

SATURDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2018

SAT 00:00 HG Wells (b007k4kd)

A Dream of Armageddon
Escape

As war breaks out, our hero flees with his wife to try and shield her from the horrors of battle and bloodshed. Can he re-establish the romantic idyll he once enjoyed?
Concluded by Robert Bathurst.

Written in 1901, this is a disturbing vision of the future - as Wells comes uncannily close to predicting the horrors of the Second World War.

English author and political philosopher, HG Wells is recognised as one of sci-fi's founding-fathers. Within his own lifetime, he became a literary celebrity, earning praise from contemporaries such as Henry James and Joseph Conrad. His influence was wide reaching; George Orwell in particular - "The minds of all of us, and therefore the physical world, would be perceptibly different if Wells never existed." In recent years his work has enjoyed a renaissance, including Steven Spielberg's 2005 film of War Of The Worlds.

Wells died on August 13th, 1946, aged 79.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076613)

Home

Novelist Philippa Gregory and playwright Dolly Dhingra join Chris Bigsby to discuss what home really means to them.

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 Robert Harris - Fatherland (b007jmtf)

Closing In

Berlin Kriminalpolizei detective, Xavier March uncovers the terrible secret of Adolf Hitler's totalitarian state.

Conclusion of the best-selling thriller by Robert Harris - dramatised in five parts by John Dryde.

Anton Lesser stars as Xavier March, Michael Byrne as Globus, William Scott Masson as Krebs, Peter Ellis as Max Jaeger, Ian Gelder as the Hotel Manager, Thomas Copeland as Pili, Michael Culver as Friedman, Dan Fineman as the Car-hire Rep and Jonathan Coleman as the Nazi Music Critic.

Producer: John Dryden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 01:30 A Thor in One's Side (b00772pf)

In 1947, a crew of intrepid and hard-bitten Norwegians first set out on what was, on the face of it, a pretty flimsy premise - that you could cross the mighty Pacific Ocean from Peru to Polynesia with nothing more solid than a balsam wood raft.

That raft, the Kon-Tiki, and the exploits of those Norwegians, led by the visionary Thor Heyerdahl, were to become world renowned.

Tony Robinson tells the story of Heyerdahl's epic journey and its lasting effect on popular archaeology.

Producer: Geoff Ballinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b046p4nk)

Sebastian Barry - The Temporary Gentleman

Episode 10

Jack McNulty is a 'temporary gentleman', an Irishman whose commission in the British army in the Second World War was never permanent. In 1957, sitting in his lodgings in Accra, he urgently sets out to write his story recounting his strange and tumultuous marriage to the elusive great beauty of Sligo, Mai Kirwan, and the inevitable fate that he now feels compelled to reconcile himself with. He feels he cannot take one step further, or even hardly a breath, without looking back at all that has befallen him. He is an ordinary man, both petty and heroic, but he has seen extraordinary things.

The Temporary Gentleman is, ultimately, a story about a man's last bid for freedom, from the savage realities of the past and from himself.

Ciarán Hinds is one of Ireland's most prolific and esteemed actors. His many television and film credits include: Game of Thrones, Munich, The Sea, Road to Perdition, There Will Be Blood, Frozen, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, The Woman in Black and Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

The Temporary Gentleman by Sebastian Barry

Read by Ciarán Hinds

Abridged by Neville Teller

Producer Gemma McMullan.

SAT 02:15 Technicolour (b01q97lj)

Selling Colour

5/5: Selling Colour

Emerald may be the new black for 2013, but the process by which designers select next season's colours is a story that goes back to World War I. Tracey Logan finds out why a naval blockade, cutting Paris fashion houses off from the rest of the world, created today's colour forecasting industry.

Nowadays, retailers have tight controls over the colours they choose and how they are produced. Tracey visits Marks & Spencer to find out how digital technology ensures they manufacture exactly the same shade of green across different fabrics, from your woollen coat to leather shoes.

Producer: Michelle Martin.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03y3kgj)

Charlotte Bronte - Shirley

The Winding Up

It is a time of change and decisions need to be made.

Directed by Tracey Neale.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03k2gqd)

Penelope Fitzgerald: A Life

Episode 5

Penelope Fitzgerald's novels were short, spare masterpieces, self-concealing, oblique and subtle. She won the Booker Prize for her novel Offshore in 1979, and her last work, The Blue Flower, was acclaimed as a work of genius.

The early novels drew on her own experiences - a boat on the Thames in the 1960s, the BBC in war-time, a failing bookshop in Suffolk, an eccentric stage-school. The later ones opened out to encompass historical worlds which, magically, she seemed to possess entirely: Russia before the Revolution, post-war Italy, Germany in the time of the Romantic writer Novalis.

Fitzgerald's life is as various and as cryptic as her fiction. It spans most of the twentieth century, and moves from a Bishop's Palace to a sinking barge, from a demanding intellectual family to hardship and poverty, from a life of teaching and obscurity to a blaze of renown.

She was first published at sixty and became famous at eighty. This is a story of lateness, patience and persistence - a private form of heroism.

Loved and admired, and increasingly recognised as one of the outstanding novelists of her time, she remains also mysterious and intriguing. She liked to mislead people with a good imitation of an absent-minded old lady, but under that scatty front was a steel-sharp brain and an imagination of wonderful reach.

This biography by Hermione Lee pursues Fitzgerald's life, her writing, and her secret self, with fascinated interest.

Read by Penelope Wilton

Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014tcjb)

A Most Treasured Home

A most treasured home is exactly what 25 Durham Square has become for Miss Susan Leg.

But will its treasure turn to dross with the threatened unravelling of the mystery surrounding her secret life?

Conclusion of EF Benson's 1932 novel dramatised in three parts and narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Pauline Collins stars as Miss Susan Leg.

With Margot Boyd as Margaret Mantrip, Rachel Gurney as Elizabeth Conklin, Pauline Lettis as Lady Eva Lowndes, Ronald Herdman as Jimmie Mason, Tim Reynolds as the Vicar, Peter Howell as Mr Cartwright, John Church as Bosanquet, Andrew Branch as Augustus, Sheila Grant as Minnie Mimps, George Parsons as Mr Gandish, Jonathan Taffler as Mr Salt, Manning Wilson as the Headwater, Gordon Reid as the Doctor and Jennifer Piercey as Ellen.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Catterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007v19q)

Series 3

Eve Pollard

All about Eve - writer and ex-newspaper editor Eve Pollard 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 them.

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 (b007jrl9)

Series 1

Sleeping Partners

Rosie is arranging the activities for partners of delegates to a major finance company's conference.

Kate meanwhile sees it as her ticket back into a high-flying job...

Prunella Scales stars 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, Debbie Norman as Sheila Wilkinson and Alan Cowan as Philip Wilkinson.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 05:00 The Right Time (b0076mf5)

Series 4

Episode 3

Older bikers head to Margate - and trying out Roman orgies.

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

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

Written by Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon, Dave Dixon, Jan Etherington, Mike Haskins, Simon Littlefield, Alex Lowe, George Poles, Richard Preddy, Dudley Sutton, Alan Stafford, Chris Thompson and Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

SAT 05:30 Big Broadcast (m0000xp2)

Series 3

Location

The Big Broadcast: Location

Words and music by Neil Brand

A comedy with music. It's 1933 and Chicago Beefsteak's Hour of Charm is the most successful on Midwest US radio and today the studio team use new technology to entice a Hollywood superstar to sing on the show.

Myrna Samantha Spiro

Jimmy Cagney Ian Conningham

Arthur Ryan Early

Jerry Ryan Whittle

Grace Stibbens Elizabeth Counsell

Stupendo John Lightbody

Dixie Kerry Gooderson

Princeton Stephen Hogan

Jess Emma Handy

Norma Chaffey Lauren Cornelius

BBC Singers: Helen Neeves, Katherine Nicholson, Chris

Bowen, Jamie W Hall

Director: David Hunter.

SAT 06:00 Bob Couttie - The House on Spook Corner (b0bqf7lq)

Was Garry Griggs really possessed by a phantom?

A sceptical scientist probes a ten-year-old infamous case of a poltergeist - featured on an award-winning radio investigation into the paranormal.

David Morris has taken over as presenter of 'Satan's Playground' believing the original ambitious producer had a questionable approach to the truth - and its terrible consequences...

Bob Couttie's thriller stars Frank Windsor as David Morris; Michael Drew as Ellis; John Abiner as Justin; Lisa Goeghan as Donna Griggs; Nicholas Csergo as Garry Griggs; Jo Anderson as Mrs Griggs; Kim Hicks as Christine Vecchi; Geoff Serle as Professor Vecchi; and Shireen Shah as Dr Rowney.

Director: Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 07:30 Unmasking the English (b007zj0g)

Dr Samuel Johnson

Andrew Marr continues his exploration of quintessentially English characters with a look at Dr Samuel Johnson.

Those helping him unmask this kind but curmudgeonly writer include Ann Widdecombe, AA Gill and Richard Ingrams.

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 08:00 Lulu's Musical Map of Glasgow (b049xj8m)

The chart-topping singer shares memories of the city where she was born Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie in 1948.

