

SATURDAY 05 MAY 2018

SAT 00:00 Richard Matheson - Duel (b007k3qp)

Episode 2
A hunted motorist is forced to become the hunter in a deadly, primordial duel.
Conclusion of the classic tense thriller by American sci-fi novelist, screenwriter and principal writer of 'The Twilight Zone', Richard Matheson (1926-2013).
Adapted by Steven Spielberg for the big screen in 1971, Duel is also a cult film.

Read by Nathan Osgood.
Producer: Vivien Rosenthal
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 00:30 Mastertapes (b01p71gb)

Series 1, The Zombies (the A-Side)
John Wilson concludes his series in which he talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them. Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios. Each edition includes two episodes, with John initially quizzing the artist about the album in question, and then, in the B-side, the audience puts the questions. Both editions feature exclusive live performances.
Programme 7. Forty five years after it was recorded, Rod Argent, Chris White and Colin Blunstone recall the making of the Zombies album 'Odessey And Oracle'. When it was released in 1968, after the band had split up, it was indifferently received. But since it has been described as: "one of the great undiscovered works of the psychedelic era" - Pitchfork; "an album that should grace any record collection... essential" - BBC; and "combining the adventure of Sgt. Pepper with the concision of British Invasion Pop" - Rolling Stone.

Those who have cited the Zombies as influences include everyone from Courtney Love to the Magic Numbers and from the Arctic Monkeys to Paul Weller. 'Odessey And Oracle' (the title was mis-spelt by the designer of the cover) contained only one stereotypically summer-of-love hit ('Time Of The Season') - the darker tones and dramatic third-person feel of much of the album (including the likes of 'Care of Cell 44', 'The Butcher's Tale' and 'A Rose For Emily') makes it sound ahead of its time.
Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2zd)

The Case of the Green Bicycle
True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age, starring Tom Baker as Britain's celebrated barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Did Ronald Light shoot a woman cyclist dead? Sir Edward sets out to prove his innocence.
Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator John Mortimer. With Jonathan Tafler and David Alistair.
Dramatised by Michael Butt.
Director Michael Fox

SAT 01:30 Mr Pollock's Theatres (b0076dzn)

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2 from 1996.
How did toy theatres begin? With enthusiasts of all ages, Simon Callow explores the world of cardboard make-believe. From May 2003.

SAT 02:00 Donna Tartt - The Secret History (b03npbkf)

Episode 5
Why are four bookworms covered in wounds and bruises? Donna Tartt's thriller, read by William Hope.

SAT 02:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvwxr)

The Flag That Failed
Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
Programme 15. THE FLAG THAT FAILED - The problems in uniting Scotland and England and in creating a Great Britain are encapsulated in a set of designs for a common flag.
This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.
Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b05s3nmt)

Elizabeth von Arnim - The Enchanted April, Episode 5
By Elizabeth von Arnim
Dramatised by Vivienne Allen

The arrival of Mr Briggs, the owner of the castle, charms everyone but Scrap. Then another visitor threatens to bring disharmony too. Can the enchantment of San Salvatore win through?
Directed by Tracey Neale.

SAT 02:45 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History (b010nxrw)

The Way Forward
Concluding his recollections, Adam Nicolson must convince his workers to back the garden's return to a working landscape.

SAT 03:00 The Master Of Ballantrae (b00chmp9)

Episode 2
After the brother's bitter duel - the body of James Durie has mysteriously disappeared. The House of Durrisdier is shattered for a second time.

Brothers James and Henry Durie engage in a bitter struggle over money, power and love in this dark and dramatic adventure story set in 18th-century Scotland and America.

Conclusion of Robert Louis Stevenson's buccaneering tale dramatised in two parts by Chris Dolan.

Starring David Rintoul as James Durie, Liam Brennan as Henry Durie, John Shedden as Ephraim McKellar, Vicki Liddelle as Alison Graeme, Patrick Moy as Hasty, John Kazek as Captain Harris, Simon Tait as Carlisle, Lesley Hart as Katherine, Tom Fleming as Lord Durrisdier, Ali de Souza as Secundra Dass, James Bryce as Colonel Johnson, Alec Heggie as Mr Mountain and Harris Young as Alexander Durie.

Producer: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
SAT 04:00 It's Your Round (b019f6kd)

Series 2, Episode 4
Four more panellists attempt to beat each other at their own games, with host, Angus Deayton.

