

SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2017

SAT 00:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007iq9v)

Episode 5 Young novice sorcerer Arcos learns an unpalatable truth about his father from Kaddah. Stars Edward Kelsey and Melanie Hudson.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b04sv2gz)

Series 19, There Is a Light That Never Goes Out/The Smiths' 'There Is a Light That Never Goes Out' is explored through personal stories. Released in 1986 on 'The Queen Is Dead' album, it has become an anthem of hope, loss and love. As a teenager, Andy listened to it with his father, as he drove him to work. They had a moment of connection, and when his father died suddenly a few weeks later, the song took on huge significance. When her young son was ill, Sharon Woolley drew strength from this music as she sat by his bedside in the small hours of the morning. For comic artist Lucy Knisley, the song got her through a bad break-up with her long-term boyfriend - and it's meaning changed for her when unexpected events unfolded.

SAT 01:00 James Runcie - Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death (b01p8gp5)

A Woman Scorned Canon Sidney Chambers decides he must come clean to Inspector Keating over his discovery in the late Stephen Staunton's diary. The conclusion of the clergyman-detective's investigation into the suspicious suicide of the man with whom the dangerously beautiful Pamela Morton was having an adulterous affair. Taken from James Runcie's clerical detective series, The Grantchester Mysteries - set in the 1950s Cambridgeshire village of Grantchester.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Big Fish Productions.

SAT 01:30 The Best of Everything (b01lj56)

The Best of Everything was written by Rona Jaffe in 1958 and became an instant best seller. It was a novel about the travails of four working girls in the early 50s. The book was devoured by the Mad Men generation of women entering the world of work for the first time. They worked in publishing houses and for advertising agencies. They dreamed of leaving the typing pool behind and rising to the rank of copyist or editor. Jaffe crystallized the contradictions of this generation; ambitious and independent, yet constrained by their own traditional notions of femininity - desperate to marry, not to be 'left on the shelf, yet yearning for opportunity and independence. Jaffe's heroines reflected the real lives of these proto feminist American women. This programme looks at the importance of the 'Best of Everything' - re-issued after Mad Men's lotharia Don Draper was spotted reading it in bed. Why did it speak so clearly to this generation? What of Jaffe herself - she never married - rejecting the road that so repulsed, yet beguiled her heroines. The Best of Everything is presented by the writer Vivien Goldman, who read the book as a girl in England.

SAT 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b00763z7)

Episode 5 The story of a family caught in the struggle to survive the siege of Leningrad in 1942. With food supplies running low, Anna takes a risk. Read by Sara Kestelman.

SAT 02:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b066zp9z)

Animal Magnetism Francine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma.

4. Animal Magnetism

The 18th century medical doctor, Franz Mesmer, was a European celebrity in his day. Francine Stock hears from historian of science Patricia Fara about Mesmer's use of so-called "animal magnetism" to heal - and wonders about Mesmer's erotic input. Meanwhile, the actor Simon Russel Beale reads some truly extraordinary contemporary accounts of Mesmer's impact in Britain and France.

Attempting further to understand Mesmer's healing powers, Francine also explores the charismatic power of the mesmeric or hypnotic gaze. The distinguished art historian, Richard Cork, shares his memories of the gaze of Pablo Picasso, while the illusionist, Derren Brown, frankly shares some professional secrets with Francine.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

SAT 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jn0)

Episode 10 When tragedy strikes pupil Lydia, headmistress Sarah Burton takes action. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b01n1v17)

Edna O'Brien - Country Girl, Episode 5 The great Irish writer, Edna O'Brien, whose controversial 1960 novel brought her both literary fame and notoriety, reads her astonishingly honest memoir of a literary life of high drama.

In today's episode: Edna rubs shoulders with the great and the good of New York, while back in London, her thoughts return to the past.

Author: Since her debut novel The Country Girls, Edna O'Brien has written more than twenty works of fiction along with a biography of James Joyce and Lord Byron.

Abridger: Miranda Davies

Producer: Justine Willett.

SAT 03:00 The Pallisers (b007jwg1)

Episode 2 More political and romantic intrigue, with newlyweds and new arrivals Phineas and Laura. Stars Ben Miles and Juliet Stevenson.

SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)

Series 6, Episode 6 Martin Young's famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Geoffrey Durham and Jenny

Colgan. From November 2002.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007jnnj)

Series 1, The Cowboy Sarah's mother and daughter gang up on her when she hires a cheap builder with big brown eyes...

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Leo Dolan as Terry.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

SAT 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012b800)

Series 1, Androids in Love Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

A top Shakespearean actor guests on the show as an android. With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune and Leslie Phillips.

SAT 05:30 Dave Podmore (b07kp5g1)

Dave Podmore's Big Bake Off Bash England's sleaziest cricketer Dave Podmore says there's more to cricket than stuffing yourself with cakes and sandwiches half-way through the game - but he can't remember what.

Pod's at rock bottom, crying into his cold beans, until he thinks there could be "some light at the end of the doldrum" when he hits on a plan to create the best cricket tea that ever graced a Cath Kidston tablecloth or clogged an English artery, and to do it on the biggest stage of all - The Great British Bake Off.

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

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

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jvh5)

The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side After her husband died, Dolly Bantry sold Gossington Hall to ex-film star Marina Gregg and her husband. When the glamorous couple throw a benefit for the local hospital, the grounds are thronged with curious visitors, but for one of them, the day ends in tragedy.

It is up to sharp-witted sleuth Miss Marple to discover who was really meant to take the poison that killed the poor victim...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple. With Ian Lavender as Chief Inspector Craddock, Gayle Hunnicutt as Marina Gregg, James Laurence as Jason Rudd, Pauline Jameson as Dolly Bantry, Jane Whittenshaw as Cherry, Liz Goulding as Ella Zielinsky, John Hartley as Dr Gilchrist, Saverio Deodato as Giuseppe, Suzy Aitchison as Miss Knight, Jilly Bond as Heather Badcock, David Timson as Arthur Badcock/Vicar, Nigel Anthony as Ardwyck Fenn, Joanna Monro as Lola Brewster, Sarah-Jane Holm as Margot Bence and David Antrobus as Inspector Cornish.

From the book first published in 1962 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 07:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01dtd5d)

Empire and Commonwealth The Royal Collection is one of the most wide-ranging collections of art and artefacts in the world and provides an intriguing insight into the minds of the Monarchs who assembled it.

In this series, BBC Arts Editor Will Gompertz encounters dozens of these unique objects - some priceless, others no more than souvenirs - each shedding light on our relationship with the monarchy and giving a glimpse into the essential ingredients of a successful sovereign.

In this programme, Will looks beyond these island shores to see the Monarchy as a global force. The monarch was a symbol of imperial expansion, in the form of the British Empire, for 300 years. But Will begins with the current reign, which has seen a retreat from Empire and the development of the modern Commonwealth, exemplified in the Royal Collection by a small woven cloth made with yarn spun by Gandhi, which contains an anti-imperial message written in Hindi. Centuries ago, the Queen's predecessor and namesake, Elizabeth I, presided over the very beginning of England's experiment in empire. We see the world as she understood it, in the form of an early atlas. As he explores Britain's involvement in world affairs Will examines a shard of wood from the coffin of George Washington, a print of a merino ram which illustrates George III's impact on the Australian wool trade, and a brightly painted chess set, presented to the Duke of Edinburgh by President Mandela in 1996.

Each of these objects has its own story to tell and each reveals another aspect to the art of monarchy.

Producer: Neil George.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b094281n)

Beyond the Kitchen Sink To complement Radio 4's British New Wave drama season Paul Allen, presents a first-hand account of it, using the archive to illuminate the social changes which allowed it to flourish.

For ten years after the Second World War the battered British public had been soothed, culturally, by urbanity and charm. In the mid-fifties it was as if a huge wave - the New Wave - had crashed over a quiet beach; frightening and exhilarating.

Paul Allen witnessed this. He was a theatre-struck schoolboy when he read Kenneth Tynan's remark that he "couldn't love

anyone who didn't want to see 'Look Back in Anger'". He relished the language and northern working class voices in the novels of Alan Sillitoe such as 'Saturday Night' and 'Sunday Morning' and felt the rage of David Storey's play 'This Sporting Life'. Then came the challenging sexuality of Nell Dunn's 'Up the Junction'. Paul Allen, was a young reporter in the North of England, then a regional critic and a national broadcaster, presenting 'Kaleidoscope', Radio 4's daily arts show, for 20 years. He interviewed and got to know the leading figures of the New Wave - John Osborne ('Look Back in Anger'), Stan Barstow ('A Kind of Loving'), Barry Hines ('Kes'), Margaret Forster ('Georgy Girl') and Alan Sillitoe.

Using the BBC's and his own archives Paul explores the artistic and social upheavals of the British New Wave. He reveals how it was not a single movement, but a series of progressions in literature and theatre, and in popular forms beyond these, and went way beyond 'kitchen sink' dramas.

