

SATURDAY 02 JUNE 2018

SAT 00:00 William Gibson - Burning Chrome (b007jqv3)

Episode 2
Bobby Quine and Automatic Jack set up the cyberspace burn on the House of Blue Lights - their last big score. Read by Adam Sims.

When not jacking into the matrix to hack corporate mainframes for shady clients, Bobby Quine and Automatic Jack are hanging out in the Gentleman Loser trying to figure out a way of pulling off that one big score to make them rich. But industrial espionage is a dangerous business, especially after deciding to rip off Chrome, the most ruthless figure in the local mob subsidiary.

Described as the father of cyberpunk fiction, William Gibson's 1982 story still influences modern sci-fi.

Producer: Eugene Murphy
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

SAT 00:30 Mastertapes (b0211jzz)

Series 2, Mike Scott and Steve Wickham of the Waterboys (the A-Side)

John Wilson continues with the 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 2, A-side, "Fisherman's Blues" - Twenty five years after it was first released, Mike Scott and Steve Wickham return to the album that marked a distinct change in the sound of their group The Waterboys. Featuring the ominous 'We Will Not Be Lovers', the otherworldly 'When Ye Go Away' and the much covered title track (including Hip Hop, torch song and Japanese punk versions), "Fisherman's Blues" only came about when Scots-born Mike went to stay with fiddler Steve Wickham in Dublin for a week in 1986 and ended up living in Ireland.

Two years and well over 100 songs later, the album marks the band's musical journey from rock to roots, with electric guitar and sax being replaced by mandolin and fiddle. An album that mixes rock and roll with Celtic folk, a love of literature with spirituality and the British poetic tradition with punk's DIY ethic. The programme also features live performances of music from the album.

The B-side of the programme, where it's the turn of the audience to ask the questions, can be heard tomorrow at **3.3 0pm**

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpmw)

Death on the Nile, Episode 5
Hercule Poirot's holiday has become a hideous nightmare. Can he finally fathom out the murderous events afloat?

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot, Donald Sinden as Colonel Race, Rosemary Leach as Mrs Allerton, Stratford Johns as Pennington, Elaine Pyke as Linnet Ridgeway, Robert Daws as Simon Doyle, Nicholas Boulton as Tim Allerton, Amanda Barton-Chapple as Jacqueline de Bellefort, Shirley Dixon as Mrs Otterbourne, Emma Woodvine as Rosalie Otterbourne, Joanna Monro as Joanna Southwood, Sean Baker as Monsieur Blondin, Ed Bishop as Rockford, Robert May as Fanthorp, Irene Sutcliffe, Keith Drinkel as Dr Bessner, Timothy Alcock as the Thomas Cook Agent and Chris Pavlo as the Waiter.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell in five parts.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

SAT 01:30 Listed (b00dsr38)

Lucinda Lambton reports on the struggle of the Twentieth Century Society to preserve examples of twentieth century architecture which are now in danger of demolition.

She begins her investigation in Birmingham, where the city council wants to pull down the Central Library, and also looks at the Society's attempts to save a gasometer in Edinburgh, a block of council flats in London and the Civic Centre in Plymouth.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b03yqz08)
Gabrielle Zevin - The Collected Works of AJ Fikry, A Secret The Collected Works of A.J. Fikry is the enchanting, funny and touching novel by Gabrielle Zevin. Set in Island Books, a struggling independent bookstore at the heart of an island community off the American coast, it is the place where life lessons gleaned from reading are passed on. Today, secrets are revealed. Madeleine Potter and Hari Dhillon read.

Abridged by Sally Marmion and produced by Elizabeth Allard.

SAT 02:15 On Your Bike (b00fyq80)
The Open Road
Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Percy Grainger all drew inspiration in the saddle along Conan Doyle whose detective Sherlock Holmes could identify a suspect by his tyre tread

Presenter: Martin Ellis
Producer: Simon Evans
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00k0jex)
ME Braddon - Lady Audley's Secret, Episode 10
Dramatisation of the classic Victorian thriller by Mary Elizabeth Braddon.

In a thrilling climax, Robert Audley uncovers the truth and confronts the beautiful Lucy, determined to avenge the crime against his friend.

Mary Braddon Hattie Morahan
Lucy, Lady Audley Charlotte Emmerson
Robert Audley Alex Wyndham
Sir Michael Audley Sam Dale
George Talboys Joseph Kloska
Luke Marks Benjamin Askew
Directed by Julie Beckett and Fiona Kelcher.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b02x5qpx)
Charles Timoney - An Englishman Aboard, Episode 5
Charles Timoney is an English writer, with a French wife, living in France.

After showing a group of friends the rowing boat he has spent the last six months building, Charles - possibly unwisely - accepts a challenge to travel the entire length of the River Seine from source to the sea, using the boat where he can, to discover the true France.

But it proves rather more difficult than he imagined. Not all of the Seine is navigable by rowing boat, so he sets sail into an unvarnished France on a variety of craft, hitching lifts in everything from a converted Parisian tourist boat to a sailing boat with no mast. He even tries out an amphibious vehicle.

Along the way he encounters Stéphane (a carp fisherman with a very strange habit), grapples with rapids and stubborn cattle, rescues a couple when their sailing dinghy capsizes, and discovers that rowing in the dark is more frightening than he first thought.

Written by Charles Timoney
Abridged by Libby Spurrier
Reader: Mark Heap
Producer: Joanna Green
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 Ray Connolly - Lost Fortnight (b00j2j79)
Based on film producer John Houseman's memoirs of The Blue Dahlia and risk-taker Raymond Chandler. Stars Peter Barkworth.

SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b00762gh)
Series 4, Episode 2
Graeme Garden chairs the debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Sue Perkins, Steve Punt and Marcus Brigstocke. From June 2001.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007md8k)
Series 3, The End of a Chapter
"The status quo does suit me rather well."
Sarah's off to Florence, but worries about her mother - and shock news from Clare.
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 Jasper Jacob as Julian.

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 November 1987.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (b0b42tlm)
4 Stands Up at The Biggest Weekend
A stand-up show recorded this weekend at the Leamington Assembly featuring a new and exciting generation of comedians from up and down the UK who have recently featured in Radio 4's celebrated **11:00pm** comedy slot and have also been heard on the new raft of comedy podcasts launched by the BBC in 2018.

Tez Ilyas, star of the critically acclaimed Radio 4 show 'Tez Talks', hosts the show and the line-up features:
Rhys James - the man behind the recent Radio 4 hit 'Rhys James is.'
Lauren Pattison - Edinburgh Comedy Award best newcomer nominee 2017 and star of Radio 1 podcast 'Ed and Lauren get on'

Bisha K Ali - stand-up and star of the current Radio 1 podcast 'Grown up Land'
Darren Harriott - Edinburgh Comedy Award best newcomer nominee 2017 for his show, 'Defiant'
Producer: Richard Morris
Production Co-ordinator: Hayley Sterling
Photo credit: Ivan Petkov - Instagram @ivan_petkov
A BBC Studios Production.

SAT 06:00 Alan Drury - The Family Retainer (b007js9g)
Ailing patriarch, Edward Winters is chairman of a trusted family firm which is set to undergo a tragic upheaval - as a writer's life is turned upside down.

Alan Drury's drama stars Timothy West as Edward Winters, Stephen Boxer as Robert Winters, Sam Dale as David Wilson, Peter Woodward as Allardyce, Mark Straker as Nichol, David Antrobus as Mark Winters, Linda Regan as Marie, Charles Simpson as Tom Buxton, Tessa Worsley as Joan Winters, Natasha Pyne as Venetia, John Hartley as Dr Armitage, Ian Masters as Simpson and Becky Hindley as Sally Wade.

Director: Michael Earley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SAT 07:30 Kenneth Williams - Just Williams (b007jy39)
The Label They Put on You
"To see an entirely British cast successfully emulating a Western, was very satisfactory indeed..."

1965-1966: a noble failure and playing at cowboys with Sid James and Joan Sims.
The UK's much-loved comic actor and master raconteur,

Kenneth Williams continues his autobiography. Abridged in ten-parts by David H Godfrey
Producer: Pamela Howe
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.

SAT 07:50 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00js9yy)
New York, New York
"I got myself wedged on a train, and immediately it left the station a knife-fight began, apparently to the death..."

A snapshot from the 1980s of the unique American city recalled by Leonard Rossiter.
Written by Barry Pilton.
Producer: Louise Purslow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1981.

SAT 08:00 Here's the Thing (b0b4zrth)
Carly Simon and Joe Jackson
Alec Baldwin explores the lives of two singer-songwriters, Carly Simon and Joe Jackson - from tough school days to stage fright.

Singer-songwriter Carly Simon talks to Alec Baldwin about meeting Bob Dylan, marrying James Taylor, overcoming stage fright -- and other stories from her memoir, Boys in The Trees. The English singer-songwriter talks to Alec Baldwin about the evolution of his singing voice, the reason he won't watch the Grammys, and the British pop bands he actually likes.

Here's the Thing has its roots in public radio. In 2009, Alec joined with producers Lu Olkowski, Trey Kay, Kathie Russo, and Emily Botein to find fresh ways to engage in conversation on the radio. The group developed the idea of a new show that at its heart would look at what makes interesting people tick and create a platform for new and emerging ideas to be presented. From WYNC Studios, New York. First heard in the USA in 2017.

