

Whitfield 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: Adrian Waller
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.
SUN 09:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths (Omnibus) (b0bd7087)
Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our age-old fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their significance - in art and mythology, in literature and in life. Her own interest was inspired by a childhood visit to the palace of Knossos on the island of Crete - where, according to legend, King Minos ordered the construction of a labyrinth to house the half-bull, half-man Minotaur. The creature was slain by the hero Theseus, who famously managed to escape from the labyrinth with the help of a ball of red thread supplied by Minos's daughter, Ariadne.
"This is where it began," says Higgins, "my longing for the labyrinth."
And it's the starting point for this book, which takes us on a journey round some literary labyrinths (including the mysterious, forbidden library in Umberto Eco's novel The Name of the Rose); explores the neuroscience behind our sense of direction (with special reference to the brains of London cabbies); and introduces us to a highly successful professional maze-maker who's designed more than 90 mazes across the globe.
RED THREAD also includes some personal reflections on the author's sense of direction - or lack of it - in her own life:
"What frightens me more than the wrong turns I have taken are the right turns, the ones I so nearly didn't take. What if I hadn't gone to that place, on that day, and met that person, that person who now brings me happiness..?"
Charlotte Higgins is chief culture writer of the Guardian and author of three previous books on the ancient world. She is also the author of This New Noise: the Extraordinary Birth and Troubled Life of the BBC.
Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.
Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young.
First broadcast in five-parts on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b04vr1j7)
Tony and Chris - Magical Powers
Fi Glover with two magicians who are expert in card tricks, mind-reading and spoon-bending, but acknowledge that they deliberately deceive their audiences. Is magic moral?
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 (b07xs9sz)
Adventurers, Chris Bonington
From Salad Days to Joan Baez, mountaineer Chris Bonington shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 1999.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0bd72d5)
Series 7, Inner Compass
True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces tales questioning power in the USSR, New York and on death row.
The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
Series 2, Cicada
5/20. One of the great wild sounds of North America is the purring of insects in the evening, especially that of Cicadas, one of the great stridulating sounds in the wild. This is the tale of one Cicada; the 17-year periodic Cicada that stunned the community in New England thirteen years after the Pilgrim Fathers had landed. There was a plague of insects, all with red

eyes on stalks - and all emerging continuously out of the soil. When the plague subsided a few weeks later the people of Plymouth Rock were braced for another onslaught, but nothing happened until 17 years later. David Attenborough recalls a filming trip to New England to film this species of Cicada with both fascinating natural history and a hilarious twist.
Written and presented by David Attenborough
Produced by Julian Hector.
SUN 12:00 The Clitheroe Kid (b0bd7085)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Take It From Here (b01s648q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Isabel Colegate - The Shooting Party (Omnibus) (b0bd7083)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Clive Dunn - Definitely Dunn (b070p6c6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 Clock Dance (b0bd72d7)
Omnibus pt 2
Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Tyler's novel about family and self-discovery.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes read by Barbara Barnes
Abridged by Sian Preece
Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.
SUN 15:45 As Soon As I Open My Mouth (b007jz54)
Potato, Potahto
A smooth Yank, a Yorkshire 'bumpkin' and their Scottish-sounding daughter. Kim Normanton meets families with different accents.
SUN 16:00 Marie Belloc Lowndes - The Lodger (b0076hh4)
1888: After multiple murders, Londoners are gripped by fear. When wealthy Mr Sleuth takes up residence in the Buntings' lodging house they think their troubles are over. But they're only just beginning...
Marie Belloc Lowndes' classic piece of suspense fiction, inspired by the Jack the Ripper murders.
Narrator Nigel Anthony
Mr BuntingDavid Ryall
Mrs Bunting ...Maggie McCarthy
Mr Sleuth Jon Glover
Joe Chandler ... Harry Myers
Daisy Alison Pettitt
Chief Insp Hopkins ... Paul Moriarty
Policeman ... Brett Fancy
Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan.
Producer: David Blount
Made by Pier Productions for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in 2003.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bd72d9)
Poetry of Gold and Angels 2/2 Los Angeles
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with second part of 'Poetry Of Gold and Angels: Los Angeles. Los Angeles poet and lyricist Stephen J. Kalinich looks to find the real poetic voice of the city - a voice he believes is to be found in the poetry of the streets.
Stephen worked with the Beach Boys as a lyricist in the '60s and also recorded a poetry album with Brian Wilson, 'A World of Peace Must Come' inspired by Vietnam. Indeed peace has been his major theme as a writer. He recited poetry at a concert of 'Sugarman' Sixto Rodriguez. As well as reciting some of his own work, Stephen is on a quest to discover the true poetry of LA. On his journey round the city, he encounters poets such as SA Griffin, from the poetry group Carma Bums who talks about his work also to promote peace with his tour of a 'poetry bomb' - a real bomb filled with poems. He also talks about the harshness of living in a town dominated by the movie industry and a desire to be famous from his experience of working as an actor. And acclaimed song writer PF Sloan talks about his music and difference between writing lyrics and poetry. He also explains how living in LA can sometimes seem like being at a party, being really hungry and the fruit in the fruit bowl is plastic. And meet Ginge, a poet and DJ from the Filipino community who talks about the issues she has encountered and why she needs to represent her community in her work.
Producer: Laura Parfitt
A White Pebble Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.
SUN 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b04mgyps)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Eagle: The Space Age Weekly (b00wqdx6)
is to make first contact with the mysterious civilisation that sent the technological secrets to Earth...
Adventures based on the Eagle comic strip 'Dan Dare' created in 1950 by the Reverend Marcus Morris and Frank Hampson. Starring Ed Stoppard as Dan Dare, Geoff McGovern as Digby, Heida Reed as Professor Peabody and Raad Rawi as the Mekon, Bijan Daneshmand as Sondar, Amber Aga as Treen General, David O'Mahony as the Flight Engineer, Kelly Burke as Flight Control and Dianne Weller as the On-board Computer. Dramatised by Richard Kurti and Bev Doyle.
Director: Andrew Mark Sewell.
Made by B7.
SUN 18:30 Dan Dare (b0076rwk)
The Voyage to Venus, Episode 1
Dashing test pilot, Dan Dare, is selected to fly the Anastasia - a new experimental spacecraft using alien technology - on its maiden voyage to Venus. The mission is to make first contact