"This town made me who I am. No matter how far away I live, or how long I've been away, those are the ties that bind."

With Glasgow broadcaster John Cavanagh.

Producer: Paul Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2014.

SAT 09:00 I Played the Prime Minister (b0bqfcpb)

Shaun Ley meets the women and men who have brought decision-making in Downing Street to life on film, television and radio, and explores how they approached portraying the loneliness of leadership at the highest level.

How do actors avoid slipping into impersonation or caricature, when their subject is so familiar?

Brian Cox describes how he tackled the country's most iconic Prime Minister in the film Churchill.

Patricia Hodge explains how she adapted her barnstorming performance as Margaret Thatcher between the radio and television versions of 'The Falklands Play', which is among the dramas we will be hearing again.

The three-hour showcase also includes 'Dividing The Union', an imagined encounter between David Cameron (Greg Wise) and Scotland's First Minister, negotiating independence.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 12:00 One Flat Summer (b0075243)

The Craven Stakes

Newly redundant clothing salesman Ken Warburton finds himself adrift and drawn into the serious world of gambling.

Dave Sheasby's six-part comedy drama.

Starring as Gerard McDermott as Ken, Gillian Bevan as

Margaret, Anthony Ofoegbu as Curly, Rachel Atkins as Christine, Keith Marsh as Dad, Andrea Pickering as Janice, Stephen Thorne as Tanker, David Brooks as Super Yankee, Tracy-Ann Oberman as the Shop Assistant and Hugh Dickson as the Bank Manager.

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio in August 1997.

SAT 12:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pj3)

Series 2

The Wedding March

Things go from bad to worse on Woodpecker Tapping's

wedding day. Everything that could go wrong, does.

The second series of short stories by WS Gilbert dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

Starring Jonathan Coy as WS Gilbert, Jason Chan as Woodpecker Tapping, Paul Clarkson as Bapp, Amy Shindler as Leonora, John Rowe as Bopaddy, Alex Tregear as Anna Maria, Sion Probert as Old Poppytop and Charlotte West-Oram as the Marchioness.

Playwright and humourist, Sir William Schwenck Gilbert

(1836-1911) is best known for his comic opera collaborations with Sir Arthur Sullivan, which first captivated audiences across the English-speaking world in the late 19th century.

Director: Jenny Stephens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SAT 13:00 The Second Pan Book of Horror Stories (Omnibus) (b0bqfcpk)

The Pan Book of Horror Stories was a paperback series of short story anthologies first published in 1959. The early editions were known for their lurid cover art and editor Herbert Van Thal's pick of stories by new authors alongside classics of the genre. It was credited with introducing a new generation to the horror tradition – back in the 1960s, volumes were handed round in school playgrounds in the same way that kids trade computer games today.

The Second Pan Book Of Horror Stories, published in 1962, was considered to be one of the best. Anita Sullivan has selected five from this edition for her own fresh interpretation:

* The Vertical Ladder by William Sansom:

A dare turns into an exercise in fear limitation as Cleggy finds himself high up and hanging on. But he is not alone.

* The Speciality Of The House by Stanley Ellin.

A restaurant has a gourmet dish for only the select few. But what are its ingredients?

* The Black Cat by Edgar Allan Poe.

Dark classic about the psychology of guilt.

* Leiningen Versus The Ants by Carl Stephenson.

Classic story about a plantation owner who is pitted against an army of killer ants.

* The Judge's House by Bram Stoker.

A scholar moves into the former home of a judge with an evil reputation.

Director: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in five parts in October 2018.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05vj7t)

Lulu

Lulu: Singer Lulu chooses 'Night Time Is the Right Time' by Ray Charles and 'Uptown Funk' by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars. From May 2014.

SAT 14:15 Battlefield Ramblings (b0bqfg2y)

Series 1

Pilleth

Muriel Gray explores the Welsh borders with film director Paul Turner to examine the exploits of Welsh folk hero Owain Glyndwr.

Paul thinks Owain is the perfect subject for a Hollywood epic as he explains the saga of the battle Of Wales.

Series exploring the areas around our greatest battlefields.

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SAT 14:45 15 Minute Drama (b0467pcm)

Val McDermid - Deadheading

Episode 3

Best selling crime writer Val McDermid's muderous allotment comedy. Julie Hesmondhalgh, Miriam Margolyes and John Hollingworth star in the wild habitat of the detective story, deftly narrated by Jonathan Keeble.

In the animal kingdom, there are a handful of primary directives that supersede everything else. Food, shelter, that kind of thing. In the detective story, it's the same principle. Suspects, motives, interviews. Nobody understands that better than the Alpha lioness of the pride - aka Detective Chief Inspector Alma Blair.

In Episode 3, Alma and Jason follow the money to intrigue on a market veg stall.

Sound Designer: Eloise Whitmore

Writer: Val McDermid

Directed and Produced by Justine Potter

A Savvy Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 15:00 Lulu's Musical Map of Glasgow (b049xj8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Bob Couttie - The House on Spook Corner (b0bqf7lq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Unmasking the English (b007zj0g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Saturday Drama (b0076sr6)

Trevor Hoyle - Haunted Hospital

Haunted Hospital

A ghost story set in a hospital in Rochdale featuring two parallel storylines, one contemporary and the other set in the late 1800s, the latter drawing on real historical events.

Julia/Lizzie Jo-Anne Knowles

Steve/Daniel Michael Begley

Sam Elianne Byrne

Josiah Ogden David Fleeshman

Jacob Pinch Mark Chatterton

Mrs Cragge Barbara Marten

Mr Cragge James Quinn

Irish Woman Martine Harry-Davis

Directed by Liz Leonard.

SAT 19:00 I Played the Prime Minister (b0bqfcpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04srx8s)

Series 1

Food

In Paul Sinha's History Revision the acclaimed stand-up and eleventh best UK quizzier Paul Sinha looks through all of human

history and examines how we came to be where we are. He starts with something everyday, something we all know to be true; he then reveals the quirks of history and the fascinating stories that led up to this point.

In this first edition, Paul takes as his starting point his own high street in south London. Firstly, what historical events gave his hometown its name? But more than that - how did it end up being culinarily dominated by Chinese and Indian restaurants? The story starts in 1600 and takes in trade, invasion, opium, a bloody civil war that left thirty million people dead, giant greenhouses and the cultivation of saffron.

Paul Sinha is an acclaimed stand-up who was nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy award for his show Saint or Sinha?. He frequently appears on The News Quiz, The Now Show, and Fighting Talk. He is a resident 'chaser' on the ITV quiz show The Chase. He wrote and starred in one-offs The Sinha Test (2011) and The Sinha Games (2012) on Radio 4 and in 2013 had his own four-part series, Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00tjsjf)

Series 6

Ruby Wax interviews Harry Shearer

The new series of the tag team talk show continues as last week's guest, the UK's favourite sharp tongued American, Ruby Wax takes the microphone to interview voice of The Simpsons, face of Derek Smalls and political satirist Harry Shearer.

Ruby asks Harry to delve into some of his Simpsons characters, where he found the inspiration for Derek Smalls in Spinal Tap and who his favourite political target has been over the years.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0brkrj4)

John-Luke Roberts 1/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to John-Luke Roberts.

SAT 23:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nv97y)

Series 1

Episode 3

John Humphrys gives 28 acts 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Kit and the Widow

Frankie Boyle

The Hollow Men

Lucy Porter

Rob Rouse

Toby Foster

Mrs Barbara Nice

Rob Deering

Neil Edmond

Adam Buxton

Anna Crilley & Katie Wix

Mick Ferry

Pete Gold

Susan Murray

Charlie Chuck

Jarred Christmas

Marcus Cummins

Tom Allen

Justin Moorhouse

Will Hodgson

Stephen Carlin

Steve Oram and Tom Meeten

Isy Suttie

Alex Horne

Phil Kay

Nick Revell

John Hegley

Marcus Brigstocke & Danny Robins

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SAT 23:30 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b017x0wb)

Episode 6

Mark Watson continues his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden and with the additional help of the listening audience as we broadcast live and invite them to join in.

Mark will be asking 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.

Quite a few years ago Matt Damon and Robin Williams went Good Will Hunting. Now Mark and co finish the job by finding it, as the final edition of the series takes on a festive aspect. What is goodwill? How can we incorporate it into our lives? Is it better than ill-will? (SPOILER: it is). All this plus the moderate level of Christmas merriment suitable for early December.

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 If.Comedy Award for Best Newcomer 2007.

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SUN 06:00 Charlotte Bronte - Shirley (b03yh8b7)

Omnibus

Robert has suddenly left Yorkshire, unaware that Caroline has fallen into a deep sickness.

Charlotte Bronte's tale of romantic entanglements and turbulent times in the Yorkshire of 1811.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts adapted by Rachel Joyce.

Set against a Yorkshire industrial background, Bronte's powerful second novel is also an impassioned plea for social equality - for workers and women alike. Set during the time of the Luddite unrest, two strands weave together. One, the struggles of workers against mill owners, the other involving the romantic entanglements of the two heroines - Shirley Keelder and Caroline Helstone. It is the friendship of these two women, and the contrast between their situations, that lies at the heart of the piece. Many believe the character of Shirley was written for, and about, Charlotte's sister, Emily, who was dying as Charlotte wrote the novel.

