

SATURDAY 08 DECEMBER 2018

SAT 00:00 The Price of Fear (b007jshy)

Lot 132

Horror legend Vincent Price tells the artistically horrifying tale of a painting. Starring Douglas Blackwell, Alexander John and Elizabeth Morgan. Chilling tale by Elizabeth Morgan. Producer: John Dyas. First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (m0001fz5)

Masculinity

Writers Nick Walker, Lindsey Davis and Neil Rollinson join Matthew Parris to discuss what makes a man's man. From 2002. In each programme, Professor Bigsby (or Matthew Parris) introduces a group of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic. The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2002.

SAT 01:00 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk)

The Sittaford Mystery

The Second Seance

Mr Rycroft decides that only by re-enacting the séance which announced the murder of Captain Trevelyan, will the identity of his killer finally be revealed. Agatha Christie's whodunit stars Melinda Walker as Emily Trefusis, Stephen Tompkinson as Charles Enderby, Geoffrey Whitehead as Inspector Narracott, Norman Bird as Major Burnaby, Jack May as Ellwood, David Goudge as Martin Dering, John Moffatt as Mr Rycroft and Susan Westerby as Mrs Willett. From the book first published in 1931. Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 01:30 Bryan Ferry's Jazz Age (b03kpy59)

In 1955 at the age of ten, Bryan Ferry developed a passion for jazz music. Listening to his radio in Washington, County Durham, he was transported from rural North East England to 1920s New Orleans and Cotton Club, New York. British Trad Jazz was booming, with Humphrey Lyttelton, Chris Barber and Ken Collier offering a gateway to the 'yellow cocktail' music of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Charlie Parker. Now Bryan has returned to his earliest musical love with 'The Jazz Age', a record that remakes and remodels some of his biggest Roxy Music hits in the style of instrumental 20s jazz standards. Bryan takes us back to his first concert at Newcastle City Hall to see the Chris Barber band and reveals how a performance of St Louis Blues caught his imagination.

Trombonist Chris Barber describes how he brought music from the Deep South to rapturous British audiences. Newcastle music historian Chris Phipps traces the mythical connection between the Mississippi and the Tyne, while Bryan shares his memories of a vibrant, modernist city where he studied fine art. The city still shows traces of its jazz heritage, including J G Windows, the record shop where Bryan bought his 78s including the Charlie Parker Quintet's EP whose solos he learnt by heart. It wasn't just the jazz age of the 20s that inspired Bryan, but its literature too. He recently contributed to the soundtrack of Baz Luhrmann's Great Gatsby, the film of one of his favourite novels. With live recordings from his recent UK tour with The Bryan Ferry Jazz Orchestra, Bryan reflects on Roxy Music's early years and explains how his grounding in jazz helped him lead one of the most influential British bands of all time. Producer: Paul Smith. A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:00 Mystery Theater (b0868wrj)

The Adventures of Ellery Queen: One Diamond

If murder is the fever, who has the cure? Stars Hugh Marlowe as Ellery Queen, "the celebrated fighter of crime". With ABC's special guest star, Peggy Lee playing armchair detective. After first appearing in print, 'The Adventures of Ellery Queen' ran on American radio from 1939 to 1948 on CBS, NBC, back to CBS, back to NBC and finally ABC. In each episode, a celebrity would try to solve the dramatised mystery. Chantuese Peggy Lee's 60-year career garnered her many awards and spanned many genres. Jazz classics like 'Fever' remain her trademark. Peggy Lee was born in 1920 and died in 2002. One of a series of selected shows from the golden days of American radio in the 1940s and 50s, when many of Hollywood's greatest screen stars were regular performers - often re-enacting their famous film roles. First broadcast on ABC Radio in the USA in 1948.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04dqwy9)

The Awakening

Episode 5

by Kate Chopin, dramatised for radio by Janice Okoh. Edna thinks Robert's return will make her happy, but events are to overtake them both. Edna Pontellier Pippa Bennett-Warner. Celestine Petra Letang. Robert Lebrun PJ Brennan. Alcee Arabin Richard Laing. Adele Ratignolle Sasha Pick. Mme Lebrun Adjoa Andoh. Catiche Adjoa Andoh. Produced and directed by Marion Nancarrow.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03kv6kz)