SAT 09:00 Poetry Puh-lease (b050bh69)
Comedy and poetry have always had strong links, with many comics and poets blurring the boundaries. Now, comedian Kevin Eldon takes us on a three hour walk along the fine line between the two.

With the occasional input of his poet alter-ego, Paul Hamilton, Eldon presents a rich collection of radio comedy that celebrates the risible and funny side of poetry, including Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme; The Simon Day Show; Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter From Salford and the classic episode of Hancock's Half Hour, The Poetry Society.

There is also a look back at the life of the cult poet Hovis Presley, some scholarly input from Cariad Lloyd, and a brand new interview between Kevin Eldon and the magnificent John Cooper Clarke.

Along the way there is a rich mix of poetry that might be funny, sometimes cringe-worthy, occasionally absurd, sporadically nonsensical, but often brilliant.

SAT 12:00 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b009y6d)
Series 3, Episode 1
Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel stays in a haunted mansion. With guest star Spike Milligan as The Mayor of Witchfield. Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli.

With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Dick Vosburgh.
Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.
Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.
Producer: Dirk Maggs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

SAT 12:30 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)
The Choking Horror
Hair-raising events for Neddie Seagoon when London's monuments are sabotaged. Stars Harry Secombe. From February 1956.

SAT 13:00 Gudrun (b0b4zrkt)
Series 4 Omnibus, pt 1
Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas

Gudrun, a young woman from 11th century Iceland, forges her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Gudrun has risked everything to save her daughter, Sigrid, only to be double-crossed by her supposed ally, King Sweyn of Denmark. Knowing he's made a powerful enemy he plans to get rid of her.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes
Gudrun.....Kate Phillips
Freija.....Samantha Dakin
Marlas.....Amir El-Masry
Orm.....John Lightbody
Grim..... Joseph Ayre
Sweyn's Guard.....Sean Murray
Director: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b4zrmt)
Samuel West
The actor chooses Dory Previn's Play It Again Sam and Matt Bianco's Get Out Of Your Lazy Bed.

SAT 14:15 Sounds Natural (b0b4zrtp)
Cyril Fletcher
Veteran comedian and 'That's Life' star, Cyril Fletcher talks to

Derek Jones about his life-long love of the countryside. Skylarks and the Barn Owl are among his choice of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

Produced in Bristol by Michael Bowen and John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1971.

SAT 14:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqq)
The Smell of Sausage

"Agreed. Schmidt and Fosdyke - Berlin..."

Tom Fosdyke strikes a deal over Bavarian sausages.

A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe. Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip (1971-1985) parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Starring Philip Lowrie as Josiah Fosdyke, Stephanie Turner as Rebecca Fosdyke, David Threlfall as Tom Fosdyke, Enn Reitel as Albert Fosdyke, Christian Rodska as Roger Ditchley, Trevor Cooper as the Sergeant and David Timson as Schmidt. Other parts played by Larry Lamb, Nick Revell and Arthur Smith.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1983.

SAT 15:00 Here's the Thing (b0b4zrth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Alan Drury - The Family Retainer (b007js9g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Kenneth Williams - Just Williams (b007jy39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 17:50 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s9jyy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]

SAT 18:00 Bram Stoker - Dracula (b04y9dzf)

Episode 2

2/2 Bram Stoker's disturbing vampire tale of horror, in a new version by Rebecca Lenkiewicz. Lucy Westenra is dead, but Professor Van Helsing is determined to find out the true cause of her death, track it down, fight it and defeat it forever.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SAT 19:00 Poetry Pub-lease (b050bh69)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Old Harry's Game (b007jmdn)

Series 3, The Final Reckoning

When God hears that rules are being broken in Hell, he sends archangels to investigate. Satanic sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From April 1999.

SAT 22:30 Adam and Joe's Famous Guy (b010m7g6)

'I'm the best at pretending' - a reclusive Hollywood star tells all. Stars Adam Buxton and Joe Cornish. From April 2006.

SAT 22:45 Tina C (b00771rs)

Tina C's State of the Union Tour, Madrid

The country singing sensation and global activist investigates the Spanish concept of 'duende', the mysterious spirit of performance. From December 2006.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b5jf7v)

Wells Comedy Festival in Somerset 2/3

From ten until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith presents highlights from the Wells Comedy Festival in Somerset.

SAT 23:00 The Mark Steel Solution (b007k191)

Series 3, Crime

The radical comedian proposes a way of solving punishments for criminal acts, once and for all.

SAT 23:30 The Skivers (b00d8pgd)

Series 1, Episode 3

Michael Fish's secrets are revealed, and East 17 move house. Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh welcome guest Lewis Collins. From March 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 06:00 ME Braddon - Lady Audley's Secret (Omnibus) (b039b7yy)

Episode 2

Mary Braddon continues her story, as Robert Audley gets closer to the truth in his quest to uncover Lady Audley's secret.

Everything begins to fall into place as he questions Lucy Audley's first employers and at last he uncovers a vital clue...

Mary Elizabeth Braddon's novel was first published in 1862.

Omnibus of the last five of ten-parts dramatised by Theresa Heskins.

Mary Braddon.....Hattie Morahan

Lucy, Lady Audley..... Charlotte Emmerson

Robert Audley..... Alex Wyndham

Sir Michael Audley..... Sam Dale

Phoebe Marks..... Lizzy Watts

Luke Marks..... Benjamin Askew

George Talboys..... Joseph Kloska

Alicia Audley..... Perdita Weeks

Mr Dawson - Paul Rider

Mrs Vincent - Charlotte West-Oram

Tonks - Deborah McAndrew

Luke Marks - Benjamin Askew

Directed by Julie Beckett and Fiona Kelcher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SUN 07:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b0807wn3)

A Day

4 Extra Debut. A lonely wife knows her husband has a lover and imagines one day he will tell her all about it. Read by Alison Sterling.

SUN 07:30 The Gobetwenies (b03hxjr9)

Series 3, Episode 6

Tom's girlfriend Poppy has left him for Stevie - once a friendless snob but now fit and much-fancied - but Tom is challenging Einstein to get his girl back, because Albert proved that linear time is a delusion and that everything that happens is still happening. And if that's true, Tom has no reason to move on.

So Tom is keeping early morning vigil outside Poppy's house holding up placards relating to quantum theory. His parents, Mimi and Joe, are worried. Is their son a little genius with a post-Newtonian grasp on the nature of time or a nutjob?

On different days, Tom pretends to be different ages to escape the tyranny of time - it's all part of his quantum theory girlfriend retrieval strategy. As Lucy's boyfriend Chris says, Tom is not clever in any way that helps. Meanwhile Chris is causing Lucy problems. He says he empathizes with Tom because he knows the trauma of a broken heart. He tells her he once wrote heartbroken love songs to his ex-girlfriend Erica - the very same Erica that is currently rehearsing Titania to his Bottom. Lucy feels romantically demoted and asks her mother what she should do. Mimi advises doing nothing but Lucy figures Tom did nothing about Poppy's roving eye and now her brother is riding on his mind rocket to quantum town.

Cast:

Joe.....Mark Bonnar

Mimi.....Sarah Alexander

Tom.....Finlay Christie

Lucy.....Phoebe Abbott

Chris and Older Tom.....Daniel Boyd

Writer: Marcella Evaristi

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Ray's a Laugh (b07hpb34)

From 16/01/1959

Ted is feeling very nervous. Why would a solicitor want to pay him a visit at home?

Starring Ted Ray. With Kitty Bluett and Kenneth Connor.

Ray's a Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.

Scripted by Bernard Botting and Charles Hart.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1959.

SUN 08:30 Take It From Here (b0b4zjwy)

From 17/01/1956

Meet San Quentin prison's least successful escapee and will Eth dump Ron in 'The Glums'?

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, June

Whitfield, Alma Cohen and Wallace Eton.

Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra with Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: David Dunhill

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1956.

SUN 09:00 Feel Free - Omnibus (b0b4zkw0)

Feel Free is an electrifying selection of Zadie Smith's published essays between 2010 and 2018. Wide ranging, timely and witty, each essay is a perceptive view of the contemporary world - offering sharp, and often funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal.

Omnibus of five episodes read by the author.

One of the best regarded writers of her generation, Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time.

Feel Free is her second essay collection.

She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York University.

Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b054tp01)

Emma and Claire - The Importance of Being First

Even now they are nearing forty, people still confuse these twins. Yet they make it clear how much they differ from each

other in this conversation introduced by Fi Glover, 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 (b0b4zkw2)

The Critical Eye, Clive James

4 Extra Debut. From Elvis Presley to Pete Atkin, writer and broadcaster Clive James shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 2000.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b4zkw4)

Series 3, Oliver Sipple

Radiolab explores the impact on one man's life when he saved the life of President Ford. With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

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.

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SUN 13:00 ME Braddon - Lady Audley's Secret (Omnibus) (b039b7yy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b0807wn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Last Stories (Omnibus) (b0b4zkw6)

Niamh Cusack, Hattie Morahan and Dermot Crowley read five stories taken from William Trevor's final and posthumous collection, published to coincide with what would have been his 90th Birthday.

The Piano Teacher's Pupil: Niamh Cusack reads a poignant story of give and take.