The rounds this episode include:
Will Smith's 'Jersey Quiz', all about the weird and wonderful world of his Channel Island birthplace.

Australian actress and comedian, Celia Pacquola's "Now That's Charity!" in which panellists must all pitch a charity which they would use to acquire enough funds to eradicate their personal bêtes noires, like men in flip-flops, Jennifer Aniston films, or people who constantly check their phones.
Jason Solomon's "Tagline Tease" in which panellists have to guess the tagline to a particular film.

Andrew Maxwell's "Boarder, boarder, boarder or boarder"... in which panellists are given a slang term and they have to guess whether it's from the world of snowboarding, surfboarding, clapper-boarding or boarding school.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007k4gw)

Series 3, Lines of Communication
'It's been wonderfully peaceful. Or it would have been if I hadn't felt so guilty all the time.'
Sarah and her mother Eleanor wage a war of attrition, until Russell steps in.

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 and Gerry Cowper as Clare.

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

SAT 05:00 Andy & Eric Merriman - Minor Adjustment (b0b0x50b)

Lollipops and Roses
Daughter Kate launches a campaign to help a lollipop man and family life is disrupted by a well-meaning TV documentary crew.
Six-part comedy series about the Stubbs family - cartoonist Richard, therapist Sarah and their daughters - Kate, aged 16 and three-year-old Amy who has Down's Syndrome.

Written by Son and father team, Andy and Eric Merriman - inspired by Andy's own four-year-old daughter, Sarah. Eric famously wrote legendary BBC comedy series 'Beyond Our Ken'.
Starring Peter Davison as Richard, Samantha Bond as Sarah, Peter Jones as Ron Miller, Claire Russell as Kate, Sarah Merriman as Amy, Heather Jones as Emma, Stephen Critchlow as Michael and Keith Drinkel as Chris.

Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.
SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (b0b0m84n)
Lucy Porter in the Family Way
In recent years, Lucy Porter has become a mum of two and a middle-aged orphan. Now she explores her relationship with the concept of family, and the lasting effects of a childhood spent in Croydon.

Lucy gives helpful tips for children, parents and grandparents alike, explaining helicopter parenting, the value of benign neglect, and the rise of the tiger mother - a mother who comes to tea, eats all the buns and drinks all of daddy's beer!
As she charts the life cycle of a typical nuclear family, Lucy addresses issues like siblings. Why do we all think "it'll be nice for them to have each other to play with" when no siblings have ever played together nicely since the dawn of time?
Lucy takes us right to the end of the parenting process - when you end up having to parent your own parents. How do you tempt your parents out of the Morrison's cafe? Why is it essential to carry a pound coin at all times? What do you do when your dad insists he's a major international songwriter?

This is a warm and witty new show recorded at Stratford Circus Arts Centre, with a lot of laughs and a dollop of poignancy.
Cast:
Lucy Porter
Luke Kempner
Written by Lucy Porter

Additional Material by Gabby Hutchinson Crouch
Studio Manager and Editor- Jerry Peal
Production Manager- Sarah Tombling
Produced by Marilyn Imrie and Gordon Kennedy
Directed by Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Jonathan Smith - Abandoned (b07609r8)

In 1914 at the age of 74 the French sculptor, Auguste Rodin spent a few weeks in a guest house in Cheltenham with his secretary Judith and his mistress Rose. But the love of his life, Camille Claudel, was left behind in a lunatic asylum in France. Jonathan Smith's drama stars Freddie Jones as Auguste Rodin, Carolyn Backhouse as Camille Claudel, Maureen O'Brien as Judith, Mary Wimbush as Rose, Hugh Dickson as Alain Duval and June Barrie as Mrs Parker.

Producer: Shaun McLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.
SAT 07:30 Kenneth Williams - Just Williams (b0b1pz3m)
Repertory Theatre

'I don't really know how to get into the theatre...'
Demobbed from the army, Kenneth struggles to begin his theatrical career.
The UK's much-loved comic actor and master raconteur, Kenneth Williams reads his autobiography.

