

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018

SAT 00:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b05t3dh9)

Series 1

The Other Earthsea

Ursula Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga set on the magical archipelago rich with wizards and dragons.

Based on the novel The Farthest Shore by Ursula Le Guin.

Adapted by Judith Adams.

A strange plague is spreading over Earthsea and the springs of wizardry are drying up. Driven to seek out the source of the trouble, Archmage Ged has embarked on a perilous journey with young prince Arren. Their travels have taken them to a land cursed with a strange soul sickness, as they seek the man behind this darkness.

Ged Shaun Dooley

Tenar Vineeta Rishi

Arren Will Featherstone

Cob Toby Jones

Nilgu Noma Dumezweni

Orm Ember Ayesha Antoine

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00766h6)

Siblings

Misha Glennie, Martin Newell and Elizabeth Bond join Chris Bigsby to explore family ties and blood relation.

In each programme, Professor Bigsby introduces a duo of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.

The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2002.

SAT 01:00 Agatha Christie - Ordeal by Innocence

(b03yqn0n)

Episode 2

Dr. Calgary joins forces with Inspector Huish to try to find out the truth about Rachel Argyle's murder. But the family is still resisting his investigation.

SAT 01:30 Playing Ping Pong with Henry Miller (b037706h)

"Henry Miller, Norman Mailer and Charles Manson, the three pillars of misogyny," according to Gore Vidal - yet many women writers today cite Miller as an influence.

Using his time in California as a prism, acclaimed poet Kim Addonizio explores how, despite his reputation as a pornographic, unredeemed misogynist, Miller's time in Big Sur, California, transformed him into a family man and ping pong fanatic.

With an exclusive interview with his son Tony Miller, a visit to the Henry Miller Memorial Library, in Big Sur, Addonizio hears great stories of epic table tennis tournaments during the long winters, struggles to make ends meet, as she meets those who remember Miller's time in the woods during his 18 year stay.

She explores the roots of the personal growth movement that flourished on the Californian coast, at the time, of which Miller became an unexpected exponent of, at the world famous Esalen Institute, and tries to find out why he appeals to young women readers today.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall.

SAT 02:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family

(b0bn13c6)

Episode 5

A Death in the Family is the first book in the six volume cycle of autobiographical novels, My Struggle. Karl Ove Knausgaard's memoir has been described, in many countries, as a masterpiece.

With searing honesty, and an unflinching gaze turned upon himself and those around him, he writes about his teenage years in Norway. Later, he looks back on the writing of this book, the changes in his life and his second marriage to Linda, and the arrival of their children. Becoming a father prompts further reflections on family life and his relationship with his own father.

Karl Ove Knausgaard was born in December 1968. He published two novels, in 1998 and 2004, which both won prizes in Norway. The six volume series of novels, titled Min Kamp in Norwegian, were published between 2009 and 2011, totalling over 3,500 pages. The sixth and final volume, translated by Don Bartlett, has recently been published in the UK. He lives in Sweden with his wife, the writer Linda Boström Knausgaard, and their four children.

Written by by Karl Ove Knausgaard

Translated by Don Bartlett

Read by David Threlfall

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Jill Waters

Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:15 The Making of Music (b007s42x)

Series 1

Albertopolis

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

30/30. Albertopolis

The Royal Albert Hall opened in 1871 and celebrated a Prince Consort who championed both music and culture.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b06tvswh)

Toni Morrison - Beloved

Episode 5

By Toni Morrison

Adapted by Patricia Cumper

Toni Morrison's seminal 1987 novel about a haunted house in the era that followed the abolition of slavery in the United States is adapted for radio for the first time. Toni Morrison's masterpiece melds horror and poetry as it tells the story of Sethe, a woman who escaped slavery by crossing the Ohio river, but who, eighteen years later, is still not free.

A young woman calling herself Beloved has arrived and stayed at One Twenty-Four Bluestone Road, and her hold, on each of its residents, has strengthened day by day.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03h7grj)

Martin Sandler - The Letters of John F Kennedy

Episode 5

Letters to and from President Kennedy are published in book form and edited by Martin W Sandler to mark fifty years since the assassination of 1963. And a selection, abridged in five episodes by Penny Leicester, reveal the drama and tensions to do with American foreign policy. Other letters reveal Kennedy's wit and warmth when contacting friends and family:

5. Kennedy receives a vivid communique from his advisor JK Galbraith about the practicalities of shelter during nuclear attack. Later he writes to the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan - words of social nicety and trepidation about the Russians.

Readers Colin Stinton, Richard Laing, Peter Marinker and Trevor White

Producer Duncan Minshall.

SAT 03:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0121xgr)

Deaths and Entrances

John's political pursuits lead him to Westminster and Welsh valley mines.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in 8 episodes by Ken Whitmore.

With Alan Meadows as Haslett, Geoffrey Wheeler as Tom Hannaway, Herbert Smith as Marsden, Jeffrey Wickham as Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle, Helen Ryan as Lady Lettice Melland, June Barry as Anne Artingstall and Rosalie Crutchley as Lizzie Lightowler.

With Peter Guinness as Harry Liskeard, Andrew Jackson as Arnold, Rosalie Williams as Ellen, Vida Paterson as Pen Muff, Nina Holloway as Nell Richards, Helen Ryan as Lady Lettice Melland, Geoffrey Wheeler as Tom Hannaway, Jeffrey Wickham as Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle, James Tomlinson as Carrickfergus, June Barry as Anne Artingstall, Richard Clay-Jones as Evan Vaughan, John Baldwin as Jimmy Newbould, Rosalie Crutchley as Lizzie Lightowler, Herbert Smith as Marsden and Rory Scase as the Gallery Assistant.

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)

Series 3

Andrew Neil

Broadcaster and former Sunday Times Editor Andrew Neil is in the hot seat posing questions all about him.

On the panel: comedians Sue Perkins, Caroline Quinlan, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jzcd)

Series 1

Wise After the Event

The lives of Rosie and her granddaughter Jo are shaken by the return to Rosie's daughter Kate after a long spell working abroad.

Prunella Scales in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Michael Fenton Stevens as Mr Blantyre and Stephen Thorne as Mr Joost.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 05:00 Two Doors Down (b0089m6j)

Series 1

The Height of the Iguana

Horrified residents of Marlborough Road discover Sally might be leaving them. They could never survive their own chaos without her.

Meanwhile, the free range children plan revenge on Victor...

Conclusion of series one of Annie McCartney's sitcom.

Starring Frances Tomelty as Sally, Ali White as Saffron, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Robert Patterson as Tony, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Alan Mckee as Victor, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Joel McElnay as Ben, Alfie Lloyd as Sam and Gerard McSorley as Trevor.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

SAT 05:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b0bnlsg6)

A Decent Interval

Episode 3

by Jeremy Front

based on Simon Brett's novel

Directed by Sally Avens

Charles has eventually got a job in Hamlet but within a week the reality star playing Hamlet has been hospitalized and the one playing Ophelia found dead.

Charles may not have been a fan of their acting abilities but he doesn't want the show to close and he suspects foul play, but who would want to kill them?

SAT 06:00 Anne Caulfield - Elsie, Doris, Gert and Daisy (b01kq0wh)

Celia Imrie and Susie Blake star in Anne Caulfield's imaginative celebration of the classic music hall duo, Elsie and Doris Waters, and their immortal gossipy characters Gert and Daisy.

Larking about in a recording studio, Elsie and Doris created the ebullient Cockneys, who were to take them away from the East End and into a world they'd only ever dreamed about...

Doris Walters ---- Celia Imrie

Elsie Walters ---- Susie Blake

Gert ---- Tilly Vosburgh

Daisy ---- Tessa Peake-Jones

Older Elsie ---- Ann Beach

Older Doris ---- Barbara Atkinson

Sam ---- David Bradley

Young Sam ---- Chris Wright

Mother ---- Patience Tomlinson

Father ---- Geoffrey Whitehead

Jack Warner ---- Stephen Critchlow

Young Jack ---- Guy Edwards

Lord Woolton ---- David Timson

Mary ---- Jill Graham

Kenneth ---- Roger May

Kenneth's Mother ---- Zulema Dene

Pianist: Colin Guthrie

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SAT 07:30 Our Language in Your Hands (b01p6zt6)

South Africa

Anthropologist and linguist Dr Mark Turin travels to South Africa to get to grips with the country's complex language politics and policies. Until the mid 1990s, there were just two official languages, English and Afrikaans, while other indigenous African languages were sidelined. Today the situation is different, with eleven official languages recognized by the Constitution of South Africa as having equal value and importance.

But what does that mean in reality? How can so many languages operate alongside each other in Parliament? And can they all have equal weight? Mark Turin visits a Soweto school to find out which languages children learn and what they speak in the playground, and talks to multilingual journalists and writers about the importance of their mother tongues.

He meets Afrikaans speakers to learn whether their language can shake off its associations with the racist apartheid regime, and visits Cape Town to see the South African Parliament in action and meet the interpreters that make it work.

Mark Turin is used to heated discussions when it comes to politics and language, and in South Africa he finds his greatest challenge.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b05rk6m8)

Who's Your Father, Referee?

Clive Anderson explores the reasons behind the apparent decline in the level of respect shown to the football referee and asks - amid all the abuse, death threats and endless scrutiny and criticism - who on earth would want to be a referee.