Gold: The Race for the World's Most Seductive Metal

Episode 5

From the Pizzaro brothers, who pillaged Peru for Inca gold in the 16th century, to the modern-day Mponeng mine in South Africa, the deepest in the world, where the ghost miners illegally siphon off millions - the pursuit of gold has led to wars, insurrections, betrayals and bloodshed. Matthew Hart charts a course through history and across continents to tell the story of the world's most coveted metal. Part history, part journalism

and part economic analysis, Gold tells the story of a human obsession that shows no sign of abating. In 2008, when the financial crisis rattled economies, investors inevitably resorted to the perceived safety of gold - and its price escalated from \$800 to \$1900 an ounce. This, in turn, accelerated the exploration for yet more gold. Matthew Hart is a journalist, whose work has appeared in The Times, Granta, The Atlantic Monthly and The Globe and Mail. He has written two IMAX films, numerous TV documentaries, and appeared on CNN, Sixty Minutes and the National Geographic channel. His previous books include Diamond: The History Of A Cold-Blooded Love Affair, which was filmed as a documentary by ABC. Abridged by Pete Nichols. Producer: Karen Rose. A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 George Eliot - Daniel Deronda (b007k07z)

Tensions

In the sun-drenched port of Genoa, Gwendolen and Daniel's fates become eternally and tragically entwined. Conclusion of George Eliot's 1876 classic novel of love and idealism - dramatised in three parts by Robert Forrest. Stars Anna Chancellor as Gwendolen Harleth, James Bryce as Grandcourt, Michael Perceval-Maxwell as Deronda, Joanna Tope as Mrs Davilow, Finlay Welsh as Klesmer, Lucy Patterson as Mirah, Noreen Leighton as Lydia, Simon Tait as Lush, Vivienne Dixon as Leonara and Mark McDonnell as Mordecai. Director: Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 04:00 Guess What? (b063r9k0)

Episode 5

Animal, vegetable or mineral? Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions. Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Geoffrey Durham and Hattie Hayridge. Written by Michael Dines. Producer: Andy Aliff. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 04:30 Life in London (b011kpfk)

Mr Lushington

If Pierce can't meet his deadline, how will the audience hear about a visit to the slums, George IV's interior decorating, and a dog fighting a monkey? Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted in six parts by Dan Tetsell. Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern. Hustle Alex Macqueen. Corinthian Tom Greg Wise. Pickpocket Neil Edmond. Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss. Jarvey Ben Graves. Bob Logic James Bachman. Fishwife Laura Shavin. Mrs Egan Alys Torrence. Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbington. Producer: Tilusha Ghelani. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 05:00 Trapped (b0076gw4)

Stand-Up Tragedy

Backstage at a comedy club, four comedians are about to discover that life on the circuit isn't always a laugh a minute. In fact we could be heading for a Stand Up Tragedy... Six black comedies by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier. Bill Philip Jackson. Lynn Lynne Ferguson. Rob Chris Pavlo. Andy Mark Maier. Piet Daniel Maier. Froggy Ralph Ineson. Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

SAT 05:30 Mrs Hudson's Radio Show (m0001dkw)