Abridged in ten parts by David H Godfrey.
Producer: Pamela Howe
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

SAT 07:50 Ken Dodd on Shakespeare (b0b1pz3p)

Doddy talks to Michael Billington about his comedy craft and researching his role of Malvolio in Twelfth Night at the Liverpool Playhouse in 1971.
Producers: Rosemary Hart/Miriam Rapp
Taken from 'Scan' first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1971.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b036fth3)
Crime of the Century
In the early hours of August 8th 1963, the Royal Mail train from Glasgow to London was held up in the Buckinghamshire countryside by a gang of London thieves. After assaulting the train driver, the criminals stole over two and a half million pounds, something in the region of £40 million in today's money.

The twists and turns of the case, and its main characters, ensured that the robbery stayed in the public eye for the decades that followed.

There was the discovery of an abandoned hideout, the high-profile captures, escapes from maximum security prisons, bundles of cash left in phone boxes, and extradition battles that went on for years.

Gang members Bruce Reynolds, Buster Edwards and Ronnie Biggs became celebrities.
Novelist Jake Arnott takes a deeper look at the gang behind the headlines, and considers how the legacy of this crime has become a curse for the criminals.

In his last recorded interview before his death, Bruce Reynolds describes his early life of crime and what it took to plan the audacious raid.

From his care home in North London, Ronnie Biggs spells out how he randomly got involved in the heist and kept the story running for years as a fugitive in Brazil.
Also taking part are criminologist Laurie Taylor, former head of Scotland Yard John O'Connor, Bruce's son Nick Reynolds, BBC reporter Reg Abbiss, Daily Express reporter Colin MacKenzie and former Buckinghamshire policeman John Woolley.

Producer: Colin McNulty
A Whistle-down production for BBC Radio 4.
SAT 09:00 Hackers and Humphreys All (b06vc0qn)
Yes Prime Minister made its television debut on the same day that Michael Heseltine quit the cabinet. In a celebration of thirty years of one of Britain's best loved sitcoms, BBC Radio 4 Extra explores the relationship between the real world of Whitehall and this timeless satire.

In exclusive interviews, Sir Antony Jay, a former political speech writer, and Hollywood film director Jonathan Lynn, who between them wrote every word, share the secrets of Yes Prime Minister's success. Shaun Ley hears about the sources who blabbed, how New Labour ministers were influenced by Jim Hacker's serial defeats at the hands of Sir Humphrey, and visits the very heart of the British government, the Cabinet Room, to find out how true to life some of the plotlines really were.

A three-hour special programme, featuring four classic TV episodes of Yes Prime Minister.
Contributors include: Sir Anthony Jay, Jonathan Lynn, Sir Richard Mottram, Edwina Currie, Lord Bernard Donoghue, Lord Peter Hennessey, Graham McCann and Tony Blair.

Producer: Adam Bowen for BBC News - Westminster.
SAT 12:00 Andy & Eric Merriman - Minor Adjustment (b0b0x50b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00j283q)
The Jewel Robbery
The lad's getting a new car, so Sid makes the most of the opportunity.
Starring Tony Hancock, Bill Kerr, Sidney James. Andree Melly and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.
SAT 13:00 Love Henry James: The Wings of the Dove (b0b1q039)
Omnibus 1/2

Kate Croy is in love with Merton Densher; a poor writer. Her

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience. First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