He searches through the archives for evidence of a golden age in which the referee's decision was final, and traces the various changes in the game which appear to have fuelled the problems for referees. When and why did things turn so ugly?

Top referees, commentators, sports journalists and former players discuss how television coverage, slow motion cameras and endless analysis by pundits have contributed to the growing pressures on the man in the middle. They argue about who is blame for undermining the authority of referees - over-paid players, aggressive managers or the media. Do the referees contribute to their own problem, by making too many mistakes or being overly officious?

Former professional referee Dermot Gallagher says that, despite high-profile incidents and worrying accounts of violence against referees in parks football, there has never been a better time to be a referee.

Rugby, cricket and other sports are not without their problems in this area, but why does the situation appear to be so acute in football? Sports sociologist, Dr Richard Elliot considers whether behaviour towards sports officials reflect changes in attitudes towards authority in wider society.

An Above the Title production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (b0bn22mh)

Since he was first given a tape recorder in 1967, Wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson has been fascinated by the possibilities of sound. In this programme he revisits that first tape recorder, demonstrates cutting edge recording & editing equipment, and tells the story of the technological advances in radio from the first outside broadcast, through the Radiophonic Workshop and to the current explosion in podcasting.

We hear from some of Chris' favourite broadcasters, dip into

his collection of sound recordings, and hear programmes from the world of podcasting & Sound Art Radio as well as classics from the BBC Archive.

Programmes include:

* Orchestra Under The Waves

A unique musical compilation made of sounds recorded under water, presented by Evelyn Glennie

* The Ditch

Afternoon drama by Paul Evans about a Wildlife sound recordist who goes missing, leaving some intriguing recordings behind...

* Fifteen Inches Per Second

Documentary about the use of quarter inch tape

* Six House Parties

An episode of the podcast 'Imaginary Advice', created by the poet and performer Ross Sutherland.

* The Iron Speaks - When The Far Becomes Near

Creative documentary about radio broadcasting in the United Arab Emirates, produced by Christopher John Weaver and Fari Bradley. Contributors include Dr Zaki Nussaibeh, Salim Obaid Al Alelee, Dr Yousef Aydabi and Dr. Arif Al Sheikh. Voiceovers were by Frank Key, William English & Bijan Daneshmand

The programme originally aired as part of Six Pillars, on Resonance FM <https://www.resonancefm.com/>

Presenter: Chris Watson

Producer: Jessica Trean

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2018.

SAT 12:00 Just a Minute (b00zsd0w)

Series 59

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons is joined by Julian Clary, Paul Merton, Graham Norton and Terry Wogan as they try to speak without hesitation, repetition or deviation. Subjects include, My Disastrous Trip to the Zoo and for Julian Clary especially... Innuendo.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

SAT 12:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)

Series 3

Episode 1

Singers Tommy and Sheila have a supermarket to open - and go silver surfing.

Sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, but now they're back in the big time.

Series 3 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley and Edward Halstead. Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

SAT 13:00 Love Henry James: What Maisie Knew (Omnibus) (b0bn2411)

Following her parents' divorce, six-year-old Maisie finds herself at the centre of their bitter struggle.

Written by Henry James and dramatised by Amanda Dalton. MAISIE.....Talia Barnett

BEALE FARANGE.....Andonis Anthony

IDA FARANGE.....Joanne Mitchell

MISS OVERMORE / MRS BEALE.....Emma Naomi

MRS WIX.....Julie Hesmondhalgh

HENRY JAMES.....John Lynch

Directed by Nadia Molinari

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

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0bn2422)

Loyd Grossman

The Food-loving broadcaster Loyd Grossman picks 'Ragtime Cowboy Joe' and 'You Really Got Me' by The Kinks.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b00773y8)

Adrian Mitchell

Poet and playwright, Adrian Mitchell, shares some of his favourite poetry and prose, including Mark Twain and William Blake.

The readers are Helen Atkinson Wood, Peter Marinker and Philip Franks.

Producer: Viv Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 14:45 Stewart Permutt - Singular Women (b00755cm)

Dora

Lesley Joseph recreates her stage role as Dora, a 'person of restricted growth' whose performances are under threat. From 1997.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b05rk6m8)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b06knp8c)

Doing Time

The Doctor does time on the prison planet Folly. Can he endure a year in solitary?

Peter Davison is the Fifth Doctor with his companion Nyssa played by Sarah Sutton.

This episode is one of four generated by Big Finish Productions' 2010 'Opportunity for New Writers' contest, which attracted around 1200 entries.

Peter Davison played the Fifth Doctor on BBC TV from 1981 to 1984.

Sarah Sutton played Nyssa between 1981 and 1983. She was first seen on 'The Keeper of Traken' - Traken being Nyssa's home planet, when she starred with the Fourth Doctor (Tom Baker)

Written by Rick Briggs.

Original music composed by Richard Fox and Lauren Yason.

Directed by Ken Bentley

Producer: David Richardson

A Big Finish production.

SAT 18:30 Fear On 4 (b007jqjm)

The Chimes of Midnight

The consuming passion of a theoretical physicist leads him into a great deal of gruesome trouble.

Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.

Stars David Suchet as Professor Richard Hargreaves, John Rowe as Jonathan Tempary, Jenny Lee as Mary, Alison Pettit as Moira, Jillie Meers as Woman at lecture and Christopher Wright as Toby.

Written by Nick Fisher.

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

SAT 19:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (b0bn22mh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Old Harry's Game (b00cgsrw)

Series 5

Power Politics

Hell's got work force problems, and Satan learns who truly yields power. Devilish sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From October 2005.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00tbbhg)

Series 6

Ronni Ancona interviews Lee Mack

A brand new series of Chain Reaction, the talk show with a twist where this week's guest becomes next week's interviewer.

This series kicks off with Scottish actress, comedian and impressionist Ronni Ancona interviewing one of the UK's most celebrated comics, writer and star of "Not Going Out" Lee Mack.

Ronni asks Lee about being a Red Rum stable boy, his worst ever gig and his amazing juggling talents.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bp2nr6)

Hal Cruttenden 2/2

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Hal Cruttenden.

SAT 23:00 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b008z5ld)

Series 2

Episode 4

Invention as it happens as Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney perform improvised sketches driven by the audience. From February 2008.

SAT 23:30 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b0174hvv)

Intelligence

Mark Watson continues his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden.

As broadcast live in November 2011 - Mark invites the audience join in via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

Mark asks the big questions that are crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - in a dynamic and thought provoking new format he opens the floor to the live audience and asks them to jump into the conversation via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

This week Mark looks at "Intelligence" - A certain amount of intelligence is pretty useful. Without the ability to reflect and calculate, we would all be setting fire to our shoes and buying those novels about women who shop and have relationship issues. Yet intelligence has been something of a curse to many. Galileo was tortured for knowing more about science than the church leaders, and Paxman sighs an awful lot when he's hosting University Challenge.

We all know the phrase 'a little learning is a dangerous thing, but then so is a lot of learning, but then again you wouldn't want none at all. So... oh dear, we're basically ruined. We'd better knock down all our schools and universities.' Are we sometimes too smart for our own good?

Mark Watson is a multi-award winning comedian, including the inaugural If.Comedy Panel Prize 2006. He is assisted by Tim Key, winner of Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2009 and Tom Basden who won the the If.Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2007.

Produced by Lianne Coop.

First broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

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SUN 06:00 Toni Morrison - Beloved (b06vc382)

Omnibus

Following the American Civil War, the spirit of a murdered child haunts the home of a former slave.

Toni Morrison's seminal 1987 novel about a haunted house in the era that followed the abolition of slavery in the United States. Melding horror and poetry, this is the story of Sethe, a woman who escaped slavery by crossing the Ohio river, but who, 18 years later, is still not free.

Narrated by Adjoa Andoh. With Nadine Marshall as Sethe, Pippa Bennett-Warner as Denver and Danny Sapani as Paul D. Omnibus of the first five of ten parts adapted by Patricia Cumper.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 07:15 Gretta Mulrooney - The Gold Digger (b0bn26vx)

4 Extra Debut. Jack Daly's daughters are unhappy about the new woman, and new direction, in his life. Read by Dermot Crowley. From November 2002.

SUN 07:30 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

Series 1

Mount Kilimanjaro

Not being the outdoors types, the women tackle their own more unorthodox challenges involving a bra, a man and some special equipment...

After treatment for Ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad, Jill is sad and Terri is definitely danger to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles.

In 'Bad Salsa', two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!

Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death. Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.

For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. The characters in the series have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." As in the real world, the challenges of everyday life go on for our characters; like us they have boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents, but unlike us their brush with mortality has given them a new perspective.

The fun and excitement of the series is in watching them decide to preserve the pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"

Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.

SUN 08:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nm0k5)

Transatlantic Tangle

The Huggett family are baffled by a mystery letter that arrives from America.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, George Howell as Bobby, Marion Collins as Jane, Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings and Patricia Hayes as Mamie Webb.

Popular working-class family, the Huggetts first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.

SUN 08:30 Take It From Here (b01d8nxs)

From 07/05/1958

A spy film spoof takes to the rails in 'Night Train to Paris', while Ron's got money troubles in 'The Glums'.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.

Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

SUN 09:00 Churchill's Passions (Omnibus) (b0bn26xz)

Andrew Roberts' five essays on Winston Churchill tying in with his book about the man.