An Idyll in Winter: Hattie Morahan reads a story of a life

lasting love.

The Crippled Man: Dermot Crowley reads a story about the end of patience.

Making Conversations: Hattie Morahan reads a tale of unrequited love and loss of nerve.

Giotto's Angels: Dermot Crowley reads a story of a man who finds comfort from angels.

Often described as the master of the short story, revered by his fellow writers and by his readers, these stories written in the last years of William Trevor's life contain all his hallmarks; his piercing observation of human life, his humanity, his elegant prose and his distinctive voice.

Abridger: Rowan Routh

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 15:45 Stuntz (b007jzdw)

Series 1, Episode 2

An amusing look at how new technology has influenced the nature of promotional gimmicks. Written and presented by Steve Punt.

SUN 16:00 Ethel Lina White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)

A train, a missing governess and evil Nazi plans for Europe. All aboard for a gripping ride to adventure.

Dramatised by Neville Teller from Ethel Lina White's novel

'The Wheel Spins'.

Starring Renee Ascherson as Miss Froy, Jenny Funnell as Iris,

Mark Tandy as Professor Wilberforce, Mark Paton as Maximilian Hare.

The book was also adapted as a 1938 British thriller film

directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1999.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0b4zkw8)

Helen Dunmore and Dannie Abse

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with

two selections:

To mark one year after her death - The Verb featuring Helen Dunmore in conversation with Ian McMillan about her award winning poem 'The Malarky'.

Producer - Faith Lawrence.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2012

And Time for Verse: with Dannie Abse interviewed by George MacBeth.

Producer: Alec Reid

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SUN 17:30 The Gobetwenies (b03hxjr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b007jlvj)

Series 2, The Scythe

A young farmer gets more than he bargained for when he stumbles across a seemingly deserted farm.

Strange and chilling tales from the award-winning master of thrillers Ray Bradbury, who tops and tails these radio dramatisations in his own inimitable style.

Stars John Guerrasio, Briony Glassco, Brian Sibley, Hugh Dickson and Barbara Barnes.

Producer: Tabitha Potts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

SUN 18:30 The Female Ghost (b00njx8j)

Afterward

After an unexpected windfall on their American mine, Ned and Mary move to a dream home in England, but their past is catching up with them...

A series of ghostly stories by women dramatised by Christopher Hawes.

Edith Wharton's eerie tale stars Buffy Davis as Edith Wharton, Carolyn Jones as Alida, John Guerrasio as Ned, Barbara Barnes as Mary, Sean Baker as Parvis, Rachel Atkins as Trimmle, Christopher Scott as Peters and Alex Lowe as Robert Elwell.

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b4zkw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Margaret Atwood - The Handmaid's Tale (b008f8jf)

Omnibus 1/2

Offred is made an offer. Should she accept? Margaret Atwood's chilling vision of future female subjugation in 21st-century America.

In an age of plummeting birth rates - the result of pollution, nuclear accidents and toxic spillages - this is the diary of a woman recruited by a totalitarian regime...

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes. Read by Buffy Davis.

First published in 1985, Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel was abridged by Katie Campbell.

Margaret is one of Canada's best-selling writers. The Handmaid's Tale was nominated for The Booker Prize, Prometheus Award and Nebula. It won an Arthur C Clarke Award.. It's also been successfully adapted for TV.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b054tp01)

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SUN 22:00 The Gobetweanies (b03hxjr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007vd60)

Series 1, Pulp Non-Fiction

The Berkhamsted author's 'sideways look at celebrity pets' is soaring up the ratings. Stars Christopher Douglas. From Jan 2005.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b5jfgx)

Wells Comedy Festival in Somerset 3/3

From ten until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith presents highlights from the Wells Comedy Festival in Somerset.

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b00fslwd)

Series 2, Past Caring

The social worker organises a birthday dinner for Brian, but there's a mystery guest. Stars Sally Phillips. From November 2005.

SUN 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jq8z)

Series 2, Episode 1

Joining the Sheffield singer/songwriter on-air are Barbara Dickson and Bill Bailey. Stars Graham Fellows. From February 2000.

The start of series 2 and aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth presents a mixture of celebrity guests, domestic chores & music.

Bill Bailey drops in for "Impress an Impresario"; Hattie Hayridge telephones to "Make Mary Merry" and Barbara Dickson pops in for a chat, but her timing couldn't have been worse as John is expecting a rush of callers responding to his advert for the sale of son Darren's cabin bed.

Written & performed by Graham Fellows as John Shuttleworth. From February 2000.

MONDAY 04 JUNE 2018

MON 00:00 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b007jlvj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Female Ghost (b00njx8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 ME Braddon - Lady Audley's Secret (Omnibus) (b039b7yy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 William Trevor Short Stories (b0807wn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Last Stories (Omnibus) (b0b4zkw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Stuntz (b007jzdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Ethel Lina White - The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0b4zkw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Gobetweanies (b03hxjr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyp)

The Kind Man

"I don't dig you and I don't dig your tone."

Steve Gardiner - a hip Londoner and Korean War veteran - arrives in a small Scottish seaside town where locals are all under threat from a serial killer.

Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller is reminiscent of American radio thrillers of the era, as the hero also addresses the audience directly.

Teddy Johnson stars as Steve Gardiner.

As well as acting, the versatile performer sang with his wife Pearl Carr - coming second in the 1959 Eurovision Song Contest with 'Sing Little Birdie'. Johnson was also a DJ on Radio Luxembourg and later BBC Radio 2.

With Jimmy Logan as Jimmy Morton, Marjorie Dalziel as Miss Wylie, John Young as PC McKenzie, Kalman Glass as the Police Sergeant, Moultrie R. Kelsall as Detective Inspector Gordon, Helen Norman as Mrs McGann, Isobel Gardner as Stella, Paul Young as Albert, Eric Wightman as the Porter, Douglas Murchie as the Tramp, Effie Morrison as Delia Dewar and Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton.

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast in 1954 on the BBC Home Service in Scotland.

MON 06:30 Be My Guest (b0b520pj)

Patrick Cargill

'Father Dear Father' TV sitcom star Patrick Cargill says 'Be My Guest' as he shares highlights from his varied acting career in TV, film and on stage - and plays some of his favourite songs. Inviting a variety of guests from the world of entertainment - Be My Guest ran for several series spanning the 1960s and 80s.

Producer: Richard Burwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1974.

MON 07:00 Winston (b007w2mw)

Winston in Europe. Coping With Urges

Rosie has found herself a bloke, a dishy French Estate Agent, but Nancy says he's hers. She saw him first.

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

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b0b42wbv)

Series 81, Episode 3

Nicholas Parsons is joined by Paul Merton, Sheila Hancock, Fern Britton and Graham Norton, in this instalment of the iconic panel show.

The panel have to talk on a given subject for sixty seconds without repetition, hesitation or deviation. What car did Fern drive during the 70s? How does Graham like to break the ice? Why does Paul think Jesus had a brother called Kevin and what does Sheila really know about the Tower of London? All of this is revealed and more!

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

Just A Minute is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)

The Greyhound Track

Sid wants the lad evicted, so he reopens a public footpath through his country mansion.

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 February 1956.

MON 08:30 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)

Series 3, Episode 2

An escaped murderer is after the shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli.

With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello. Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b038cf02)

The quotations quiz hosted by Nigel Rees.

As ever, a host of celebrities will be joining Nigel as he quizzes them on the sources of a range of quotations and asks them for the amusing sayings or citations that they have personally collected on a variety of subjects, including quotations they wish they'd said and family sayings they have grown up with. This week Nigel is joined by Woman's Hour's Jenni Murray, News presenter Matt Barbet, Children's Playwright David

Wood and Journalist and writer Katharine Whitehorn.

Reader Peter Jefferson.

Produced by Carl Cooper.

MON 09:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)

Episode 5

Juan Jose's declaration of love has thrown Martina into confusion.

Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.

Stars Roger May as Juan, Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Jane Whittenshaw as Carol, Marlene Sidaway as Mrs Olney and Anthony Zaki as the Health Inspector.

Director: Catherine Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b00gq4nd)

Arnold Bennett - The Grand Babylon Hotel, Episode 1

Murder mystery by Arnold Bennett, adapted in two parts by Chris Harrald.

American tycoon Theodore Racksole buys Europe's most exclusive hotel on a whim, but is warned by the seller that he will live to regret it. Soon, a mysterious death occurs and Theodore and his daughter Nella find themselves in danger in their own hotel.

Theodore Racksole John Sessions

Nella Racksole Matti Houghton

Aribert Joe Kloska

Jules Richard Katz

Miss Spencer Fenella Woolgar

Felix Babylon Stephen Greif

Reginald Dimmock Gunnar Cauthery

Miss Ferguson Jill Cardo

Servant Inam Mirza.

MON 11:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007tzqb)

The Professor's Daughter

Four-year-old Britta and her fearful imagination cause social embarrassment for Miss Jenner. Read by Emma Fielding.

MON 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01s8qxp)

William Trevor - The Hill Bachelors

Paulie has returned home for the funeral of his father. A man he barely knew. The remote farm is on a boreen, high up in the hills, a place he hasn't been back to in many years. As his brothers and sisters arrive home for the funeral, the question on everyone's mind is - 'What will happen to Ma?' She cannot manage by herself and Paulie knows what they are inadvertently saying - he is the only one who is unmarried, doesn't have children - it is up to him to move back and help his mother.