SUN 12:00 Ray's a Laugh (b07d39yl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 12:30 Take It From Here (b0b1q2yt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 Elizabeth von Arnim - The Enchanted April (Omnibus) (b05ssp09)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 Rukhsana Ahmad - The Treatment (b0b1q2q4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 The Valley at the Centre of the World (b0b1q69h)
Omnibus
As Sandy wrestles with the attraction he feels towards his new neighbour, the community gathers at the Red House to welcome Jo and Ryan to the valley.
Read by Steven Robertson.
Originally abridged in 10 parts by Robin Brooks.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
Malachy Tallack's debut novel is a quiet yet powerful study of contemporary rural Scotland that asks what remains when a way of life vanishes. Set on the rugged west coast of Shetland, in a community only ever a few steps away from extinction, Tallack's novel tackles big questions about land, inheritance and belonging without ever losing sight of the humanity and integrity of its characters.
Malachy Tallack is the author of two non-fiction titles which fused nature writing, history and memoir; Radio 4 Book of the Week '60 Degrees North' and 'The Un-Discovered Islands'. Malachy won a New Writers Award from the Scottish Book Trust in 2014 and the Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship in 2015. He is a singer-songwriter, author and journalist.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 15:45 The Lore of the Land (b069b5xl)
Episode 3
Dark and foreboding, the dense woodland that once covered so much of Great Britain has always been populated with the creatures of folklore. In the third episode of her five part series exploring the enduring relevance of the folkloric creatures of the British landscape, medieval literature scholar Dr Carolyne Larrington heads into the heart of an ancient forest in Windsor Great Park to seek them out.
Carolyne is joined on her walk by local storyteller and expert on Berkshire folktales, David England. As the pair venture deeper into the forest David tells the tale of Herne the Hunter. Herne is a mysterious figure. Once the king's head huntsman, he is gored to death by a raging stag. Brought back to life by a mysterious sorcerer, but robbed of his skill as a huntsman thanks to the dirty dealings of a horde of jealous hunters, Herne eventually hangs himself from an oak in the Windsor woods. According to local folklore, Herne still rides through Windsor Great Park with a pair of antlers upon his head, accompanied by a hunt made up of all those who wronged him.
This tradition of a 'wild hunt' has roots in earlier folkloric traditions. In the Anglo Saxon world, Woden the storm god leads a host of spectral huntsmen, and in Wales an underworld figure called Gwynn ap Nudd is said to be followed by a hunt that includes a pack of white hounds with red eyes and ears. Carolyne argues that, while we've lost much of our medieval woodland, the forest still arouses a primeval sense of awe and terror. The woods are where we imagine the terrifying, the alluring and the uncivilised to range freely, inviting us to shed our city identities and return to a more instinctual way of being.
Producer: Max O'Brien
A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b008yj9d)
Spellbound
Newly qualified psychiatrist, Constance Sedgwick arrives at Landry House in North Yorkshire, where another new arrival - the handsome, Dr Murchison, author of several books on psychiatry - is giving the great Dr Edwardes a welcome break. With his special patient locked in a room, Nurse Deeling - Dr Edwardes loyal long term assistant - suspects Dr Murchison might be an imposter....
Dramatised by Amanda Dalton from the famous Hitchcock film - script by Ben Hecht and the original book - The House of Dr Edwardes by Francis Beeding.
Starring Hattie Morahan as Constance Sedgwick, Benedict Cumberbatch as John Ballantyne, Alexander Mathie as Nurse Anne Deeling, David Fleeshman as Dr Edwardes, Gerard Fletcher as Geoffrey Dodstone and Christine Cox as Ciceley Truelow.
Director: Susan Roberts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0b1sr9p)
Benjamin Zephaniah/Gavin Ewart
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive to select two programmes:
To mark his colleague's 60th birthday - Time for Verse with Benjamin Zephaniah - reading his poems and talking to Carol Ann Duffy (the current Poet Laureate). From 1991.
Time for Verse with Gavin Ewart - a poet who fought in the Second World War - in conversation with George MacBeth. From 1998.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

SUN 17:30 The Gobetweens (b03dvn12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 HG Wells (b007jwdh)
The Sea Raiders
After a suspicious-looking object is washed in by the tide, flesh-eating monsters from the deep are soon terrorising residents along the Devon coastline.
HG Wells's thrilling adventure story was first published in 1896.
Read by Robert Bathurst.
English author and political philosopher, HG Wells (1866-1946) is recognised as one of science-fiction's founding-fathers, producing more than 80 books.
George Orwell believed that 'the minds of all of us, and therefore the physical world, would be perceptibly different if Wells never existed.'
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SUN 18:30 Voices From the Grave (b007jwnf)
Middlewich
Midsummer. A remote village in North Wales has been living under a curse since 1823. Will the arrival of a new Methodist Minister offer them salvation?
Lucy Catherine's horror stars Elizabeth Morgan as Modren, Christian Patterson as Bryhs, Jenny Livesy as Jenny, Sion Pritchard as Drew and Myfanwy Waring as Rhiannon.
Voices From The Grave is a series of four chilling and intimate dramas, inspired by existing ghost stories from around Britain. The writers make these stories more than simply scary - they are studies of humanity, love, rage and despair, of passion, longing and pain.
Lucy is an experienced writer for radio, TV and theatre.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b1q69d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah (Omnibus) (b0b1q698)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b04brn30)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b1q69b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 The Gobetweens (b03dvn12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b002lfh9)
Series 1, Erosia
Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have had a number of bizarre adventures.
This week he travels to Erosia which has a very different view of sexual politics.
Written by Bill Dare
Produced by Steven Canny
Brian Gulliver's Travels is a new satirical adventure story from Bill Dare. The series has attracted an excellent cast led by Neil Pearson and award winning star of the RSC's current season, Mariah Gale. Cast includes fantastic actors Tamsin Greig, John Standing, Paul Bhattacharjee, Christopher Douglas, Catherine Shepherd, Vicky Pepperdine, Phil Cornwell, Antonia Campbell Hughes, Jo Robin and Katherine Jakeways.
For years Bill Dare wanted to create a satire about different worlds exploring Kipling's idea that we travel, 'not just to explore civilizations, but to better understand our own'. But science fiction and space ships never interested him, so he put the idea on ice. Then Brian Gulliver arrived and meant that our hero could be lost in a fictional world without the need for any sci-fi.
Satirical targets over the series: the medical profession and its need to pathologize everything; the effect of marriage on children; spirituality and pseudo-science; compensation culture; sexism; the affect of our obsession with fame.
Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university. His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b1v5xm)
Tom Neenan 3/3
The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith talks to Tom Neenan.