He describes the character traits and enduring influences that made up this great politician's life - the sense of destiny, the 'shades' of his father, his various friendships, his chronic 'tearfulness', and the wit and wisdom he often employed to effect.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

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

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b04fzblf)

Victor and Finola - The Key of Heaven
Fi Glover introduces a conversation in which 63 year old Victor shares the joy of his new life, now he's learned to read and write, with the mentor who handed him the key, proving once again that it's surprising what you hear when you listen.

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

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06j7whr)

Fashion
Betty Jackson
4 Extra Debut. Fashion - From Ella Fitzgerald to Moby. The British fashion designer shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From April 2002.

SUN 11:00 GrownUpLand (b0bn27nm)

Survival in GrownUpLand
Mae Martin is joined by Bisha K Ali, Ned Sedgwick, Ed Night and Cariad Lloyd in a podcast compilation on the theme of 'survival'.

If GrownUpLand is a place, then we got a bit lost along the way.

Each week on the GrownUpLand podcast, a special guest helps to answer listener questions and candidly shares their experiences, from failed dates and bizarre confrontations to guilty pleasures and worst nightmares.

Co-created by Deborah Frances-White for The Spontaneity Shop and BBC Radio 4.
Producer: Al Riddell.

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SUN 14:30 Liane Moriarty - Nine Perfect Strangers (b0bn57wf)

Omnibus

Nine strangers with a variety of differing emotional and physical needs find themselves thrown together at a very remote and unconventional health resort - Tranquillum House.

Romantic novelist Frances Welby, for example, is there to mend a broken heart, a bad back and a wounded ego. The other 8 guests, though seemingly fine on the outside, are all harbouring ghosts or pain of some kind and they arrive for a little restorative break.

Tranquillum House, however, is no ordinary health resort. It's owned and run by an equally wounded and strange lady who is determined that these nine perfect strangers' lives will never be the same again after the ten days that lie ahead.

Kerry Fox reads best-selling author Liane Moriarty's page turner.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 15:45 Rivals in Stone (b00768lm)

The Enemy Within

Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral stand on opposite sides of a courtyard within the city's medieval walls. They are symbols of competing powers: crown and church.

Joe Kerr finds out how each of these magnificent buildings was used as a fortress against the other, even though they were neighbours.

Series in which architectural historian Joe Kerr visits pairs of neighbouring buildings built as responses to the rivalry between their builders.

Producer: Matthew Dodd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 16:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mr Harrison's Confession (b041yxs9)

A young surgeon arriving at the village of Duncombe discovers that his female patients seem to require a singular remedy.

Starring Marston Bloom as Frank Harrison, Geoffrey Whitehead as Mr Morgan, Alison Pettitt as Sophy Hutton, Sophie Thompson as Mrs Rose and Rebecca Front as Caroline Tompkinson.

Elizabeth Gaskell's 1851 novella - dramatised by Jeremy Front - is notable for being a prequel to her novel Cranford.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bn59n0)

To My Dear and Loving Husband by Anne Bradstreet
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Adventures in Poetry' featuring the story behind Anne Bradstreet's poem 'To My Dear and Loving Husband'.

Anne's poem has been anthologised in many collections of love poetry. How did a near-invalid woman, enduring not only the privations of migrating to the New World but also the stifling Puritan ethic established there, manage to write something so warm and personal that it still speaks to us today?

Producer: Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SUN 17:30 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 JM Barrie - Dear Brutus (b0bn5b71)

In a magic wood, on Midsummer's eve, a second chance is offered to those who believe they've taken the wrong turning in life. Some will take the same path, while others will have a precious glimpse of what can now never be...

Written in 1917, JM Barrie's play was adapted by Jeffrey Segal.

Starring Bernard Hepton as Dearth; Frances Jeater as Jenny Dearth; Jenny Quayle as Margaret; Lob as Jeffrey Segal; Geoffrey Beevers as Jack Purdie; Carole Boyd as Mabel Purdie; Jane Knowles as Joanna Trout; Stephen Thorne as James Matey; Brenda Kaye as Lady Caroline Laney; Anthony Newlands as Mr Coade; and Katherine Parr as Mrs Coade.

Written over a decade after Peter Pan, JM Barrie's title is taken from a line in 'Julius Caesar' summing up Shakespeare's argument that we should take responsibility for our own actions: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars. But in ourselves that we are underlings."

Director: Gordon House.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1987.

SUN 19:00 GrownUpLand (b0bn27nm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Churchill's Passions (Omnibus) (b0bn26xz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b04fzblf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06j7whr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007rq8f)

Series 3

Isaac Newton

The radical comedian offers his humorous assessment of one of the world's most influential scientists. From October 2002.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b0bmbhbs)

Series 19

Episode 5

BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack with host Angela Barnes.

A scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public.

Featuring: Angela Barnes, Mike Wozniak, Celeste Dring and Raph Wakefield

Script Editors: Jenny Laville and Robin Morgan

Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Hayley Sterling

A BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00npr8g)

Series 1

Beauty and the Beast

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson. Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.

Beauty is looking after the elderly Mr Easterby, who has a new girlfriend and is behaving like a lovestruck teenager. She is also trying to get to the Aspire to Dream retreat. Meanwhile Anil is on a big cat stakeout, as several have been spotted in the region.

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Mr Easterby Leslie Phillips

Mrs Mason Liz Fraser

Kevin/Cab Man/Steve Christopher Douglas

Girl on Stretcher Nicola Sanderson

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018**MON 00:00 JM Barrie - Dear Brutus (b0bn5b71)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Toni Morrison - Beloved (b06vc382)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Gretta Mulrooney - The Gold Digger (b0bn26xv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Liane Moriarty - Nine Perfect Strangers (b0bn57wf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Rivals in Stone (b00768lm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mr Harrison's Confession (b041yxs9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bn59n0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Agatha Christie - Ordeal by Innocence (b03z91x2)

Episode 3

Now Philip has been found dead, most of the family members now believe that Dr. Calgary was right when he said that their late mother's killer is still amongst them and everyone is on their guard.

MON 06:30 Celebrating Cecilia! (b00fgsm1)

Catherine Bott tells the story of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, examining her role as martyr, saint and muse and as the inspiration for some of the great works of music and literature, including work by Handel, Purcell and Benjamin Britten and Chaucer, Pope and Dryden. Catherine learns of Cecilia's gruesome martyrdom and subsequent place in history and witnesses preparations for the annual festival concert staged in her honour.

MON 07:00 The Older Woman (b0391n2w)

Series 2

Episode 1

On the down side, Roy has lost his job as journalist, blown his chance of romance with his former teacher, Jane and is about to have his house repossessed.

But just when he thought it was safe to retreat into self-pity and fantasies about The Archers, help comes from an unexpected quarter...

Series two of Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial that mixes fantasy with reality.

Starring Martin Clunes as Roy Hitchcock, Geraldine James as Jane Gallagher, Nicky Henson as Chad Mann., David Troughton as Colin, Rebecca Front as Mrs Churchill and Sue Roderick as Gwyn.

Other parts by Simon Treves and Melanie Hudson

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0bngqgy)

Series 13

Episode 2

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Lee Mack welcome comedian Athena Kugblenu; writer and podcaster Dolly Alderton; and Artificial Intelligence expert Sir Nigel Shadbolt.

This week, the Museum's Guest Committee opt for the cheapest item on a wedding list, celebrate the triumph of a machine over the best chess player in the world and feel vegetarian nostalgia for corned beef.

The show was researched by Mike Turner and Emily Jupitus of QL.

The Producers were Richard Turner and Anne Miller.

A BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)

The Last of the McHancocks

The lad inherits a Scottish castle and starts feuding with his nasty neighbour.

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

With special guest James Robertson Justice as Seamus McNasty.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Denis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

MON 08:30 Parsley Sidings (b01nrmxq)

Series 1

The Market Special

The station staff at Parsley Sidings go all out to boost falling passenger numbers.

The eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalmen, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Ian Lavender as Bert,

Kenneth Connor as Percy, Liz Fraser as Gloria and Elizabeth Morgan as Ethel.

Re-created Announcements by Keith Skues.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1971.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b01132zd)

Series 60

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons is back with the first of a new series of Just a Minute, the show that stretches your linguistic elastic to breaking point. On today's show we learn Paul Merton's motto is Work Hard Be Happy whereas Tony Hawks' motto is You're Never Too Old to Be Told Off by a Park Keeper.

Joining Nicholas Parsons over the course of this series are Paul Merton, Stephen Fry, Josie Lawrence, Julian Clary, Gyles Brandreth, Jenny Elair, Sue Perkins, Graham Norton, Tony Hawks and new girl Fi Glover.

MON 09:30 Snap (b00ntmtj)

Series 2

Episode 1

Separated for over a year, Doug and Molly are still finding it hard to keep out of each other's lives.

When the decree absolute arrives and Doug hears that Molly is having a drinks party he's furious. But is all as it seems?

Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Jonathan Tafler as Raymond and Samantha Spiro as Dawn.

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

MON 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0125g87)
Hamer's Women

Social reformer John is tempted by Lady Lettice, as his wife fights for the suffragettes.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in 8 episodes by Ken Whitmore.