with the mysterious civilisation that sent the technological secrets to Earth...
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SUN 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mk5nk)
Series 2, Hermicia
by Bill Dare
Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures. This week, he relives his experiences in Hermicia where charity is strangely in abundance.
Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson
Rachel Gulliver Mariah Gale
Kalfa Colin Hoult
Mena Nina Conti
Boria Martin Treneman
Doctor Patrick Brennan
Rimanda Amaka Okafor
Producer Steven Canny
This is the second series of this satirical adventure story from Bill Dare. The series has attracted an excellent cast led by Neil Pearson and including, Duncan Wisby, Vicki Pepperdine, Lisa Dillon, Colin Hoult, Toby Longworth, Adrian Scarborough, Dan Tetsell, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Debra Stephenson, Colin Hoult, Nina Conti, Jo Bobin and Marcus Brigstocke.
For years Bill Dare wanted to create a satire about different worlds exploring Kipling's idea that we travel, 'not just to explore civilizations, but to better understand our own'. But science fiction and space ships never interested him, so he put the idea on ice. Then Brian Gulliver arrived and meant that our hero could be lost in a fictional world without the need for any sci-fi.
Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university. His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bfqkbp)
Alice Fraser 3/3
From 10pm - midnight, 7 days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith talks to Alice Fraser.
SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b038xtdd)
Edinburgh Special: In Treatment
Clare and Brian's relationship has always been fraught but with communication at an all time low the couple try relationship counselling. A one-off episode recorded in Edinburgh at the Festival.
Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution. A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
Clare struggles to control both her professional and private life and in this special one-off episode recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival - Clare's professional life is impacting on her personal life as she and Brian seek help with their relationship. After all, Clare gives of herself everyday at work - is it her fault there's little left for Brian's dreary problems at the end of the day?
In Treatment - Cast
Written by Harry Venning
Producer: Katie Tyrrell.
SUN 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b007jn95)
Series 1, Episode 4
With 2000 snails in Alex's shed, there are fears that they will take over the village. Stars Gerard Foster and Geoffrey Palmer. From July 2001.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 As Soon As I Open My Mouth (b007jz54)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Marie Belloc Lowndes - The Lodger (b0076hh4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bd72d9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b04mgyps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b01p0twv)
 Series 1, The Ides of March
 Bunny Manders desperately needs ready cash to repay a gambling debt. His old schoolfellow, the celebrated English cricketer AJ Raffles knows just the person to help a fellow out. He's a jeweller in London's Bond Street - and, funnily enough, Raffles had planned to pay him a surprise visit that very night ...
 Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, James Dykes as Young Bunny and George Parsons as Lord Upton.
 EW Hornung's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
 Directed by Gordon House
 A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1985.
MON 06:30 The Matter of the North (b07qc3g3)
 Lakes and Moors: The Power of Northern Landscapes
 Northern landscapes take centre stage in Episode Five as Melvyn Bragg celebrates the fells, lakes and moors that he loves. He meets mountaineer Chris Bonington in North Cumbria and goes on to see how, over the last 200 years the North has provided inspiration for great writers, some of the greatest in the language - Wordsworth, Coleridge, the Brontës - and painters, Ruskin and Turner. The landscape inspired Coleridge, and he came up with the word mountaineering and he's believed to be the first man to climb every peak in the Lake District. Melvyn visits the home of William and Dorothy Wordsworth at Dove Cottage in the Lake District. The area around Coniston water was home to John Ruskin. The poet Ted Hughes, lived in Mytholmroyd in West Yorkshire...and Melvyn says that it's impossible to think northern moorland without bringing to mind the way the Brontës have inscribed themselves on the landscape.
 Contributors
 Professor Simon Bainbridge, Lancaster University
 Professor Sally Bushell, Lancaster University
 Chris Bonington
 Howard Hull, Brantwood, Ruskin's House
 Julian Cooper
 Simon Armitage
 Syima Aslam, Bradford Literature Festival
 Irna Qureshi, Bradford Literature Festival
 Producer: Faith Lawrence.
MON 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b03pmk77)
 Series 5, Home
 Pam Ayres regales her Radio 4 audience with poems, stories and sketches, this week on the subject of Home.
 She is joined on stage by Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey Whitehead, with Geoffrey playing her long-suffering husband 'Gordon'.