Caught between desire and circumstance, Paulie, must choose between marrying his long-time love, Patsy Finnuacane, or caring for his widowed mother and resigning himself to the isolated life of a hill bachelor.

"There is no better short story writer in the English-speaking world" The Wall Street Journal

William Trevor has long been hailed as the master in short story telling. He has published nearly 40 novels, short story collections, plays, and collections of non-fiction. He has won three Whitbread Awards, a PEN/Macmillan Silver Pen Award, and been nominated five times for the Booker Prize, most recently for his novel Love and Summer (2009). In 1977 Trevor was awarded an honorary CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his services to literature.

Written by William Trevor

Directed by Gemma McMullan.

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MON 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Be My Guest (b0b520pj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b07268ph)

Episode 1

At school, John T Unger befriends the enigmatic Percy

Washington.

But friendship involves John in a scandalous secret - a secret to do with sparkling wealth and cruel abduction. Read by Garrick Hagon

Written by F Scott Fitzgerald and abridged by Andrew Simpson.

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

MON 14:15 On Your Bike (b00yhbxb)

Cycling Soldiers

The bicycle is pressed into service in then Boer War and again in 1914 when thousands sign up to join Cyclist battalions who rode them to the front with full kit and rifles

Presenter: Martin Ellis

Producer: Simon Evans

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03ph66b)

James Payne - Aonach Hour, Episode 1

By James Payne

Cormick lost his daughter eight years ago in an avalanche that struck the remote Highlands village of Rosscaille. But now he makes an impossible discovery - one of the missing has returned.

The first in a dark five part mystery, about a community struggling to deal with profound loss.

A BBC Cymru Wales Production
Directed by James Robinson.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b02x62st)

Peter Stothard - Alexandria: The Last Nights of Cleopatra, Episode 1

When Peter Stothard, former editor of The Times and now editor of the Times Literary Supplement, finds himself in Alexandria in the winter of 2010 after his flight to South Africa has been cancelled, he sets out to explore a nation on the brink of revolution.

Accompanied by two native Egyptians, Mohammed and Socrates, whose eagerness to spend time with him is never really explained, Stothard traces his lifelong interest in the history of Cleopatra, and his repeated failure to write the book about her that he has started so many times.

Melancholy and sometimes humorous, Alexandria filters the life of a classics scholar turned journalist through the prism of Cleopatra's turbulent history - while all around the author, the cracks begin to appear in Hosni Mubarak's own empire.

Episode 1 (of 5):

Pieces of paper, sketches and maps on a hotel room bed and the remarkable story behind the only fragment of parchment to bear Cleopatra's signature - a political gesture sanctioning a tax break.

Read by Kenneth Cranham

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b00gg4nd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b038c0f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Winston (b007w2mw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b0b42wbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Arthur Conan Doyle - Playing With Fire (b0701mh)

Regularly every Sunday, Markham and his friends hold a seance in Badderly Gardens.

But one Sunday a Frenchman joins them - and conducts a dangerous experiment.

First published in 1900, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale - abridged by Doreen Estall

Read by Edward De Souza

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 - 1930) is best known for his many detective stories about Sherlock Holmes.

Producer: Pat McLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

MON 18:15 RD Wingfield (b00s79xc)

The Cellar

Behind a bricked-up entrance lurks a suspenseful tale of horror below stairs. Stars John Pullen and Rosalind Ayres.

MON 18:30 Bookclub at 20 (b0b5220h)

Sebastian Faulks on Arundhati Roy's The God of Small Things

To celebrate Bookclub's 20th anniversary, the programme is inviting guest authors to choose a highlight from the extensive Bookclub archive and in this edition Sebastian Faulks introduces The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. Sebastian Faulks was Bookclub's first ever author, talking about his novel Birdsong. He recalls what it was like to step into the unknown on this new programme presented by James Naughtie with an invited group of readers joining in the conversation - just like a book group but with the author present.

Birdsong is war novel and family saga and Faulks had always thought it would work well in discussion. He reflects on the questions he was asked about his own novel and introduces Bookclub with Arundhati Roy's The God of Small Things, remembering the impact it had on him when it was published. The God of Small Things won the 1997 Booker Prize and is a story about the childhood experiences of fraternal twins whose lives are destroyed by the "Love Laws" that lay down "who must be loved, and how, and how much". The book is a description of how the small things in life affect people's behaviour and their lives, and with a love affair between characters of different backgrounds, shows how cruel the caste system could be.

Arundhati Roy talks about why she had never written fiction since - her second novel The Ministry of Utmost Happiness was published in 2017, six years after her appearance on Bookclub. She describes how her training as an architect was useful in the planning of this multi-layered story, with its complex time frames which owe a debt to James Joyce's Ulysses.

Producer: Dymphna Flynn

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2011

Bookclub at 20 is produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Belinda Naylor.

MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Be My Guest (b0b520pj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Margaret Bonham - The Casino (b007tzbq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01s8qxp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b0b42wbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nsz)

The Tertiary Phase, Fit the Eighteenth

Surrounded by the friendly but murderous citizens of Krikkit, Arthur Dent, Ford Prefect and Slartibartfast are astounded when Trillian reveals she knows why these people have conceived such a hatred of all other worlds in the universe.

They have been manipulated by the Dust Cloud that surrounds their solitary planet with its solitary sun. The Dust Cloud is actually the particularised remains of an ancient super computer called Hactar, built by a long-extinct race, the Silastic Armorfiends of Striterax. Hactar invented a Supernova Bomb that could destroy the entire universe in a moment, but thought better of letting the reckless Silastic Armorfiends have it, and thus introduced a flaw. As a reward for this treachery the Armorfiends pulverised Hactar into dust. Now, nursing billions of years of bitterness against all life forms, Hactar has coddled the planet which evolved into Krikkit and infected the minds of its inhabitants with a form of manic xenophobia which has led them to rebuild his Supernova Bomb.

Trillian attempts to talk them out of using it, fails, but is then relieved to discover that it is a dud, she realises the truth of the situation and, with Arthur Dent, confronts Hactar. He freely admits his plan, and, as Eddie pumps out a vibration field from the Heart of Gold, seems content to accept dispersal and thus the end of his plans. He has fulfilled his function.

Meanwhile Zaphod reveals he picked up a hitchhiker on his voyage to Krikkit - a man called Prak who was accidentally overdosed with Truth Serum just as he was taking a legal oath, and thus is now condemned to tell the Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing But until it kills him. However just before it kills him, Prak reveals to Arthur that although he cannot supply the Final Question to the Ultimate Answer (which is 42, for those of you arriving stuporously late to this narrative) (because they would cancel each other out, for those of you who did know the "42" part, but not its corollary and can deal with multiple subordinate clauses in parentheses without getting a migraine), (and if you haven't read the books isn't it about time you did?), he can reveal the location of God's Final Message To His Creation.

This he does - just about - and then drops dead. After a brief discussion, Arthur decides he'd rather not bother with God's Message for now, but would rather travel back in time to Earth at the moment the Krikkit Robots finished attacking Lords Cricket Ground and return the Ashes to their rightful place in the cosmos. This he does, only to discover that the cricket ball he has collected on his travels and is playfully bowling to a lone England batsman is in fact Hactar's Supernova Bomb and Not A Dud and the batsman, is, in fact, a Krikkit Robot with a War Club who will detonate it, and that Hactar's plan is now in fact coming to fruition and he has indeed fulfilled his function.

Unfortunately Hactar's careful scheming has not factored in Arthur's appalling record as a bowler. The Supernova Bomb goes wide. Ford catches it harmlessly, and Arthur relieves the robot of its bat in order to decapitate it neatly. As the sun sets on Lords, our heroes go in search of a quick cup of tea before travelling forward in time to get safely away from Earth, which is still unavoidably doomed by its inevitable and imminent encounter with the Vogon Constructor fleet.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b0b5220k)

Series 23, Episode 8

Miles is joined by Jeremy Hardy, Angela Barnes, Helen Lewis and Susan Calman for the final episode of this series. The teams tackle all the big stories of the week and Mamadou Gassama gets what we assume is his first mention in the history of the programme.

Writers: Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch, James Kettle, Ian Smith with additional material by Laura Major and Chris Stokes

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:45 Crème de la Crime (b0084asn)

Series 2, The Spy Who Laughed Me

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore probe a case of treason back in 1945. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From June 2002.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyr)

The Voice

As the terror intensifies in the town, Steve Gardiner is drawn in to the search for the Scottish seaside serial killer now dubbed 'The Kind Man'.

Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller stars Teddy Johnson as Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Logan as Jimmy Morton, Douglas Murchie as Romily Foster, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton, Moultrie R. Kelsall as Detective Inspector Gordon, Leslie Blackater as the Librarian and Hannah Gordon as Lindy Marshall.

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast in 1954 on the BBC Home Service in Scotland.

TUE 06:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7ce)

The natural history film is a hundred years old. Percy Smith was its greatest pioneer, making dozens of short but brilliant films on subjects like flies and slime mould. In his principal studio, the back garden of his home in north London, he developed innovative microscope- and time-lapse photography in the 1920s that still makes viewers gasp and filmmakers jealous. Talking to historians and to Sir David Attenborough and eavesdropping on flickering reels of film, Tim Boon of the Science Museum tells how the balancing bluebottle came to be.