Producer: Julian May.

SAT 09:00 Elizabeth Jane Howard Remembered (b04wh11)

BBC Radio 4 Extra celebrates the life of the novelist, Elizabeth Jane Howard who died aged 90 on January 2nd 2014.

This 3 hour special features material from the BBC archive including two of Howard's short stories, and her choice of Desert Island Discs from 1995. But it also includes an extract from her first novel The Beautiful Visit (read by Juliet Stevenson), as well as new interviews with, among others, her step-son Martin Amis and her biographer Artemis Cooper, all recorded at the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

As well as being the author of 14 novels, and selling more than a million books, Howard lived a richly eventful life. She walked out of her first marriage to naturalist Peter Scott, taking with her just £10, a suitcase and half a novel. She subsequently went on to remove herself from two more marriages. As her life-long friend, Jacqui Graham, points out, it was enormously brave. "Women just didn't do that."

Cathy Rentzenbrink, who presents the programme, says of Howard, 'What I find interesting is the way her life and fiction intertwines. I can't think of any other writer where the mistakes of life are transformed, reinterpreted, recycled into such brilliant novels.'

Producer: Sarah Wade.

SAT 12:00 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)

Toothpaste Comedy by Christopher William Hill.

Disgraced American ad man Elliott Thurber is forced to transfer to the new London branch of Parabola Media.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Zadie Joannah Tinney

Ted Malcolm Tierney

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Stephen Critchlow, Janice Acquah, Inam Mirza, Donna Hughes and Manjeet Mann.

SAT 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)

Series 3, A Man of Action When a landmine sparks martial law, a reporter catches Captain Mainwaring in charge.

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 1976.

SAT 13:00 Claudine Toutingi - The Inheritors Omnibus (b094281q)

Lebanese food mogul Francois Chedid has been thinking about his will. So have his grown-up children! Comic drama stars Montserrat Lombard.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b094281s)

Elkie Brooks Singer Elkie Brooks inherits 'Warm and Tender Love' by Percy Sledge and wants to pass on Billie Holiday's classic 'Yesterdays'.

SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kfmk)

Series 2, Wigan Pam visits a Lancashire cotton mill, a mint ball factory and meets the residents of a greyhound rescue centre.

Poet and raconteuse Pam Ayres is back on the open road, visiting nine more places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.

Producer: Jill Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2001.

SAT 14:45 Peter Tinniswood - Tales From the Backbench (b007611g)

Tales From the Backbench - Series 1. Naming Names A juicy scandal in the unreliable ramblings of Sir Plympton Makepeace MP, as he recalls the start of the Profumo Affair.

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b094281n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Miss Marple (b007jvh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01dtd5d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Trevor Walker - And When You Sleep You

Remind Me of the Dead (b094281v)

Young Tracy has a terrifying recurring nightmare, which seems to

be connected with the cottage where she lives with her mother. Tracy dreams about a man hideously wounded in battle, and about a little girl who tries frantically, but in vain, to wake her mother.

What happens when the nightmare becomes real?

Trevor Walker's supernatural thriller stars Graham Padden as Ross, Natasha Pyne as Angela, Romy Tennant as Tracy, Graham Armstrong as Dr Craig, Peter Howell as Martin Elliot, Susie Brann as Lucy, Andrew Branch as John / Dr Sullivan, Pauline Letts as Alice, Emma Grinsell as Young Alice and Alan Dudley as George.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Windows.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 18:45 AL Barker - Five Strange Stories (b094281x)

I'll Never Know A journalist finds some rare carved panels and discovers a connection with their artistry and meaning. Read by Angela Thorne.

SAT 19:00 Elizabeth Jane Howard Remembered (b04wjh11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01nxwnd)

MoneySketches, stand-up and song in a comic exploration of money. With Andrew Lawrence and Sara Pascoe. From November 2012.

SAT 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01f9sm2)

Series 2. ParentsThe award-winning comic's lowdown on what being a mum and dad means. With Laurence Howarth and Anna Bengo. From August 2009.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b094281z)

Gabby Best 1/2The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Gabby Best.

SAT 23:00 Hardeep at The Stand (b01n636n)

Series 2. Episode 5Join Hardeep Singh Kohli for some hilarious stand up comedy from a selection of the best comedians working in the world right now. Hardeep At The Stand captures the entire comedy experience, there's backstage revelations, jokes, anecdotes and lots and lots of laughter.

David Kay is truly brilliant - audiences love him and, today, you'll find out why. We also have the brilliant and troubled Terry Alderton performing an assault on your comedy senses and contributions from Keara Murphy and Graeme Thomas.

SAT 23:15 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076d5r)

Series 1. How to Poach an EggEggs are rather like people - drop them into hot water and they go to pieces. Some surreal food for thought. From March 2003.

SAT 23:30 Two Episodes of Mash (b01mk9nz)

Series 2. Episode 2In Episode 2: We pick up with 'Two Episodes of Mash' (Diane Morgan, Joe Wilkinson and David O'Doherty) a week after David barricaded them inside the Radio 4 studio. He's taken all the Radio 4 microphones hostage in an attempt to make the network give them their own radio series. They fill air-time in their own unique way with their version of the news, weather, sport, traffic and a fly on the wall documentary about working behind the scenes on a sketch show. Things take a turn for the worse when David receives a call from the Radio 4 Negotiator. An online animation of their Fishing Sketch by Tom Rourke is available on the Radio 4 website.

Credits: Diane Morgan, Joe Wilkinson, David O'Doherty, Paul Harry Allen, Bobbie Pyor & Gary Newman. Producer: Clair Wordsworth.

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SUN 06:00 Winifred Holtby - South Riding Omnibus (b0088yyg)

Episode 2Headmistress of Kiplington High School, Sarah Burton decides Lydia mustn't be allowed to lose a scholarship. Winifred Holtby's (1898-1935) most famous novel 'South Riding' was published posthumously in 1936. It's a rich and memorable evocation of the characters of Yorkshire's South Riding, their lives, loves and sorrows.

Starring Sarah Lancashire as Sarah Burton, Philip Glenister as Robert Carne and Carole Boyd as Mrs Beddows. With Susan Cookson, Maggie Tagney, Donald McBride, Lucy Beaumont,

Annmarie Hosell and Maya Foa.

Dramatised by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SUN 07:15 Carson McCullers - Madame Zilensky and the King of Finland (b09483j8)

4 Extra Debut. Despite smooth running in the music department, Madame Zilensky sparks apprehension for Mr Brook. Read by Shelley Thompson.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllng)

Series 4, An Audience WithSpoof reminiscences of a former variety star. Count Arthur Strong is an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origins of the species, all false starts and nervous fumbling, poorly concealed by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance.

A timely visit from the vicar interrupts Arthur's artistic flow as he pens a new novel, and reminds him that he needs to organise entertainment for a fundraiser that night.

The choice of headline is obvious, but who will he get to support? Surely some auditions in the Shoulder of Mutton will tempt some local talent out of the woodwork.

With Steve Delaney, Mel Giedroyc, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.

A Komedia Entertainment/Smooth Operations production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b00zfbvy)

A Crooner in the HouseDaughter Barbara Lyon is in love with singer Ronnie Harris, and father Ben is not happy.

Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara.

With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, Hugh David, Richard Bellaers, Bob Block and Ronnie Harris as himself.

Life With the Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b0499n3t)

Office SecretsDavid Bliss gets entangled in his secretary's secretive love life.

Starring George Cole as David Bliss, Diana Churchill as Ann, Colin Gordon as Tony, Percy Edwards as Pysche the dog, Eleanor Summerfield as Jennifer, Barry K Barnes as Mr Hood and Desmond Carrington as Donald Hood.

Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor

David Alexander Bliss began in 1953 on the BBC Home Service and ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 when a TV series was made. Sadly only 6 radio episodes survived in the BBC archive.

For the first seven episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of the St Trinian's films, destined to find great fame as the doggy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - George Cole.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.

SUN 09:00 Robert McCrum - Every Third Thought (b09483jm)

After a near-fatal stroke aged just 42, Robert McCrum reflects on how we approach and accept death. Omnibus edition read by Nicky Henson.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b05xqh10)

Donna and Matt - In TuneFi Glover introduces a conversation between the tenor and soprano halves of Bella Voci, who recognise that they cannot live without singing. Another in the series that proves 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 learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject

Producer: Marya Burgess.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09483jp)

Rock & Pop Stars, Debbie Harry4 Extra Debut. From Nina Simone to Mahler, singer and punk icon Debbie Harry shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From May 2011.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b094865y)

Series 5, The Big Oops: Blunders Large and SmallTrue stories told live in the USA. Catherine Burns introduces stories about mistakes, from online shopping to college life.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated

in a New York City living room. The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b094865x)

Dan PearsonGarden designer Dan Pearson selects 'All I Want' by Joni Mitchell and 'The Magic' by Joan As Policewoman.