 This week Pam talks about her first home, about the impact of her grown up sons leaving home and about the unwelcome prospect of downsizing. There are also looks at how making your home more 'vintage' can go too far, some handy hints on how to make your child feel more at home if they have to return to the nest post-university, and how your homelife changes when both partners have retired. We are also treated to some wry observations on how our homes have now become so hi-tech we can barely change channels on the TV, and how to approach the thorny issue of moving into single beds when your partner's snoring becomes too much to bear.
 Poems include: A September Song, My Little Grandson & Pollen on the Wind
 Sketch writers: James Bugg, Jan Etherington, Claire Jones, Grainne McGuire, Andy Wolton and Tom Neenan.
 Producer: Claire Jones.
MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b0bcglv)
 Series 69, Episode 6
 Back for a second week at the Playhouse Theatre in Oxford, regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by programme stalwart Jeremy Hardy with Jack Dee in the chair. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell.
 Producer - Jon Naismith.
 It is a BBC Studios production.
MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jrp7)
 Cyrano de Hancock
 Chaos looms when Sid confesses he's in love with the lad's secretary, Grizelda.
 Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.
 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 December 1956.
MON 08:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007k29b)
 Inspecting the Piles?
 1948: In their battle to restore the pier in Frambourne-on-Sea, Frank and Uncle Arthur must tackle a tricky situation - with an inflatable dinghy.
 A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier as Arthur Wilson, Ian Lavender as Frank Pike, Bill Pertwee as Bert Hodges and Vivienne Martin as Miss Perkins.
 After a pilot episode was made in 1981, Arthur Lowe sadly died. So this 13-part series was revamped to feature the Dad's Army characters played by Pertwee and Lavender instead. The series was later adapted for ITV by Yorkshire TV.
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1983.
MON 09:00 Dilemma (b01888wg)
 Series 1, Episode 6
 Sue Perkins puts Zoe Lyons, Phill Jupitus, Simon Garfield and Humphrey Ker through the moral and ethical wringer in the show where there are no "right" answers - but some deeply damning ones...
 Quandaries on the agenda include swapped babies, one-night stands, and biochip crime prevention.
 They also try to solve some dilemmas the audience have brought along.
 Devised by Danielle Ward.
 Producer: Ed Morrish.
MON 09:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04nv8v5)
 The Ambassador
 The Dublin Theatrical Costumiers are asked to dress a British Embassy pageant, only to become embroiled in an unfortunate scandal...
 Christopher Fitz-Simon's five-part comedy.
 Stars David Kelly as Dessie Doyle, Pauline McLynn as Violet Doyle, Eugene O'Brien as Antony Gogan, Frank Kelly as Mr McNamara, Bosco Hogan as Mr Bagshot, Ali White as Polly Hoskins and Sylvia Syms as Lady Bletchley.
 Music played by John Trotter.
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Roland Jaqueullo.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.
MON 10:00 Marcy Kahan - A Bullet at Balmains (b005jnj)
 Noel Coward in Post-Liberation Paris, 1948: haute couture, existentialism, jazz . . . and death.
 Coward is in Paris to play the lead in his own play 'Present Laughter' in French. But the murder of a promiscuous mannequin provides a stylish distraction.
 Another adventure for the celebrated playwright, actor, composer and amateur detective by Marcy Kahan.
 Starring Malcolm Sinclair as Noel Coward, Elenor Bron as Lorn Lorraine, Tam Williams as Cole Lesley and Linda Marlowe as Ginette Spanier.
 Director: Ned Chaillet
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
MON 11:00 Anthony Horowitz - Blackfriars Bridge (b012s2gc)
 A cuckolded husband intends to murder his rival. What could go wrong with his fastidious plan? Anthony Horowitz's thriller, read by Robert Bathurst.
MON 11:15 Giles Cooper - The Disagreeable Oyster (b0076rx2)
 Will all the sides of Mervyn Bundy be able to cope when his firm sends him on a trip?
 The BBC Drama Repertory Company star in Giles Cooper's play for radio.
 Starring Hamilton Dyce as Bundy, John Graham as Bundy Minor, Kathleen Helme as Alice, Haydn Jones as the Policeman, Beryl Calder as the Receptionist, June Tobin as Vi, Malcolm Hayes as Popper and Arthur Young.
 Producer: Donald McWhinnie
 First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in 1957.
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MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mw1kw)
 Rose Tremain - Merivel: A Man of His Time, Episode 6
 Rose Tremain returns triumphantly to one of her best loved characters, in the long awaited sequel to her Booker short-listed best-selling novel, Restoration, published in 1989.
 Seventeen years after the events related in Restoration, Merivel, a man of wit, wisdom and not a little passion, is facing a crisis.
 Older and perhaps a little wiser, with his daughter on the brink of adulthood and his dearest friends ageing too, life on his Norfolk estate is no longer sufficiently satisfying. How to reinvigorate his life and find new purpose?
 In today's episode: After his sojourn in France, Merivel has returned to Bidnold, to find his beloved Margaret in the grip of the deadly typhus. But a surprise visitor brings solace and perhaps hope.