Producer: Tim Dee.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b007jvh3)

Series 1, Found and Lost

Bill and Faith are late in love but new to each other - and Bill has already got himself into Faith's bad books...

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Series one of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran four series, with a spin-off series Faith in the Future.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Belinda Lang as Liza, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Moir Leslie as Grace, John Samson as Alex, Nicholas Courtney as Ray and Norman Bird as Ted.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

TUE 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)

Series 3, The Declutterer

Why not sort out your life and sign on with the patent Milton Decluttering Method! (Including getting rid of that extra "er" in Decluttering.)

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!". Each week, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily Mail

Written by Milton with James Cary (Bluestone 42, Miranda), and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show House Of Rooms), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill (Spamalot, Mr. Selfridge) as the ever-faithful Anton, Josie Lawrence and Ben Willbond (The Thick Of It).

With music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 As Time Goes By (b007k7k7)

Series 2, Episode 6

Jean expands her business and Lionel hears some unexpected news from America.

Starring Judi Dench as Jean and Geoffrey Palmer as Lionel.

With Moira Brooker as Judith and Philip Bretherton as Alistair. A six-part adaptation by Bob Larbey of series two of his popular BBC TV sitcom. Two former lovers Jean and Lionel have been reunited unexpectedly after losing contact for 38 years.

After falling in love in the early 1950s, army officer Lionel was sent to Korea, but they lost touch after a letter he sent to her never arrived. Both assumed the other had lost interest, but their

paths have crossed again on his return to England.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.
TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b01852vy)
 Postal Disorder
 The Post Office must boost business, but can the bungling duo manage to deliver?
 Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
 With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddley 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 1975.
TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b0b5220k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:45 Crème de la Crème (b0084ssn)
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TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b00gsv4x)
 Arnold Bennett - The Grand Babylon Hotel, Episode 2
 Murder mystery by Arnold Bennett, adapted in two parts by Chris Harrald.
 Having bought Europe's most exclusive hotel, American tycoon Theodore Racksole is thrown in to a world of intrigue, espionage and murder.
 Theodore Racksole John Sessions
 Nella Racksole Matti Houghton
 Aribert Joe Kloska
 Jules Richard Katz
 Miss Spencer Fenella Woolgar
 Felix Babylon Stephen Greif
 Prince Eugen Stephen Critchlow
 Reginald Dimmock Gunnar Cauthery
 Hazell Jonathan Tafler
 Miss Ferguson Jill Cardo
 Tomkins Inam Mirza
 Emperor Malcolm Tierney
 Sampson Levi Chris Pavlo.
TUE 11:00 Food Chains (b047cb03)
 Chocolate for Later
 Written and read by Orange Prize-winning novelist Helen Dunmore at the Food Connections Festival in Bristol.
 Marion is used to the long-haul flight to Australia. She makes the journey three times a year, to visit her son and his family, whose faces she pictures as she tells the kind and graceful flight attendant about them. But she can never get used to the airline food.
 Specially commissioned for the festival, Helen Dunmore's intriguing and surprising story tells of loneliness, a deep need for attention, and sensuous delight.
 Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.
TUE 11:15 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jsh0)
 Murder West One, A Cure for Death
 The discovery of a dumped body sparks another mystery for feisty Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield - in an investigation of Harley Street doctors and cutting-edge medicine of a very non-Hippocratic variety...
 Nick Fisher's thriller stars Imelda Staunton as DSI Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, David Collings as Dr Jameson, Harry Myers as Andy Roberts, Tilly Gaunt as Jenny, Ben Crowe as Ken, Elizabeth Conboy as Mary Stone, Geoffrey Whitehead as Gordon Wisecare and Giles Fagan as Dr Soames.
 Director: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.
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TUE 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b0728gxx)
 Episode 2
 John Unger discovers the extraordinary origins of Percy Washington's family wealth. Read by Garrick Hagon.
TUE 14:15 On Your Bike (b00yhxpb)
 Between the Wars
 The fitness and outdoor movements of the 1930's coupled with the advent of cheaper mass produced bicycles brought the freedom of the open road to the working classes
 Presenter: Martin Ellis
 Producer: Simon Evans
 A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03pqv4f)
 James Payne - Aonach Hourn, Episode 2
 By James Payne
 Cormick lost his daughter Flora eight years ago in an avalanche that struck the remote Highlands village of Rosscaille. But now the small community has to come to terms with an impossible discovery - Flora has come back.
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 Episode 2 (of 5):
 Peter Stothard was a bookish child who began his only work of fiction, featuring Cleopatra, aged 9. The new library in Alexandria is the obvious place to visit, and his own name the obvious one to look up in its vast catalogues of published work.
 Read by Kenneth Cranham
 Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b00gsv4x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00sfwmp)
 Series 3, Episode 3
 John Lloyd invites guests Kevin Eldon, John Ronson and Richard Wiseman to add to the imaginary collection. From May 2010.
TUE 16:30 King Street Junior (b007jnp1)
 Series 10, Proposals
 A new school year brings campaigning teachers - and congratulations may be in order...
 Created and written by Jim Eldridge, ten series of this comedy about a junior school ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
 Stars Karl Howman as Mr Sims, James Grout as the Headmaster, Margaret John as Mrs Stone, Paul Copley as Mr Long, Deirdre Costello as Mrs Patterson, Vivienne Martin as Mrs Rudd, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Jacqueline Beatty as Miss Read, Tom Watson as Mr Holliday and Ritu Jutra as Rowena
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.
TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b007jvh3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Just Before Midnight (b0b529sh)
 Philip Levene - The Invader
 Composer Edmund Stanway is a sensitive man - until he's forced into committing a terrible act...
 Philip Levene's chilling tale stars James Thomason as Edmund Stanway, Ronald Faulkner as Paul Farrow, Patricia Leventon as Joan Sheldon, Hamlyn Benson as Hanley and Valerie Kirkbright as Millie.
 Producer: Michael Bakewell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1964.
TUE 18:15 William Croft Dickinson - The Strange and the Sinister (b007jvjg)
 The Sweet Singers
 A trip to an old university golfing completion has unusual consequences for two professors.
 Read by Moultrie Kelsall.
 William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.
 Producer: John Gray
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.
TUE 18:30 Bookclub at 20 (b0b529sl)
 Naomi Alderman on Douglas Adams' The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
 To celebrate Bookclub's 20th anniversary, the programme is inviting guest authors to choose a highlight from the extensive Bookclub archive. In this edition Naomi Alderman introduces The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams. Naomi Alderman explains how important Bookclub is to her both as a listener and also for her appearance to discuss her novel Disobedience. She enjoyed meeting her readers and was thrilled that some of them had visited the area of north-west London to see for themselves where her novel is set.
 Bookclub with Douglas Adams was the first edition of the new millennium, and was broadcast a year before he died in 2001 aged 49. Naomi recalls how Adams inspired her to pursue her own dreams of writing science fiction and her sorrow that he died so young. The Bookclub audience ask Douglas Adams questions about comedy, sci-fi and about the creation of his characters and his influences; and way before it was possible, Adams and James Naughtie imagine the future of the novel in a digital format.
 Produced by Joanna Rahim
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2000
 Bookclub at 20 is produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Belinda Naylor.

TUE 19:00 As Time Goes By (b007k7k7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 The Men From the Ministry (b01852vy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7cc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Food Chains (b047cb03)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 21:15 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jsh0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Buy Me Up TV (b009fnlx)
 Episode 2
 Another chance to hear the comedy series inspired by every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.
 The series features Justin Edwards, Colin Hoult, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen MacIntosh, Alex MacQueen and Greg Proops. Tonight's special guest is Ruth Madoc.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b5jft7)
 Felicity Ward 1/2
 From ten until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats to Aussie comedian Felicity Ward.
TUE 23:00 Elvenquest (b01616lj)
 Series 3, Episode 1
 When Sam is left behind to "guard the stuff" whilst the others are off killing the Man-munching Giant of Rankor he is accosted by a beautiful maiden, Eirwen, who has been kept captive in the giant's castle and takes Sam to be her rescuer. She promptly proposes, throwing the future of the Questers' Fellowship into jeopardy.
 Meanwhile, Lord Darkness' attempts to conquer Lower Earth take a new turn when Kreech discovers an ancient prophesy enabling Lord Darkness to create the "UnChosen One", an evil spirit that is the only being that can defeat the Chosen One. Problem is, it means Lord Darkness has to impregnate a hideous, misshapen creature. If only there was one of those close to hand...
 Starring:
 Darren Boyd as Vidar
 Kevin Eldon as Kreech/Dean
 Martha Howe-Douglas as Eirwen
 Dave Lamb as Amis/The Chosen One
 Stephen Mangan as Sam
 Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness
 and Sophie Winkleman as Penthesilea
 The producer is Sam Michell.
TUE 23:30 The Harpoon (b007k4cc)
 Series 1, The Harpoon
 The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys. With Alistair McGowan and Peter Baynham. From September 1991.