SUN 23:00 Chat Show Roulette (b05nxpl2)
Episode 3
Justin Edwards is the host of the new improvised chat show. His guests are Charlie Higson, Mike Wozniak and Cariad Lloyd, and Matt Lucas - with musical accompaniment from James Sherwood.
Devised by Ashley Blaker and Justin Edwards.
Produced by Ashley Blaker
A John Stanley production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:30 Hannah Gadsby: Arts Clown (b055gcdq)
Michelangelo's David
Art historian Hannah Gadsby continues her radio series of comedy lectures about four masterpieces. This week she looks at Michelangelo's 'David', the 17ft statue he created between 1501 and 1504.
Born in Tasmania, Hannah got to know a lot about art from books. But it was only in her 20s when she visited Europe for the first time, that she saw the art she'd studied 'in the flesh', so to speak.
There in Florence she fell in love with David and in this programme she shares her affection for and knowledge of him,

with all his imperfections.
Hannah is joined on stage by her very own 'Quotebot' who is inputted with every quote that's ever been written about art. Quotebot sounds remarkably like comedy legend and all-round boffin John Lloyd.
Written by Hannah Gadsby
Performed by Hannah Gadsby with her Quotebot aka John Lloyd
Script edited by Jon Hunter
Produced by Claire Jones.

SUN 23:45 Mission Improbable (b0460kcs)
Series 2, Scotland!
It's the wedding of the year in a grand castle in Scotland. Even high profile media mogul Marcus Blackstock (Gordon Kennedy) is in attendance. But Jane Roberts (Catriona Knox) is not having a good time. This is probably because an old and, in Jane's opinion, less talented school friend has found love and wealth without having to do anything as mundane as forge herself a career.
However, Lucy (Lizzie Bates) and Amelia (Anna Emerson) are both having the time of their lives - Lucy because she's enjoying an incredible run of success with men, and Amelia because she just loves to dance. In fact she loves everything and everyone. Maybe that's because she's had her drink spiked with Scotland's most prevalent party drug Crank.
Suddenly Jane's news antenna is twitching and she pieces together a story which all points to a Crank super-lab operating out of a remote cave on the outlying island of Today.
Written by Anna Emerson, Lizzie Bates and Catriona Knox
Audio production by Matt Katz
Produced by Dave Lamb and Richie Webb
A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

MONDAY 07 MAY 2018

MON 00:00 HG Wells (b007jwdh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Voices From the Grave (b007jwnf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Elizabeth von Arnim - The Enchanted April (Omnibus) (b05ssp09)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Rukhsana Ahmad - The Treatment (b0b1q2q4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Valley at the Centre of the World (b0b1q69h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Lore of the Land (b069b5xl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Saturday Drama (b008yj9d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0b1sr9p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Gobetweens (b03dvn12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008wf8j)
Series 1, Episode 1
Since graduation, Simon has hardly blazed a trail as a plodding Health and Safety executive, so why does his old Cambridge master Gilbert need him?
Mark Tavener's comedy thriller stars Geoffrey Palmer as Gilbert, Samuel West as Simon and Rebecca Front as Patricia. Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Devanti - everyone at a Cambridge College gathers to attend the funeral. Simon, an ex-student and now disillusioned health and safety officer, starts wondering whether his death was not as straightforward as it at first appeared.
Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

MON 06:30 Calling Hereford (b00mwrh9)
Since 1978, staff at the world's largest earth satellite station in Herefordshire have watched global news unfold - immediate, uncensored and unedited. Foreign correspondent Hugh Sykes visits the site and meets the workers who have seen world history in the raw.