An earthy, vivid and poignant re-telling of one of the lesser-known Bronte classics. The scenes of dangerous social unrest and conflict and love are as relevant today as when the novel was published. It's a story of friendship and love, longing and loss. A rollicking good story with plenty of cliffhangers to keep you hooked to the very end.

Charlotte Bronte Lesley Sharp

Shirley Jemima Rooper

Caroline Joanne Froggatt

Robert Moore Joseph Kloska

Louis Moore Joel MacCormack

Mrs Pryor Christine Kavanagh

Helstone Sean Murray

Hortense Moore Priyanga Burford

Mr Sympson David Seddon

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 07:15 Michael Carson - On Fire for Guy (b0bqfgvr)

4 Extra Debut. Dogmatic 14-year-old Benson disapproves of Guy Fawkes Night and plots to dampen someone's celebrations. Read by Hugh Dickson. From November 1989.

SUN 07:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03yn6xr)

Series 1

Petronius

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A fresh look at the ancient world.

Natalie Haynes, critic, writer and reformed stand-up comedian, brings the ancient world entertainingly up to date. In each of the four programmes she profiles a figure from ancient Greece or Rome and creates a stand-up routine around them. She then goes in search of the links which make the ancient world still very relevant in the 21st century.

Episode 1: The worst dinner party in history. Natalie investigates the work of the writer Petronius, creator of the infamous Satyricon, later made into a film by Fellini. It's all about excess; as a vegetarian, Natalie's particularly revolted by the way in which the Romans insisted on making edible food look disgusting. With satirical cartoonist Martin Rowson, Fellini fan Richard Dyer and historian Victoria Rimell.

SUN 08:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00p1hnz)

'Ail and Hearty

The family worries when Joe Huggett is seen calling in at the doctor's surgery.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, Malcolm Ranson as Bobby, Alanna Boyce as Jane and Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings.

With Bill Pertwee and Ralph Hallett.

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 June 1961.

SUN 08:30 Take It From Here (b01f9slt)

From 19/02/1959

The fall and rise of a Punch & Judy show - and Ron and Eth are planning their honeymoon in 'The Glums'.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.

Announcer: Brian Matthew

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 February 1959.

SUN 09:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know (Omnibus) (b0bqfh65)

Award winning writer Colm Tóibín explores the complex relationships between three of Ireland's literary giants - Oscar Wilde, WB Yeats and James Joyce and their fathers. From Oscar Wilde's polymath father who was a doctor specialising in diseases of the eye and ear - an amateur architect, as well as a statistician who was knighted for his work - to WB Yeats's father a brilliant correspondent and impoverished artist who struggled to complete a painting; to John Stanislaus Joyce, a drinker and story-teller who was unwilling to provide for his family.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

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

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b05s3stm)

Chris and Suzanne - Life is Full of Patterns

Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a couple who could never paint their walls magnolia. For them pattern is essential and life-affirming, 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 (b06nwj4l)

Comedians

Ruby Wax

4 Extra Debut. From the Doors to West Side Story, writer and comedian Ruby Wax shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 2005.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0bqfj1r)

Series 8

Thrill Seekers, Wanderlust and an Italian Stallion

True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness introduces five stories of adventure, from thrill seeking to horses.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

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

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

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

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0100j9q)

Series 2

Hummers

Hummingbirds are given spectacular names motivated by their striking colours, patterns and shimmering metallic iridescence; their names are beautiful as are the birds. David Attenborough has filmed them on several occasions and is fascinated by their agility and flying skills to drink nectar from flowers inaccessible to any other animal. And propelled by this rocket fuel of nature they are capable of flying great distances and living life in the fast lane. Enchanting in this story is how moved David Attenborough is when recalling a story of their conservation; a rare piece of good news he comments.

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Produced by Julian Hector.

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SUN 14:30 Melmoth (b0bqhkp1)

Omnibus 2/2

Hoffman's manuscript describes his shameful and terrifying experiences during the Second World War and its aftermath.

Melmoth the Witness is never far away.

A contemporary novel set in Prague, inspired by an original Gothic story and written by Sarah Perry.

Melmoth the Witness is a terrifying and yet moving creation who repels and attracts our sympathies simultaneously. The novel explores some of humanity's darkest actions, asks us to consider our deepest secrets and conveys the importance of bearing witness to unspeakable events. At the same time, it's also a novel of redemption, of the possibility of forgiveness, hope and reconciliation, and the healing power of love.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Jeremy Osborne.

Readers: Greta Scacchi and Anton Lesser

Producer: Rosalind Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2018.

SUN 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszyv)

Series 1: Respect

Teachers

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Kevin Madden started teaching in a Catholic, inner-city Manchester boys' school in 1945. His grandson Patrick McMahon has just started teaching in a mainly muslim school in Rochdale. They discuss the changing nature of respect between pupils and teachers and how schools have reflected wider society.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Saturday Drama (b03hnh3t)

Christopher Lee - Air-Force One

Martin Jarvis directs a stellar American cast, headed by Stacy Keach, Glennie Headly, Susan Sullivan, Steven Weber - and introduced by Josh Stenberg - in Christopher Lee's extraordinary play.

On November 22nd, 1963, President John F Kennedy was assassinated by a sniper while riding in an open-topped limousine in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

What happened immediately after the assassination?

Theories explored in Lee's riveting drama are based on Federal, classified and academic research, diaries and recollections, and statements by Mrs Kennedy - a mix of substantiated and contested documentation. He focuses, first, on the hospital mortuary, and then aboard Air Force One where former Vice President Lyndon B Johnson insists that Judge Sarah Hughes conducts the 'swearing-in' before take-off. Also present in the overcrowded aircraft is Kennedy's widow, Jackie, in a state of shock, still covered in blood. The play becomes a tense thriller as surprising events occur on board.

Other parts: Tracy Patten, Darren Richardson

Sound design: Wesley Dewberry, Mark Holden

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bqhksh)

Anne Stevenson: The Living Poet and Front Row interview Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Anne Stevenson - The Living Poet'.

Anne shares some of her poetry and inspirations for writing. Plus an interview from BBC Radio 4's 'Front Row' featuring Anne Stevenson talking to Mark Lawson shortly after winning the Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award.

From 1984 and 2007.

SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03yn6xr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Tony Ramsay - Black Velvet (b007jqnf)

It's the 17th Century: Young Master Richard forces a servant girl, Annie, to play at being the mistress of Thoresby Hall - with disastrously claustrophobic consequences.

Tony Ramsay's macabre tale stars Rachel Atkins as Annie and Richard Pearce as Master Richard Beckford.

Recorded on location at Tythrop House in Buckinghamshire.

Director: Janet Whittaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

SUN 18:45 Ghost Story (b0bqjly2)

Midnight Express, by Alfred Noyes

4 Extra Debut. Little does 12-year-old Mortimer realise that a book from his father's library sets out his own future. Read by Joss Ackland. From December 1986.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0bqfj1r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0100j9q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know (Omnibus) (b0bqfh65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b05s3stm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06nwj4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03yn6xr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b00sh2f1)

Series 3

Napoleon Bonaparte

The radical comedian offers his humorous assessment of the

life and career of the battling French emperor. From October 2002.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0brkjwd)

John-Luke Roberts 2/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to John-Luke Roberts.

SUN 23:00 On the Hour (b008pbqj)

Series 1

Episode 2

Tackling dangerous dogs, TV evangelism probe - and a surprising new role for Margaret Thatcher.

All the news as it happens, if it happens - plus sport from Alan Partridge.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

SUN 23:30 Ectoplasm (b007wp38)

The Affair of the Baddie's Niece

Lord Zimbabwe and Dr Lilac hit the Wild West to thwart an evil Waffle Baron. With Dan Freedman and Nick Romero. From July 2000.

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MON 00:00 Tony Ramsay - Black Velvet (b007jqnf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Ghost Story (b0bqjly2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Charlotte Bronte - Shirley (b03yh8b7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Michael Carson - On Fire for Guy (b0bqfgvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Melmoth (b0bqhkp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Saturday Drama (b03hnh3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bqhksh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03yn6xr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b011pp7t)

Whip Hand

Swindler

Disabled ex-jockey turned investigator Sid Halley faces a daunting treble: guard The Guineas favourite, investigate a dubious racing syndicate and find the man who has swindled his ex-wife.

Stars Mick Ford as Sid Halley, Alan Devereux as George Caspar, David Vann as Unwin/Quayle, Kim Durham as Chico Barnes and Patricia Gallimore as Rosemary Caspar.

Dramatised by Alan England

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

MON 06:30 Last of The Last of the Summer Wine (b00tj8r1)

Broadcaster and poet Ian McMillan pays tribute to television's longest-running situation comedy 'Last of the Summer Wine', which ran from 1973 to 2010.

It would be hard to argue that Last Of The Summer Wine is anything but a British classic. Until recently the world's longest running TV situation comedy seemed immortal. In its heyday, the adventures of senior citizens Compo, Foggy and Clegg drew audiences of 19 million.