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SUN 14:30 Jane Harper - The Dry (b094865z)

Episode 1Aaron Falk returns to his drought-dry Australian hometown and faces an old secret. Thriller read by Richard Goulding.

SUN 15:45 Open or Wrapped...? (b04j1zsh)

Episode 4Food writer, Home Economist and Food stylist Alison Clarkson follows eight people on a course in Leeds, specialising in how to run their very own Fish and Chip shop.

For generations, the meal has been a constant favourite with thousands, if not millions, of people across Britain. Churchill called them 'the good companion' and John Lennon loved his with tomato ketchup.

In this episode it's the final day of the course, where we learn the vital importance of potatoes being cut to time! The public experience the efforts of the students for the first time, including 100 year-old local Edna Beavis.

The series follows a three day course run by the National Federation of Fish Fryers in Leeds. It takes students through the requirements involved in running your own shop - from fish preparation and battering, through health and safety, to the legal and financial issues inherent in the business.

The students come from a wide variety of backgrounds - from the finance industry to a retired musician, from an optician to a newsagent. Two have ventured from France and one from Hamburg, especially to attend the course.

As well as following the students, the programmes trace the history and development of selling chips. The meal became popular in the early part of the nineteenth century as a result of the rapid growth of trawl fishing in the North Sea. In its heyday there were approximately thirty thousand fish and chip shops in Britain. Today the number is around twelve thousand. The acclaimed 5 out of 5, AA Rosette and multi Michelin Star award winning chef Jean-Christophe Novelli discusses his love and respect for our traditional meal.

Finally, we follow up the featured members of the course, six months after attending it. How do you like the meal. 'Open or wrapped...?'

Presenter: Alison Clarkson

Produced by Eurof Williams

An Acme tv production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b01qspvq)

Charlotte Williams - Well, He Would, Wouldn't He?By Charlotte Williams. In 1963, at the tender age of 18, Mandy Rice-Davies found herself at the centre of one of the most sensational scandals of the 20th century. She was a witness in the trial of Stephen Ward who was charged with living off the earnings of prostitutes. At the age of 16 Mandy had run away to London and become a dancer at Murray's Club in the West End, where she'd met Christine Keeler and society osteopath, Stephen. Soon she was mixing with London's elite and living as Peter Rachman's mistress. But when there was a shooting incident at Stephen's flat, and news broke of Christine's secret affair with Government Minister John Profumo, events began to spiral out of control. Fifty years later, Mandy looks back at those events and the impact they've had on her life.

A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0948661)

Fine Lines - David Dabydeen and Katrina PorteousBBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Fine Lines' featuring poets, David Dabydeen and Katrina Porteous.

David and Katrina talk to Christopher Cook about their connection to the sea. David Dabydeen sees it as an historical archive whilst for Katrina Porteous, the sea is a source of life and a living for the fishermen of Northumberland.

Producer: Melanie Harris.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlv9)

Genetic RevelationProfessor Curtis Lark and John Cornelius have established the existence of another colony of mutants in the heart of London, but the only person who could fight them is dead...

Stars Peter Cushing as John Cornelius, Vincent Price as Professor Curtis Lark, Sandra Clarke as Flora Kieri, Frazer Carr as Ian Sanderson, William Eadie as Gulliver, Clifford Norgate as Brigadier Sherman, Clifford Norgate as Brigadier Sherman, James Thomason as Home Office Official and Andrew Sear as Manson.

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.
Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

SUN 18:30 The Man in Black (b00h73hw)

Series 1, Bombers' MoonSoldiers Jarvis, Carr and Nisbet are stranded in a remote outpost in Afghanistan. They've run out of supplies, trapped by a blizzard, and the man who was going to get help should have been back hours ago. If that weren't bad enough, they're shut in with Corporal Rashid. They're sure he's a Jonah - pure bad luck. They're a sitting target for the enemy, but there's something worse coming for them through the snowy mountains. Something much, much worse...

Lucy Kirkwood's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Stars Gunnar Cauthery as Jarvis, Mark Bonnar as Carr, Fingal McKiernan as Nisbet, Inam Mirza as Rashid, Robert Lonsdale as Keefe and Manjeet Mann as the female voice.

Horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

The Man In Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SUN 19:00 The Mooth Radio Hour (b094865v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b094865x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]

SUN 20:00 Robert McCrum - Every Third Thought (b09483jm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b05xqh10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09483jp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm31)

Series 1, Barrington CouncilBarrington council's Refuse Services turn to the management consultants to axe staff. Stars Emma Kennedy. From October 2001.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0948663)

Gabby Best 2/2The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight, Arthur Smith is joined once again by Gabby Best.

SUN 23:00 Angelos Epithemio's Big Issue (b01qfr6j)

The burger van owner from BBC2's Shooting Stars examines the state of the environment. Stars Renton Skinner. From July 2010.

SUN 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b010t6vh)

Series 2, Mission CommandSeries 2 of this Radio 4 comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures among the cauliflower-cheese eating population as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for those who need it - and occasionally some who don't, but all of whom have relatives with guilty consciences.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. Until she gets the nod from God about which sector of the economy would most benefit from her entrepreneurial skills Beauty will carry on grating the Extra Mature Cathedral City, running the assisted baths and trying to understand the British character.

The series breaks the embarrassed silence about what happens to us when we get old and start to lose our faculties. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

Beauty of Britain is a narrative comedy written by Christopher Douglas (of Ed Reardon fame) and Nicola Sanderson.

Episode 5 'Mission Command'

Beauty Oolong, a Southern African care worker, shares her quirky view of Britain. Beauty struggles with an irascible gentleman and the Featherdown office struggle with Social Services' new pilot scheme for elder care in which the 'Assessment exercises are based on the battle principles of General von Moltke of the Prussian Army.'

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Derek Oscar James

Nicole/Topaz/Tiffany Morwenna Banks

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Sally Felicity Montagu

Olivia/PhD Student Vicki Pepperdine

The music for the series was performed by The West End Gospel Choir.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

The producer is Tilusha Ghelani.

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

MON 00:00 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007j1w9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b00h73hw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Winifred Holtby - South Riding Omnibus (b0088vye)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Carson McCullers - Madame Zilensky and the King of Finland (b0948318)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Jane Harper - The Dry (b094865z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Open or Wrapped...? (b04j1zsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Saturday Drama (b01qspvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0948661)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00gllnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vnglx)

BBC National Short Story Award 2016. In a Right StateHilary Mantel's shortlisted comic story is filled with unlikely memories, lost lives and the odd bad joke. Read by Miriam Margolyes.

Hilary Mantel was born in Derbyshire, educated at a Cheshire convent and now lives in Devon. She graduated in law in 1973 and was briefly a hospital social worker, and later a teacher in Africa and the Middle East. She has been a full-time writer since the mid-1980s, reviewing books and films and producing contemporary and historical fiction. She has won two Man Booker prizes, the Costa Book of the Year Award and the Walter Scott Prize (among others). In 2015 she received a joint Tony nomination for the Broadway version of Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies. Hilary Mantel was previously shortlisted for the BBC National Short Story Award with BookTrust in 2015.

The five shortlisted stories for the BBC National Short Story Award 2016 comprised a mix of established and new writers of this most inventive and imaginative of genres. Human connection, the desire for it, and what happens when it falls away are at the heart of this year's shortlist, which takes us across the globe and the generations, shining a light on the intimate inner lives of each story's protagonist.

The winner and the runner up were announced on Tuesday 4th October 2016

Produced by Julian Wilkinson.

MON 06:30 The Original (b00bz4ch)

Alkarmir Jivani asks why we value originality, from Roman villas to so-called original features beloved of estate agents. He visits Warsaw to discuss the beautiful fake that is the town centre, flattened by the Germans in the Second World War and painstakingly reconstructed in the 1950s. But should the reconstruction have taken the form of the 18th-century original, the 19th or even the 1939 version? Along the way, Jivani considers homage, tributes, remakes, restorations and renovations.

MON 07:00 Says on the Tin (b00g0bt)

Cat FoodComedy by Christopher William Hill.

Elliott struggles to promote gourmet cat food for an intensely conservative company.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Pippa Walker Manjeet Mann

Zadie Joannah Tincey

Ted Malcolm Tierney

Mrs Braden Rachel Atkins

Other parts played by Stephen Critchlow, Donnlá Hughes, Janice Acquah and Jill Cardo.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b092m4s4)

Series 79, 04/09/2017Nicholas Parsons challenges Sue Perkins, Gyles Brandreth, Andy Hamilton and Paul Merton to speak on the topics on the cards without deviation, hesitation or repetition. Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

MON 08:00 To the Manor Born (b007m9wg)

The Spare RoomDeVere takes a shine to Mrs Forbes-Hamilton's guest. Is Audrey jealous?

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, Keith Barron as Richard De Vere, Angela Thorne as Marjory Frobisher, Nicholas McArdle as Brabinger, Margery Withers as Mrs Polouovicka and Frank Middlemass as Ned.