Episode 1: Rare Medium

Behind every great man there is an even greater woman - demanding rent. Comedy legend Barry Cryer brings his unique brand of silliness to the world of Sherlock Holmes' landlady in a special Radio 4 double bill recorded in front of an audience in London. Barry plays chestnut salesman Harry Fryer and is joined by Patricia Hodge as Mrs Hudson and Miriam Margolyes as her mischievous friend and neighbour, Mrs Brayley. The show has been written by Barry and his son, Bob Cryer (familiar to Hollyoaks fans as Glenn Donovan) and is based on their book, Mrs Hudson's Diaries. When her tenant, a magician known as The Great Mysto, goes missing, Mrs Hudson is suddenly in urgent need of rent money and new lodgers. This half hour episode sees Mrs Hudson attempting to reclaim her lost money and encountering everything from crooked showgirls and Music Hall eccentrics to German strongmen and dodgy clairvoyants. Meanwhile, Mrs Hudson's maid Martha (Ruth Bratt) has secretly advertised for new tenants and it's not long before a doctor (Stephen Crichtlow) and a consulting detective (Orlando Wells) come knocking. Time is not on her side as villainous Sir Charles Swift is ready to swoop and reclaim her house if she doesn't pay her ground rent. CAST: MRS HUDSON - Patricia Hodge. MRS BRAYLEY - Miriam Margolyes. HARRY FRYER - Barry Cryer. HOLMES/BESSINGBY - Orlando Wells. MYSTO / ARCHIE / WATSON - Stephen Crichtlow. MARTHA/BELLA/MYRTLE/CUSACK - Ruth Bratt. GUSTAV / MD - Jeremy Limble. STRADE / SWIFT - Bob Cryer. Written by Bob and Barry Cryer. Produced and Directed by Ned Chaillet and Ben Walker. Executive Producer: Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 J Meade Falkner - Moonfleet (b007jqnz)

When he goes in search of Blackbeard's diamond, young John Trenchard is drawn into a dangerous world of the smugglers. But the treasure brings a curse and soon John is fleeing for his life. J Meade Falkner's classic tale dramatised by Nick Warburton. Starring Robert Glenister as the Narrator (Old John), Richard Pearce as Young John Trenchard, Ron Cook as Ratsey, James Laurensen as Elzevir Block, Frances Jeater as Aunt Jane, Sean Baker as Aldebrand, Ian Masters as Glennie, Tilly Gaunt as Grace, Stephen Crichtlow as Turnkey and Stephen Boxer as Maskew. Director: Sally Avens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SAT 07:30 Follow-Up Albums (b01j6rs)

Suede - Dog Man Star

Music critic Pete Paphides tells the story behind three 'follow-up' albums - from Dexys Midnight Runners, Fleetwood Mac and Suede - with tales of musical pressure, creative differences, personal politics and mixed results. Programme 3: Suede - Dog Man Star. In 1991, Suede was named "the best new band in Britain", with a string of hit singles and a universally acclaimed debut album, 'Suede'. Flamboyant singer Brett Anderson and incendiary guitarist Bernard Butler became feted as song-writers. David Bowie was amongst their fans. The scrutiny that followed took its toll on their relationship. Determined to write a dissolute conceptual masterpiece, Anderson exiled himself in a gothic pile in North London while Butler questioned the paraphernalia that came with pop stardom. Bereavement and clashes over the album's producer heightened the tension and, with just one part to complete on the album, Butler walked out for good. Suddenly, having blazed the trail for Britpop, they returned with an album deemed out of step with his sunny positivism. But almost two decades on, Suede's second album Dog Man Star reappeared to a plethora of 5 star reviews. Producer: Laura Parfitt. A White Pebble Media Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01pf5sv)

What Big Tree You Have...

Children's author Anthony McGowan examines the tangled story behind the beloved children's stories. Once upon a time in Kassel, two brothers set out to record the traditional oral tales of their country. To their horror, they realised that the stories - full of sex and violence - were happily being devoured by children in nurseries all over Germany. The first people to police the stories of the Brothers Grimm were the brothers themselves, as they sanitised the stories over seven editions. This bowdlerising trend continued throughout the 19th century, when children's literature was used as a didactic tool to encourage moral behaviour. Right into the 20th century the tales were used to reinforce the moral beliefs of the day. From the prim and proper 'Listen with Mother', to Walt Disney's first foray into big screen animated features - 'Snow White' complete with seven dwarves - the fairy tales reinforced the ideals of the day. Then in the 1930s, films were released in Germany - stories where the huntsman in Little Red Riding Hood wears an army uniform and Snow White's father leads a heroic charge into Poland. After the war there was a policing of the Grimms, this time by the Allied Commanders - complete removal. But, like Snow White in her glass coffin, they were only waiting to be revived. In the 1960s there was a resurgence of interest in the Grimms. Acclaimed analyst Bruno Bettelheim claimed that the stories were not vehicles for human evil - but that the tales were essential in the development of children's minds. Coinciding with, or because of Bettelheim's work, there soon came a rush of new versions of the stories reclaiming them for a post-war world, from Angela Carter to acclaimed fantasy writer Jane Yolen who expressed the horrors of the Holocaust through Sleeping Beauty, Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods and Philip Pullman's new tales. Yet, as Anthony discovers, the various interpretations of these classic tales belie the true origins of the tales that were not, as we have been led to believe, spoken stories told by the good German peasant folk to their children at bedtime....