The lyrical adventures of three bungling, elderly oddballs have charmed viewers of all generations for over a third of a century, and this programme charts the shows unbelievable success.

The show was pioneering in many ways, one of which was the decision to have and ultimately set the trend for a double length Christmas special.

Including exclusive interviews with major cast members and archive of the late Bill Owen and Kathy Staff, who turned the character of battleaxe Nora Batty into a treasured national icon, the programme delves behind the scenes with writer Roy Clarke and producer/director Alan J. W. Bell who offer fascinating insights into the show's journey from script to screen.

Cast members pay tribute to Ronnie Hazlehurst's theme music and McMillan calls to mind his own favourite characters in the series.

The programme examines why the series has survived so long, surprising critics, audiences and even the BBC itself which has often been accused of underestimating its importance.

MON 07:00 The Older Woman (b039tqfd)

Series 2

Episode 4

Roy continues to vie for Jane's affections from the vantage point of a caravan in her garden...

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, Tilly Vosburgh as Marina and Sue Roderick as Wynn.
Other parts played by Alistair McGowan, Melanie Hudson and Peter Serafinowicz.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger:
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.
MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)
Series 13
Episode 5
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Lee Mack welcome comedian and ventriloquist Nina Conti, writer of the hit TV period drama series Victoria Daisy Goodman and the former Cabinet Secretary Lord Butler of Brockwell.
This week, the Museum's Guest Committee discuss the magical properties of false teeth, the prominent contribution made by Queen Victoria's consort Prince Albert, and the mysterious case of 30 Russian jet fighters found buried in the sand.
The show was researched by Mike Turner and Emily Jupitus of QI.
The Producers were Richard Turner and Anne Miller.
A BBC Studios Production.
MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)
Series 5
The Male Suffragettes
The lad says women are holding men back, so he forms a group to re-establish male superiority.
Stars Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1958.
MON 08:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p0x1b)
Series 1
The Inspector Calls
The threat of closure from an official inspection calls for desperate measures at the sleepy station.
Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Ian Lavender as Bert, Kenneth Connor as Percy, Liz Fraser as Gloria and John Graham as Phineas Perkins.
Jim Eldridge's 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 Signalman, 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.
Re-created Announcements by Keith Skues.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1971.
MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b011tz15)
Series 60
From 13/06/2011
Graham Norton, Jenny Eclair, Paul Merton and Josie Lawrence join chairman Nicholas Parsons for the most devious of panel games. The four panellists are asked by Mr Parsons to speak on subjects he gives them for sixty seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation. A surprisingly taxing task.
This week Graham Norton reveals his thoughts on Internet Dating and How to Make Smalltalk at Parties, Jenny Eclair describes her Favourite Shoes, Josie Lawrence shares her ability to Leave on a High and Paul Merton talks about Plankton and Smoothies.
MON 09:30 Snap (b00tvq12)
Series 2
Episode 4
A problem aired is a problem shared, but will Ryan find a way to deal with being bullied on his own?
And Molly doesn't care who Doug goes out with now they're divorced, but she'd still like to know all the details...
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, Samantha Spiro as Dawn and Jonathan Tafler as Raymond.
Producer: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
MON 10:00 Saturday Drama (b00mz3pq)
Annie Caulfield - The Von Trapps and Me
Annie Caulfield's comedy tells the famous story of the Von Trapp family singers from the perspective of the Princess Yvonne, the woman Captain Von Trapp jilted in order to marry Maria.
Princess Yvonne Helen Froggatt
Helena Helen Baxendale
Captain Von Trapp James Fleet
Maria Helen Ayres
Boy Benjamin Askew
Girl Lizzy Watts
Reverend Mother Caroline Guthrie
Sam Mark Meadows
Directed by Mary Ward-Lowery.
MON 11:00 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (b0bqhyvd)
Series 3

The Striding Place, by Gertrude Atherton
At a shooting weekend in the West Riding a guest goes missing. At night, his best friend goes out to look for him.
An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.
Series 3 features a selection of mysteries from America.
Writer Louisa May Alcott was born in 1832 in Pennsylvania.
She is best-known for her Little Women trilogy (Little Women; Little Men and Jo's Boys). She died in 1888.
Writer: Gertrude Atherton
Reader: Samuel West
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
MON 11:15 Tommies (b0bckgxd)
1 August 1918
By Neil Brand
Mickey's big deception plan could change the course of the War but the arrival of soldier son Jack and WAAC Controller sister Evadne complicates matters.
Meticulously based on unit war diaries and eye-witness accounts, each episode of TOMMIES traces one real day at war, exactly 100 years ago, telling untold stories about the war in Gaza, Gallipoli, Serbia, Mesopotamia, Russia, Macedonia, Italy, Turkmenistan and Tanzania, as well as on the Western Front.
And through it all, we've followed the fortunes of Mickey Bliss and his fellow signallers, from the Lahore Division of the British Indian Army. They are the cogs in an immense machine, one which connects situations across the whole theatre of the war, over four long years.
Series created by Jonathan Ruffle
Producers: David Hunter, Jonquil Panting, Jonathan Ruffle
Director: David Hunter.
MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p0x1b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Dick Francis (b011pp7t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Last of The Last of the Summer Wine (b00tj81)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 First World War 100: Poetry's Passing Bells (b0bqjk8z)
Anthem for Doomed Youth, The Inwardness of War
Poetry's Passing Bells
Poet and presenter of Poetry Extra, Daljit Nagra, leads Radio 4 Extra's memorial to the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War – on 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. Daljit introduces programmes from the BBC radio archive that traces the impact the First World War had upon poets, both soldiers, and those left behind.
Beginning each edition will be the poetry, and letters, of Wilfred Owen, who died in the weeks before the end of the Great War, in November 1918, aged only 25.
In Anthem for Doomed Youth (Radio 3, 1993), Kenneth Branagh reads some of the most profoundly moving artistic responses to the terrible impact of war ever written.
The Inwardness of War (1988)
Dominic Hibberd traces the development of Wilfred Owen's attitudes to the First World War and to his poetry of the period.
With David Michaels as Wilfred Owen.
Presenter: Daljit Nagra
Producer: Peter McHugh
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03m40zl)
Love, Nina: Despatches From Family Life
Being a Nanny Is Great
Mary Poppins meets Adrian Mole in Nina Stibbe's letters from the heart of 1980s literary London.
Nina writes hilarious letters home to her sister Vic in Leicester describing her trials and triumphs as a nanny to a London family. Fascinating insights into their domestic life emerge including illuminating suppertime chats about life, love and food, regular visits from the playwright up the road who's surprisingly good at fixing things and in episode one, Nina is faced with the problem of an 8 ft Christmas tree too big for the house.
Read by Rebekah Staton
Abridged by Penny Leicester
Produced by Gemma Jenkins.
MON 15:00 Saturday Drama (b00mz3pq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b011tz15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Snap (b00tvq12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 The Older Woman (b039tqfd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Mind's Eye (b007jygp)
Virtuoso
A woman claiming her hands are possessed is met with scepticism, until a father and daughter psychotherapist team decide to investigate...
Five tales of paranormal investigations written by Gemma McMullan and Gerry Casey.
Stars Dermot Crowley as Lorcan Molloy, Cathy Belton as Aoife Molloy, Mark Lambert as Fergus Rainer, Richard Orr as Brian Walsh, Margaret D'Arcy as Maggie Renshaw, Niall

Cusack as Latimer and Laura Hughes as Rita.
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in 2006.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00774r4)
Anita Anand and Matt Seaton
Sue MacGregor and her guests - broadcaster, Anita Anand and journalist and cyclist, Matt Seaton - discuss books by Sam Garrett, Janet Malcolm and an anonymous woman writer. From 2007.
A Woman in Berlin by Anonymous, translated by Philip Boehm
Publisher: Virago
The Rider by Tim Krabbé, translated by Sam Garrett
Publisher: Bloomsbury
In the Freud Archives by Janet Malcolm
Publisher: Granta
MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007yntz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Date With Fate (b008y7g7)
A Damp Fib
Surveyor's clerk Simon tries hard to cover up a huge white lie.
Stars Charles Gray and Alex Lowe. From February 1996.
MON 22:45 My Booze Hell, by Little Johnny Cartilage (b00dwnds)
Malcolm MacDonald's Sideburns
The faded 70s idol explains his downfall to a bemused Sue Lawley. With Johnny Meres and Peter Serafinowicz. From October 1996.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m0000z5z)
Series 53
Episode 2
Hugh Dennis presents the week via topical stand-up and sketches. This week we tackle the budget, Halloween and the state of debate during the US mid-term elections.
Rose Matafeo looks at Kanye's latest tweets, Andy Zaltzman comes up with a way to achieve peace and unity in the world and Beadyman has a charity song for the wildlife of this planet.
Gemma Arrowsmith and Luke Kempner provide additional voices.
It was written by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis with the cast
Additional material from Catherine Brinkworth, Gareth Gwynn, Charlie Dinkin and Laura Major
The song was written by Beadyman and Jay Foreman
The production coordinator was Sarah Sharpe
It was a BBC Studios production.
MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jns)
Series 1
Episode 2
Temping at NASA and planning permission for the Death Star. Sketch show with Robert Webb and Olivia Colman. From August 2002.
TUESDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2018
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
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TUE 05:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Dick Francis (b011psk5)
Whip Hand
Hide Out
When the favourite for the Newmarket 2000 Guineas was nobbled, why was Sid Halley hiding out in Paris?