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.

From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.

First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997.

Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jpp4)

Series 3, The Honourable ManWith a visitor due from the Soviet Union - Captain Mainwaring is peeved with Sergeant Wilson.

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, Bill Pertwee as Hodges and Frazer Kerr as the Russian Visitor.

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 1976.

MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4v)

Syon HouseThe antiques quiz visits the Syon House, London. With Lars Tharp, John Bly and Jane Hay. From May 1998.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mv1sx)

Series 3, Episode 3The CyberPass cafe is shaken by Neville's shock news that his girlfriend has dumped him. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From May 2004.

MON 10:00 The Pallisers (b007jwg6)

Episode 3More political and romantic intrigue as Lady Glencora expects a baby and Laura causes disappointment. Stars Sophie Thompson.

MON 11:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03intqf)

Brown JugBrown Jug by Linda Ruhemann. The first of five original stories by writers from Wales.

Whilst shopping for souvenirs in a small holiday town a man's past is evoked and it brings a new perspective on the present. Read by Robert Pugh

Directed by Helen Perry

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

MON 11:15 Stephen Mollett - A House Halfway to Africa (b01hz719)

Although he was unlucky in love, artist Vincent van Gogh secured the affections of a young woman in his last years. But was Vincent beyond reciprocating?

Stephen Mollett's drama stars Pete Postlethwaite as Vincent van Gogh, Maria Miles as Claire, Jenny Howe as Marie Ginoux, Jane Whittenshaw as Sien, David Bannerman as Theo van Gogh, Vincent Brimble as Gaugin and David King as Reverend Rochelieu.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

MON 12:00 To the Manor Born (b007m9wg)

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MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpp4)

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MON 13:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vnglx)

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MON 13:30 The Original (b00bz4ch)

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MON 14:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0948p63)

Episode 6In the besieged city of Leningrad, 1942, winter arrives. Civilians are starving and cold.

The story of one family caught up in the appalling struggle to survive the Siege of Leningrad by German forces during the Second World War.

Helen Dunmore's powerful historical novel read by Sara Kestelman.

Helen Dunmore (1952-2017) was the writer of 12 novels and 10 poetry collections winning several accolades for her work.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 14:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b067003h)

Red Shirts and Black ShirtsFrancine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma

5 Red Shirts and Black Shirts

Charismatic nationalist leadership

In the 1860s, Giuseppe Garibaldi was the most famous man in Europe. A correspondent from the London Times encountered him at a public rally in Palermo, and described how men threw themselves forward to touch the hem of his garment, while mothers offered their babies up to be blessed by him.

With the help of historian Professor Lucy Riall, Francine explores the creation of the charismatic national commander who would lead the Risorgimento and establish Rome as the capital of a newly united Italy. She hears about his natural charm, his physical appearance and clothes, but also about his protean ability to be different things to different people and to exploit new technology to spread his image and his message.

Francine then moves on to a more recent example of radical leadership. She hears from the writer and broadcaster, Abdel Bari Atwan, about his secret visit to Osama Bin Laden in the Tora Bora caves of Afghanistan and about how, in turn, the publicity machine of Al Qaeda used contemporary new technology to advance their cause.

Finally, Francine investigates the dangers of this type of nationalist leadership, and hears from Lucy Riall about how Garibaldi's Red Shirts were to be a direct inspiration for the Black Shirts of Mussolini.

Reader: Simon Russell Beale

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

MON 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnm4)

Episode 11Sarah Burton encounters the bitter taste of loss and the joy of achievement, as the headmistress of Kiplington High School.

Winifred Holtby's (1898-1935) most famous novel "South Riding" was published posthumously in 1936. It's a rich and memorable evocation of the characters of Yorkshire's South

Riding, their lives, loves and sorrows.

Starring Sarah Lancashire as Sarah Burton, Philip Glenister as Robert Carne and Carole Boyd as Mrs Beedows. With Susan Cookson, Maggie Tagney, Donald McBride, Lucy Beaumont, Ammarie Hosell and Maya Foa.

Dramatised by Gill Adams.

Director: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b01mxcv)

Rupert Everett - Vanished Years, Episode 1 As a writer, the actor Rupert Everett has been compared to David Niven, Noel Coward and Lord Byron: wickedly observant, very British and extremely funny. And his new memoir Vanished Years gives full rein to those powers as Everett writes about the travails of a precarious career - fighting for good roles, effortlessly glamorous at parties. Everett found fame in Britain with Another Country and Dance with a Stranger, and acclaim in Hollywood with My Best Friend's Wedding. But we meet him in the twilight world of a film finished but not released - and he's not confident it will restore his fortunes. However, at one of the many glamorous parties he attends, Everett has a flash of inspiration: to write Mr Ambassador - an American TV sitcom starring, of course, Rupert Everett in the title role.

And so begins an adventure in Hollywood, diving into the cut throat world of the networks and the pilot episode, where dreams and fortunes can be made or broken.

In the first episode from his memoir, Rupert finds his career at a crossroads. The parties are still glamorous and star-studded, the roles less so.

Produced by David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment Limited production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 The Pallisers (b007jwg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mvlx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Says on the Tin (b00zb0bt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b092m4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

Episode 6Is Shazir the real enemy? Can Arcos and his hero friends escape the Palace of Memory? Fantasy series stars Liz Whiting and Francis Thomson.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076n4h)

Prue Leith & Lembit OpikSue MacGregor and her guests - baking and cookery guru, Prue Leith and former MP, Lembit Opik - discuss books by Francois Bizot, Mary Wesley and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. From 2004.

The Gate, by Francois Bizot

Publisher: Vintage

Not That Sort of Girl, by Mary Wesley

Publisher: Black Swan

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Publisher: Vintage.

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MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b092m4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03v38kp)

Funerals and Sex EducationJason Cook helps make life more lovely for listeners, with the help of regular guests Zoe Harrison and Neil Grainger to illustrate his life lessons.

This time Jason looks at the peculiar pressures of fitting in at funerals as well as how to tackle the tricky task of explaining the bird n' the bees.

Producer: Sam Michell.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b0948qnv)

Series 21, Episode 1Jeremy Hardy, Zoe Lyons, Simon Evans and Helen Lewis join Miles Jupp to discuss the North Korean nuclear stand-off, public sector pay caps and the death of the Yellow Pages.

Written by James Kettle, Gareth Gwynn and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch with additional material from Ian Smith and Robin Morgan.

The producer was Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:45 Armstrong and Miller (b001bct)

Episode 1Time management, and some special detectives.

Sketches and songs with Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong in their first series for radio. From March 1998.

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

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TUE 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jmm4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs2h6)

BBC National Short Story Award 2016. GarmentsTahmima Anam's shortlisted tale of an impoverished woman paying a high price for seeking a better life. Read by Ayesha Dharker.

Tahmima Anam was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, educated at Mount Holyoke College and Harvard University and now lives in Hackney, London. An anthropologist and novelist, her debut novel, A Golden Age, was winner of the 2008 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book. In 2013, she was named one of Granta's Best Young British Novelists. She is a Contributing Opinion Writer for The New York Times and a judge for the 2016 Man Booker International Prize.

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Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Julian Wilkinson.

TUE 06:30 Camel Country (b01hw6g9)

Camels are the heart and soul of Arabic culture. Even in an age of four-wheel drive and oil-money opulence they're a powerful symbol of wealth. In 'Camel Country' the field biologist Tessa McGregor travels through the deserts of Oman with one of the last of the frankincense caravans.

For centuries camel trains have climbed from the coastal plain to the high plateau of Dhofar to collect the annual frankincense harvest. The trade has declined as the young Omanis shun the tough world of the desert for the comforts of urban life but even in the cities the camel is still venerated. Camels are raced, songs are composed in their honour, they're displayed in beauty contests and photos of favourite camels are swapped on mobile phones and Facebook.

In two generations the people of the Arab peninsula have gone from nomadic poverty when the camel was the difference between life and death to an age of air-conditioned luxury but even today, as Tessa discovers, the camel herders are regarded as princes of the desert.

Producer: Alasdair Cross.

TUE 07:00 Double Science (b0133g6w)

Real AleA real ale home brewing competition turns incompetent teachers Kenneth and Colin into bitter rivals. The turmoil continues at the Sixth Form College.

Written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards. With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey, Gus Brown and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

TUE 07:30 Shush! (b06fntmq)

Series 1, New RomanticsA wandering poet, a bottle of Calpol and some Roman bathing techniques cause trouble for Snoo and Alice. And just what is Dr Cadogan's unexpected skill? Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.

And forever popping into the library is Dr. Cadogan, celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie. Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man.

Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission, a mission to close down inefficient libraries. Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is

once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.

Written by Rebecca Front and Morwenna Banks

Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 Listen to Les (b00k26j0)

From 11/01/1981Les Dawson presents his very own versions of 'Dallas' and 'Colombo', plus piano bashing aplenty.