With John Baldwin as Jimmy Newbould, June Barry as Anne Artingstall, Peter Guinness as Harry Liskeard, Rosalie Crutchley as Lizzie Lightowler, Andrew Jackson as Arnold Ryerson, Vida Paterson as Pen Ryerson, Graham Tennant as Hawley Artingstall, Colin Dean as the Organ Grinder, Rosalie Williams as Ellen, Geoffrey Wheeler as Tom Hannaway, Helen Ryan as Lady Lettice Melland, Roger Grainger as the Doctor, David Boardman as Charles Shawcross, aged 8, Joan Anstey & Delia Corrie as the Wardens.

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

MON 10:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zt5xr)
Series 2
Wallace

7/20. It was the great travel books written in the 19th century by Alfred Russel Wallace that inspired David Attenborough himself to achieve great things in the realm of natural history. But Attenborough tells us that Wallace was more than just a great travel writer. His power of meticulous observation and recording as he explored many parts of the world were in the highest league imaginable, even for Victorian standards - and his power of analysis very much akin with Darwin, his great contemporary. Wallace independently came up with a theory of evolution that was in parallel to Darwin's thinking - two field naturalists breaking huge conventions of the time and coming up with the single most important theory in Biology. How did they resolve the conflict between themselves?

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Produced by Julian Hector.

MON 11:00 OxCrimes (b052r0xp)

My Life as a Killer, by Maxim Jakubowski

Casual murder becomes an obsession for a man whose time is running out. Read by Ewan Bailey.

Following the success of OxTales (2009) and OxTravels (2011), Oxfam has produced this collection of crime writing. We have chosen 5 of the best for Radio 4 Extra.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by the Waters Partnership.

MON 11:15 Sebastian Baczkiewicz - Pilgrim (b019dmxg)
Series 2

The Drowned Church

Pilgrim comes to Skaymer, a seaside town in Norfolk, to investigate the strange appearance of a young man believed drowned in the great flood of 1757.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Helen Claire Price

Doris Judy Parfitt

Zach William Gaunt

Aaron Luke Treadaway

Freya Rachael Spence

Mr Hazelbury Sean Baker

Hendry Jude Akuwudike

Mrs Squires Sally Orrock

Legend Agnes Bateman

What if all the myths and folktales of these islands were true? And what if they were not only true but present now in our world? All the spirits, existing, as they have always existed, in the gaps between tower blocks, in the shadows under bridges, in the corner of our vision. An ancient and eternal world which has existed alongside ours since time immemorial and will exist long after we have gone.

Enter Pilgrim... In 1185 William Palmer was making pilgrimage to Canterbury. Unbeknownst to him his fellow pilgrim was the Lord of Faerie. When William claimed that the Church would wipe out the belief in the Faerie world, he was cursed by the Faerie Lord and condemned forever to the walk between our world and theirs.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b01nrmxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Agatha Christie - Ordeal by Innocence (b03z91x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Celebrating Cecilia! (b00fgsm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family (b0bn5nk6)

Episode 6

A Death in the Family is the first book in the six volume cycle of autobiographical novels, My Struggle. Karl Ove Knausgaard's memoir has been described, in many countries, as a masterpiece.

With searing honesty, and an unflinching gaze turned upon himself and those around him, he writes about his teenage years in Norway. Later, he looks back on the writing of this book, the changes in his life and his second marriage to Linda, and the arrival of their children. Becoming a father prompts further reflections on family life and his relationship with his own father.

Karl Ove Knausgaard was born in December 1968. He published two novels, in 1998 and 2004, which both won prizes in Norway. The six volume series of novels, titled Min Kamp in Norwegian, were published between 2009 and 2011, totalling over 3,500 pages. The sixth and final volume, translated by Don Bartlett, has recently been published in the UK. He lives in Sweden with his wife, the writer Linda Boström Knausgaard, and their four children.

Written by by Karl Ove Knausgaard

Translated by Don Bartlett

Read by David Threlfall

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Jill Waters

Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:15 The Global Gap (b01p40gz)

Series 1: Mexico

Business Students

Global Gap is a series of five programmes where two people who do the same job, one from the UK and one from another country (in this series, Mexico), have a thought provoking conversation, to compare and contrast their working lives and the issues that arise in their jobs. The theme throughout the week is 'the next generation'; each programme features young people who are the new generation of workers in their countries. We capture the differences in society and attitudes through their conversation and recordings of in their workplace.

Episode 1 (of 5): Business Students

Luke Robinson studies Management and Spanish at the University of Leeds and he speaks to Miguel Bueno who is studying Business Administration at University in Mexico City. They discover that university is only for the rich in Mexico, but there is a growing interest in Business Studies as Mexico's economy rises. While Luke is looking forward to a placement in a large bank in the UK after university, Miguel is being encouraged to set up his own business.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06vjsts)

Toni Morrison - Beloved

Episode 6

By Toni Morrison

Adapted by Patricia Cumper

Toni Morrison's seminal 1987 novel about a haunted house in the era that followed the abolition of slavery in the United States is adapted for radio for the first time. Toni Morrison's masterpiece melds horror and poetry as it tells the story of Sethe, a woman who escaped slavery by crossing the Ohio river, but who, eighteen years later, is still not free.

When Sethe welcomed him into her house, Paul D. thought that life had thrown him a second chance. But then Beloved arrived and he was unable to resist her advances. Now he must steady himself to face the consequences.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03hng18)

CS Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

Episode 1

Originally broadcast in 2013, in the week marking the fiftieth anniversary of CS Lewis's death, and which saw a memorial stone to the author unveiled in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, Radio 4's Book of the Week marked the occasion with a reading of his famous letters from a senior to a junior devil. Read by Simon Russell Beale

Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0125g87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 15:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zt5xr)

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MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b01132zd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Snap (b00tmmtj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 The Older Woman (b0391n2w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0bngqgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b0bn5qb4)

Series 2

A Bad Thing

On the island of Gont, Tenar saves a remarkable young girl from certain death. She also makes a dangerous enemy.

Ursula K Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel Tehanu adapted by Judith Adams.

Published between 1968 and 2001, the five novels and short story collection of Ursula K Le Guin's Earthsea cycle (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, Tehanu, The Other Wind and Tales from Earthsea) are re-told across 12 episodes. In the first series, the first three novels were re-told, and series two takes in Tehanu, The Other Wind and the short story Dragonfly.

As a girl, Tenar, was taken from her home and family on the island of Atuan to become Arha, the Priestess Ever Reborn, guardian of the ominous Tombs of Atuan. Deep within the Tombs, Ged and Tenar met and became unlikely allies, escaped from Atuan, and brought peace to the troubled archipelago. Now in her late middle age, widowed and with grown up children, Tenar runs a farm on the island of Gont. She has not seen Ged for many years.

Ged was born on Gont, with innate magical talent and a reckless nature. He trained in wizardry on the island Roke, where he released a terrible shadow into the world and then risked his life to restore the balance. He grew to become Archmage on Roke and the greatest wizard on all of Earthsea. When the evil wizard Cob attempted to cheat death and live forever, Ged found him and closed the breach between life and death. In doing so, he lost his powers of magic.

Set on a vast archipelago of islands, where magic is a central part of life, they tell the stories of Tenar and Ged.

Tenar . . . Nina Wadia

Ogion . . . Michael Bertenshaw

Tehanu . . . Laura Elphinstone

Therru . . . Rosie Boore

Moss . . . Elizabeth Counsell

Aspen . . . John Lightbody

Handy . . . Ryan Early

Therru's father . . . Stephen Hogan

Clearbrook . . . Sean Murray

Kalessin . . . Emma Handy

Senini . . . Lauren Cornelius

Apple . . . Kerry Gooderson

Fisherman . . . Ryan Whittle

Original music by Jon Nichols

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0bn5v1w)

Jonathan Rée and Anne Karpf

Sue MacGregor and her guests - philosopher, Jonathan Rée and journalist, Anne Karpf - discuss books by William Hazlitt, Kressman Taylor and Truman Capote.

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Publisher: Penguin

Address Unknown by Kressman Taylor

Publisher: Souvenir Press

The Spirit of the Age by William Hazlitt

Publisher: The Wordsworth Trust

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Boosh (b007jmh0)

Mutants

Bob Fossil's latest zoo project backfires when Japanese VIPs arrive. Stars Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding. From November 2001.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b0bn5vly)

Series 24

Episode 7

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by guest host Lucy Porter.

Joining Lucy are Hugo Rifkind, Katy Brand and stand-up comedians Rhys James and Eleanor Tiernan.

All the big news on Brexit, Universal Credit and the most controversial game of hide and seek of the week.

Writers: Benjamin Partridge, Gabby Hutchinson Crouch and Danielle Ward with Mike Shephard and Heidi Regan.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0bn5vm0)

Series 2

Episode 8

John Hegley with poems dedicated to privacy and paper plane proposals. With Nigel Piper and the Popticians. From October 1998.

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0bngqgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bn94fg)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 3

The Empty House

Years have passed since Dr Watson saw Holmes and Moriarty hurtle to their inevitable deaths into the chasm. Now by chance Watson meets Holmes's brother, Mycroft...

Carleton Hobbs stars as Sherlock Holmes. The actor played the Baker Street sleuth in 80 radio dramas between 1952 and 1969.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The Return of Sherlock Holmes' published 1903. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

With Norman Shelley as Dr Watson, Stanley Lebor as the First Man, Humphrey Morton as Inspector Lestrade/Second Man, Noel Johnson as Colonel Moran, David Terence as the Third Man, Eva Huszar as Jessie and Gudrun Ure as Mrs Hudson.