The reader is the stage and screen actor Nicholas Woodeson. The abridger was Sally Marmion and the producer was Di Speirs.
MON 14:15 The People's Post: A Narrative History of the Post Office (b017vp92)
 The Secret Room
 As Royal Mail faces an uncertain future, Dominic Sandbrook explores the social history of the post office.
 Throughout its history, the Post Office has been a consistently progressive and democratising force in society. Launched in 1516 by Henry VIII, the Royal Mail was intended to support official communications and bolster intelligence. It was only a rise in literacy, trade and interest that stimulated a demand for a public service.
 It became a vehicle for literacy, free speech, commerce and communications in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, before evolving into a kind of prototypical welfare state in the early twentieth century, when it was the largest employer in the world. The Post Office has become a cherished social institution, linking people together and extending their vision outward into the wider world.
 It's called Royal Mail but it should be known as the People's Post
 In the paranoid era of the English Civil War the postal network became an important instrument of state control. In a secret room deep in the post office building, agents opened and copied letters from suspected dissidents on a grand scale.
 Writer and Presenter: Dominic Sandbrook
 Historical Consultant: Susan Whymann
 Musicians: Sam Lee, Bella Hardy, Mick Sands, Nick Hart
 Actors: Morgan George, John Sessions, Simon Tcherniak, Malcolm Tierney, Jane Whittenshaw
 Producer: Joby Waldman
 A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.
MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03yn66f)
 Lavinia Greenlaw - Five Fever Tales, The Question of Why
 A new drama serial by Lavinia Greenlaw about one of the oldest of human diseases.
 Malaria has blighted human life in parts of the world for as long as humans have been humans. The mosquito, the parasite it carries, and the human bloodstream are evolving together. In many places the parasite still has the upper hand. The Question of Why: the first of five dramas based on facts and taking in ancient historical itches and ideas about the disease and the latest scientific attempts to understand and ouitwit it.
 The disease caused by a parasite carried in the saliva of female mosquitoes came to humans probably from gorillas a long time ago. Through recorded history the fever-prompting disease has shadowed humans almost everywhere warm enough for mosquitoes to live between the Poles. We have evolved together. It is still the biggest killer of children in parts of the world.
 Made with the research assistance of Wellcome Trust.
 Medical/science adviser: Julian Rayner, Sanger Institute.
 Music and sound design: Jon Nicholls
 Narrator: Siobhan Redmond.
 Other parts: Russell Boulter, Richard Bremmer, David Collins, Jasmine Hyde, John Mackay
 Producer: Tim Dee.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b0383jgq)
 Lloyd Bradley - Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital, Episode 1
 The story of a city's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.
 In the first episode the Empire Windrush brings an exciting new style of music to London with the arrival of Caribbean Calypso star Lord Kitchener.
 Read by Ben Onwukwe.
 Written by Lloyd Bradley.
 Abridged by Natalie Steed.
 Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
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MON 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Golden Apples of the Sun (b007jn3n)
 The Golden Apples of the Sun, Hail and Farewell
 From Ray Bradbury's collection of sci-fi short-stories: a tale about a voyage to the sun - and a young boy whose real age is a mystery...
 Starring Don Fellows, Ed Bishop, Simon Treves and Judy Bennett.
 Dramatised by Lawrence Gilbert.
 Producer: Peter Hutchings
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00770jd)
 Janet Reibstein & Roshan Doug
 Sue MacGregor, and her guests - poet, Roshan Doug and psychologist, Janet Reibstein - discuss books by Grace Paley, Dai Sijie and Philip Larkin. From 2006.