With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b0116gvp)

We All Make MistakesSir Gregory decides it's time to take action over the bumbling bureaucrats...

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley 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 Radio 4 in August 1971.

TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b0948qnv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 The Pallisers (b007jwg6)

Episode 4Phineas Finn finally triumphs in Parliament, but his romantic ambitions are faltering. Stars Ben Miles and David Troughton.

TUE 11:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03m3nv0)

The EyasThe Eyas by Jim Perrin. The second of our original stories by modern Welsh writers.

When a young boy becomes obsessed with taming wild birds nature finds a way of retaliating.

Read by Stefan Rhodri

Directed by Helen Perry

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

TUE 11:15 Char March - Recapturing Colours (b0075vhj)
With both their worlds drained of colour, blind Pam and broken-hearted Jess pinch each other back to life. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

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TUE 14:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b094903q)

Episode 7Leningrad 1942, and Anna's family struggle to survive the siege as the cold deepens and hunger bites. Read by Sara Kestelman.

TUE 14:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b067w3ph)

The 'It' FactorFrancine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma

6.The "It" Factor

Sarah Bernhardt and the beginnings of celebrity charisma

In her day, the French actor Sarah Bernhardt was said to be the most famous woman in the world after Queen Victoria. The American scholar Edward Berenson helps Francine untangle the many strands of Bernhardt's appeal, from her beauty and energy on stage and screen, to her eccentricity (she was said to sleep in a coffin and keep wild animals as pets) and her later disability.

Edward Berenson pin-points the moment when he believes Bernhardt's celebrity was transformed into true charisma. And, as Bernhardt later appeared in the new art-form of film, Francine sets out on a path to explore the early movie stars who did - or, in many cases, did not - have the famed "It Factor".

With contributions from the illusionist Derren Brown and the Australian author of a study of charisma, Professor John Potts.

Reader: Simon Russell Beale

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

TUE 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jmm)

Episode 12Headmistress Sarah Burton opens up her school for voters in the election. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01mxcv)

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Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment Limited production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 The Pallisers (b007jwgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js9y)

Series 3, Episode 4 Crazy panel show capers as Sue Perkins grills Tom Binns, Peter Serafinowicz, Nick Frost and Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2001.

TUE 16:30 Our Man at Wembley (b00759dn)

Episode 1 Eric Halliday has a talent for impersonation, but can he make it as a sports commentator? Stars Alistair McGowan. From June 1998.

TUE 17:00 Double Science (b0133g6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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TUE 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007k3v1)

Before the Screaming Begins, Episode 1 An invasion by aliens interrupts an idyllic wedding anniversary celebration for Tom Harris and his wife.

The first of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy (including The Silent Scream and With a Whimper to the Grave) courtesy of a recording made by the author. Sadly the master tape was not saved in the BBC archive.

Starring James Launson as Tom Harris, Jennifer Piercey as Sally Harris, Donald Hewlett as AP Smith, Robert Trotter as Detective Sergeant Forbes, Katherine Parr as Catherine's Mother, Maggie Ollerenshaw as the Nurse, Peter Williams as the Desk Sergeant, Peter Wickham as Silkin, Malcolm Gerard as the Alien Voice and Manning Wilson as the Alien Controller.

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday-Night Theatre production on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jn6n)

Series 2, Roy Hudd The comedian and actor looks back on his showbusiness career on stage, TV and radio, and the famous folk he worked with. From September 2000.

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TUE 22:30 Son of Cliché (b00pbx1v)

Weird Magazines Spoofing student life and a meaty mammal.

Sketch comedy with Chris Barrie, Nick Maloney and Nick Wilton. From December 1984.

TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b01ntfw9)

Series 4, Sound of da Police When Doreen is mugged Adam and Rudy react very differently. Adam intends to become a role model for the community and Rudy intends to whack the mugger with a cricket bat.

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham. Starring Lenny Henry, Larrington Walker and some terrific tunes.

Rudy's Rare Records is a tiny down at heel old reggae record shop in Birmingham - one of a dying breed; a place with real soul, stacked with piles of vinyl, where the slogan is "if we don't have it - them don't mek it". It's owned by the charismatic, irrepressible Rudy Sharpe (Larrington Walker), reluctantly helped out by his long-suffering neurotic son Adam (Lenny Henry) and Handsworth's first, black, surly girly goth, Tasha (Natasha Godfrey). Rudy has recently married his long-term love interest Doreen (Claire Benedict) who is enjoying the challenge of getting the Sharpe men in shape - until she is shaken by a mugging.

Adam.....Lenny Henry

Rudy.....Larrington Walker

Tasha.....Natasha Godfrey

Doreen.....Claire Benedict

SGT Popper..... Andrew Brooke

Hoodie.....Adam Nagaitis

Hoodie 2.....Joe Sims

MISS JAMAICA * JIMMY CLIFF

007 SHANTY TOWN* DESMOND DEKKER

SOUND OF DA POLICE * KRS ONE

POLICE OFFICER * SMILEY CULTURE

INFORMER * SNOW

WELCOME TO JAMROCK * DAMIAN MARLEY

TROUBLE IN THE TOWN * DANDY

POLICE AND THIEVES* JUNIOR MURVIN

GUNS OF BRIXTON* JIMMY CLIFF

RING THE ALARM* FU SCHNICKENS.

TUE 23:30 The Shuttleworths (b007k1w1)

Series 1, Mini-Break in Giggleswick Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth and his family are in North Yorkshire. Stars Graham Fellows. From October 1993.

TUE 23:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b0076zx3)

Series 3, There's Something About Mrs Naughtie Mrs Naughtie's news has Hamish, Dougal and the Laird all a-fluster. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From August 2006.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

WED 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007k3v1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jn6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs2h6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Camel Country (b01hw6g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b094903q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b067w3ph)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b01mxvlf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Pallisers (b007jwgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js9y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Our Man at Wembley (b00759dn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Double Science (b0133g6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Shush! (b06fntmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs3g9)

BBC National Short Story Award 2016, Morning, Noon and Night Announced as runner-up, Claire-Louise Bennett's story the rhythms of the everyday lead a young woman to solace and sanctuary. Read by Vanessa Kirby.

Claire-Louise Bennett was born in Wiltshire but now lives in Galway. Her first book, Pond was published in 2015 and has been translated into Spanish, Dutch and Norwegian. It was recently shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize. Claire-Louise's stories and essays have appeared in The White Review, Guernica, The Irish Times, gorse, and Paper Visual Art Journal, among others. This year she has produced art writing for Temple Bar Gallery & Studios, Nottingham Contemporary, the Tate, and 126 Artist-Led Gallery.

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Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

WED 06:30 Fixing a Hole (b00b1nrb)

On a journey from Cumbria to London, Sara Parker investigates roadworks, those who dig them and those who despair of them. From May 2008.

WED 07:00 Don Haworth - Odd Balls (b007608c)

Stan Rooker - Night Receptionist Late one Saturday night, good Samaritan, Wilfred Parkin finds a man with a strange problem to the hospital reception. But Stan Rooker seems strangely reluctant to call the doctor.

Four-part comedy series by Don Howarth.

Stars Terry Malloy as Stan Rooker, Paul Copley as Wilfred Parkin and Barry Farrimond as Knight.

Director: Julie Beckett

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 07:30 Ankle Tag (b092pdwn)

Series 1, Episode 3 The bath has sprung a leak. Gruff wants to book an ethical plumber, much to Bob's disgust. His mate Terry would do it for clubcard vouchers. Meanwhile Alice and Bob have both developed an unhealthy affection for ape-based reality show Monkey World.

Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k0j9)

Series 1, The Psychology Test Captain Povey and the crew are called to the Admiralty - but devious Pertwee has a plan.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cildicot as Commander Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Michael Bates as Hector Pertwee and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral.

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series on BBC Radio between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1959.

WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0090xjy)

Series 6, The Picnic The lad, Bill and Sid eat al fresco to impress their dates from the local Palais.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Patricia Hayes, Ann Lancaster, Elizabeth Fraser and Wilfred Babbage.

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 October 1959.

WED 09:00 Genius (b0081cvq)

Series 3, Simon Munnery Garments made of human dust fragments? Dave Gorman and celebrity guest Simon Munnery chew over more of the public's inventions. From October 2007.

WED 09:30 Winston (b007k4b8)

Series 1, A Happy Family Nancy has recently moved to the village with sister Rosie, brother William and her father.

When Winston, the local poacher and handyman, is thrown out by his wife because of his infidelities, he invites himself to stay with them and starts to spoil the family by acquiring a brand new freezer for them, by doing all the washing and ironing and by cooking them superb meals.

But they are deeply suspicious. What could be Winston's motives?

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in April 1989.

WED 10:00 The Pallisers (b007jwgw)

Episode 5 Phineas Finn's political career is on the rise, but he is short of money. Glencora worries over her children's inheritance.