Producer: Robin Midgley.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1961.

TUE 06:30 The Etymology of Entomology (b01r4xw5)

Zoologist Dr. George McGavin delves into the strange and often bizarre names given to the planet's insects.

There are an estimated 10 million living insect species, with new specimens being discovered almost daily. Entomologists are turning to ever more imaginative names, referencing everything from literary figures, celebrities and politicians to playground puns.

George takes us into the complex and intriguing world of the taxonomist. From the 18th century father of modern taxonomy Carl Linnaeus to the present day, he explains why naming the things that surround us is the foundation of all science.

There are flies named Pieza kake and S. beyonceae (after the singer); beetles with political connections - A. hitleri, A. bushi, A. cheneyi and A. rumsfeldi; and some entomologists have even named discoveries after romantic conquests. Unsurprisingly, names can prove controversial but, once set, are difficult to change.

George pieces together his story at Linnaeus' original collection at The Linnean Society, and at the capital's Natural History Museum and London Zoo. He also reveals some insects named after him at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft.

A Folded Wing production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfnz)

Series 2

The Rhythm of Strife

Bill and Faith bicker over her children, then his ex-wife Liza turns up...

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

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Belinda Lang as Liza, Brian Bowles as Dennis and Danny Schiller as Mr Roper.

Series two 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 for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Stoned William

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1989.

TUE 07:30 Gloombsbury (b0bnm8rc)

Series 5

Prejudice and Persuasion

Henry is preparing for a lecture tour of America and is desperately trying to persuade Vera to accompany him. But first he must negotiate his fiftieth birthday.

He is hoping to ignore it, but Vera has organised one of those vulgar Surprise Parties and everybody will be there - Lytton, Barrington, Hilda, DH Lollipop, his wife, Frieda and Venus, who sneaks in without an invitation and makes a nuisance of

herself in the bushes.

By the end of the party a seven week lecture tour in America seems quite appealing.

Cast:

ANNOUNCER.....NIGEL

PLANNER

VERA SACKCLOTH-VEST.....MIRIAM

MARGOLYES

HENRY MICKLETON.....JONATHAN

COY

GINNY FOX.....ALISON

STEADMAN

LIONEL FOX.....NIGEL

PLANNER

MRS GOSLING.....ALISON

STEADMAN

MR GOSLING.....NIGEL

PLANNER

LYTTON SCRATCHHEY.....NIGEL

PLANNER

D.H.LOLLIPOP.....JOHN

SESSIONS

FRIEDA LOLLIPOP.....MORWENNA

BANKS

HILDA MATTHEWSON.....MORWENNA

BANKS

VENUS

TRADUCES.....MORWENNA

BANKS

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jy9h)

Series 2

The Day

Author Gerald tries to make amends when he upsets his wife Diana.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife.

With Jo Manning Wilson and Michael McClain.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1977.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b018ttsr)

Traffic Diversions

When planning a new bypass in leafy Surrey, the bungling bureaucrats run into more trouble.

The first of 14 shows not kept in the archive and re-recorded in 1980 - previously never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler (who replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966).

With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

Written and produced by Edward Taylor.

Re-recording of 'The End of the Road' made in April 1980.

TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b0bn5vly)

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TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0bn5vm0)

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TUE 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0125lky)

Nothing But the Truth, Almost!

The Great War dominates politics as leaders ask people to unite and Hamer's son joins up.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in 8 episodes by Ken Whitmore.

With June Barry as Anne Artingstall, Rosalie Crutchley as Lizzie Lightowler, Andrew Jackson as Arnold Ryerson, Vida Paterson as Pen Ryerson, Valerie Georgeson as Alice Ryerson,

Geoffrey Wheeler as Tom Hannaway, Romy Baskerville as Lady Hannaway, Cynthia Michaelis as Mrs Ambeley-Rosewater, John Baldwin as Jimmy Newbould, Helen Ryan as

Lady Lettice Melland and Peter Ellis as the Election official.

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

TUE 11:00 OxCrimes (b052sy2z)

Face Value by Stella Duffy, Part 1

An artist's fascination for the truth in her most notorious and spectacular work holds a deadly secret. Read by Maggie Steed.

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TUE 11:15 Sebastian Baczkiewicz - Pilgrim (b019dq7y)

Series 2

The Lost Hotel

Pilgrim has to return a changeling child - Ray Norris - to his rightful father, the King of the Greyfolk.

Ray, meanwhile, is beginning to feel the benefits of his faerie lineage, with remarkable success on the stock market.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Ray Stuart McLoughlin

Croft Sam Alexander

Doris Judy Parfitt

Penny Eliza Caitlin Parkes

Mr Winstanley Iain Batchelor

Jack Sam Dale

Mary Christine Kavanagh

Mr Hazelbury Sean Baker

Legend Agnes Bateman

Director: Jessica Dringoolo.

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TUE 14:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family (b0bn9nxl)

Episode 7

A Death in the Family is the first book in the six volume cycle of autobiographical novels, My Struggle. Karl Ove Knausgaard's memoir has been described, in many countries, as a masterpiece.

With searing honesty, and an unflinching gaze turned upon himself and those around him, he writes about his teenage years in Norway. Later, he looks back on the writing of this book, the changes in his life and his second marriage to Linda, and the arrival of their children. Becoming a father prompts further reflections on family life and his relationship with his own father.

Karl Ove Knausgaard was born in December 1968. He published two novels, in 1998 and 2004, which both won prizes in Norway. The six volume series of novels, titled Min Kamp in Norwegian, were published between 2009 and 2011, totalling over 3,500 pages. The sixth and final volume, translated by Don Bartlett, has recently been published in the UK. He lives in Sweden with his wife, the writer Linda Boström Knausgaard, and their four children.

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Translated by Don Bartlett

Read by David Threlfall

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Jill Waters

Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:15 The Global Gap (b01p41gy)

Series 1: Mexico

Fashion Designers

Global Gap is a series of five programmes where two people who do the same job, one from the UK and one from another country (in this series, Mexico), have a thought provoking conversation, to compare and contrast their working lives and the issues that arise in their jobs. The theme throughout the week is 'the next generation'; each programme features young people who are the new generation of workers in their countries. We capture the differences in society and attitudes through their conversation and recordings of in their workplace.

Episode 2 (of 5): Fashion Designers

Craig Lawrence is one of our brightest young knitwear designers, making clothes for Lady Gaga among others. He talks about his experiences in the fashion industry with Mexican clothes designer Marvin Duran. Craig operates in a well-established fashion industry in the UK and his year revolves around London Fashion Week. Marvin's success was almost overnight and he became famous in Mexico despite no formal training in fashion. The industry is not as established in Mexico, as people look to Paris and London. Meanwhile, the internet has meant that Craig's designs are seen around the world.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06vkc4f)

Toni Morrison - Beloved

Episode 7

By Toni Morrison

Adapted by Patricia Cumper

Toni Morrison's seminal 1987 novel about a haunted house in the era that followed the abolition of slavery in the United States is adapted for radio for the first time. Toni Morrison's masterpiece melds horror and poetry as it tells the story of Sethe, a woman who escaped slavery by crossing the Ohio river, but who, eighteen years later, is still not free.

Paul D. learns about what happened eighteen years ago when Schoolteacher, the man who ran the farm where Sethe was a slave, arrived at 124 Bluestone Road and attempted to reclaim Sethe and her children.

The drama is true to the novel's uncompromising depiction of this event, portraying the violent horror and brutality of slavery.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Singing arranged by Dominique Le Gendre

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03j4xdr)

CS Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

Episode 2

Originally broadcast in 2013, in the week marking the fiftieth anniversary of CS Lewis's death, and which saw a memorial stone to the author unveiled in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, Radio 4's Book of the Week marked the occasion with a

reading of his famous letters from a senior to a junior devil.

Read by Simon Russell Beale

Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0125lky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b08r1n6w)

Series 7

The University of Roehampton

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Roehampton with specialist subjects including Anthropology, Law and Linguistics and questions ranging from brachiation and morphemes to Xanadu via Kanye West and Sir Philip Sydney.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.

Other Universities featured in this series include Queen's University Belfast, Hull, Derby, Liverpool and St John's College Cambridge.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 16:30 Gossip from the Garden Pond (b04g7d6q)

The Tadpole and the Dragonfly

The Tadpole played by Julian Rhind Tutt and the Dragonfly played by Alison Steadman, reveal the truth about life in a garden pond, in the first of three very funny tales, written and introduced by Lynne Truss, with sound recordings by Chris Watson.

The jaunty Tadpole revels in his youth as he darts about the pond, generally avoiding his neighbours because most of them want to eat him! "When are you going to grow up?" asks the Dragonfly. This is far from easy as the tadpole is quick to point out, as he has to go through a whole traumatic body-changing metamorphosis. The only disadvantage, he reckons, of being young and immature of course, is that you have no hands, which makes things tricky when you want to wave at anyone or take a selfie, but it's a small price to pay for the freedom of youth reckons our happy-go-lucky fellow, until a strange dream signals a life-changing event. "One minute you're wiggling, wiggling, and the next you look absolutely daft waving your bottom around, coz there's nothing on the end of it"

The Dragonfly is lighter than air, quick, beautiful; all dazzling wings and observant eyes. She is also quite highly sexed and living life at a great rate knowing that she doesn't have much time. Having spent months and months living in the murk and mud of the garden pond as an ugly, aggressive nymph, her life was transformed when she felt impelled to climb up a stem and was transformed into an adult. She is dazzling; with her aerial acrobatics, fine wings and long slender limbs. But she knows she hasn't long to live and before she dies, she must feed and find a mate "I'm gorgeous, I'm ready ... and I'm hot, hot, hot".