Stars Mick Ford as Sid Halley, Alan Devereux as George Caspar, David Vann as Unwin/Quayle, Kim Durham as Chico Barnes and Patricia Gallimore as Rosemary Caspar.

Dramatised by Alan England

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

TUE 06:30 Macavity's Not There: TS Eliot in the 21st Century (b00lp043)

TS Eliot may be regarded by some as the most significant poet in the English language over the past 100 years, but how much does he mean to modern readers? As a major project begins to edit everything he wrote, author and critic Michael Alexander explores where Eliot, and poetry in general, stand in national culture.

TUE 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00b2txd)

Series 1

Goodbye Gregory

The late Gregory Patterson was a stalwart of the Roman Catholic Parishioners. But how will Mrs Patterson cope now with her headstrong daughter, Barbara? How will young Robert face up to his new responsibilities?

Surely football-crazy priest Father Benedict can help?

A six-part black comedy by Martin Davies

Stars Desmond Barrit as Father Benedict, Brenda Blethyn as Mrs Patterson, Paul Parris as Robert Patterson, Charlotte Coleman as Barbara Patterson, Martino Lazzari as Guy Entwistle, Gordon Reid as Mr Plant, Mark Straker as Andy and Claire Skinner as Janet.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

TUE 07:30 Gloombsbury (m0000z52)

Series 5

Warning: Contains Strong Language, Violence and Nuts

In the middle of a General Election in which he is standing for the Labour Party, Henry begins to wonder what socialism is. He puts out a general invitation for a brainstorming session. Vera, who has refused to attend any of his meetings, simply wants to spend the day gardening.

Ginny is still keen to repair relations with Vera and she and Lionel, accompanied by Scratchey and Barrington, go down to Sizzlinghurst to talk about socialism. George Gurnard Shaw also turns up accompanied by his crazy wife Charlotte.

They are not liked by Mrs Gosling, who takes vociferous exception to vegetarians who go skinny-dipping in Madam's pond.

Cast:

VERA.....MIRIAM MARGOLYES

HENRY.....JONATHAN COY

MRS GOSLING.....ALISON STEADMAN

GOSLING.....NIGEL PLANER

GINNY FOX.....ALISON STEADMAN

LIONEL FOX.....NIGEL PLANER

LYTTON SCRATCHY.....NIGEL PLANER

BARRINGTON.....MORWENNA BANKS

GEORGE GURNARD SHAW.....JOHN SESSIONS

CHARLOTTE, HIS WIFE.....MORWENNA BANKS

RAYMOND.....MORWENNA BANKS

HECKLER.....JOHN SESSIONS

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Code of the Woosters (b007ww6f)

The Plot Thickens

Bertie Wooster is swept up into a world of fake heroics.

PG Wodehouse romp adapted by Chris Miller.

Starring Michael Horden as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie Wooster, Rex Garner as Gussie Fink-Nottle, James Villiers as Roderick Spode and Miriam Margolyes as Stiffy Byng.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b019drtz)

Where There's a Will

A millionaire industrialist has bequeathed a fortune for scientific research.

Surely the bungling bureaucrats can manage to commission a memorial sculpture for him...?

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 'Problem In The Park' made in April 1980.

TUE 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008m74n)

Episode 3

Clive Anderson anchors the improvisations with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Jimmy Mulville and Nonny Williams. From January 1988.

TUE 09:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pmf)

Series 2

A Sensation Novel

Ebenezer Fudge - writer of melodramatic sensation novels - is disturbed when his characters start coming to life and criticising his preposterous plots.

The second series of short stories by WS Gilbert dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

Starring Jonathan Coy as WS Gilbert, John Rowe as Ebenezer Fudge, Nicholas Boulton as the Demon of Romance, Julia Hills

as Lady Rockalda, Hugh Dickson as Sir Ruthven Glenaloun, Jason Chan as Herbert; and Wendy Baxter as Alice Grey.

Playwright and humourist, Sir William Schwenck Gilbert (1836-1911) is best known for his comic opera collaborations with Sir Arthur Sullivan, which first captivated audiences across the English-speaking world in the late 19th century.

Director: Jenny Stephens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 10:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqjrrp)

1914

Voices of the First World War has been broadcast throughout the commemorative period on Radio 4 as a 50-part series in which Dan Snow brings together the sound archive collections of the Imperial War Museums and the BBC, to tell the story of the war through the recollections of those who were there. The series, which will conclude in the week running up to November 11th 2018, has been tracing the story of the war, year by year, by drawing on interviews in the oral history collection of the IWM and the rushes for the BBC's 'Great War' series of 1964.

All this week on 4 Extra, five hour-long editions will explore the events of each year of the war through the memories of those who actually took part. In this first programme exploring the men's experience of the beginning of the war in 1914, speakers recall in great detail, as though it were yesterday, their first impressions of France as they arrived, the shock of seeing their first casualty and hearing their first shell, their daily and nightly routines as soldiers, and their psychological state in the face of so much trauma. And we hear recollections of the much-mythologised Christmas Truce of 1914, from the point of view of those who witnessed it.

TUE 11:00 Hibernian Homicide: New Irish Crime Stories (b050z2vm)

Archaeology, by Claire McGowan

Three new stories of mystery and intrigue from some of Northern Ireland's very best crime writers: Colin Bateman, Claire McGowan and Stuart Neville.

Colin Bateman explores how a woman's chance encounter in a supermarket reawakens her painful past and stirs an overwhelming desire for vengeance, while Claire McGowan brings us the story of an archaeological dig which becomes a crime scene upon the discovery of a young woman's body, and Stuart Neville tells of a minister who is asked to commit an unspeakable crime for one of his parishioners. But why? And will he do it?

TUE 11:15 Tommies (b0b9d11v)

8 August 1918

By Jonathan Ruffle

Mickey Bliss's bold deception plan is put into action and could change the course of the war, but on the personal front his past catches up with him.

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Series created by Jonathan Ruffle

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Director: David Hunter.

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Siegfried Sassoon - A Friend (2004)

Dennis Silk recalls his 13-year friendship with the war poet and shares a precious private recording he made in the 1960s of Siegfried Sassoon reading his own work, including The General, Base Details, Died of Wounds and several other poems.

Presenter: Daljit Nagra

Producer: Peter McHugh

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03m79cj)

Love, Nina: Despatches From Family Life

Alan Bennett's Cookery Tips

Mary Poppins meets Adrian Mole in Nina Stibbe's letters from the heart of 1980s literary London.

Nina exchanges cookery tips with Alan Bennett and finds Thomas Hardy irritating.

Read by Rebekah Staton

Abridged by Penny Leicester

Produced by Gemma Jenkins.

TUE 15:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqjrrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b08thb7b)

Series 7

St John's College, Cambridge

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from St John's College, Cambridge with specialist subjects including Human, Social and Political Sciences, World History and Physics and questions ranging from Christoffel Symbols to Cannibal Rituals via August Strindberg and Jojo Moyes.

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 Roehampton, Hull, Derby, Liverpool and Queen's University Belfast.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)

Series 1

New Year, Old Problems

It's the beginning of a new school term and Izzy is dreading it...

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

Adapted by Sue Limb from her 1984 novel into 3 radio series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With Marty Cruickshank as Maria, Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Mike Grady as Dick, Sion Probert as Gwyn and Cheryl Miller, Sarah Doyle, Mark Monero and Sam Smart as Class 4C.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

TUE 17:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00b2txd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Gloombsbury (m0000z52)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Mind's Eye (b007wpln)

Faith

Father and Daughter psychotherapy team - Lorcan and Oeife Malloy - take on the case of Jake who believes he's got a guardian angel...

Five tales of paranormal investigations written by Gemma McMullan and Gerry Casey.

Stars Dermot Crowley as Lorcan Molloy, Cathy Belton as Aoife Molloy, Mark Lambert as Fergus Rainer, Richard Orr as Brian Walsh, Sean Campion as Jake Lewis, John Hewitt as DCI Talbot, Niall Cusack as Father Tom and Laura Hughes as the Reporter.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2006.

TUE 18:30 My Life in Five Songs (b01p97pr)

Series 5

Eleanor McEvoy

Eleanor McEvoy is one of Ireland's most successful and popular singers.

She wrote the song Only A Woman's Heart which was on the album A Woman's Heart which also featured fellow musicians Mary Black, Dolores Keane, Sharon Shannon, Frances Black and Maura O'Connell and was the biggest selling album in Irish musical history.

In the 20 years since the album's release Eleanor has made her mark on the music scene at home in Ireland and abroad.