WED 11:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03mclqk)

Snowstorm Snowstorm by Niall Griffiths

Perry and his elderly mother are snowed in, isolated in the hills of the Welsh countryside. As the last of the firewood burns, Perry's mother is determined to force her layabout son to go and fetch supplies.

The third of five original stories by writers from Wales.

Read by Eiry Thomas

Directed by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

WED 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01n1rfw)

Peter Whalley - The Trial The Trial by Peter Whalley Falling in love with a stranger has never been scarier: A gripping new thriller.

Vibrant, young, attractive, Mollie Spiers, signs up to internet dating. When the man she arranges to meet looks suspicious she spontaneously sits next to another man, Colin, and hurriedly asks him to pretend they're on a date. Molly and Colin fall for each other and what seems like serendipity turns into a chilling thriller. As Mollie falls headlong in love Colin is arrested on a murder charge. As we inter-cut between murder trial and action, Mollie's own life is in danger.

Produced/Directed by Pauline Harris.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k0j9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0090xjy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs3g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Fixing a Hole (b00b1nrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0949fj1)

Episode 8 Leningrad 1942, and Anna's family struggle to survive the siege as there is so little wood, and so little food. Read by Sara Kestelman.

WED 14:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b067w3w7)

The Best to You Each Morning Francine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma.

7. The Best To You Each Morning

Self-made American charismatic leaders - from W.K Kellogg and Henry Ford to Apple's Steve Jobs and Viacom's Sumner Redstone.

A religious upbringing, a great idea and an exceptional ability to read the desires of the American people are just three of the shared characteristics of the early 20th century self-made men who feature in this programme. Collectively, they have set an influential template for charismatic business leaders to this day.

Francine Stock hears from the business journalist and broadcaster Peter Day about his personal - and not altogether complimentary - impressions of Steve Jobs and his extraordinary "force field" of attention. She draws a somewhat surprising profile of the self-made mogul - for whom conquering death itself seems to have become the longed-for ultimate charismatic act.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

WED 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jn3j)

Episode 13 Yorkshire landowner Robert Carne confronts headmistress Sarah. Lydia is distressed. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b01mxtqn)

Rupert Everett - Vanished Years, Episode 3 As a writer, the actor Rupert Everett has been compared to David Niven, Noel Coward and Lord Byron: wickedly observant, very British and extremely funny. And his new memoir Vanished Years gives full rein to those powers as Everett writes about the travails of a precarious career - fighting for good roles, effortlessly glamorous at parties.

Everett found fame in Britain with *Another Country* and *Dance with a Stranger*, and acclaim in Hollywood with *My Best Friend's Wedding*. But we meet him in the twilight world of a film finished but not released - and he's not confident it will restore his fortunes. However, at one of the many glamorous parties he attends, Everett has a flash of inspiration: to write Mr Ambassador - an American TV sitcom starring, of course, Rupert Everett in the title role.

And so begins an adventure in Hollywood, diving into the cut throat world of the networks and the pilot episode, where dreams and fortunes can be made or broken.

In episode three of his memoir, the sitcom idea starts its hazardous journey to pilot show reality.

Produced by David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment Limited production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 The Pallisers (b007jwgm)

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WED 16:00 Genius (b0081cvq)

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

WED 16:30 Winston (b007k4b8)

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

WED 17:00 Don Haworth - Odd Balls (b007608c)

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

WED 17:30 Ankle Tag (b092pdwn)

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

WED 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5w)

Before the Screaming Begins, Episode 2The startling new mental powers of Tom Harris sparks the interest of authorities...

Continuing the first of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy (including *The Silent Scream* and *With a Whimper to the Grave*) courtesy of a recording made by the author. Sadly the master tape was not saved in the BBC archive.

Starring James Laurensen as Tom Harris, Jennifer Piercy as Sally Harris, Patrick Troughton as the Prime Minister, Donald Hewlett as AP Smith, Robert Trotter as Detective Sergeant Forbes, Peter Williams as the MP, Peter Wickham as Silkin, Malcolm Gerard as the Alien Voice and Manning Wilson as the Alien Controller.

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday-Night Theatre production on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b01k1nbq)

Tomorrow's WorldDominic Arkwright and writers Bidisha, Mark Mason and Mark C Newton boldly go where no Off the Page has been before - into Tomorrow's World.

Dominic Arkwright and writers Bidisha, Mark Mason and Mark C Newton boldly go where no Off the Page has been before: to explore our fascination with Tomorrow's World. From biblical prophecy to the predictions of Nostradamus, we have a fascination with possibility of what the future might hold, and of the wonders of time travel. In our new venture, Mark C Newton writes a science fiction piece set in the City of London 100 years from now. Sci-fi nut Bidisha takes us back a century to the same place, and there she dreams of what life might be like a hundred years hence, i.e. now. And Mark Mason offers his sage thoughts on the great predictions that didn't make the grade, such as Edison's assertion that gold would one day be as commonplace as steel. With the rate of advancement in technological progress, is science fiction now just fantasy, or does it serve a broader purpose?

Producer: Sarah Langan.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k0j9)

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

WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0090xjv)

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

WED 20:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs3e9)

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

WED 20:30 Fixing a Hole (b00b1nrb)

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

WED 21:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03mclqk)

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

WED 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01n1rfw)

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

WED 22:00 Ankle Tag (b092pdwn)

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

WED 22:30 The Secret World (b011qdpd)

Series 1, Episode 4From Steve Wright to Ken Dodd, Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From May 2009.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0959rv0)

Sindhu Vee 1/2The best in contemporary comedy. Deborah Frances-White talks to Sindhu Vee.

WED 23:00 Nick Mohammed: Apollo 21 (b00nqht7)

Mockumentary by Nick Mohammed, recorded at Bedford University.

Forty years after man first landed on the moon, the surviving astronauts tell us what it was like to be part of the moon mission.

WED 23:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00ct94s)

Series 2, The Promised LandAs the writer gets a lucky Hollywood break, his geraniums are terrorised by an old foe. With Alistair McGowan. From July 1993.

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THU 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Wednesday](#)]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b01k1nbq)

[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Wednesday](#)]

THU 01:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vs3e9)

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THU 01:30 Fixing a Hole (b00b1nrb)

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THU 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0949j1l)

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

THU 02:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b067x3w7)

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

THU 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnn3)

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

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b01mxtqn)

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THU 03:00 The Pallisers (b007jwgm)

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

THU 06:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07yw5ml)

BBC National Short Story Award 2016, The Darkest Place in EnglandLavinia Greenlaw's shortlisted tale. A teenage girl on a dark moor is drawn into a different darkness. Read by Kate O'Flynn.

Lavinia Greenlaw was born, and still lives, in London. She has published five collections of poetry, most recently *A Double Sorrow: Troilus and Criseyde*. Her other works include two novels and the memoir, *The Importance of Music to Girls*. Audio Obscura, her immersive soundtrack for Artagel/Manchester International Festival won the 2011 Ted Hughes Award. She has also completed her first short film, *The Sea is an Edge and an Ending*, a study of the impact of dementia on our sense of time and place, drawing on Shakespeare's *Tempest*. Her work for radio includes documentaries about vision and light, she has also written and directed several radio dramas. Lavinia Greenlaw was previously shortlisted for the BBC National Short Story Award with *BookTrust* in 2013.

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Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

THU 06:30 The French East End (b01j5nw4)

On a head count, the British capital has long been the sixth biggest French city, boasting more French people than Nantes, Strasbourg or Bordeaux. Today London's French community is racially and culturally diverse. It has grown far beyond the bourgeois confines of 'Frog Valley' in well-heeled South Kensington. Lucy Ash meets some of the new Gallic Eastenders and asks what their stories can tell us about the current state of France and her former colonies.

The East End's French connection goes back to the 17th Century when Charles II offered sanctuary to tens of thousands of persecuted French Protestants. Lucy visits Spitalfields, where many of the Huguenots settled, and at the Denis Severs House museum hears the story of one silk merchant who lived there in the 1680s. She meets the French owner of a nearby wine bar with a lunch menu inspired by the hardworking Huguenots who once walked the streets now filled with sari shops and Bangladeshi restaurants.

The Huguenots came to the UK to escape prejudice at home - so are there any modern day parallels? One unlikely Gallic outpost is New Vlc in Newham, London's biggest 6th form college. It can't really compete with the Lycee Charles de Gaulle in Kensington but it does have a high number of Francophone pupils and the demographics are very different. These are mainly non-white students from France's Overseas Departments or former colonies, places like Reunion, Guadeloupe and Algeria. They have crossed the channel partly because they hope learning English will improve their chances of getting a job and partly because of perceived racial prejudices in the French system.