MON 07:00 Millport (b0076br4)
Series 3, The End of the Beginning
The island makeover has turned horribly sour and with Irene gone, the only person to save the island from being bulldozed is Bunty Pierce.
But with her ailing health and hermit ways, will she leave her vegetables to rescue the island's integrity? And will Irene change her mind about mainland life and return to the island for good?
Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.
With Janet Brown as Agnes / Moira, Lewis McLeod as Alberto / Ferryman / Robert the dog / Morris, Gabriel Quigley as Ena / Bunty, Robert Paterson as the Minister / Bob and Kenneth Bryans as Dougie.
Producer: Lucy Bacon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b0b0ptm5)
Series 20, Episode 5

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
WED 22:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b0v5hh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 2525 (b0b3ph1bv)
 Episode 4
 In the year 2525, if man is still alive, if woman can survive... then it may sound something like this. Set 511 years in the future, 2525 invites you to hear more snippets of our future from talking toilets to the church devoted to the worship of The Beatles.
 Written by Colin Birch, Jason Hazeley and Joel Morris, Jane Lamacraft, Alex Lowe, Paul Putner, Tim Perry, John Luke Roberts and Eddie Robson
 Produced by Ashley Blaker
 A John Stanley production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b1v648)
 Ed Gamble 2/2
 The best in contemporary comedy. Rhys James chats to Ed Gamble.
WED 23:00 Clayton Grange (b046kyc7)
 Series 2, Episode 2
 by Neil Warhurst, with additional material by Paul Barnhill
 Anthony Head leads the team thinking the unthinkable in a top-secret institute. This is Clayton Grange, where brilliantly stupid scientists are as rubbish at life as they are at science.
 This week Professor Saunders hopes to persuade his elderly aunt to leave her fortune to science. Meanwhile, his team develop a gun powered simply by thought, but no one succeeds in thinking very well.
 Produced & directed by Marion Nancarrow.
WED 23:30 Delve Special (b00sz32f)
 Series 1, The Shift Scandal (Part 1)
 Stephen Fry plays spoof undercover investigative reporter David Lander, who begins a four-part expose into irregularities over plans to site a new London airport near Birmingham. With serious allegations aimed at a multi-national giant - what exactly has the government's role been in the plans to demolish the town? And exactly who is the shifty Mr Browncoat?
 Co-starring Brenda Blethyn, Jack Klaff, Stephen Frost and Tony Robinson.
 Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.
 Written by Tony Sarchet. Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

THU 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010tzfb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 The Tingle Factor (b07gbsn8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008zwyk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Conversation Piece - Dame Freya Stark (b0b1t18q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Donna Tartt - The Secret History (b03phndz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h73pq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03cn871)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b00n4ffh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Classic Serial (b00m8pvn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (b04nqv72)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b1txr3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rvzqk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b0v5hh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x3lv)
 Series 1, Episode 4
 Simon has to investigate the college chapel, while also trying to identify Peter Devanti's murderer. But is Zoe the next target?
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller stars Geoffrey Palmer as Gilbert, Samuel West as Simon and Rebecca Front as Patricia.
 Following the death of one of its most prominent Dons, celebrity TV historian Peter Devanti, Simon, an ex-student and disillusioned health and safety officer uncovers more skullduggery.
 Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.
THU 06:30 The Parrot Sketch (b00xmh61)
 Tony Hawks hears from some talkative parrots and the people who choose to live with them (if they can get a word in). From November 2003.
THU 07:00 Hopes and Desires (b0b1v7b4)
 Series 1, The Anniversary Waltz
 Max and Shirley bicker all day long in their north London deli.