Lavinia Greenlaw - Five Fever Tales, The Wrongly Named Tree
 A new drama serial by Lavinia Greenlaw about one of the oldest of human diseases.
 Malaria has blighted human life in parts of the world for as long as humans have been humans. The mosquito, the parasite it carries, and the human bloodstream are evolving together. In many places the parasite still has the upper hand. The Wrongly Named Tree: the second of five dramas based on facts and taking in ancient historical itches and ideas about the disease and the latest scientific attempts to understand and outwit it. The disease caused by a parasite carried in the saliva of female mosquitoes came to humans probably from gorillas a long time ago. Through recorded history the fever-prompting disease has shadowed humans almost everywhere warm enough for mosquitoes to live between the Poles. We have evolved together. It is still the biggest killer of children in parts of the world.
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 Producer: Tim Dee.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b0383pv3)
 Lloyd Bradley - Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital, Episode 2
 Journalist Lloyd Bradley's new book tells the story of a city's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 1940s right up to the present day.
 After his exploration of calypso, author Lloyd Bradley turns his attention to another Caribbean import which has seeped into the soundtrack of London - steel pan.
 Read by Ben Onwukwe.
 Written by Lloyd Bradley.
 Abridged by Natalie Steed.
 Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

TUE 15:00 Marcy Kahan - Death at the Desert Inn (b0016v8d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b015yt4k)
 Series 4, Ince, Highfield, Edwards
 Hosted by the Professor of Ignorance from the University of Buckingham John Lloyd C.B.E. and the intensely curious comedian Dave Gorman.
 This week's guests:

Coming from a long line of vicars, Robin Ince is the UK's most rational comedian, and he tests his reason to the limit once every year by performing at least four shows a day at the Edinburgh fringe. His infamous Bad Book Club, which in which he invites his fellow comedians to celebrate awful literature, has become an institution, and his massive Christmas show Nine Lessons and Carols For Godless People is now a huge event, featuring the likes of Jarvis Cocker, Dara O Briain and Richard Dawkins.
 Roger Highfield is a scientist, science author and the editor of New Scientist, but if you met him, you wouldn't immediately guess that science is his thing. He's jolly and worldly and has the hearty laugh of a comic supervillain. He first made his name as a scientist being the first person ever to bounce a neutron off a soap bubble. Roger has written and co-written 9 best-selling science books, including a book on the haws and whys of Dolly the sheep, an explanation of the science of Harry Potter and a biography of Einstein.
 Gareth Edwards is a filmmaker whose success and methods of achieving it have sent ripples of fear through the studios of Hollywood. His movie Monsters is an apocalyptic blockbuster which he made for one five hundredth of the budget for Avatar by shooting with a small, mobile team, hiring non-actors on the spot and using dazzling-but-cheap CGI effects.

TUE 16:30 Any Other Business (b013cnyp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Secrets and Lattes (b040hhmm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Jake Yapp's Media Circus (b0bcgw3b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Golden Apples of the Sun (b007jn3z)
 The Flying Machine, The Fruit at the Bottom of the Bowl
 From Ray Bradbury's collection of sci-fi short-stories: the terrible perils of invention and the murderous dangers of jealousy...

Starring Don Fellows, Ed Bishop, Turan Ali and Paul Maxwell.
 Dramatised by Lawrence Gilbert.
 Producer: Peter Hutchings
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

TUE 18:30 Meet the Parents (b01jxxzs)
 Series 2, Evelyn Glennie
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Evelyn Glennie talks to her mum about life growing up in Aberdeen and how her parents' musical influences led her to become a musician. She also explains how she had to overcome losing her hearing at the age of 12.

TUE 19:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007vlws)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Men From the Ministry (b007jq45)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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TUE 20:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b01p0wps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 The Matter of the North (b07sy32x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Borderlands (b007q61t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b00h8nh9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Jake Yapp's Media Circus (b0bcgw3b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 BBC New Comedy Award (b0bd7yvv)
 2018, Semi-Final 1 - Edinburgh
 The first semi-final of the BBC New Comedy Award 2018, hosted by Mark Watson and recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Acts are: Helen Bauer, Matt Hutchinson, Sarah Mann, Stephen Buchanan and William Stone.

The judges are comedians Angela Barnes, Marcus Brigstocke and Julia McKenzie (Executive Editor, BBC Studios Radio Comedy).