The head teacher Eddie Playfair is a pragmatic Brit with a background in Corsica. He says that finding a job in France is often tough, as payroll taxes and bureaucracy make employers wary of taking on new staff. For non-white applicants it is even worse. CVs are reputedly routinely thrown in the bin for having the wrong postcode or a North African surname. Unemployment among children and grandchildren of immigrants in the outskirts of French cities runs at around 60%.

We meet, Hamid Senni, a young businessman with Moroccan roots who wrote a book called *De la Cité* (the French term for a council estate) à La City. When he told his first boss in France that he wanted to become a manager, he was laughed at and thrown out of his office. Now he runs a lucrative consultancy company in Mayfair. Cleo Soazandry also feels there is far less discrimination here in London. A former Miss Madagascar, turned TV presenter and businesswoman, she once lived in the

Parisian suburbs but decided to cross the channel in her early teens. She shows Lucy her secret French London - a night spot popular with the African Francophone community.

Lucy discovers another group of young French people in Hackney. Most of them are designers, artists or work in cutting edge digital media outfits. Malika Favre, who has just done a cover for the Penguin edition of the *Kama Sutra*, says she finds London a more creative environment and she finds English 'hypocrisy' is good for business.

THU 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)

Series 1, Double Income, No Kids YetDaniel and Lucy's plans for a quiet weekend are hit by a stream of unplanned visitors. Stars David Tennant. From June 2001.

THU 07:30 Women Talking About Cars (b092r4rs)

Series 2, Sheila HancockThe first in the new series of the off-beat light-hearted interview show. Victoria Coren Mitchell meets actress and writer Sheila Hancock for a programme that uses the cars Sheila has known to take us on a trip through her remarkable life from the first stirrings of her theatrical ambitions through to the day John Thaw fell for her and why the number of seats in a Morgan sports car is important, and thence to the enduring lure of a Jaguar and how the trick of getting older is actually to speed up...

With contributions from our studio audience and tongue in cheek readings from Morwenna Banks.

Produced by Gareth Edwards

A BBC Studios Comedy Production.

THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00rxk55)

Series 2, Episode 8A cigarette girl's burning lust, and BBC Radio is fully exposed.

Starring Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Joan Sims and announcer Douglas Smith.

After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of *Round the Horne* were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his 'Carry On' film co-star Joan Sims. Written by Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer. With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1970.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007k4c2)

The CanalBack home after 43 years, why must Neddie never go near the oily waters again? Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1954.

THU 09:00 Whispers (b00c3nw7)

Series 2, Episode 4Gyles Brandreth's scandalous quiz with Anthony Holden, Valerie Grov, Lucy Moore and Geoffrey Durham. From September 2004.

THU 09:30 Semi Circles (b0949hw9)

Series 1, The Quality of LifeAlistair moves to the countryside to be with his new lover. Will Ben and Helen follow suit? Stars Patience Tomlinson. From March 1982.

THU 10:00 The Pallisers (b007jwh0)

Episode 6Phineas fears his past will affect his career, and with rumours over his love life, a fresh setback awaits. Stars Conlth Hill.

THU 11:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03nrry0)

Our SicknessOur Sickness by Joe Dunthorne
When a young woman wakes to find her eyes won't open, she and her boyfriend embark on a quest to find a cure. The fourth of five original stories by writers from Wales.

Read by Ceri Murphy

Directed by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

THU 11:15 Bonnie Greer - The Dressmaker (b0949j0w)

London, October 1949: After a year spent developing her portfolio and trying to win interest from the London fashion houses, designer Jean Edwards from Jamaica is close to realising she must contemplate a very different future...

Bonnie Greer's drama stars Angela Wynter as Jean, Josette Bushell-Mingo as LD and David Yip as Arnold. With Janice Acquah, Burt Caesar, Becky Hindley, Phil Nice and Catherine Terris.

Producer: Alby James

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

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

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

THU 13:30 The French East End (b01j5nw4)

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

THU 14:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0949j46)

Episode 9Leningrad 1942, and Anna's family struggle to survive the siege. Desperate, she hunts out fire wood. Read by Sara Kestelman.

THU 14:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b0680gv1)

Hitler's LibraryFrancine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma
8.Hitler's Library

The historical ideas that influenced the Third Reich, and how the horrors of Hitler's so-called "dark charisma" have affected European attitudes to political charisma ever since.

Francine Stock's starting point are the books in Hitler's library and the ideas which he drew from them. She talks with Professor John Adair from the UN about the influential "Great Man" theory of

the Victorian writer Thomas Carlyle; and with Professor Michael Kenny from the Mile End Institute at Queen Mary, University of London, about the writings of the German sociologist, Max Weber, who died in 1920 but whose key work on charisma would have been known to Hitler.

Francine moves on to consider how the atrocities of the Hitler years have created a suspicion of charismatic political leadership across Europe to this day - as witnessed, perhaps, in Angela Merkel's "drab charisma", or the ambivalence of the British electorate towards Tony Blair.

With the help of writer and broadcaster Abdel Bari Atwan, author of an important new book on the "Digital Caliphate" of the so-called Islamic State, Francine wonders whether the dark charismatic power of an individual leader such as Hitler is now being replaced by a more diffuse but equally sinister online presence.

Reader: Simon Russell Beale

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

THU 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnm)

Episode 14 Headmistress Sarah Burton fears for the life of landowner Robert Carne. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b01mvy0h)

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And so begins an adventure in Hollywood, diving into the cut throat world of the networks and the pilot episode, where dreams and fortunes can be made or broken.

In episode four of his memoir, Rupert finds Mr Ambassador's path to success is paved with elephant traps.

Producer: David Roper

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THU 17:30 Women Talking About Cars (b092r4rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007js66)

Before the Screaming Begins, Episode 3 The sinister intentions of the alien invaders are finally revealed. Can the Earth fight back? Continuing the first of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy (including The Silent Scream and With a Whimper to the Grave) courtesy of a recording made by the author. Sadly the master tape was not saved in the BBC archive.

Starring James Laurenson as Tom Harris, Jennifer Piercey as Sally Harris, Patrick Troughton as the Prime Minister, Donald Hewlett as AP Smith, Robert Trotter as Detective Sergeant Forbes, Katherine Parr as the PM's Wife/Catherine's Mother, Peter Williams as the MP, Nigel Graham as Brosteaux, Geoffrey Leesley as Corporal Wilkes, Eric Allen as Corporal Johnson, Maggie Ollerenshaw as the Cabinet Minister, Peter Wickham as Silkin, Malcolm Gerard as the Alien Voice and Manning Wilson as the Alien Controller.

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday-Night Theatre production on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00pcklz)

Series 20, Vivian Stanhall Matthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Musician and performer Neil Innes discusses the life of his Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band colleague and friend Vivian Stanhall. Neil recalls the moment he met Vivian Stanhall in London: he was wearing Billy Bunter trousers, a Victorian frock coat and horrible purple pince-nez glasses and carrying a euphonium. So began a friendship and a musical partnership that exploded into life with The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, culminating in tours and TV series. Vivian's second wife, Ki Longfellow, joins the discussion to help explore the man behind the colourful public persona.

THU 19:00 Stop Messing About! (b00rxk55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007k4c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vw5ml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The French East End (b01j5nw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03nrry0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Bonnie Greer - The Dressmaker (b0949j0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Women Talking About Cars (b092r4rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newswack (b0949jcg)

Series 17, Episode 1 BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newswack returns for its 16th series with brand new host Angela Barnes.

Irreverent and satirical, Newswack is the scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public, and then bought to life by a revolving cast of sketch performers.

In this week's show the cast discover alternative facts in the White House, Meet The Spiralizer and go Trainspotting on Southern Rail.

Cast: George Fouracres, Freya Parker and Jason Forbes.

Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Abby C. Kumar

Script Editors: Ed Amsden and Tom Coles

The programme continues to be a showcase for new comedy writing: anyone can submit material (sketches and one-line jokes) -- these can be submitted every week of the six week run.

Details for submitting material can be found here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kvs8r>

BBC Studios Production.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0959rv2)

Sindhu Vee 2/2 The best in contemporary comedy. Deborah Frances-White talks to Sindhu Vee.

THU 23:00 The Big Booth (b007jv50)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too, Episode 3 Boothby Graffoe meets a man with a replacement tongue and a man in a washing machine. With Stephen Frost. From February 2001.

THU 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k1gw)

Series 1, The History of Everything The Elgin Tiddlywinks are among the exhibits on display. Stars Marcus Brigstocke and Dan Tetsell. From April 2004.

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FRI 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007js66)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b00pcklz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vw5ml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 The French East End (b01j5nw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0949j46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b0680gv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b01mvy0h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 The Pallisers (b007jwh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Whispers (b00c3nw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Semi Circles (b0949hw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Women Talking About Cars (b092r4rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vwh0r)

BBC National Short Story Award 2016, Disappearances KJ Orr's winning story. Reinvention and disguise offer a retired professional another way to be. Read by David Horovitch. KJ Orr was born, and lives, in London. Light Box, her first collection of short stories, was published in February 2016. Her stories have appeared in publications including Best British Short Stories 2015, the Irish Times, the Dublin Review, the White Review and the Sunday Times Magazine, and have been recognised by numerous awards including the BBC National Short Story Award and the Bridport Prize. K J Orr was previously shortlisted for the BBC National Short Story Award with BookTrust in 2011.