Born in Dublin she took an interest in music and song from an early age, joined the Junior Irish Youth Orchestra as a young teenager and for four years played with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland before pursuing her career in popular music.

Eleanor tells Phil Cunningham about her love of both pop and classical music and she picks five tracks that have been milestones along her musical journey.

Phil opens the show with the track Only a Woman's Heart and Eleanor goes on to pick these five songs:

Mama Weer All Craze Now" by Slade
Sylvia's Mother from Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show
Music For a While - Henry Purcell. Sung by countertenor James Bowman.

Memphis Tennessee by Chuck Berry

Someone Like You by Adele

Phil closes the programme with Eleanor's song You'll Hear

Better Songs (Than This).

TUE 19:00 The Code of the Woosters (b007ww6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Men From the Ministry (b019drtz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Dick Francis (b011psk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Macavity's Not There: TS Eliot in the 21st Century (b00lp043)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Gloombsbury (m0000z52)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01jt0z0)

Series 3

Brunel Insurance

The management consultants must make cuts at the firm that insures Ryan's flashy new car. Stars Robin Ince. From August 2004.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0brfpzw)

Harriet Kemsley 1/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Laura Lexx chats to Harriet Kemsley

TUE 23:00 The Skivers (b00j1ff4)

Series 3

Episode 2

High winds alert! Weatherman Michael Fish bids for stardom. Sketch show with Nick Golsen and Tim de Jongh. From January 1997.

TUE 23:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03hnhjw)

Series 9

The Intern

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and down of his week, complete with his trusty companion, Elgar, and the curmudgeonly attitude to life that he's mastered over years of failure.

This week, the council is taking a holistic approach to cost-cutting and decides that Ed's writing class needs to get paid for some of their work. When it transpires that the class feels that they are wasting their time and thinking of joining the 'Bonkers About Baking' class Ed decides to set them the task of writing 'Hedgehog Jottings' and 'Tales from the Towpath' in an attempt to earn money and become real writers. Meanwhile, when the new intern at the agency turns out to be more than he seems, Ed finds himself maintaining his non-tax paying status by becoming the oldest intern in town and sharing an office with Ping.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

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Whip Hand

Threats

Determined Sid Halley returns to England determined to overcome threats made against him by a gang of racecourse dopers.

Stars Mick Ford as Sid Halley, David Vann as Unwin, Kim Durham as Chico Barnes, Patricia Gallimore as Rosemary Caspar and Terry Molloy as Trevor Deansgate.

Dramatised by Alan England

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

WED 06:30 Mr Cole Comes to Kensington (b03m40zs)

Christopher Frayling explores the legacy of Henry Cole, dynamic founder of London's Victoria and Albert Museum and the vibrant design partnership with the Royal College of Art.

At the time of the Great Exhibition in 1851, British design was fast losing out to the Continent. But by 1871, the South

Kensington Museum (now the V&A) with its pioneering public restaurant, free admission days and evening openings, had become a blueprint for design museums worldwide.

The man behind this remarkable achievement was Henry Cole, inventor of the commercial Christmas card, who had helped introduce the Penny Post. A bustling, rotund figure with a mane of white hair, 'Old King' Cole transformed what had been a teaching collection of plaster casts into a world-leading museum of art and design. But despite the patronage of Prince Albert, it proved an arduous journey, often fraught with opposition from a suspicious Establishment.

Christopher Frayling is a former Rector of the Royal College of Art and former V&A Trustee.

Contributors include British fashion designer and RCA graduate Zandra Rhodes and former V&A Director Sir Roy Strong.

Producer: Catriona Oliphant

A Chrome Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c7d1c)

Series 3

Episode 5

Will hard-up Tommy and Sheila's trip to Australia ever get off the ground?

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 Halstead and Tracy-Ann Oberman.

Music by Frido Rulth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

WED 07:30 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

Series 2

The Charity Gig

The Evans family are back for another series. Former convict Bob is forced to live with his uptight son Gruff, sympathetic daughter-in-law Alice and granddaughter Carys whilst on parole.

Ex-fraudster Bob gets the opportunity to catch up with a former resident of C Wing, who has written about his time in prison.

Bob – Steve Speirs

Gruff – Elis James

Alice – Katy Wix

Richard Flint – Neil Pearson

Tabitha – Adelayo Adedayo

Hakan – Naz Osmanoglu

Pam – Anna Brophy Leon

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01kbz4q)

Chasing the Kepeac

Sister ships HMS Troutbridge and HMS Makepeace are sent on a wild ghost chase into the fog.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicate as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey, Ronnie Barker as Commander Stanton, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as Commander Bracewell.

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 (b0bqmb3y)

From 16/04/1959

Kenneth Horne discovers 'True Film Star Confessions' and 'Hornerama' probes hospitals.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety 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 Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1959.

WED 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00fks6r)

Series 3

Episode 3

Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego with guests Carol Sarler and Rachel Holmes.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

WED 09:30 Simon's Bug (b04j2dsb)

Episode 4

Simon comes to conclusions about his wife, children and friends. But are they correct? Stars Hywel Bennett. From March 1989.

WED 10:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqmbvg)

1915

Dan Snow introduces a selection of 'Voices of the First World War' programmes covering the developments of 1915. In archive interviews from the BBC and Imperial War Museum, those who witnessed it recall the battle of Neuve Chapelle, the first major use of gas on the Western Front and the effect on the soldiers who breathed it in, and what it was like to be in command of U-boats - or be at their mercy: we hear from a survivor of the sinking of the Lusitania. And those who fought in Gallipoli recall the landings, the terrible conditions they suffered on the peninsula, and their eventual evacuation.

WED 11:00 Hibernian Homicide: New Irish Crime Stories (b051r9n2)

The Gaining of Wisdom, by Colin Bateman

Three new stories of mystery and intrigue from some of Northern Ireland's very best crime writers: Colin Bateman, Claire McGowan and Stuart Neville.

Colin Bateman explores how a woman's chance encounter in a supermarket reawakens her painful past and stirs an overwhelming desire for vengeance, while Claire McGowan bring us the story of an archaeological dig which becomes a crime scene upon the discovery of a young woman's body, and Stuart Neville tells of a minister who is asked to commit an unspeakable crime for one of his parishioners. But why? And will he do it?

Writer Colin Bateman

Reader Cathy White

Producer Gemma McMullan.

WED 11:15 Tommies (b0bf67lm)

15 August 1918

Two armoured trains meet on a single train track in the desert, in this extraordinary real life battle story, written by Avin Shah.

Why have the 19th Punjabi Infantry Regiment of the British Indian Army been sent to Turkestan, where the British are not at war?

Why are Russian soldiers driving both the train they're on, and the train they're trying to destroy?

What's behind Railway Lieutenant Stepiak's paranoia about the enemy?

And if either side damage the train track - will they ever get out of the desert?

Meticulously based on unit war diaries and eye-witness accounts, each episode of TOMMIES traces one real day at war, exactly 100 years ago, telling untold stories about the war in Gaza, Gallipoli, Serbia, Mesopotamia, Russia, Macedonia, Italy, Turkmenistan and Tanzania, as well as on the Western Front.

And through it all, we've followed the fortunes of Mickey Bliss and his fellow signallers, from the Lahore Division of the British Indian Army. They are the cogs in an immense machine, one which connects situations across the whole theatre of the war, over four long years.

Series created by Jonathan Ruffie

Producers: David Hunter, Jonquil Panting, Jonathan Ruffie

Director: Jonquil Panting.

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Anthem For Doomed Youth, Nobody Told Me To Oil My

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Nobody Told Me To Oil My Boots (2008)

Sir Antony Sher tells the story of the First World War poet, whose reputation has been overshadowed by many of his better-known contemporaries - but was described by one of them, Siegfried Sassoon, as a genius.

Presenter: Daljit Nagra

Producer: Peter McHugh

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03m7mdk)

Love, Nina: Despatches From Family Life

Sometimes You Just Have to Lie

Mary Poppins meets Adrian Mole in Nina Stibbe's letters from the heart of 1980s literary London. Alan Bennett's handyman skills come to the rescue and Nina finds herself in a situation where she just has to lie.

Read by Rebekah Staton

Abridged by Penny Leicester

Produced by Gemma Jenkins.

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WED 18:00 Mind's Eye (b007wqdd)

Whispers

A young boy swears he's under attack by a poltergeist.

Another case for father and daughter psychotherapy team

Lorcan and Aoife Malloy...

Five tales of the paranormal written by Gemma McMullan and Gerry Casey.

Stars Dermot Crowley as Lorcan Molloy, Cathy Belton as Aoife Malloy, Mark Lambert as Fergus Rainer, Richard Orr as Brian Walsh, Sean Campion as David McAlease, Eamonn Owens as Eamonn McAlease and Gerard Murphy as the Radio Presenter.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2006.

WED 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jpy4)

Series 2

Ted Ray

Mark Radcliffe traces the career of the fiddler who became one of the most successful comedians of the 1950s and 60s – Ted Ray.

Series exploring the tradition of influential northern comedians.

Producer Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

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WED 22:30 Shedtown (b03z7f4)

Series 3

No Rules

The Sheddies have fallen off the edge, abandoned ship; they're clinging to driftwood and floating out to sea.