Producer Sarah Blunt.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00fnfnz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Gloombsbury (b0bnn8rc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b0bn9plc)

Series 2

Tenar

Ged returns to the island of Gont on the back of a dragon.

Meanwhile, the curse afflicting Tenar gathers force.

Ursula K Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel Tehanu adapted by Judith Adams.

Published between 1968 and 2001, the five novels and short story collection of Ursula K Le Guin's Earthsea cycle (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, Tehanu, The Other Wind and Tales from Earthsea) are re-told across twelve episodes. Series 2 takes in the action of Tehanu, The Other Wind and the short story Dragonfly from Tales of Earthsea.

Set on a vast archipelago of islands, where magic is a central part of life, they tell the stories of Tenar and Ged.

Tenar ... Nina Wadia

Ged ... Robert Glenister

Therru ... Rosie Boore

Moss ... Elizabeth Counsell

Aspen ... John Lightbody

Fan ... Sean Murray

Courtier ... Ryan Whittle

Courtier ... Stephen Hogan

Original music by Jon Nichols

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

TUE 18:30 My Life in Five Songs (b01bwgvy)

Series 4

The Proclaimers

With hits including 'Letter From America', Craig and Charlie Reid from the Proclaimers select songs for Phil Cunningham.

From February 2012.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01hznxh)

Series 3

Wagstaff and Mutual

The management consultants try to help an investment bank with some bad financing. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From July 2004.

TUE 23:00 Elvenquest (b01r9crh)

Series 4

The Great Escape

The Questers discover the Sword of Asnagar but no sooner has Amis had time to wield it than they fall into one of Lord Darkness' evil traps and are marched off to the most escape-proof prison camp in all of Lower Earth.

Meanwhile, with the Sword of Asnagar finally in his hands, Lord Darkness will soon be declared supreme Ruler and commander of the Forces of Evil. But first, he has to organise a festival...

Starring:

Darren Boyd as Vidar

Louise Delamere as Penthiselea's mother

Kevin Eldon as Dean/Kreech

Dave Lamb as Amis/The Gatekeeper

Stephen Mangan as Sam

Alistair McGowan as Lord Darkness

Ingrid Oliver as Penthiselea

and

Mike Wozniak as Bunny

Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Producer: Sam Michell.

TUE 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00y2x2m)

Series 2

Episode 6

Love is all around? It is Prunella and Julian's wedding day. Stars Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt. From July 2008.

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WED 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bn9y0v)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 3

The Reigate Squires

The great detective has been ill so Dr Watson arranges for him to have a few days in the country to convalesce, but even on holiday Holmes cannot resist solving a mystery...

Carleton Hobbs stars as Sherlock Holmes. The actor played the Baker Street sleuth in 80 radio dramas between 1952 and 1969.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes' published 1893. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

With Norman Shelley as Dr Watson, Ivan Samson as Colonel Hayter, Philip Leaver as the Butler, Anthony Woodruff as Inspector Forrester, Wilfred Babbage as Cunningham, Malcolm Hayes as Alec Cunningham and Martin Lewis as Acton.

Producer: Robin Midgley.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1961.

WED 06:30 Bob Marley: The Chrysler Year (b00p3p56)

Lifelong reggae fan Jonathan Charles traces the missing year when Bob Marley dropped out of the Jamaican music scene and spent a year driving a forklift truck in the Chrysler car factory in Wilmington, Delaware.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)

Series 3

Episode 2

Sheila raises Tommy's suspicions and blood pressure, but there's method in her madness.

Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr continue their second stab at fame.

Series 3 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Edward Halsead and William Franklyn.

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 07:30 Empire-ical Evidence (b0bnk6qm)

Series 1

Episode 1

Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal trace the rise and fall of the British Empire by looking at what's been left behind, in a combination of location recording and stand-up comedy.

In this first episode, Andy and Anuvab wander around London, from the docks the trading ships originally departed from in the east of London, to the final resting place of Empire in the west, via the central strongholds of power in Westminster and the City.

What and who have we chosen to remember, and what have we decided to forget? With supporting evidence from the India papers in the British library - seven miles of documents - Andy and Anuvab offer up contrasting perspectives on the shared history between Britain and India.

Andy Zaltzman is a comedian best-known for The Bugle, his weekly satirical podcast. He is a regular performer on Radio 4 both as a guest on programmes like The Now Show or as presenter of his own shows such as My Life As A...

Anuvab Pal is a comedian who first appeared on Radio 4 on an episode of Just A Minute recorded in Mumbai. In 2018 he made his debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, and appeared on Radio 4's Fresh from The Fringe and BBC Two's Big Asian Stand-Up. He is Andy's regular co-presenter on The Bugle podcast.

Written and performed by Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal. Produced by Ed Morrish

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01j125y)

The Struggle for Promotion

A new naval directive lets Pertwee apply for a commission.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldico as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather and Michael Bates as the Padre and Tenniel Evans as Taffy Goldstein.

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 November 1963.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (b0bn4gg)

From 12/11/1958

Kenneth Horne discovers he's got an ancestor in the navy and 'Hornorama' investigates music.

With 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 Paul Fenoulhet.

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 Home' - 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 November 1958.

WED 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b042zctj)

Series 13

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. Tony Hawks, Susan Calman, Phill Jupitus and Miles Jupp are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: School, Bears, Underwear and Bottles.

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 production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 09:30 Simon's Bug (b04g3nrc)

Episode 1

Suspecting his wife is having an affair, Simon bugs their telephone and learns much more. Stars Hwyl Bennett. From March 1989.

WED 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame Is the Spur (b0125kcb)

Perish By the Sword

Labour has a brief taste of power and fortunes are made and lost, as Hamer Shawcross concludes his memoirs

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in 8 episodes by Ken Whitmore.

With John Baldwin as Jimmy Newbould, Helen Ryan as Lady Lettice Melland, Romy Baskerville as Lady Hannaway, Andrew Jackson as Arnold Ryerson, Vida Paterson as Pen Ryerson, Rosalie Crutchley as Lizzie Lightowler, Geoffrey Wheeler as Tom Hannaway, Valerie Georgeson as Alice Ryerson, Richard Durden as Charles Shawcross and Rory Scase as Pendleton.

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

WED 11:00 OxCrimes (b052trfx)

Face Value by Stella Duffy, Part 2

A notorious artist recalls her most controversial work, and the night it was unveiled to the public. Read by Maggie Steed.

Following the success of OxTales (2009) and OxTravels (2011), Oxfam has produced this collection of crime writing. We have chosen 5 of the best for Radio 4 Extra.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by the Waters Partnership.

WED 11:15 Sebastian Baczkiewicz - Pilgrim (b019dw0f)

Series 2

The Lady in the Lake

In search of runaway ward, Freya, Pilgrim goes to Hollisale Well and discovers a small community dedicated to the memory of a woman lured into the water seven years ago by a magical being.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Freya Rachael Spence

Becker Adeel Akhtar

Gordy Henry Devas

Charity Claire Price

Gudrun Claire Harry

Legend Agnes Bateman

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

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Episode 8

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Series 1: Mexico

Green Politicians

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Episode 3 (of 5): Green Politicians

Jason Kitkat is a young Green Party politician who runs

Brighton and Hove City Council. He has a conversation with Arnold Richard, who founded the Mexican Green Party and is now an environmental activist in Mexico City. They discover

that Mexico City, because of its pressing problems, is more advanced than the UK in areas such as water preservation, recycling and living roof technology. Jason's council is addressing the need for cycle routes in the city, while Arnold also has campaigned to stop the mass use of cars in Mexico City.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

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Adapted by Patricia Cumper

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Paul D. left 124 Bluestone Road after learning about the terrible events of Sethe's past. Now only the women remain in the house, and Sethe is not the only one about to discover the nature of the bond that binds them together.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03j4y80)

CS Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

Episode 3

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WED 18:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b0bnb4gn)

Series 2

Tehanu

On the run, Tenar and Therru find shelter on the royal ship. But it will take a dragon to finally rid them of their foes.

Ursula K Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel Tehanu adapted by Judith Adams.

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Ged . . . Robert Glenister

Tehanu . . . Laura Elphinstone

Therru . . . Rosie Boore

King Lebannen . . . Steven Robertson

Moss . . . Elizabeth Counsell

Aspen . . . John Lightbody

Kalessin . . . Emma Handy

Handy . . . Ryan Early

Therru's father . . . Stephen Hogan

Apple . . . Kerry Gooderson

Sailor . . . Sean Murray

Spark . . . Joseph Ayre

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

WED 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b0071mc0)

Series 2

Robb Wilton

Mark Radcliffe profiles variety star Robb Wilton, best known as the bumbling, befuddled magistrate - Mr Muddlecombe JP.

A master of the art of storytelling which kept Britain laughing during the Second World War

Featuring Ken Dodd.