TUE 23:15 Don't Start (b06wg843)
 Series 3, Driving

What do long term partners really argue about? The third series of Frank Skinner's sharp comedy. Starring Frank Skinner and Katherine Parkinson.

In this episode, Kim and Neil's return home from a funeral involves a missed left turn, a backseat stenographer and the planet Zobula.

The first and second series of Don't Start met with instant critical and audience acclaim:

"That he can deliver such a heavy premise for a series with such a lightness of touch is testament to his skills as a writer and, given that the protagonists are both bookworms, he's also permitted to use a flourish of fine words that would be lost in his stand-up routines." Jane Anderson, Radio Times

"Frank Skinner gives full rein to his sharp but splenetic comedy. He and his co-star Katherine Parkinson play a bickering couple exchanging acerbic ripostes in a cruelly precise dissection of a relationship." Daily Mail

"...a lesson in relationship ping-pong..." Miranda Sawyer, The Observer

Don't Start is a scripted comedy with a deceptively simple premise - an argument. Each week, our couple fall out over another apparently trivial flashpoint. Each week, the stakes mount as Neil and Kim battle with words. But these are no ordinary arguments. The two outdo each other with increasingly absurd images, unexpected literary references and razor sharp analysis of their beloved's weaknesses. Underneath the cutting wit, however, there is an unmistakable tenderness.

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 23:30 The Malty Collection (b00cz0j)

Series 1, Episode 6
 A TV detective star fancies Prunella during filming at the museum. With Geoffrey Palmer and guest Hugh Dennis. From July 2007.

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WED 00:00 Ray Bradbury - Golden Apples of the Sun (b007jn3z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Meet the Parents (b01jxxzs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b01p0wps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Matter of the North (b07sy32x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mw5j8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 The People's Post: A Narrative History of the Post Office (b017wy75)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03ynf5h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b0383pv3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Marcy Kahan - Death at the Desert Inn (b0016v8d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b015yt4k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Any Other Business (b013cnyp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Secrets and Lattes (b040hhmm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Jake Yapp's Media Circus (b0bcgw3b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b01p10th)
 Series 1, A Costume Piece

Reuben Rosenthal has made his millions in the diamond fields of South Africa, and it seems only right and proper to Raffles that some of this wealth should be redistributed.

But his attempts to seize the diamonds don't quite go according to plan, as a low-key stakeout spirals into a terrifying scramble for survival.

Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Geoffrey Matthews as Reuben Rosenthal and John

Hollis as 'Slammer' Purvis.

EW Hornung's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Directed by Gordon House
 A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1985.

WED 06:30 The Matter of the North (b07synw)
 Manchester: First City of the Industrial Revolution

Melvyn Bragg celebrates the achievements of Manchester, the original northern powerhouse. Its emblem is the bee, a symbol of work, cooperation and industry. It was from here that huge scientific, social and commercial changes would sweep the globe. Melvyn visits Quarry Bank Mill in Styal outside Manchester which is one of the best preserved textile mills in the country.

Melvyn visits the house of the novelist Elizabeth Gaskell, who chronicled the rapidly changing lives of the people who lived in or near Manchester, or Cottonopolis as it was known. Melvyn hears how a culture of dissent or non-conformity fed into the city's spirit of invention. He discusses the great scientists that came out of the city - James Joule the father of thermodynamics and John Dalton the father of atomic theory. Melvyn also hears about one of the country's biggest and now largely forgotten art exhibitions which was held in Manchester - The Art Treasures exhibition of 1857.

Contributors
 Canon Apiarist Adrian Rhodes, Manchester Cathedral
 Professor Hannah Barker, University of Manchester
 Dr James Sumner, University of Manchester
 Jenny Uglow
 Dr Katy Layton-Jones, University of Leicester
 Maria Balshaw, The Whitworth Art Gallery
 Producer: Faith Lawrence.

WED 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b0qrc)
 Series 2, Tommy Winger a Knighthood
 Comeback duo singer Tommy mounts his own campaign to be awarded an MBE.

30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.

Series 2 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.
 With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Mike Coleman and Edward Halstead.
 Music by Frido Ruth.
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

WED 07:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07v0hnp)
 The Route

Stand-up comic Josh Howie comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.

In this fourth episode, Josh and his wife Monique attend their first NCT class where Josh typically manages to fall out with almost everyone.

Written by Josh Howie.
 Produced by Ashley Blaker
 A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b013r1vy)
 A Deliberate Bashing

Desperate to escape his mother-in-law, can Captain Povey rely on the crew of HMS Troutbridge to assist?

Starring Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Richard Cildicote as Captain Povey, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Tenniel Evans as Taffy Goldstein, Janet Brown as Mrs Crump and Lawrie Wyman as the Inspector.