A big, funny, daft poem to the sea. Not burdened by common sense or what's gone before; our Sheddies spot a structure in the distance – and are swept up in a dream populated by a pier, no rules, and of course beds, to rest their heads, in brand new made-to-measure 'omnisheds'.

Narrated by Maxine Peake

Written and Directed by Tony Pitts

Music by Richard Hawley and Paul Heaton

Produced by Sally Harrison

A Woolyback production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0brfq5b)

Harriet Kemsley 2/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Laura Lexx chats to Harriet Kemsley.

WED 23:00 The In Crowd (b06h87lz)

Series 4

Episode 6

Naming children and computer dating. Manchester sketch show with Kate Ward, Smug Roberts and Robin Ince. From July 2004.

WED 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b00dbj12)

Tossed in Space

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero serve up a salad family who are Tossed in Space, plus Robin Wood and The Archers abroad. From August 1998.

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Whip Hand

Connections

Sid Halley must probe a link between cauliflowers and pig disease, and the loss of three champion racehorses.

Stars Mick Ford as Sid Halley, David Vann as Armadale, Kim Durham as Chico Barnes, Patricia Gallimore as Rosemary Caspar and Simon Carter as Charles.

Dramatised by Alan England

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

THU 06:30 Premiership Science (b01ptzm7)

Like football, science is an international endeavour complete with its own stars and prima donnas. Alok Jha asks if the UK is doing enough to make sure we have a dream team.

THU 07:00 One Flat Summer (b007529g)

The 2,000 Guineas

Excited by a good win at Newmarket and a promising partnership, redundant Ken is drawn deeper into the world of serious gambling.

Dave Sheasby's six-part comedy drama.

Starring as Gerard McDermott as Ken, Gillian Bevan as Margaret, Anthony Ofoegbu as Curly, Rachel Atkins as Christine, Keith Marsh as Dad, Andrea Pickering as Janice, Stephen Thorne as Tanker, David Brooks as Super Yankee, Tracy-Ann Oberman as the Shop Assistant, Hugh Dickson as the Bank Manager, Janet Maw as Rita, Ioan Meredith as Donald and Carolyn Jones as Julia.

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio in August 1997.

THU 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

Series 3

The Appliance of Science

Hardacre's ad agency are pitching to the University of Oxfordshire, an online-only institution dedicated to internet learning. Their efforts are complicated by the arrival at the agency of Elgin Hardacre (James Northcote), hired by his father (Nigel Havers) as a copywriter – despite having no relevant skills or experience.

While Hardacre shows no interest in his son and Amanda (Josie Lawrence) dismisses him as an idiot and resolves to fire him by the end of the week, Joe (Mathew Baynton) and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) take pity on Elgin and take him under their wing. In the process, they discover that however bad Hardacre might be as a boss, he's infinitely worse as a father – and Elgin in turn reveals some peculiar beliefs.

Cast:

Hardacre.....Nigel Havers

Joe.....Mathew Baynton

Amanda.....Josie Lawrence

Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker

Laura.....Olivia Nixon

Elgin.....James Northcote

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

Series 2

The Death List

A victim of phone tapping, Jim Hacker rebuts state surveillance – until his own life comes under threat.

Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby, Derek Fowldes as Bernard and Graeme Garden as Commander Forrest.

Antony 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 November 1984.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)

Spon

A certain brown terror awaits Dick Emery, who is filling Harry Secombe's shoes, but not his trousers. From September 1957.

THU 09:00 Puzzle Panel (b00y26mr)

Episode 5

More testing brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Paul Lamford, Professor Angela Newing and Robert Eastaway. From July 1998.

THU 09:30 Romantic Friction (b00764dy)

Episode 2

As love blossoms for romance writer Anna, her characters become increasingly annoyed by the lack of authorial presence in their plot lines.

Not only does Anna keep having Lady Chatterley fantasies, but she's worried Brian only wants her as a friend...

Michelle Read's four-part comedy-drama stars Samantha Bond and Hugh Bonneville.

With Beth Chambers, Michelle Read, Kammy Darweish,

Adjoa Andoh, Andrew Wincott, Sue Elliott-Nicholls and Michael Fenton Stevens.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

THU 10:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqny12)

1916

Voices of the First World War has tracked the history of the war year by year over the past four years, through interviews in the archives of the BBC and the Imperial War Museum. In a special compilation of programmes covering some of the events of 1916, we hear from those who experienced the battles whose names are now seared into the national consciousness, including Verdun, Jutland, and the Somme. With Dan Snow.

THU 11:00 Hibernian Homicide: New Irish Crime Stories (b052h9b8)

Faith, by Stuart Neville

Three new stories of mystery and intrigue from some of Northern Ireland's very best crime writers: Colin Bateman, Claire McGowan and Stuart Neville.

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Writer Stuart Neville

Reader Stuart Graham

Producer Heather Larmour.

THU 11:15 Tommies (b0bfz1ss)

22 August 1918

Mrs Adeline Washington is one of only four black American YMCA workers, sent to support the 200,000 black American soldiers arriving in France in 1918.

In this story by Patricia Cumper and Jonathan Ruffle, Mrs Washington's duties should keep her away from the fighting. But when she uncovers a shocking secret about the US 371st Regiment, currently in the frontline at Esnes-en-Argonne, she has to find any way to get there - and fast.

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Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.

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THU 14:00 First World War 100: Poetry's Passing Bells (b0bqmqj2c)

Anthem For Doomed Youth, The Josephine Hart Poetry Programme

Poetry's Passing Bells

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The Josephine Hart Poetry Programme (2008)

In 2008, Josephine Hart (who died in 2011), explored the work of great poets with the unforgettable verse from the trenches of the First World War. She was joined live at the British Library by the actors Robert Hardy, Daniel Stevens, Damian Lewis and Elizabeth McGovern who give voice to the suffering, sarcasm, wit, and loss expressed by the poets of the Great War.

Presenter: Daljit Nagra

Producer: Peter McHugh

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03m7z0b)

Love, Nina: Despatches From Family Life

Being a Student Is Great

Mary Poppins meets Adrian Mole in Nina Stibbe's letters from the heart of 1980s literary London. Nina starts college, has an uncomfortable theatre trip and frets about a romance.

Read by Rebekah Staton

Abridged by Penny Leicester

Produced by Gemma Jenkins.

THU 15:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqny12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Puzzle Panel (b00y26mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Romantic Friction (b00764dy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 One Flat Summer (b007529g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Mind's Eye (b007jyt8)

Prophet

Released murderer Paul claims he can foresee imminent crimes, but the police aren't so sure...

Another case for father and daughter psychotherapy team Lorcan and Aoife Malloy.

Five tales of the paranormal written by Gemma McMullan and Gerry Casey.

Stars Dermot Crowley as Lorcan Molloy, Cathy Belton as Aoife Molloy, Mark Lambert as Fergus Rainer, Richard Orr as Brian Walsh, Gerard Murphy as Paul Strong and John Hewitt as DCI Talbot.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2006.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b019rpw0)

Series 26

Vera Brittain

The pacifist Vera Brittain - whose Testament of Youth conveys the toll of the First World War on her generation - is discussed by her daughter Baroness Shirley Williams and Dr Clare Gerada.

Matthew Parris chairs a fascinating and insightful exploration of what it was like to be brought up by Vera Brittain, a mother who was effectively worldwide public property, and so in many ways was simply unavailable to the young Shirley. Vera, who as a teenage feminist was desperate for an education, turned her back on her studies at Oxford in 1914, because she felt compelled to serve as a nurse, wanting to join her brother and his friends in the Trenches as far as she could.

The rest of Vera Brittain's life was shaped by the grief that followed the loss of her fiancée, her own brother and two good friends. Candidly conveying all this in her best selling book, 'Testament of Youth', won her a lifelong audience.

Shirley Williams explains that as a result of these experiences her mother became a passionately committed pacifist and feminist, who in 1944 denounced Bomber Command's blanket bombing of Germany at a time when it was deeply unpopular to do so. Brittain was vindicated in the eyes of the press when it was revealed that she and her husband George Catlin were the only married couple to feature in the Gestapo's notorious Black Book, listing those who would have been executed, had the German invasion of the UK been successful.

Dr Clare Gerada, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, nominates a fascinating life in a programme that reflects on two influential women - mother and daughter - who have played key public roles across the entire twentieth century.

Producer: Mark Smalley.

THU 19:00 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b00cb8ls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Dick Francis (b011qf1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Premiership Science (b01ptzm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Hibernian Homicide: New Irish Crime Stories (b052h9b8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Tommies (b0bfz1ss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b0bqn4cl)

Newsjack Unplugged, Series 2

Episode 3

Made for 4 Extra. Short-form show from the same team behind the long-running Newsjack, hosted by Angela Barnes and written entirely by the great British public.

THU 22:45 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)

The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece

From Troy to Rome, the National Theatre of Brent presents their definitive history of Earth. Stars Jim Broadbent. From May 1990.

THU 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03k0s5j)

Series 5

Episode 2

The real point of owning a cat and a culture clash at the Proms. Sketches starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb. From December 2013.