Series exploring some of the North's best-loved and most influential comedians.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

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WED 22:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxzc8)

Captain Chapel and the Crabs

Milford sets out to rescue the Crab Prince. Stars Mark Heap, Nick Frost, Kevin Eldon and Peter Serafinowicz. From November 2002.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bp2ps8)

Phil Nichol 1/2

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jessica Fostekeew chats to Phil Nichol.

WED 23:00 The In Crowd (b06cqzvm)

Series 4

Episode 3

Predicting the future and sequin waste. Manchester sketch show with Kate Ward, Smug Roberts and Robin Ince. From June 2004.

WED 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jsmf)

Cold Turkey with Dan and Nick

Fish Gordon has only 48 hours to save the aquarium. Pilot of Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's surreal comedy. From August 1998.

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THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bnb60m)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 3

The Resident Patient

Who are Dr Trevelyan's mysterious visitors and why do they seem less interested in his consultation than in his resident patient in the front room? Another case for the great detective...

Carleton Hobbs stars as Sherlock Holmes. The actor played the Baker Street sleuth in 80 radio dramas between 1952 and 1969.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes' published 1893. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

With Norman Shelley as Dr Watson, Hamilton Dyce as Dr Trevelyan, Anthony Vicars as Blessington, John Bryning as Ivan, Earle Grey as Count Egorovitch and Godfrey Kenton as Inspector Lanner.

Producer: Robin Midgley.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1961.

THU 06:30 Foot Notes (b01rgm9s)

Writer, journalist and passionate shoe collector Rowan Pelling takes us on a journey through her personal shoe collection to tell us the extraordinary story that lies behind footwear.

She discovers that, far from being simple functional objects, that we put on our feet, shoes can communicate our sexual desire, aesthetic sense, social status and personality. They not only reflect social history and changing fashions, but are also a personal record of our lives - a touchstone that evokes a time, a place and an emotion.

In language and throughout literature, they can be magical as in The Red Shoes, transform lives as in Cinderella, and used as punishment in the Twelve Dancing Princesses.

Shoes have been made from jewels, can cost thousands and are often bought in the wrong size - just because we love them. Fancy shoes, comfy shoes, old shoes, new shoes - they can change an attitude and define a generation and mean something different to us all.

Presenter: Rowan Pelling

Producer: Angela Hind

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 07:00 Making the Best of It (b03w38q5)

The Last Minutes

Daisy Haggard stars as Debra, a Crisis Branding Consultant brought in during a major boardroom crisis, with only minutes to manage how the truth comes out.

And what that truth is, exactly...

Third in a series of new comedies developed with the Comedians Theatre Company.

Written by Stephen Keyworth.

Produced and Directed by Jonquil Panting.

THU 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b0bnk849)

Series 3

Happiest Place on Earth

Hardacre's, London's worst advertising agency, go on a team-building day. Starring Nigel Havers, Josie Lawrence, and Mathew Baynton.

THU 08:00 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

Series 2

A Question of Loyalty

With a war on waste at the Civil Service - what does Jim Hacker think?

Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby, Derek Fowldes as Bernard and Judy Parfitt as Betty Oldham MP.

Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn's satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jthh)

Insurance: The White Man's Burden

Neddie Seagoon tries to set fire to the English Channel to claim the insurance. Stars Harry Secombe. From February 1957.

THU 09:00 Puzzle Panel (b069yt11)

Episode 2

Tease your brain along with Chris Maslanka, Anne Bradford, Professor David Singmaster and Paul Lamford. From June 1998.

THU 09:30 Rent (b04fh18w)

Series 1

Episode 5

It's a full moon, Ruby's away and Paul's lovelorn. Will Maria's matchmaking succeed and will Richard ever finish the gardening?

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Diane Louise-Jordan as Ruby, Toby Longworth as Paul and Linda Polan as Amy.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.

THU 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Miss MacKenzie (b01pgl7)

Episode 1

Miss MacKenzie, a woman past the bloom of youth, inherits a fortune and is then beset by suitors. But whom will she choose?

Anthony Trollope's tale stars David Troughton as Anthony Trollope, Hattie Morahan as Miss MacKenzie, Philip Franks as John Ball and Margaret Tyzack as Lady Ball.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade

Director: Tracey Neale

Miss MacKenzie by Anthony Trollope was the runner-up in BBC Radio 4's 'Neglected Classics' vote in 2011.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 11:00 Virginia Woolf - Lappin and Lapinova (b0bnb6mv)

4 Extra Debut.

Back from honeymoon, why do newlyweds Rosalind and Ernest share a private world inhabited by rabbits? Read by June Barrie. From February 1993.

THU 11:15 Sebastian Baczkiewicz - Pilgrim (b019fx3p)

Series 2

Hope Springs

Pilgrim is the most reluctant father of the bride.

He struggles to balance the prospect of being the quarry in a savage hunt forever and a day, with seeing his daughter Doris condemned to an eternity married to Puck.

Series of four modern-day fantasy adventures by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

William Palmer Paul Hilton

Dexter Lloyd Thomas

Hilda Anna Wing

Doris Judy Parfitt

Puck Jamie Foreman

Mr Hazelbury Sean Baker

Mrs Marsden Leah Brotherhead

Legend Agnes Bateman

Director: Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 12:00 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jthh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bnb60m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Foot Notes (b01rgm9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family (b0bnb6mx)

Episode 9

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of autobiographical novels, My Struggle. Karl Ove Knausgaard's memoir has been described, in many countries, as a masterpiece.

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Translated by Don Bartlett

Read by David Threlfall

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Jill Waters

Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:15 The Global Gap (b01p42w0)

Series 1: Mexico

Obesity Doctors

Global Gap is a series of five programmes where two people who do the same job, one from the UK and one from another country (in this series, Mexico), have a thought provoking conversation, to compare and contrast their working lives and the issues that arise in their jobs. The theme throughout the week is 'the next generation'; each programme features young people who are the new generation of workers in their countries. We capture the differences in society and attitudes through their conversation and recordings of in their workplace.

Episode 4 (of 5): Doctors

Laura Chambers is a young GP in the NHS in Rotherham, with a special interest in obesity and she speaks to Paula de La Garza, a doctor who runs a private clinic in Mexico City specializing in obesity and eating disorders. Laura discovers from Paula that Mexico has the largest number of children with obesity in the world, some of whom have heart attacks. Paula has even treated obese babies. While Laura has never treated very young children with these worrying symptoms, she is seeing increased obesity in her area and a reliance on junk food. Laura can refer patients to a special NHS clinic, set up alongside her GP practice, where patients are monitored and given tailor-made exercise regimes.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06vmr1t)

Toni Morrison - Beloved

Episode 9

By Toni Morrison

Adapted by Patricia Cumper

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Only women remain at the house at 124 Bluestone Road and their isolation is becoming dangerous.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03j593b)

CS Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

Episode 4

Originally broadcast in 2013, in the week marking the fiftieth anniversary of CS Lewis's death, and which saw a memorial stone to the author unveiled in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, Radio 4's Book of the Week marked the occasion with a reading of his famous letters from a senior to a junior devil.

Read by Simon Russell Beale

Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Miss MacKenzie (b01pgl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b069yt11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Rent (b04fh18w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Making the Best of It (b03w38q5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b0bnk849)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b0bnfqwx)

Series 2

The Mender

Alder, a man tormented by his dreams, seeks out the reclusive Archmage on the island of Gont.

Ursula K Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel The Other Wind adapted by Judith Adams.

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across twelve episodes. Series 2 takes in the action of Tehanu, The Other Wind and the short story Dragonfly from Tales of Earthsea.

Set on a vast archipelago of islands, where magic is a central part of life, they tell the stories of Tenar and Ged.

Tehanu . . . Laura Elphinstone

Ged . . . Robert Glenister

Azver . . . Narinder Samra

Alder . . . Tom Vanson

Thorion . . . Sam Dale

Woman . . . Elizabeth Cunnell

Sailor . . . Ryan Early

Fishwife . . . Emma Handy

Lily . . . Lauren Cornelius

Doorkeeper . . . Stephen Hogan

Original music by Jon Nichols

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b018xs8c)

Series 26

Lonnie Donegan

Downton Abbey actor Jim Carter tells Matthew Parris why skiffle king Lonnie Donegan is his hero.

Lonnie Donegan is probably best remembered for the novelty hits "My Old Man's a Dustman" and "Does Your Cheating Gum Lose its Flavour?" However, early hits like "Rock Island Line" were instrumental in inspiring the likes of John Lennon, Brian May and Roger Daltrey to perform.

Donegan played a decisive role in the development of British popular music. His revitalisation of skiffle provided the inspiration for the whole British beat movement that was to come. Ironically, although Donegan was the catalyst, he was soon eclipsed by the young electric guitar heroes of the mid-sixties, and he was left with the comedy and cabaret circuits.

THU 19:00 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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THU 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bnb60m)

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THU 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b0bnk849)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b0bnfqxb)

Series 19

Episode 6

Made for 4 Extra. Topical sketch show that anyone can write for, hosted by Angela Barnes. A scrapbook sketch show written by the great British public.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bpzq8m)

Phil Nichol 2/2

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jessica Fosteckew chats to Phil Nichol.

THU 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yjs4c)

Series 1

Bankers

Through the medium of four open letters, the comedian Tom Wrigglesworth investigates the myriad examples of corporate lunacy and maddening jobsworths in modern Britain.