SAT 09:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m0001gn7)

Had Jim Morrison of The Doors not died in mysterious circumstances at the tender age of 27 in 1971, he would have celebrated his 75th birthday this year. In this three-hour selection, Paul Gambaccini mixes the music and poetry of the man with the influences that moulded the self-proclaimed 'The Lizard King'. Paul first encountered Morrison in 1967 when; as a young music director on a New Hampshire radio station, he eagerly opened The Doors' first single 'Break On Through'. He followed his career from beginning to end and, to this day, occasionally visits Morrison's grave in Paris. Such is Morrison's lasting mystique, that the programmes featured originate from four different BBC networks: * Cult Heroes: Jim Morrison [Radio 5 Live 18/12/1990] Tony Slattery looks back at Morrison's volatile career* Dreadzone Aldous Huxley Readings [Radio 1 1995] Greg Roberts (now Greg Dread) reads excerpts from 'Brave New World'* The Marriage of Heaven and Hell [Radio 3 29/03/1995] A unique interpretation of William Blake's 18th century masterpiece* Like A Rolling Stone [Radio 4 26/03/2006] The life, work and lasting influence of French poet Arthur Rimbaud* The Cemetery Confessions [Radio 4 06/05/2004] A star-studded cast interprets the final confessions of some of the most notable occupants of the Cimetiere du Pere-Lachaise, Paris. Producer: Mik Wilkojc. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 12:00 Dilemma (b03szh9f)

Series 3

Episode 1

Sue Perkins puts Kerry Godliman, John-Luke Roberts, Julia Hartley-Brewer and Clarke Carlisle through the moral and ethical wringer. The panellists collectively attempt to resolve dilemmas based around dinosaur bones, injured guinea pigs, and unethical banks. They also assert their moral correctness over giving directions and selling state secrets. Devised by Danielle Ward. Producer: Ed Morrish.

SAT 12:30 Instant Sunshine (b007qtrm)

From 12/04/1985

Entertainment in words and music to help you beat the weather. Performed by the comedy musical cabaret group,

Instant Sunshine featuring David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kingston and Alan Maryon-Davis. Special guests: Father's Footsteps. Producer: Richard Edis. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

SAT 13:00 Lucy Catherine - Gudrun (m0001k85)

Series 5

Omnibus 1/2

On a remote island, Gudrun seeks out an old friend. Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas. Gudrun, a young woman in 11th-century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Iceland is now an occupied country, its people forced to convert to Christianity by rival Norse kingdoms. After many years away, with plans to overthrow the regime and rescue her daughter who is being brought up in the new faith, Gudrun once more sails into Icelandic waters. Gudrun Kate Phillips Freija Samantha Dakin Dag Cameron Percival Sylvia Carolyn Pickles Aoife Lucy Doyle Hakon Michael Bertenshaw Bolli Lewis Bray Aslak Tony Turner Sigrid Rosie Boore Leif Don Gilet Guard 1 Lewis Bray Frederick Simon Scardfield Heidr Jeanette Percival Volva Carolyn Pickles Director: Sasha Yevtushenko. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0001gn9)

Paul Jones

Singer Paul Jones chooses My Babe by Little Walter and Come Sunday by Mahalia Jackson with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Paul remembers having a skiffle group at school, when he also sang in the Cathedral Choir. He came from a family that loved music, but he was particularly drawn to African American music and the blues. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

SAT 14:15 Battlefield Ramblings (m0001gnc)

Series 1

Culoden

Muriel Gray remembers the last battle to be fought on British soil in 1745 - five miles east of Inverness, The Battle of Culoden. With the historian Hugh Allison and Susanna Pommerening from the local post office. Series exploring the areas around our greatest battlefields. Producer: Lucy Lunt. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SAT 14:45 Robb Wilton - I Should Say So (b038xq1y)