THU 23:30 1966 and All That (b01phm54)

The 1980s and 90s

Neil Knock-Knock becomes leader of the Labour Party; Jeffrey Archer reveals he's won the Nobel Prize; Loads of London goes pear-shaped; and John Major stands against himself ... and loses.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1980s and 90s.

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.

FRIDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2018**FRI 00:00 Mind's Eye (b007jyt8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b019rpw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Dick Francis (b011qf1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Premiership Science (b01ptzm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 First World War 100: Poetry's Passing Bells (b0bqn4cj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03m7z0b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqn1y2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Puzzle Panel (b00y26mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Romantic Friction (b00764dy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 One Flat Summer (b007529g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Dick Francis (b011qf1j)

Whip Hand

The Finish

Sid Halley believes he knows the truth behind the doping and phoney racing syndicates, but dare he reveal it? Stars Mick Ford.

Stars Mick Ford as Sid Halley, Patricia Gallimore as Rosemary Caspar, Kim Durham as Chico Barnes, Philip Molloy as Rammileese and Alan Devereux as George Casper.

Dramatised by Alan England

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

FRI 06:30 The FAE Sonata (b00s3jbsx)

Frei Aber Einsam - 'free but lonely' - was the motto of the great 19th century violinist Joseph Joachim. It's also the name of a Violin Sonata played by Joachim, accompanied by Clara Schumann, that resulted from a collaboration between the composer Robert Schumann and two of his pupils, Johannes Brahms and Albert Dietrich.

On the 200th anniversary of Schumann's birth, Tom Robinson examines the complex relationships between these romantic artists through the prism of this piece of music. Schumann's passionate love for his wife Clara is matched only by Brahms' devotion to her during and following Schumann's decline into mental illness.

Brahms was also a close champion of Joachim, until the violinist's divorce, when they fell out over the composer's support for Joachim's wife. And the FAE Sonata itself was neglected - an innocent victim - until long after Brahms' death.

Tom unpicks the romantic and turbulent story of a musical collaboration with the help of pianist and Schumann champion Lucy Parham, violinist Tasmin Little, Robert John Godfrey of 'The Enid' and Radio 3's Andrew McGregor.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:00 The Right Time (b0076mj9)

Series 4

Episode 4

Getting mad at the milkman, a rocking DJ - and a very intuitive answerphone.

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

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

Written by Nicholas Barber & Glenn Dakin, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon, Dave Dixon, Mike Haskins, George Poles, Alan Stafford, Dudley Sutton and Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

FRI 07:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06grwt)

Series 1

Mr Gray's Decorators

By John Nicholson, Richard Katz and Javier Marzan

In 19th-century London, a butler struggles to keep pace with the destructive lifestyle of his employer, a hauntingly good-looking and impressionable young man of means. The butler hires painter-decorators to carry out repairs but when they accidentally damage a portrait hidden in the attic, they find that it has alarming effects on the young man.

In this new series the comedy troupe Peepolykus assume the roles of minor characters in great works of fiction and derail the plot of the book through their hapless buffoonery.

Cast:

Richard Richard Katz

Javier Javier Marzan

John John Nicholson

Dorian Gray Blake Ritson

Sybil Rebecca Hamilton

Lord Henry Stephen Critchlow

Basil Sam Dale

Young Dorian Evie Killip

Director Sasha Yevushenko

Peepolykus (pronounced people-like-us) has exported its

brand of irreverent comic theatre to over 100 towns and cities across four continents, often under the auspices of the British Council. The company's varied CV includes two tours of Bangladesh, winning the audience award at The Tehran Festival, performing to royalty in Brunei, to Indian states people in the Himalayas, a truly disastrous run in Barbados, an unforgettable stint on The Price is Right in Australia and other occasional bits of telly for the BBC. Their theatre scripts are licensed world wide and their award-winning musical with NYMT:UK is pencilled for re-launch. The company has also played for 3 months in the West End and collaborated with numerous organisations including Neal Street Productions, Aardman, NT, The Kevin Spacey Foundation and currently with Brunel University on STUCK - working with schools to adopt improvisation into the curriculum. Past forays on Radio 4 have included a co-penned series with Rik Mayall, a star-studded adaptation of A Christmas Carol and a live recording of The Hound of The Baskervilles. Peepolykus is produced by Eleanor Lloyd Productions.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00j3f88)

Series 9

Episode 1

Back after their own individual projects, the bickering comedy team reconvenes for series 9.

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

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

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

Producers: David Hatch/John Cassels

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in November 1973.

FRI 08:30 The News Huddlines (b0bqw60t)

29/12/78

Back to the headline-makers of the past: Margaret Thatcher, James Callaghan, Jeremy Thorpe, Peter Parker, Richard Nixon and more!

Roy Hudd and the gang with an end-of-year review of the news highlights of 1978.

With Chris Emmett and Janet Brown.

Music by the Nic Rowley Quintet.

Compiled by Laurie Quinlet.

Written by Andy Hamilton, David Renwick, Peter Spence,

Keith Rawnsley, Peter Long, Charles Beiber, Peter Hickey and John Hyde.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1978.

FRI 09:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

Episode 1

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.

Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Sir Jeremy Hanley and Helen Atkinson Wood.

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Alifife

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

FRI 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k0d2)

Series 1

Survival of the Fittest

Rosie's company hosts a management team building course. It all goes well until the murder mystery dinner, but it isn't Rosie who makes a killing.

Prunella Scales stars 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, Amette Badland as Tess, Lee Simpson as Barry, Chris Pavlo as Alex and David Holt as Dick.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

FRI 10:00 Voices of the First World War (b0bqxx9c)

1917

Reaching 1917, Dan Snow explores the events of the year through the recollections of those who were there. As the fighting became more and more desperate, in the air, on the Western Front - even below ground in extensive mining operations - the morale of those being sent into battle was at times becoming dangerously low. We reach the darkest days of the war with the Third Battle of Ypres. Dan Snow, based on location in Ypres and listening to the accounts of those who survived the place a century ago, attempts to grasp the unimaginable horror that marked this period of the war on the Western Front.

As they inched their way towards Passchendaele from July to November 1917, men witnessed scenes that would stay vividly with them for the rest of their lives. As Norman Macmillan, officer of the Royal Flying Corps, surveying the Battle of Passchendaele from the sky, said of it: 'Never at any time had I passed through such an extraordinary experience... Real damnation on the ground. And as we came out of it I felt that we had escaped from one of the most evil things I had ever seen at any time during that war'.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0bqxx9f)

Annabel Port: 'The Teacher's Pet' and 'Drunk Women Solving Crime'

Made for 4 Extra. Annabel Port joins Amanda Litherland to recommend some of the best crime podcasts: 'The Teacher's

Pet' and 'Drunk Women Solving Crime'.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00j3f88)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 13:00 Dick Francis (b011qm8r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The FAE Sonata (b00sjbsx)

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FRI 14:00 First World War 100: Poetry's Passing Bells (b0bqxx9h)

Anthem For Doomed Youth, A Record of War

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A Record of War (1981)

The 1914-18 war has been recalled mainly in the writings and reminiscences of the men who fought in France. But women too shared the suffering, the heartbreak and the loss. In 1981, this programme attempted to put the record straight, with readings from the then newly published Scars Upon My Heart, an anthology of women's poetry and verse of the First World War, and from Vera Brittain's published war diary, Chronicle of Youth, also published in 1981.

Presenter: Daljit Nagra

Producer: Peter McHugh

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03m80qr)

Love, Nina: Despatches From Family Life

Dissertations, Romance and Subterfuge

Mary Poppins meets Adrian Mole in Nina Stibbe's letters from the heart of 1980s literary London. Dissertation crises, spotting Samuel Beckett and employing subterfuge to save face.

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Produced by Gemma Jenkins.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06grwnt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Mind's Eye (b007jyvk)

Lodgers

Maeve Hamilton runs a busy bed and breakfast in Dublin, but only she seems to be able to see the guests. Psychotherapists Lorcan and Aoife investigate...

Five tales of the paranormal written by Gemma McMullan and Gerry Casey.

Stars Dermot Crowley as Lorcan Molloy, Cathy Belton as Aoife Molloy, Mark Lambert as Fergus Rainer, Richard Orr as Brian Walsh, Stella McCusker as Maeve Hamilton, Miche Doherty as Daniel Hamilton and Aine McCartney as Gillian Power.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2006.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00766xc)

On the Run

Poet Carole Satyamurti and humourist Guy Browning make unlikely fugitives, but the theme is what it means to flee.

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.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica

(b0bqw7f5)

Volume 1

Henry Normal presents a mixed salad of satirical poetry with guests Attila the Stockbroker and Su Andi. From May 1994.

FRI 23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jmp2)

From 24/02/1990

Manchester's 1996 Olympic bid is mocked. Sketches, stand-up and general ranting from David Baddiel, Rob Newman, Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and others. From February 1990.

FRI 23:30 King Cutler (b0090bdh)

Episode 6

Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler present offbeat humorous songs, stories and poems. With Ted Harrison. From February 1990.