Max believes the customers love their bantering but Shirley's had enough.
 There must be more to life than this?
 Jeremy Front's comedy drama stars Prunella Scales as Shirley, Roger Allam as Max, Rebecca Front as Roszinka, Rosie Fellner as Young Shirley, Liza Sadovy as Marcy and Bruce Purchase as the Toastmaster.
 Director: Peter Kavanagh
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
THU 07:30 Alone (b0b0xbrt)
 Series 1, Not Listening but Hearing
 A sitcom, written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.
 Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living - supposedly temporarily - with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother.
 Elsewhere in the building are schoolteacher Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is shy, nervous and desperately missing her ex-boyfriend, as well as overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett Arron).
 In Not Listening But Hearing, Will and Mitch's sleep is disturbed by some frankly outrageous noises coming from upstairs, which leads to an extremely awkward conversation with Louisa, who is in a new relationship. Ellie has had her Miro print re-framed - she likes the new frame but is now worried it's not exactly the same print. And Morris is on jury duty which, to him, is basically a great chance to meet single women.
 It's a busy week all round.
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)
 Dick Turpin
 The veteran of many parts recounts a disastrous TV adaptation where he experienced robbery of a different kind. Stars Peter Jones. From June 1986.
THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b0b1v7dm)
 The Red Fort
 Neddie Seagoon earns his stripes in a lesser-known skirmish of the Indian rebellion of 1857.
 Starring Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe.
 This programme was one of several locked in a BBC cupboard marked "not for rebroadcast", as the subject matter has somewhat dated since 1957. Repeated as an 'historical curiosity' to celebrate 100 years since the birth of Spike Milligan.
 Beginning in May 1951 as 'Crazy People', The Goon Show ran for 10 series stretching the boundaries of radio comedy in new and influential directions concluding in January 1960.
 Scripted by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Roy Speers
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1957.
THU 09:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)
 Series 1, Episode 6
 Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the list - from the magnificent to the mundane - from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...
 With Sara Cox, Elis James, Isy Suttie and Gary Delaney.
 Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis
 Producer: Jane Berthoud and Adnan Ahmed.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2015.
THU 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k1w7)
 Series 1, Fishing for Compliments
 Is there something fishy about Bernard, apart from his VAT returns?
 First of two series of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
 Starring Denise Coffey as Alison, Miriam Margolyes as Maud, Joss Ackland as Father, Chris Emmett as Mr Mullett, Geoffrey Whitehead as Bernard and Phyllida Nash as Marina.
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.
THU 10:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vhg)
 Episode 1
 'Faith is like love; it does not let itself be forced.'
 A uniquely frank memoir of a Victorian childhood. Edmund Gosse was raised in the strictly non-conformist Plymouth Brethren.
 Tender, comic and lyrical, this is his account of the spiritual struggle between a lonely boy and his charismatic father.
 Dramatised in two parts by Nick Warburton.
 Starring Derek Jacobi as Edmund Gosse, Roger Allam as Philip Henry Gosse, Steven Williams as Young Edmund, Kate Buffery as Emily Gosse, Colleen Prendergast as Miss Marks, Sophie Roberts as Mary Grace, Ann Beach as Miss Flaw, Ayesha Antoine as Kate and Geoff Felix as Mr Punch.
 Other parts played by Gerard McDermott, Delroy Brown, Nick Sayce and members of the cast.
 Producer: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
THU 11:00 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (b0b1xqnv)
 The Birthday Treat by Sophie Hannah