WEDNESDAY 06 JUNE 2018

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WED 02:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b0728gxx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:15 On Your Bike (b00yhxpb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03pqv4f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b02xzc3c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b00gsv4x)
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WED 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyt)
 The Ally
 Despite the suspicious terrified locals, Steve Gardiner makes a useful ally in the town in his hunt for 'The Kind Man'.
 Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller stars Teddy Johnson as Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Logan as Jimmy Morton, Effie

Morrison as Delia Dewar, Douglas Murchie as Romily Foster, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton, Moultrie R. Kelsall as Detective Inspector Gordon, Hannah Gordon as Lindy Marshall, Jean Taylor-Smith as the Old Lady, Phil McCall as the drunk and Glenn Michael as Bill Williams.
Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.
First broadcast in 1954 on the BBC Home Service in Scotland.
WED 06:30 The Manuscript Hunter (b00k9d7p)
Mark Whitaker profiles Thomas Staley, who, over the past 20 years, has bought the archives of many of Britain's most important living writers for the University of Texas in Austin. Staley talks about his life in literature and his controversial methods, and Mark reports on efforts to stop the continuing export of Britain's literary heritage.
A Square Dog production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 07:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s7n40)
Series 2, Confessions
Salvatore is hell bent on making his family take confession leaving Ludovico in fear of being excommunicated. Meanwhile Alessandro is upset that Salvatore is making him put 'little golden pants' on the cherubs that adorn the confessional...
Second series of the comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.
Written by Roger Danes.
Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Paul Bigley as Alessandro and Nick Romero as Salvatore.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
WED 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b07753hg)
Series 6, Chickpea Landslide
The hit series returns for a sixth series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. Written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli.
Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Julia Deakin and Mina Anwar.
In this first episode, Ramesh's girlfriend Malcolm has opened up Lenzie's first foodbank to help the local needy. However, the patrons appear to be quite picky about what's on offer, and a debate opens up about who is actually eligible to use the foodbank, causing tension amongst the Lenzidens.
Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick, Dave.
Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!
Written by Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli
Producer: Gus Beattie
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0081k4q)
The Efficiency Expert
Another collision convinces Captain Povey that the Admiralty must sort out HMS Troutbridge.
Stars Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson/ Lieutenant Commander Stanton, Richard Cildicote as Captain Povey and Heather Chasen as Ramona Povey.
Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.
Scripted by Lawrie Wyman
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1961.
WED 08:30 Round the Horne (b007k1pt)
Series 2, Episode 7
'Dr McKinlay's Scrapbook', a special musical comedy extravaganza in a spoof eulogy for a TV screen doctor. Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.
Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith
Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.
Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1966.
WED 09:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)
Series 3, Commercial Harvest
Crime writers John Harvey and Val McDermid try to solve the death of a radio DJ. Chaired by Simon Brett. From January 1998.
WED 09:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b52f51)

The 28th Anniversaries
A son and daughter return home for Dorothy and Edward's anniversary "celebration".
Dorothy and Edward Atkinson are Sidcup's premier warring couple with a marriage to challenge even the most determined of counsellors.
Barry Pilton's marital mayhem sitcom stars Hugh Paddick as Edward and Betty Marsden as Dorothy.
With Simon Callow and Sally Watts.
After notching up multiple BBC radio series together of 'Beyond Our Ken' and 'Round The Horne' - most memorably as ageing juvenile Binkie Huckaback and Dame Celia Molestrangler - Hugh and Betty were reunited on-air, almost a decade later in 'The 27 Year Itch'.
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.
WED 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b09sz2dj)
5-9 March 1918
The first omnibus of Season 13, A Woman's Place, set in Folkestone, in the week, in 1918, when the Northern Lights aided a deadly air raid on the South East.
Cast
Sylvia Graham Joanna David
Adeline Lumley Helen Schlesinger
Edie Chadwick Kathryn Beaumont
Kitty Lumley Ami Metcalf
Alice Macknade Claire-Louise Cordwell
Sophie Beckwith Abbie Andrews
Esme Macknade Katie Angelou
Isabel Graham Keely Beresford
Gabriel Graham Michael Bertenshaw
Bill Macknade Ben Crowe
Private Sweeney Ryan Early
Oscar Hendrick Pierre Elliott
Marion Wardle Laura Elphinstone
Albert Wilson Jamie Foreman
Private Brown Clive Haywood
Jessie Moore Lucy Hutchinson
Adam Wilson Billy Kennedy
Jack Wilson Ashley Kumar
Terence Wentworth Jack Lowden
Nora Thatcher Chetna Pandya
Dilys Walker Ellie Piercy
Florrie Wilson Claire Rushbrook
Rev. Alec Poole Tom Stuart
Joe Macknade Lloyd Thomas
Lilian Pemble Alex Tregear
Fryn Tennyson-Jesse Fenella Woolgar
Ray Wardle Isabel Barry
Stella Wardle Olivia Wales
Written by Sarah Daniels
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
Sound: Martha Littlehales
Composer: Matthew Strachan
Consultant Historian: Maggie Andrews.
WED 11:00 Food Chains (b04807j2)
Reunited
by Edson Burton.
Bandeale refuses to be enslaved by the ghost men who've appeared in his village. He chooses to die rather than be taken with his lover, Amara, on a slave ship.
But the gods do not abandon him. An extraordinary journey across the sea, through generations of creatures, is about to begin. Will he and Amara ever be reunited?
A magical story of reincarnation from poet and playwright Edson Burton, specially commissioned for Bristol Food Connections festival.
Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.
WED 11:15 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jshe)
Murder West One, The Art of the Matter
Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield faces a strange theft and cunning scam in one of central London's art galleries, which ultimately leads to murder...
Nick Fisher's thriller stars Imelda Staunton as DSI Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Elizabeth Conboy as Kath Dyer, Harry Myers as the Auctioneer, Sean Barrett as Jack "The Whistle" Stephens, Ben Crowe as Johnny "The Tongs" Brickman, Geoffrey Whitehead as Andrew Olson, Giles Fagan as Terry Richards and Frances Jeater as the Woman resident.
Director: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.
WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0081k4q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Round the Horne (b007k1pt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 The Manuscript Hunter (b00k9d7p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b0728rhx)
Episode 3
John Unger discovers the terrible secret that protects Washington family's incredible wealth. Read by Garrick Hagon.
WED 14:15 On Your Bike (b00yxhbr)
Frugal Years
With petrol rationing during WW2 the bicycle came into its

own again to be followed by a golden age of cycling in the 1950's as the nation emerges from the darkness of war
Presenter: Martin Ellis
Producer: Simon Evans
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03pqvqy6)
James Payne - Aonach Hourm, Episode 3
By James Payne
Eight years ago an avalanche took the children of Roscoille. But now Cormick's daughter has returned. Following the DNA test, the small community has to accept the truth: the mysterious girl is Flora. However, when Cormick attempts to access money from the disaster fund, Thomas smells a rat.
The third in a dark five part mystery, about a community struggling to deal with profound loss.
A BBC Cymru Wales Production
Directed by James Robinson.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b02xczk7)
Peter Stothard - Alexandria: The Last Nights of Cleopatra, Episode 3
When Peter Stothard, former editor of The Times and now editor of the Times Literary Supplement, finds himself in Alexandria in the winter of 2010 after his flight to South Africa has been cancelled, he sets out to explore a nation on the brink of revolution.
Accompanied by two native Egyptians, Mohammed and Socrates, whose eagerness to spend time with him is never really explained, Stothard traces his lifelong interest in the history of Cleopatra, and his repeated failure to write the book about her that he has started so many times.
Melancholy and sometimes humorous, Alexandria filters the life of a classics scholar turned journalist through the prism of Cleopatra's turbulent history - while all around the author, the cracks begin to appear in Hosni Mubarak's own empire.
Episode 3 (of 5):
A meal with the author's two newly acquired friends, Mahmoud and Socrates, takes a bizarre conversational turn.
Read by Kenneth Cranham
Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b09sz2dj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b52f51)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s7n40)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b07753hg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Just Before Midnight (b0b53bbv)
Rosemary Timperley - The Dare Game
A chance meeting of old school friends revises memories of a very dangerous game...
Rosemary Timperley's daring tale stars Shirley Cooklin as Enid, Margaret Woolfit as Carol, Moira Mannan as the Store Detective and Frederick Treves as Mr Merlin.
Producer: Keith Williams
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1964.
WED 18:15 William Croft Dickinson - The Strange and the Sinister (b0b53dmg)
Let the Dead Bury Their Dead
Will an archaeologist heed the warnings of a local man, or continue to pursue a dangerous excavation?
Read by Moultrie Kelsall.
William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.
Producer: John Gray
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.
WED 18:30 Bookclub at 20 (b0b53dmj)
David Nicholls on Alan Hollinghurst's The Line of Beauty
To celebrate Bookclub's 20th anniversary, the programme is inviting guest authors to choose a favourite from the rich Bookclub archive. In this edition David Nicholls introduces Alan Hollinghurst's appearance in 2015 when he discussed his novel The Line of Beauty with James Naughtie and a group of readers.
David Nicholls also describes his own experience of Bookclub and how it made him think back to what it was like to write his bestseller One Day. He discusses his admiration for Hollinghurst's novel including the depth of his research and his ability to sometimes only write 300 words a day.
Framed by the general elections of 1983 and 1987 which returned Margaret Thatcher to power, The Line of Beauty is a story of love, class, sex and money - and AIDS. It won praise for the way it crawls deep under the skin of 1980's Britain.
Protagonist Nick Guest is a young, gay Oxford graduate of modest means who is invited to stay with the wealthy Fedden family at their Notting Hill home. The father Gerald is a Conservative MP consumed by his rising status within the party; his wife Rachel is from the landed gentry - and therefore old money. Daughter Catherine is a manic depressive, whilst Nick has had a crush on the son Toby since their time together at University. The Line of Beauty won the Man Booker Prize in 2004.
Producer: Dymphna Flynn
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2012.
Bookclub at 20 is produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Belinda Naylor.