Series 2

The Job

Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s. Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain: can he manage to find work? Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before... Written by Allen Saddler. Producer: Brian Miller. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01pf5sv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 J Meade Falkner - Moonfleet (b007jqnz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Follow-Up Albums (b01j6rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Kneehigh's The Wild Bride (b03m3j76)

Down at the crossroads, the dust-bowl wind blows as the Devil sits in a rocking chair and begins to tell a story. It's a tale of love and war, good and evil; the tale of a young girl, whose father accidentally sells her soul to the Devil. The girl chooses to walk into the wilderness. She rejects not only the Devil, but also her home and must survive the ravages of nature and time. A dark blues infused musical fairy tale, from the critically acclaimed Kneehigh Theatre. Kneehigh is celebrated as one of Britain's most innovative theatre companies. For 30 years they've created popular and challenging theatre for audiences throughout the UK and beyond. This epic and poetic wondertale is classic Kneehigh: instinctive storytelling, devilish humour, a uniquely realised other-world and a fantastic blues music score. The show was first produced at the Kneehigh Asylum in Cornwall in 2011, directed by Emma Rice. Since then it has delighted audiences from the West End to Broadway. Adapted for radio by Carl Grose and Emma Rice. Praise for the original stage show "Witty, surprising, strange. I dreamt about it all night" The Times "A feast of timeless story, irresistible music and wildly imaginative theatricality." San Francisco Chronicle "Bewitching" New York Times Original text and lyrics... Carl Grose Adapted for radio by Carl Grose and Emma Rice The Devil... Stuart McLoughlin The Wild Bride... Audrey Brisson Father/King... Stuart Goodwin King's Mother... Emma Rice Composer... Stu Barker Musical Director... Ian Ross Violinist... Patrycja Kujawska Sound Design... Simon Baker and Nigel Lewis Directed by James Robinson A BBC Cymru Wales Production

SAT 19:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m0001gn7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Old Harry's Game (b00wbrwm)

Series 6

Murderers

Edith needs to find out who murdered her and fortunately Hell is full of people who can assess the evidence - murderers. Andy Hamilton's comedy set in Hell. Starring Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas. Other characters played by Michael Fenton Stevens, Philip Pope and Felicity Montagu. Producer

Paul Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SAT 22:30 The Shuttleworths (b007m950)

John Shuttleworth's Open Mind

Vampires

Sheffield's premier singer-songwriter goes in search of the bloodsuckers of Whitby with Fame Academy's Alistair Griffin. From April 2006.

SAT 23:00 Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs (b00tysvb)

Episode 5

Welsh comic Rhod Gilbert introduces regulars Lloyd Langford and Greg Davies, plus Sarah Millican who takes a weekly look at The Six Stages of Woman. With live music from Divine Comedy. Guest comedian: Shappi Khorsandi. Find out whether animals can have human faces; what annoys Rhod about considerate builders; and the most surprising location for a postage stamp. Producers: Julia McKenzie and Lianne Coop. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2010.

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SUN 06:00 Kate Chopin - The Awakening (Omnibus) (m0001h08)

Holidaying on Grand Isle in 1899, Edna Pontellier feels she is living in a dream, so the attentions of the dashing young Robert Lebrun serve merely to amuse her. Kate Chopin's 1899 novel dramatised by Janice Okoh. Edna Pontellier Pippa Bennett-Warner. Leonce Pontellier Guy Paul Celestine Petra Letang. Robert Lebrun PJ Brennan. Adele Ratignolle

Sasha Pick. Madame LeBrun Adjoa Andoh. When it was published in 1899, Kate Chopin's novel shocked society and divided critics. Respectable, married Edna Pontellier, 28, is away from her home in New Orleans, holidaying on Grand Isle in the Gulf of Mexico with her husband and children. Finding her to swim is the debonaire young Robert Lebrun, known for forming an attachment with a different woman every summer. Despite warnings from her more conventional friend, Adele, Edna falls incontrovertibly for Robert. When he leaves Louisiana for Mexico, Edna realises she's been "awakened" and questions everything: her marriage, her position, the society she lives in. But what is left for her? The novel is regarded by many as the first in a new wave of modern American literature. Director: Marion Nancarrow. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 07:15 Gillian Tindall - The Great Eastern Adventure (b038qbkn)

Aunt Susie and Uncle Trevor's long-planned trip proved momentous, but does not go at all according to plan. Read by Jean Rogers. From July 1996.

