows.

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 Gloucestershire, York, Birmingham City, Bath and Glasgow.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nd0t5)

The Two Ivans In a sleepy Russian town, a careless insult changes the lives of two neighbours. Stars Griff Rhys Jones. From March 2002.

FRI 10:00 RD Wingfield (b0084hrk)

Deadfall Retired special agent Harry Davis is drawn back to his old job for another attempt at an assassination. Stars Bob Peck.

FRI 11:00 Short stories by DH Lawrence (b007k22t)

Her Turn When her husband's colliery goes on strike, a wife attempts to gain a share of his strike pay. Read by Peter Meakin.

FRI 11:15 Andy Barrett - The Perfect Wood (b007jimb)

When Bill retires from his tedious career in confectionery sales, he looks forward to spending his autumn years indulging in the ancient art of lawn bowls.

He and his wife are the best pair in the club and odds-on favourites for the Riddington Married Couples Cup. That is, until Matt and Jude move in next door...

Stars Geoffrey Palmer as Bill, Stephanie Cole as Margaret, Ben Crowe as Matt and Sara Poyzer as Jude.

Written by Andy Barrett.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s09rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Doctor at Large (b009hg0t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Dick Francis (b007ncw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 A Gothic Cathedral (b0075cdg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Jan Struther - Mrs Miniver (b00nmp65)

Back From Abroad: Three Stockings The engaging stories of an English housewife, created in The Times of 1937 and immortalised on film. Read by Penelope Wilton.

FRI 14:15 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b037smx8)

StonesStones, patios, rockeries and walls may at first seem an unlikely habitat for wildlife but that's far from the truth as you can hear 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 associated with walls and stones in the garden. Many invertebrates like to sunbathe on sun-drenched stones whilst others live in the cool shade under the stones. Wolf spiders and zebra spiders (the latter so called because of their black and white markings) can be found sunbathing on patios or house walls.

"Watch out for their courtship - this is real edge of the seat drama" says Phil of the wolf spider as the smaller males risk their lives as they approach the female signalling to her, often for hours, before he mates, or in some cases, is eaten! Stone walls may also harbour slow worms, although you can also encourage these into your garden with pieces of corrugated iron as Phil explains.

Turning over some edging stones, Brett and Phil discover masses of black garden ants, which milk aphids for their sugary honeydew "rather like we milk herds of cattle", explains Phil. Snails in the garden are kept in check by Song Thrushes which use stones as anvils on which to crack the snail shells and extract the contents for a juicy meal. Perhaps most valuable of all are ivy-clad walls which offer shelter in winter for many species, as well as nesting sites for birds, and year round food. And if you have ivy and holly in your garden then you could be rewarded with the sight of a lovely Holly Blue butterfly which requires both to complete its life cycle.

PRODUCER Sarah Blunt.

FRI 14:30 The Forsyte Saga (b077jp11)

The Forsytes Continues, Episode 6 John Galsworthy's epic family saga of love, money and betrayal.

Dramatised for radio by Lin Coghlan

Michael learns a secret from Fleur's past and Soames's suspicions about a business deal are confirmed

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b01k0b0v)

Beauty and the Inferno, The Ghosts of Nobel Essays by Roberto Saviano. Translated by Onagh Stransky.

Saviano visits the Swedish Academy, where he has been asked to speak alongside Salman Rushdie, a fellow victim of threats to his literary freedom, about their common situation and their writing. He draws inspiration not only from Rushdie but from the many authors who have stood in the same place, defending the power of the written word.

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 Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 RD Wingfield (b0084hrk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b07bthdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Nikolai Gogol - Three Ivans, Two Aunts and an Overcoat (b00nd0t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Sketchorama (b01kbq7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Haunted (b01qldfl)

The Judge's House Malcolm Malcolmson discovers the truth of 'absurd prejudices' which have accrued around an empty property.

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Bram Stoker's tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Stars Nigel Havers as Malcolmson, Nancy Nevinson as Mrs Dempster and Jane Thompson as Mrs Witham. With David Timson and Alexander John.

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0375qt8)

Series 16, Don't Leave Me This Way/Don't Leave Me This Way was written in the early 1970s by songwriters Huff, Gamble and Gilbert who were the composers behind the famous black American Philadelphia Sound. It was first performed by Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, featuring Teddy Pendergrass on lead vocals, and later became a hit for Thelma Houston and the Communards. As the title suggests, the song is all about longing, yearning and loss. Remarkable stories in this edition of Soul Music reflect the pain expressed in this soul classic, including one told by Dr Dan Gottlieb, a quadriplegic therapist who befriended Teddy Pendergrass after he became paralysed in a car accident. Sharon Wachslar recalls dancing to the version made famous by The Communards in 1986 before a devastating illness left her housebound and reliant on her beloved service dog Gadget, who gave her a reason to keep going. When he died, the song was the only way she could express her grief over his loss. The Reverend Richard Coles, formerly of The Communards, talks about the significance of Don't Leave Me This Way as a dancefloor anthem for young gay men in the 1980s that was later to become associated with the AIDS epidemic that took so many of their lives.

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.