Morag plans a 60th birthday present for her mother with a difference. Read by Bryony Hannah.
 An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.
 Taken from Sophie Hannah's 'Something Untoward: Six Tales Of Domestic Terror' (2012).
 Sophie Hannah is a best-selling writer of psychological crime fiction. In 2013, her novel 'The Carrier' won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the Specsavers National Book Awards.
 Produced by Jeremy Osborne.
 A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
THU 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01sdw24)
 Jaden Clark - I O U
 A bailiff, who's lost everything in his personal life goes to collect on a female shoplifter and loses the one thing he didn't know he still had in his possession. His heart. But in gaining his heart, is he also prepared to lose his liberty?
 Director/ Producer Gary Brown
 Jaden Clark is an experienced TV writer; her credits include EastEnders, Waterloo Road and Moving On. This is her first play for radio.
THU 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k02m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b0b1v7dm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x3lv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Parrot Sketch (b00xmh61)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Donna Tartt - The Secret History (b03pj28f)
 Episode 9
 Richard becomes more and more involved in Henry's plans to deal with Bunny. Donna Tartt thriller read by William Hope.
 From April 1995.
THU 14:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01h75y2)
 The Theatres of Cruelty
 Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum, continues his object-based history. Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playwrights made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
 With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed. He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
 Programme 19. THE THEATRES OF CRUELTY - A human eyeball in a silver setting provides a striking insight to the theatre of cruelty in Elizabethan and Jacobean Britain.
 This programme was originally broadcast in 2012.
 Producer: Paul Kobrak.
THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03ct4nb)
 Jane Harris - Gillespie and I, Episode 4
 Victorian gothic mystery by Jane Harris set in Glasgow during the International Exhibition of 1888. At the home of the artist, Ned Gillespie, a New Year party goes horribly wrong - and young Sybil gets the blame. Dramatised by Chris Dolan.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b00n51g1)
 Michael Palin Diaries - The Python Years, Saturday Night Live
 The comic actor shares his surreal experience of guest hosting a big American TV show and going to a party at New York's Studio 54. From October 2006.
THU 15:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vhg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Alison and Maud (b007k1w7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Hopes and Desires (b0b1v7b4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Alone (b0b0xbrt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v3d7)
 Night Watch, Episode 4
 Thrown back in time, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch relives the glorious revolution of his youth. But he must also protect his younger self from arch-enemy Carcer.
 Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised by Robin Brooks. Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn, Joseph Kloska as Reg Shoe and Peter Marinker as Major Clive.
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00xpp68)
 Series 23, Mary Stott
 The writer Katharine Whitehorn chooses Mary Stott, the great campaigning journalist and the first editor of the Guardian women's page. She's the journalist who more than anyone started the revolution in women's journalism since the 1950s. She gave ordinary women a voice, and a place to get together and share ideas. Liz Forgan, who was to edit the women's page later, shares her memories of working with Mary, and Matthew Parris presents.
 Producer Beth O'Dea.
THU 19:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook

Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch, thrown back into his own past, has little time left there to undo the harm done by his arch-enemy Carcer, before coming back to his present...
The conclusion of Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn, Joseph Kloska as Reg Shoe, Peter Marinker as Major Clive and Rachel Atkins as Lady Mesarole.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

FRI 18:30 Mastertapes (b01pbq46)

Series 1, The Zombies (the B-Side)

John Wilson concludes his new series in which he talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them. Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios. Each edition includes two episodes, with John initially quizzing the artist about the album in question, and then, in the B-side, the audience puts the questions. Both editions feature exclusive live performances.

Programme 7, the B-side. Having discussed the making of the Zombies' seminal 1968 album, "Odessey & Oracle" (in the A-side of the programme, broadcast on Tuesday 11th December and available online), Rod Argent, Chris White and Colin Blunstone responds to questions from the audience and perform live versions of some of the songs from the album, still held in such high regard.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00zvcmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Brothers in Law (b007js3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Famed for Its Knitting (b01bmlt8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0b1y7t3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (b0b1pwqw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b0b1yn9y)

2018, Episode 1

Made for 4 Extra. The Comedy Club brings you interviews, atmosphere and much more, direct from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

FRI 22:35 Sketchorama (b061yh01)

Series 4, Episode 2

Award winning actress and comedian Isy Suttie presents the pick of the best live sketch groups currently performing on the UK comedy circuit.

Each week the programme showcases three up and coming groups featuring character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.

There are so many incredibly talented and inventive sketch groups on the British Comedy scene, but with no dedicated broadcast format. Sketchorama aims to bring hidden gems and established live acts to the airwaves.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b0b1ynb0)

2018, Episode 2

The Comedy Club brings you interviews, atmosphere and much more, direct from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

FRI 23:10 Spike Milligan - Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall (b00g3xwm)

Episode 4

1941. Troublesome telephone lines and odd athletics events. Spike Milligan shares more frank memories of his wartime service.

Published in 1971, Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall is the first volume of the Spike Milligan's idiosyncratic military memoir.

Reversioned into eight parts by BBC Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b0b1ynb2)

2018, Episode 3

The Comedy Club brings you interviews, atmosphere and much more, direct from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

FRI 23:45 This Is Craig Brown (b00dwndv)

The Arts

How designer Terence Conran 'invented' the chair. Satirist Craig Brown pokes fun, with Rory Bremner and Harry Enfield. From March 2004.