SUN 07:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r0c5r)

Series 2

With guests Phill Jupitus and Lady Lykez

New series of the comedy show hosted by Alex Horne and his five piece band and specially written, original music. Guests across this series include Phill Jupitus, Charlie Baker, Nick Mohammed, Doc Brown, Matt Lucas and Danny Baker. This second episode explores the theme of 'the body' including songs on shampoo, beards and catarrh. Guest starring Phill Jupitus who sings with the band and reads a poem, plus a rap from Lady Lykez. Host Alex Horne. Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland. Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown. Double Bass/Bass Will Collier. Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds. Piano/keyboard Ed Sheldrake. Guest performers Phill Jupitus and Lady Lykez. Producer Julia McKenzie.

SUN 08:00 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq6z)

Travel and Leisure

David Jason and company elect to poke fun at the Houses of Parliament. With Sheila Steafel, Royce Mills and Chris Emmett. Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and Professor Galbraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the universe and the meaning of life. Scripted by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton, Barry Pilton and Alastair Beaton. Music by John Owen Edwards. Producer: Geoffrey Perkins. First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (m0001h0b)

An Expert In Confusion

Tony enlists a reluctant David to keep an eye on the daughter of a family friend. Stars George Cole as David Bliss, Diana Churchill as Anne Fellows, Colin Gordon as Tony Fellows, Sheila Sweet as Zoe Hunter, Judy Tobin as Gwen Cherrill,

Belle Chrystall as Mrs. Tobin and Percy Edwards as 'Psyche' the Dog. Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss. Beginning in 1953, it ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 - but few survive in the BBC archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first 7 episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of The St Trinian's films - destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - George Cole. Producer: Leslie Bridgmont. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959.

SUN 09:00 Born Lippy (Omnibus) (m0001h0d)

Jo Brand turns advice giver in a typically irreverent guide to life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway. Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue. The plot thickened when, due to a complicated fusion of hormones, horrible family dynamics and a no-good boyfriend they hated, Jo ended up leaving home at 16. Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches. Jo begins with the wisdom (or otherwise) of giving advice, and guidance on how to survive your family. Drawing on her own battlefield experiences, she suggests the best attitude to love and friendship and finding your way in the world while being kind and being different. Whether it was her rebellious teenage years or moving from a nursing career to the stand-up comedy circuit, Jo knows that it's hard to find out who and what you are, particularly in gaining equality for both sexes. But she's hopeful, as long as we're on the same page (and that page isn't 3), that there's scope for great strides forward. Written and read by Jo Brand. Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan. A Loftus Media production first broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b04sy3r0)

Richard and Chris - On The Street

Fi Glover introduces friends who met via The Connection at St Martin in the Fields and have both been helped to find a means of breaking the cycle of homelessness. The Radio 4 Christmas Appeal helps fund the work of The Connection. 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 Revised (b08dbtb9)

Absent Friends

Fenella Fielding

From Cleo Laine to Dizzy Gillespie. Carry On star Fenella Fielding shares her castaway choices with Roy Plomley. From June 1967.

SUN 10:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)

Episode 1

After a pilot in 1953 - starring the gap-toothed cad playing actor Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town ran for two series of 16 hour-long programmes, broadcast weekly between 1953 and 1955 on the BBC Light Programme. In the first of two surviving series extracts, Terry-Thomas pays homage to the greatest famous face to come out of Finchley - Terry-Thomas! With Joan Sims and Leslie Mitchell. Programme based on an idea by Terry Thomas. Script editor: Jimmy Grafton. Producer: Dennis Main Wilson. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1954.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0001hlg)

Series 8

The Places We Tell Our Stories

True stories told live in the USA: George Dawes Green - founder of The Moth - introduces stories of protection, love and war. 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 (b010fd8x)
Series 2