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 April 1963.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (b008yrvn)
 From 15/07/1958

Kenneth Horne finally has his request played on Housewives' Choice, and Hornerma looks at 1908.

Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Ron Moody.

Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took
 Music from Pat Lancaster, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio and the BBC Review Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: Douglas Smith
 A madcap mix of sketches and songs, Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 13 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 1. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1958.

WED 09:00 Who Goes There? (b007v2sv)
 Series 2, Episode 2

Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of the noteworthy and notorious from the history books.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis When and Fred Housego with guests Claire Rayner and Roy Hattersley.

FRI 05:00 North By Northamptonshire (b03nt1sw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (b0bclyv3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 EW Horning - Raffles (b01p3hkh)

Series 1, Wilful Murder

Bunny is horrified when gentleman thief Raffles calmly declares he wants to try a different crime - by planning to commit a murder.

Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Henry Stammer as Inspector MacKenzie, Ron Pember as Crawshaw and John Church as Sergeant/Waiter.

EW Horning's early Raffles stories dramatised by David Buck. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Directed by Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1985.

FRI 06:30 The Matter of the North (b07tbkwz)

The 20th-Century North

Melvyn Bragg explores the great cultural movements that came from the North of England which rippled out to affect the world - music with the Beatles, social commentary with Coronation Street and the rise of some of Britain's greatest comedians. Melvyn Bragg examines the contribution of the north to British culture throughout the 20th century - and celebrates the way in which it refreshed and transformed the arts of this country. Also included are some of the earliest voices of northerners ever recorded - part of the Berliner Lautarchiv collection recorded by Wilhelm Doegen - held at Humboldt Universität. The British Library also offers access to these recordings via its website.

Contributors

Maxine Peake

Dame Joan Bakewell

Lee Hall

Sir Michael Parkinson

Professor Dave Russell

Jimmy McGovern

Dame Judi Dench

David Hockney

Producer: Faith Lawrence.

FRI 07:00 Winston (b00pbv78)

Winston Back Home, So This Is What Happiness Is All About The idyllic return of Winston and Nancy to Winterleaf Gunner proves to be short-lived...

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

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

FRI 07:30 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)

Series 3, Legacy

The third series of writer Jon Canter's version of Richard Wilson's autobiography. Will you believe any of it?

After a recent brush with death, Richard considers the legacy he will leave behind. So he ponders the best way to bequeath something to the next generation.

Produced and Directed by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0125g83)

Series 7, Episode 13

A look at love, sex and marriage - plus a tense climax in the hunt for the Professor Prune's Time Trousers.

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

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1969.

FRI 08:30 Listen to Les (b00d8yxw)

Les Dawson's topic is marriage and mothers-in-law, plus Wotan, Man of Steel camps it up.

With Daphne Oxenford, Eli Woods and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1985.

FRI 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b03srj01)

Series 12, Episode 6

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Graeme Garden, Jeremy Hardy and Victoria Coren Mitchell are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as the British, beetles, the Clergy and novels.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

Series 4, Family Album

"Look at this old dear - roses round her cottage door, a cosy smell of making cake wafting from her kitchen. I can imagine a lot of people buying that, putting it in a frame and claiming it as their own grandmother. Probably easier to cope with than the

real thing".

Eleanor's family snaps spark arguments with daughter Sarah over the past...

Stars Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Jean Anderson as Auntie Lilian.

Written by Simon Brett

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b03xtx55)

Dante Alighieri - The Divine Comedy, Paradiso

Blake Ritson, Hattie Morahan and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's extraordinary journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise.

In Episode 3: Paradiso, Dante's spiritual journey comes to a glorious conclusion as he (Blake Ritson) is led by Beatrice (Hattie Morahan) through the spheres of Paradise and into the presence of God himself. As they ascend, they encounter a number of souls who have also achieved blessedness.

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, reflects on the episodes from his life that have inspired his great poem.

All other parts are played by members of the company. The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt. Sound design is by Cal Knightley.

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0b0b7ym)

Emma Gannon: Nobody Panic and The Poetry Exchange. Made for 4 Extra. Emma Gannon joins Amanda Litherland to recommend favourite podcasts. Including Nobody Panic and The Poetry Exchange.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0125g83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Listen to Les (b00d8yxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 EW Horning - Raffles (b01p3hkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Matter of the North (b07tbkwz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mx2wb)

Rose Tremain - Merivel: A Man of His Time, Episode 10

Rose Tremain returns triumphantly to one of her best loved characters, in the long awaited sequel to her Booker short-listed best-selling novel, Restoration, published in 1989.