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WED 22:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (b07753hg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 The Secret World (b03k2bt9)
Series 4, Episode 2
Sean Connery, Griff Rhys Jones, Pam Ayres, Kirsty Young, Peter Sallis, all have one thing in common. They enjoy nothing more than coming together every week or so for a bit of bare knuckle fighting. Well, they do in the strange alternative universe that is The Secret World. The impressions show with a difference.
With Jon Culshaw, Julian Dutton, Lewis MacLeod, Jess Robinson, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.
WED 23:00 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b040b6xq)
Series 1, Episode 2
Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham recreates a 'gamble Anglaise' from 1811, attempting to get a cheeseboard to travel a distance of four and a half miles in under 100 throws. Challenge number one? Getting permission to have the A151 closed down for the purposes of cheeseboard tossing. Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham, with additional material from Jon Hunter and Paul Byrne and sums and support from Joe Oldak. Produced by Colin Anderson.
WED 23:30 The Masteron Inheritance (b007jps7)
Series 2, Beware the Ides of Masterson
Ancient Rome witnesses terror, tyrants and togas. Improvised family saga with Paul Merton and Josie Lawrence. From June 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyw)
The Latest Victim
Steve Gardiner witnesses The Kind Man's latest deadly attack and hears the dying words of the victim...
Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller stars Teddy Johnson as Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Logan as Jimmy Morton, Effie Morrison as Delia Dewar, Douglas Murchie as Romily Foster, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton, Moultrie R. Kelsall as Detective Inspector Gordon, Hannah Gordon as Lindy Marshall, Eileen McCallum as Diana Wheeler-Sproat, John Young as PC McKenzie, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton and Michael Elder as Mr Dunnsmiur.
Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.
First broadcast in 1954 on the BBC Home Service in Scotland.
THU 06:30 Smash Hit of 1453 (b00rt921)
In the musical powerhouse of Europe in the 15th century, one tune caught the imagination of the court composers. This was The Armed Man (or in its original French "L'Homme Arme"). A rousing first line warns that "the armed man must be feared" and goes on to tell everyone to arm themselves with a coat of mail. The musician and broadcaster Rainer Hersch unpicks the facts we know of the tune and its words, making his way through 40 odd church masses by as many composers, who used

the melody as a base.
Early music specialists Catherine Bott and Andrew Kirkman think the original song may have been a warning against the threat of the warring Turks, following the fall of Constantinople in 1453, but it could equally have been a popular children's or even a pub song. Whatever its origin it became literally the "Smash Hit" of that time, but then, like much of pop music, it just went out of fashion and disappeared.
Rainer leaves the 15th century behind to find out why the song suddenly burst back into life in the 20th century. Christopher Marshall heard it in his New Zealand school and composed a lively piece for wind band. Karl Jenkins came across it during the Kosovo crisis 10 years ago, and composed his popular Mass for Peace. This begins with the sounds of an approaching army, with the original tune bursting out at the climax. The Master of the Queen's Music, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, encountered it while studying in Italy, and composed a theatre piece where it becomes anything from a hymn to a foxtrot. And this year the folk-group Mawkin:Causley released their first album and turned it into a fast-moving riff, which gets audiences on their feet.
Rainer traces the journey of the tune and the words, as it appears in these very different musical clothes.
The producers are Richard Bannerman and Merilyn Harris, and it is a Ladbroke production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018fnt1)
Series 2, Episode 4
Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire. Esther has a big question to ask Ken and Keith, while on the horizon, storm clouds gather...
written by Katherine Jakeways
produced by Victoria Lloyd
John Biggins.....Keith
Mackenzie Crook.....Rod
Kevin Eldon.....Jonathan / Ken
Shelia Hancock..... Narrator
Jessica Henwick.....Helen
Katherine Jakeways..... Esther / Jacqui
Felicity Montagu.....Jan
Geoffrey Palmer.....Norman
Lizzie Roper.....Angela
Penelope Wilton.....Mary
Rufus Wright.....Frank.
THU 07:30 Alone (b0b48yxn)
Series 1, Birthday Drinks
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, overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Ititt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett Aron).
In Birthday Drinks, Mitch's birthday is approaching and he's desperately trying to avoid any fuss - not least because he's having a break from alcohol. Meanwhile Louisa is on the warpath, wanting feedback after her latest acting role, but everyone seems to be trying to change the subject for some reason.
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)
An 'Ep' in the Country
The showbiz survivor finds himself the unwitting stooge in some spin for a popular TV soap actress. Stars Peter Jones. From July 1986.
THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jt5g)
The Great Tuscan Salami Scandal
A meaty mystery for Neddie Seagoon, unaccompanied by the show's striking musicians. Stars Harry Secombe. From February 1956.
THU 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)
From 20/08/1979
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:
Barry Cryer, Sid Colin and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.
Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982. Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.
Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1979.
THU 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)
Series 1, The Unmentionable
A nasty moment for Bernard in the granny flat or is the landladies' daddy only joking?
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 Nickolas Grace as Leslie.
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.
THU 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b09sz2mv)

12-16 March 1918
The second omnibus of Season 13, A Woman's Place, set in Folkestone, in the week, in 1918, when the Times published details for women registering to vote for the first time.
Cast
Rev. Alec Poole Tom Stuart
Adeline Lumley Helen Schlesinger
Sylvia Graham Joanna David
Ivy Monk Lizzy Watts
Kitty Lumley Ami Metcalf
Sophie Beckwith Abbie Andrews
Isabel Graham Keely Beresford
Gabriel Graham Michael Bertenshaw
Juliet Cavendish Lizzie Bourne
Hugh Cavendish Pip Carter
Dolly Clout Elaine Claxton
Carson Martindale Stephen Critchlow
Eleanor Tanney Aimee-Pfion Edwards
Constance Pettigrew Phoebe Frances Brown
George Tanney Neil Grainger
Terence Wentworth Jack Lowden
Rev. Ralph Winwood Nicholas Murchie
Olive Hargreaves Rhiannon Neads
Nora Thatcher Chetna Pandya
Ruby Pearce Katie Redford
Florrie Wilson Claire Rushbrook
Dorothea Winwood Rachel Shelley
Nell Kingsley Alice St Clair
Dennis Monk Sam Swann
Captain Allen Lloyd Thomas
Lilian Pemble Alex Tregear
Frynn Tennyson-Jesse Fenella Woolgar
Peter Lumley Beatrice White
Written by Sarah Daniels
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
Sound: Martha Littlehales
Composer: Matthew Strachan
Consultant Historian: Maggie Andrews.
THU 11:00 Food Chains (b048nsmz)
An Open Letter to Bees
by Helen Cross.
The female Alpha-Eaters of the Kingdom have decided to appeal to bees to return, queen-to-queen.
After the fruit riots of the 2020s, the denim crisis and the scandal of the artificial pollinators, the Dusters, something has to be done.
A witty futuristic story for lovers of fruit and vegetables, from Bristol's Food Connections Festival.
Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.
THU 11:15 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007zghc)
Murder West One, Five Star Killing
At a glitzy London hotel, the body of an unknown woman is discovered in the service area amongst the empty champagne bottles.
Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield must unravel a high class mystery...
Nick Fisher's thriller stars Imelda Staunton as DSI Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Alan Bourgooin as Jean-Pierre Renaud, Giles Fagan as Trevor Jones, Ben Crowe as Ken, Geoffrey Whitehead as John Manning, Robert Harper as Ralph Bingley and Tom Bevan as Stephen Willis.
Director: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.
THU 12:00 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jt5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Smash Hit of 1453 (b00rt921)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b07290vn)
Episode 4
John wants to elope with Kismine, but can he escape the fate of all visitors to Percy's home? Read by Garrick Hagon.
THU 14:15 On Your Bike (b00yhxbt)
Rise and Fall
Increasing prosperity and car ownership displaced the bicycle in the 1960's and foreign holidays replaced cycling, campsites and youth hostels. Bicycles belong to the past
Presenter: Martin Ellis
Producer: Simon Evans
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03pqwy7)
James Payne - Aonach Hourn, Episode 4
By James Payne
Eight years ago an avalanche took the children of Roscoille. But now Cormick's daughter, Flora, has returned. Thomas refuses to believe in her miraculous reappearance and now, with Sally gone, he forces Cormick to admit the truth.
The fourth in a dark five part mystery, about a community struggling to deal with profound loss.
A BBC Cymru Wales Production
Directed by James Robinson.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b02xf60h)
Peter Stoithard - Alexandria: The Last Nights of Cleopatra.

Episode 4

When Peter Stothard, former editor of The Times and now editor of the Times Literary Supplement, finds himself in Alexandria in the winter of 2010 after his flight to South Africa has been cancelled, he sets out to explore a nation on the brink of revolution.