In this series his subjects range from traffic warden to estate agents, with Tom recalling his own funny and ridiculous experiences as well as recounting the absurd encounters of others.

Tom wonders how the bankers keep getting away with it.

THU 23:30 1966 and All That (b0100q4y)

The 1920s and 30s

King George utters some unmemorable last words; DH Lawrence of Arabia writes Lady Chatterbox's Llama; and John Yogi Bear discovers the BBC but finds there's not much on.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain begins in the 1920s and 1930s.

Stars Joss Ackland, Eleanor Bron, Rory Bremner, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabour-Smith and John Humphrys.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Foot Notes (b01rgm9s)

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FRI 02:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family (b0bnb6mx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The Global Gap (b01p42w0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b06vnr1t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03j593b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Anthony Trollope - Miss MacKenzie (b01pglt7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Puzzle Panel (b069ytl1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Rent (b04fh18w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Making the Best of It (b03w38q5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b0bnk849)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0bnfytx)
Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 3
Charles Augustus Milverton
A lady's honour is at stake, but the great detective seems helpless to tackle a serial blackmailer - 'the worst man in London.'

Carleton Hobbs stars as Sherlock Holmes. The actor played the Baker Street sleuth in 80 radio dramas between 1952 and 1969.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The Return of Sherlock Holmes' published 1904. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

With Norman Shelley as Dr Watson, Tony Church as Charles Augustus Milverton, Dudy Nimmo as Susan and Humphrey Morton as Inspector Lestrade

Producer: Robin Midgley
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1961.

FRI 06:30 The Carabinieri Art Squad (b00sm8tn)
Writer and historian Alex Butterworth travels to Rome to meet the Carabinieri squad in charge of protecting Italy's priceless cultural heritage.

A helicopter circles overhead while Italian police officers and archaeologists peer into a 30-foot deep hole made in a field outside Rome. The land may look like ordinary farmland, but beneath the ground there are in fact Etruscan tombs full of treasures. The hole has been made by a group of "tombaroli"- tomb raiders who come in the night to smash open hidden tombs, and grab the artefacts inside. They sell them on to dealers, who in some cases offer them to museums for a massive price.

The police officers in attendance are a members of a special branch of the Italian Carabinieri (the military police) which was set up to try to deal with the problem of stolen art in the country. The unit, known as the Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage (Comando Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale in Italian) has its main headquarters in Rome and branches throughout the country. Its job is to try to stop the looting of Italy's cultural treasures- from artefacts in excavations to paintings and statues in country churches.

To try to stop the trafficking, carabinieri officers carry out regular patrols on archaeological sites. They also check items from auction houses and exhibitions against their vast database of stolen goods. Other officers carry out checks on more contemporary artworks to make sure that they're not forged. Since the unit began in 1969, the success rate has been high, with thousands of artworks recovered.

Alex Butterworth is in Rome to watch the work of the Carabinieri TPC at first hand. He follows the archaeological section on patrol and sees how the huge database is used to recover stolen works which are sometimes changed beyond almost all recognition by the thieves to avoid detection. For example, one vast painting was stolen and then cut into several pieces and sold as separate items.

While watching the officers at work, Alex explores the changing nature of cultural protection and asks what Italy's determination to find its treasures says about the mood of the country.

Producer Emma Kingsley.

FRI 07:00 The Right Time (b0076m76)

Series 4

Episode 1

From nudism and reflexivity to top-shelf magazines.

Sketch show about life, written and performed by people who've lived a bit.

Stars Eleanor Bron, Dudley Sutton, Roger Blake, Clive Swift and Paula Wilcox.

With guest star Arthur Smith.

Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon, Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, George Poles, Arthur Smith, Alan Stafford, Chris Thompson and Petr Reynolds.

Script editors: Ed Dyson and George Poles.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

FRI 07:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b0bngshh)

A Decent Interval

Episode 4

by Jeremy Front

Based on the novel by Simon Brett

Directed by Sally Avens

Charles has joined the cast of Hamlet but the two leads played by the winners of a Reality Show have been eliminated from the production by injury and death.

Charles is determined to find out who wanted them dead and

there are plenty of suspects.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00h38dy)

Series 8

Episode 11

Serving up teapot hysteria and the pun-tastic '20,000 Leaks Under the Sea'.

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

Sketches written by Graeme Garden, Peter Kemp 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 1970.

FRI 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

Women and Wine

Medic Simon Sparrow's efforts to get a date for the hospital ball turn to chaos.

The misadventures of student doctor Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's novel 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans, Norma Ronald as Matron/Vera and Joan Young as Lady Spratt.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968.

FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007tckc)

Series 3

Edwina Currie

Ex-MP, novelist and broadcaster Edwina Currie is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

Tackling the ultra-personal quiz are Sue Perkins, Caroline Quinlan, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every show. All the questions are about the host.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jzm2)

Series 1

Out to Launch

Rosie's company is about to launch the autobiography of the country's most famous footballer, Lloyd Gratton.

The lives of Rosie and her granddaughter Jo are shaken by the return to Rosie's daughter Kate after a long spell working abroad.

Prunella Scales in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Jon Glover as Greg Turnbull, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Lalage Croxton-Sackville and Will Ing as Lloyd Gratton.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

FRI 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Miss MacKenzie (b01pgs6s)

Episode 2

After two marriage proposals, Margaret Mackenzie has turned down the first, but what of the second? Stars Hattie Morahan.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0bnfyw8)

Geoff Lloyd

Made for 4 Extra. Geoff Lloyd joins Amanda Litherland to recommend the best podcasts. Features an interview with Stephen Fry and a chat with Richard Herring.

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FRI 14:00 Karl Ove Knausgaard - A Death in the Family (b0bng11w)

Episode 10

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FRI 14:15 The Global Gap (b01p450w)

Series 1: Mexico

Charity Workers

Global Gap is a series of five programmes where two people who do the same job, one from the UK and one from another country (in this series, Mexico), have a thought provoking conversation, to compare and contrast their working lives and the issues that arise in their jobs. The theme throughout the week is 'the next generation'; each programme features young people who are the new generation of workers in their countries. We capture the differences in society and attitudes through their conversation and recordings of in their workplace.

Episode 5 (of 5): Charity Workers

Fiona Patterson works for Barnardo's in Bradford. She helps provide a special service for girls aged between 11 and 18 who are being exploited or groomed for sexual exploitation. She speaks to Sofia Almanza, a charity worker at Casa Alianza in Mexico City, who works with 12 - 18 year olds who have been abandoned, neglected or abused.

While Fiona works with young people who are housed with family or friends, Sofia's service provide residential houses for homeless young people and helps people develop tools to deal with independent life. Sometimes in Mexico, the children are part of larger criminal organisations and many are drug dependent. There are worrying side effects of the drugs, such as blindness and stomach complaints.

Fiona sees many young people with very low self esteem, some of whom have left home to live with people who are now exploiting them sexually or using them to transport drugs. Her service helps the young people to identify their situations and remove themselves to a safer environment.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06vn6zt)

Toni Morrison - Beloved

Episode 10

By Toni Morrison

Adapted by Patricia Cumper

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The women's isolation at One Twenty-Four Bluestone Road has put them all in peril, and Denver has decided to seek help from the community. After that, news spread like wildfire; news that the ghost of Sethe's other daughter, who she chose to kill rather than allow to be bonded back into slavery, has come back to reap her revenge.

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Singing arranged by Dominique Le Gendre

Sound design by Caleb Knightley

Director: Sasha Yevushenko.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03j5czk)

CS Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

Episode 5

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b0bngshh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Ursula K Le Guin - Earthsea (b0bng122)

Series 2

The Princess

Dragons threaten the Inner Isles. Tenar and Tehanu have arrived on Havnor to give counsel to the King. The threat is far greater than they first thought.

Ursula K Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel The Other Wind adapted by Judith Adams.

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Tenar . . . Nina Wadia

Azver . . . Narinder Samra

King Lebannen . . . Steven Robertson

Alder . . . Tom Vanson

Seserekh . . . Sabrina Sandhu

Tesla . . . Sean Murray

Kalessin . . . Emma Handy

Oak . . . Stephen Hogan

Lady Iyesa . . . Lauren Cornelius

Sailor . . . Ryan Early

Original music by Jon Nichols

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00766lg)

Being Alone

Three's a crowd? Jenny Ditski and Francis Spufford join Chris

Bigsby to discuss solitude versus loneliness. From March 2002.

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FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0bnfyw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section

(b01dtmb8)

Series 1

Kevin Eldon

Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band

for a brand new series of music and comedy. The band will be

joined by comedian Kevin Eldon.

Host Alex Horne

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland

Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier

Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds

Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe

Guest performerKevin Eldon

Producer Julia McKenzie.

FRI 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b007k24d)

Series 1

Episode 4

The writer has quit smoking and is jetting off, but the

geraniums don't want him to go. With Doon MacKichan. From

February 1992.

FRI 23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jq46)

From 06/02/1990

David Baddiel and Rob Newman join Punt and Dennis in a

rousing audience game of Revolution. With Mark Hurst. From

February 1990.

FRI 23:30 King Cutler (b008vr1b)

Episode 3

Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler present offbeat humorous songs,

stories and poems. With David Lloyd. From January 1990.