Seventeen years after the events related in Restoration, Merivel, a man of wit, wisdom and not a little passion, is facing a crisis. Older and perhaps a little wiser, with his daughter on the brink of adulthood and his dearest friends ageing too, life on his Norfolk estate is no longer sufficiently satisfying. How to reinvigorate his life and find new purpose?

In today's episode: Sir Robert sets out for Switzerland, and has a lusty encounter on the road to what may prove true love and enlightenment.

The reader is the stage and screen actor Nicholas Woodeson.

The abridger was Sally Marmion and the producer was Di Speirs.

FRI 14:15 The People's Post: A Narrative History of the Post Office (b017x4fv)

Freepost

In the early 1800s the post office operated an expensive and illogical payment system. This forced letter-writers into ever more imaginative ways of avoiding postage, from using private couriers, to hiding letters in barrels of butter, to sending coded newspapers. MPs were allowed to send letters for free, but as only a signature was required it created a system that was ripe for abuse.

As Royal Mail faces an uncertain future, Dominic Sandbrook charts the development of the post office and examines it's impact on literacy, free speech, commerce and communication.

Writer and Presenter: Dominic Sandbrook

Historical Consultant: Susan Whyman

Musicians: Sam Lee, Bella Hardy, Mick Sands, Nick Hart. Actors: Morgan George, John Sessions, Simon Tcherniak, Malcolm Tierney, Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Joby Waldman

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b03yqwhg)

Lavinia Greenlaw - Five Fever Tales, Emergency Prescriptions. Kept Up One's Sleeve

A new drama serial by Lavinia Greenlaw about one of the oldest of human diseases.

Malaria has blighted human life in parts of the world for as long as humans have been humans. The mosquito, the parasite it carries, and the human bloodstream are evolving together. In many places the parasite still has the upper hand. Emergency Prescriptions Kept up One's Sleeve: the last of five dramas based on facts and taking in ancient historical itches and ideas about the disease and the latest scientific attempts to understand and outwit it.

The disease caused by a parasite carried in the saliva of female mosquitoes came to humans probably from gorillas a long time ago. Through recorded history the fever-prompting disease has shadowed humans almost everywhere warm enough for mosquitoes to live between the Poles. We have evolved together. It is still the biggest killer of children in parts of the world.

Made in collaboration with Wellcome Trust.

Medical/science adviser: Julian Rayner, Sanger Institute.

Music and sound design: Jon Nicholls

Narrator: Siobhan Redmond.

Other parts: Russell Boulter, Richard Bremner, David Collins, Jasmine Hyde, John Mackay. Producer: Tim Dee.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b0385knn)

Lloyd Bradley - Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital, Episode 5

The story of a city's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the '40s right up to the present day.

In the final episode, jungle and garage pave the way for grime, a style which has crossed over into the mainstream.

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FRI 17:30 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Phillip Levene - Cold Storage (b007jxmr)

Cold stores are intended only for perishable goods - so the doors don't always have handles on the inside - as one accident-prone frozen food manufacturer finds out...

Phillip Levene's drama stars Nigel Graham as Robert Craig, Bonnie Hurren as Lucy Craig and John Forrest as Alan Scott. Producer: Margaret Etal

First broadcast in Thirty-Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.

FRI 18:30 Mastertapes (b03h35tp)

Series 3, Robbie Williams (B-Side)

John Wilson continues with his new series in which he talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them. Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios. Each edition includes two episodes, with John initially quizzing the artist about the album in question, and then, in the B-side, the audience puts the questions. Both editions feature exclusive live performances. Programme 1, the B-side. Having discussed the making of "Life Thru A Lens", the album he released after leaving boy-band Take That (in the A-side of the programme, broadcast on Monday 11th November and available online), Robbie Williams candidly responds to questions from the audience and performs live versions of some of the tracks from that debut solo album, as well as his new release, "Swings Both Ways"

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

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FRI 22:30 Funny From the Fringe (b0b0b7ym)

Award-winning comedian, Jayde Adams takes us on a journey to the 2018 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

A Fringe veteran, she gets amongst it, taking us from the big glitzy theatres to the sweaty underground venues where the best shows you've never heard of perform.

This is the full Edinburgh Festival Fringe experience, but in your ears.

A BBC Studios Production.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bg64bm)

Jacob Hawley. 1/2

From 10pm - midnight, 7 days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Jacob Hawley. Episode 1 of 2.

FRI 23:00 Rubbish (b00770g2)

Series 1, Diversity

Diversity: Local government officer Martin Christmas wants inner peace, but is feeling held back. Stars Reece Dinsdale. From October 2006.

FRI 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00mwrhk)

Series 5, Alastair Campbell interviews Alastair McGowan. Chat show in which the one week's interviewee becomes the following week's interviewer.

Alastair Campbell interviews impressionist, comedian and actor Alastair McGowan.