Accompanied by two native Egyptians, Mohammed and Socrates, whose eagerness to spend time with him is never really explained, Stothard traces his lifelong interest in the history of Cleopatra, and his repeated failure to write the book about her that he has started so many times.

Melancholy and sometimes humorous, Alexandria filters the life of a classics scholar turned journalist through the prism of Cleopatra's turbulent history - while all around the author, the cracks begin to appear in Hosni Mubarak's own empire.

Episode 4 (of 5):

A visit to a carpet shop and a history lesson: ancient and modern.

Read by Kenneth Cranham

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b09sz2mv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018fnt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Alone (b0b48yxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Just Before Midnight (b0b53jlc)

E Nesbit - No 17

"Everything I'm going to tell you is as plain and straightforward as a timetable."

Can anyone explain the strange happenings taking place in a small provincial hotel - in room No. 17?

E Nesbit's mystery stars George Hagan as Braithwick, George Merritt as Peel, Will Leighton as Raffety, David Kossoff as Little, Timothy West as Cooper, Sian Davies as the Receptionist and Arthur Gomez as the Night Porter. Adapted for radio by Michael and Mollie Hardwick.

Producer: Charles Lefeaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1963.

THU 18:15 William Croft Dickinson - The Strange and the Sinister (b0b53jlf)

Return at Dusk

During wartime, can a soldier overcome a terrible fear - not of battle - but of a terrifying visitor?

Read by Moultrie Kelsall.

William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.

Producer: John Gray

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.

THU 18:30 Bookclub at 20 (b0b53kbw)

Lionel Shriver on Matthew Kneale's English Passengers

To celebrate Bookclub's 20th anniversary, the programme has invited guest authors to choose a highlight from the extensive Bookclub archive. In this edition Lionel Shriver has chosen English Passengers by Matthew Kneale.

Lionel Shriver also talks about her own appearance on Bookclub to discuss We Need to Talk about Kevin. The group of readers were dismayed when she refused to answer questions about whether the protagonist of the novel, the teenage Kevin, was born evil. And she describes how much English Passengers made her laugh and pleads for its author, Matthew Kneale, to please write another book.

English Passengers won Whitbread Book of the Year in 2000. It is narrated by 20 different characters and tells the story of a voyage to look for the Garden of Eden in Tasmania and the rapid decline of that island's indigenous population of Tasmanian Aborigines. James Naughtie, author Matthew Kneale and readers discuss this rampant and ambitious piece of writing that deals with big ideas like radical theory, genocide and Darwinism, yet is hilarious too.

Produced by Dymphna Flynn

First broadcast in 2006

Bookclub at 20 is produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Belinda Naylor.

THU 19:00 J Kingstom Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)

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THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jt5g)

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THU 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Smash Hit of 1453 (b00rt921)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Food Chains (b048nsmz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007zghc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Alone (b0b48yxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b0b53kby)

Newsjack Unplugged, Episode 1

Newsjack Unplugged is a brand new podcast from the same team behind the long running main show on BBC Radio 4

Extra. These exciting short form programmes will feature all the best bits including monologue, archive sketches from past series, all delivered weekly in podcast form.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard McLean and featuring Joe Barnes. Series 19 of the main show will return to BBC 4 Extra in the autumn, and will once again be helmed by main host Angela Barnes.

BBC Studios Production.

THU 22:45 I, Regress (b0194n3z)

Series 1, Episode 2

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

Episode 2: Robin Hood - no relation - comes to Dr Matt Berry with a fear of spiders. The diagnosis seems to be that this may all be down to an unusually potent encounter between an arachnid and a South African grandmother.. Featuring Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (For Your Eyes Only, Star Wars).

The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b5jg0f)

Felicity Ward 2/2

From ten until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats to Aussie comedian Felicity Ward.

THU 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b0436hkz)

Series 3, Multiculturalism
Comedian, Stephen K Amos is joined by Stephen Grant, Nish Kumar and Andrew Maxwell to compile an idiot's guide to multiculturalism.

THU 23:30 Bleak Expectations (b00vy38l)

Series 4, A Now Spoiled Life Smashed Some More

Another chapter of the Victorian comic epic, and this week Pip and Harry journey to the Underworld to rescue Ripely, only to find the evil Mister Benevolent has got there first.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Handland

Pippa Susy Kane

Writer Mark Evans

Producer Gareth Edwards

Another chapter of the Victorian comic epic by Mark Evans.

Pip and Harry must journey to the Underworld to rescue Ripely, but Mr Gently Benevolent has got there first and is planning to unleash the demons of Hell on the streets of London, making them even worse than usual. Meanwhile Ripely seems to be enjoying the company of some Greek Heroes a little too much.

Can Pip prevent a demon invasion of the streets of London?

Can Harry win back the affections of his wife Pippa who has fallen for Benevolent's evil charms? Can anything be more terrifying the Clive the massive cake dragon? And will Mr Benevolent be in trouble with the Devil when she gets back from maternity leave?

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FRI 00:30 Bookclub at 20 (b0b53kbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

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FRI 01:30 Smash Hit of 1453 (b00rt921)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 F Scott Fitzgerald - The Diamond as Big as the Ritz (b07290vn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 On Your Bike (b00yhbxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03pqwy7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b02xf60h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b09sz2mv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018fnt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Alone (b0b48yxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyv)

The Angry Mob

After Delia Dewar implicates him, an angry mob turns on Jimmy Morton. Meanwhile Steve Gardiner discovers his friend's war actions.

Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller stars Teddy Johnson as Steve Gardiner, Jimmy Logan as Jimmy Morton, Effie Morrison as Delia Dewar, Douglas Murchie as Romily Foster, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton, Moultrie R. Kelsall as Detective Inspector Gordon, Hannah Gordon as Lindy Marshall, Eileen McCallum as Diana Wheeler-Sproat, John Young as PC McKenzie, Leonard Maguire as Wilfred Morton and Michael Elder as Mr Dunsmuir.

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast in 1954 on the BBC Home Service in Scotland.

FRI 06:30 The Doll's House (b00sxkv0)

A peek inside the world of the doll's house, by those who had one as a child.

It's the classic little girl's favourite toy and in this programme we hear about the influence the doll's house has had on the imagination of now grown up women and the occasional man, as well as the hobby of doll's houses for adults.

For the children's writer and illustrator, Lauren Child, the first doll's house she saw was made by her friend's mother from a cupboard. It inspired her to make her own which she still is working on today. Many of the textiles which form the backdrop of her successful Charlie and Lola series originated as either wallpapers or fabrics from the doll's house she made in her youth. For her, the doll's house is an environment which you can control. In fact, it's one of the first occasions you get in your childhood to manipulate an environment and make up your own stories.

It's also an area of craftsmanship where Britain leads the world.

Whilst it may seem curious, some of the best examples of miniature building and carving are present in the cottage industries of doll's house furniture makers. We hear from some of the best UK miniature artisans who are as well known in the doll's house world of the States, Japan and the rest of Europe as they are in Britain.

Looking at doll's houses from the 18th and 19th centuries in the Museum of Childhood, we hear that when they were built they were rarely intended as children's toys, but as hobbies for the ladies of the house. Queen Mary's dolls house is discussed complete with miniature family portraits of her family and her arrangement of what she thought the domestic home might look like.

And we hear from the increasing number of women who are keeping the miniaturists in business as the vogue for dolls houses for adults grows.

Producer and Presenter: Sarah Taylor.

FRI 07:00 Andy & Eric Merriman - Minor Adjustment (b0b51x67)

Foetal Attraction

Sarah wants a third child. Richard suggests a holiday might be more fun.

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, Claire Russell as Kate, Sarah Merriman as Amy, Heather Jones as Emma, Lorelei King as Joni, Philip Pope as George, Simon Treves as Eddy, Daniel Merriman as Daniel, Alison Pettit as Mary, John Barnes as the Saxophonist and Bill Pertwee as Uncle Chuckles.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (b0b4zg8c)

Ashley Blaker, Britain's only ultra-Orthodox stand up comedian, presents an insider's view of his religion, specially created for BBC Radio 4. It's a whistle-stop tour of Jewish life and, in particular, a very rare glimpse into the normally inaccessible world of strict Orthodox Judaism.

Ashley is already a well-known name in the Jewish community, having undertaken two critically acclaimed UK tours as well as performing sell-out shows in Israel, South Africa, Canada and Off-Broadway in New York. The Jewish press has described him as "the haredi Michael McIntyre".

As well as being a popular and experienced live performer, Ashley is also a comedy writer and producer for radio and TV. He was responsible for first unleashing Little Britain on an unsuspecting nation on Radio 4. But, being a strict orthodox Jew, he is surely the only person who works in TV without actually owning one.

has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Tom Basden.

FRI 23:00 Spike Milligan - Adolf Hitler: My Part in His Downfall (b00h4cww)

Episode 8

1943: Spike witnesses the bombing of Liverpool. The troops endure a troublesome sea journey, and arrive in Algiers.

Spike Milligan shares more 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 8-parts by BBC Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 23:30 Innes Own World (b0170r0p)

Episode 1

Famed for The Rutles and The Bonzo Dog Band, Neil Innes ruminates wryly on the nature of civilisation. From January 2003.