The five shortlisted stories for the BBC National Short Story Award 2016 comprised a mix of established and new writers of this most inventive and imaginative of genres. Human connection, the desire for it, and what happens when it falls away are at the heart of this year's shortlist, which takes us across the globe and the generations, shining a light on the intimate inner lives of each story's protagonist.

KJ Orr's Disappearances was announced as the winner on Tuesday 4th October 2016

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

FRI 06:30 The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain (b00c67jg)

Phill Jupitus follows the celebrated ensemble of all-singing, all-strumming ukulele players who command a cult following. Their unique blend of comedy and music fills venues worldwide and boasts many celebrity fans. Musicologists explain the finer nuances of their subversive and high-quality ukulele playing and arrangements.

FRI 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)

Series 1, What Price Utopia Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

The government tries to use the programme for a very dark purpose.

With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune, Gary Waldhorn.

FRI 07:30 Dave Podmore (b0612pic)

Dave Podmore's Toughest Test! It's Ashes time (again) and the world's sleaziest cricketer Dave Podmore is making his literary debut with explosive new memoir DP. But, in doing so, he's putting at risk his budding career as motivational coach for the England women's team.

Pod's especially proud of emerging star player Dannii (yes, three i's), until he realises his precious second-hand car lot endorsements have a new competitor who's young enough to still be discovered on the Borrowash roundabout at 3am with her pants on her head.

Is Pod's long reign as England's anti-hero finally over? And has he burned his lucrative corporate advertising bridges for good? It's Pod's toughest test yet.

Producer: Jon Harvey

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00t9zpz)

Series 4, Episode 7 Making movie news: 'The Lone Hydrangea' and 'The Sound of Monks' and 'The Curse of the Flying Wombat' continues...

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

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

Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, Ian Lang, Graeme Chapman, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Eric Idle, 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 and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1966.

FRI 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007k2pz)

Series 1, Special Damages New barrister Roger Thursby reckons he's got an easy case, but has he?

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mantering. With Patrick Cargill as Chapfield.

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts. Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Produced by David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1970.

FRI 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075rb1)

Series 1, Episode 14 Extra Debut. Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game, with Clive Coleman, Richard Morton, Pete Sinclair and Mark Steel. From October 1998.

FRI 09:30 After Henry (b007jmr5)

Series 1, The Dinner Party Sarah plays hostess. Mother plays the martyr and daughter Clare holds a flat-warming party.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare, Richard Davies as Leo Dolan and Ellen McIntosh as Gwen.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

FRI 10:00 The Pallisers (b007jwh5)

Episode 7 Phineas Finn's trial grabs headlines, while Glencora and Plantagenet Palliser receive important news. Stars Juliet Stevenson.

FRI 11:00 Modern Welsh Voices (b03pdhks)

The Abergorki Long Veg Growing Society The Abergorki Long Veg Growing Society by Rachel Tresize.

Selwyn's passion is cucumbers. But when he's beaten in Abergorki's annual vegetable growing competition, his life begins to unravel. The final of five original stories by writers from Wales.

Read by Ruth Jones

Directed by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

FRI 11:15 Paul Farley - The English Civil War (b007l24p)

A Cavalier walks into an out of town supermarket and holds the customers to ransom. Is he a genuine time traveller or an ecological warrior with a unique campaign style?

Paul Farley's drama stars Robert Bathurst as the Cavalier, Petra Letang as Delphinium, Becky Hindley as the Manager, Tom George as Student/Negotiator, Ben Crowe as the Security Guard and Margaret Cabourn-Smith as the Second Customer

Producer: Rob Ketteridge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00t9zpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Brothers in Law (b007k2pz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 BBC National Short Story Award (b07vwh0r)[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]**FRI 13:30 The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain (b00c67jq)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]**FRI 14:00 Helen Dunmore - The Siege (b0949kjt)**

Episode 10 January 1943 - the darkest hour. Anna's family huddle together for warmth as temperatures plummet. Read by Sara Kestelman.

FRI 14:15 Charisma: Pinning Down the Butterfly (b0680lxz)

The Nelson Effect Francine Stock attempts to pin down the alluring yet elusive quality of charisma

9. The Nelson Effect

The charisma of humility and service in Nelson Mandela and the Dalai Lama

Throughout the series, Francine Stock has been fascinated to learn that charisma is an amoral quality - value-free, neither positive nor negative in itself, with the potential to do good or harm depending on those who harness it. In the previous episode, she considered the appalling impact of Hitler's "dark charisma". She now turns to two 21st century individuals who have used their charisma to serve their people: Nelson Mandela and the Dalai Lama.

Francine talks with Moeletsi Mbeki, Deputy Chairman of the South African Institute of International Affairs, who knew Nelson Mandela well and who anatomises his particularly powerful type of charisma. And she hears from Jas Elsner, who has worked closely with the Dalai Lama, and who explains how his religious upbringing and belief underpin his charisma.

In an era in which the casual use of the term charisma has proliferated, Professor John Potts - who recently came across an advertisement for a "charismatic sandwich" (one in which the lettuce was particularly crisp) - discusses the importance of authenticity in the truly charismatic.

Producer: Beaty Rubens.

FRI 14:30 Winifred Holtby - South Riding (b007jnp4)

Episode 15 Lydia finds a body. Headmistress Sarah Burton must make some decisions. Stars Sarah Lancashire and Philip Glenister.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b01myxxx)

Rupert Everett - Vanished Years, Episode 5 As a writer, the actor Rupert Everett has been compared to David Niven, Noel Coward and Lord Byron: wickedly observant, very British and extremely funny. And his new memoir Vanished Years gives full rein to those powers as Everett writes about the travails of a precarious career - fighting for good roles, effortlessly glamorous at parties. Everett found fame in Britain with Another Country and Dance with a Stranger, and acclaim in Hollywood with My Best Friend's Wedding. But we meet him in the twilight world of a film finished but not released - and he's not confident it will restore his fortunes. However, at one of the many glamorous parties he attends, Everett has a flash of inspiration: to write Mr Ambassador - an American TV sitcom starring, of course, Rupert Everett in the title role.

And so begins an adventure in Hollywood, diving into the cut throat world of the networks and the pilot episode, where dreams and fortunes can be made or broken.

In the final episode of his memoir, Rupert Everett's Mr Ambassador is filmed - at last. In front of a live audience. What could possibly go wrong?

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment Limited production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 The Pallisers (b007jwh5)[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]**FRI 16:00 The Motion Show (b0075rbl)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]**FRI 16:30 After Henry (b007jmr5)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]**FRI 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b012n3rs)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]**FRI 17:30 Dave Podmore (b0612pic)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**FRI 18:00 Arthur C Clarke Stories (b008h36w)**

All the Time in the World Professional thief Robert Ashton receives an unexpected visit... Time is altered so the world's treasures can be stolen - but who is behind it?

Arthur C Clarke's 1952 short story read by Nicholas Boulton. Somerset-born author Arthur C Clarke (1917-2008) achieved his greatest fame in 1968 when his short story The Sentinel was turned into the film 2001: A Space Odyssey. His visions of space travel and computing sparked the imagination of readers and scientists alike.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b04jdljs)

Series 19, La Boheme "La Boheme is a work of genius, for me it's the perfect opera. There's not a bar or a word or anything you'd want to alter. It just gets to you" - Opera Director John Copley CBE.

For the final programme in this series of Soul Music, we venture back into the Parisian winter of Puccini's beloved 'La Boheme' where legendary Opera Director John Copley CBE reflects on his 40 years of bringing this tale of friendship, love and loss to the stage of the Royal Opera House. Alongside his memories of sharing pasta with a young Pavarotti we hear the stories from those whose lives have been touched by - and often reflect - the essence of this most popular of operas.

From the romantic gesture of a probationary constable serenading his soon to be bus conductress wife in 1950's Torquay to the

moment that a devoted husband passed away - La Boheme has touched the lives of opera lovers around the world.

Featuring interviews with author Mavis Cheek and opera devotees Ray Tabb and Nancy Rossi.

Produced by Nicola Humphries.

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Series 1, Death The funny musician discovers how death for a rock star can be the start of a whole new career. With Robin Ince and Alfie Joey.

FRI 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01d2fsj)

Series 1, First Impressions Stephen K Amos and his pick of the circuit's best stand-ups build an idiot's guide to life. This week Miss London, Jess Fostekew and Craig Campbell join Stephen to offer an idiot's guide to first impressions.

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 23:30 Revolting People (b008kmy2)

Series 3, Secrets and Lies War is now only two days away. Maybe three if it's wet. 1770 America sitcom with Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses. From July 2004.