Rats

It might be surprising to hear, but David Attenborough has made it known over the years that rats are not his favourite animal. In this piece, dedicated to his nemesis, Attenborough with great wit and skill tells us of the living nightmare he endured whilst on location in a place infested with them. If that wasn't enough, whilst making Life of Mammals, he devoted a whole programme to them - and to balance his own personal view went to an Indian temple where the rat is revered and even encouraged to swarm in vast numbers. But in a clever twist of the story, as is the hallmark of David Attenborough, in no uncertain way he tells us why they should be respected. Written and presented by David Attenborough Produced by Julian Hector.

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SUN 14:30 Barbara Kingsolver - Unsheltered (m0001h0h)
Omnibus 1/3

2016: Willa discovers that the foundations of her life are under threat - and tragedy is close at hand. Read by Laurel Lefkow. The new novel from Barbara Kingsolver, bestselling author of The Poisonwood Bible, The Lacuna and Flight Behaviour, interweaves the past and the present to explore the human capacity for resilience and compassion in times of great upheaval. It is a portrait of life in precarious times - when characters discover that the past has failed to prepare them for the future. Alternating between two centuries, Kingsolver examines the personal and social shocks that ensue when people's assumptions about the world and their place in it are shaken to their foundations. 2016: Willa discovers that most of what she has founded her life upon is under threat. There is bad news about her family home but tragedy is just around the corner. Abridged by Sian Preece Read by Laurel Lefkow Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane

SUN 15:45 Puzzling Passions (b0075yb6)

Puzzles of Space

4 Extra Debut. Marcel Berlins explores his own love of puzzles, and the significance of mazes as iconography and pastime. From October 2000.

SUN 16:00 Rose Tremain - One Night in Winter (m0001h0n)

"Dance and Dream" weekends for the elderly are proving very popular at Beth's Hotel. But not everyone is looking forward to the festive season. Rose Tremain's drama stars David Bannerman as Mordy, Elizabeth Briggs as Queenie, Frank Middlemass as Mr Kingsland, Michael Mears as Rinaldo, Ian Brooker as Mr Littlejohn, Eleanor Tremain as Maria, David Holt as Joe, Edward Kelsey as Willie, Joyce Gibbs as Peg and Badria Timimi as the Nurse. Director: Sue Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0001hlj)

Landlocked in Krakow

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with Landlocked in Krakow. Every February, Krakow hosts a Shanties festival. But why in a city that's 800 miles from the sea? Poet John Hegley tries to fathom out the popular appeal of shanties and the Polish love affair with them. Producer: Gary Brown. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SUN 17:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r0c5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Prisoner (m0001h0q)

Departure and Arrival - Part 2/2

Number 6 continues to explore The Village, trying to establish who runs it and hoping to find some way out. The original 17-episode TV series of The Prisoner created intrigue and controversy in equal measure when it first aired in the UK in 1967. In a taut psychological spy thriller, the main character, dehumanised as 'Number 6', has committed no crime, save for having resigned from some unspecified branch of the British Secret Service. His prison is a heavily guarded coastal village. Under constant surveillance, Number 6 can trust no-one and relentlessly works to establish who his captors are, a seemingly impossible task when the most senior figure he encounters - Number 2 - changes frequently... Mark Elstob stars as Agent ZM73 aka Number 6, with John Standing as Number Two, Sara Powell as Number 9, Helen Goldwyn as the Village Voice, Sarah Mowat as Zero Six Two, Jim Barclay as Control and Barnaby Edwards as Number 34. Music - Jamie Robertson Script Editor - Jamie Anderson Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs. A Big Finish Production - based on the classic ITV series.

SUN 18:40 JG Ballard - The Garden of Time (m0001h0s)

"The garden of the villa extended for some two hundred yards below the terrace, sloping down to a miniature lake, spanned by a white bridge... Here in the garden the air seemed brighter. As was his custom before beginning his evening stroll, Count Axel

looked out across the plain to the final rise...and saw that the advance column of an enormous army was moving slowly over the horizon..." In The Garden of Time by JG Ballard, the Count manages to repel the advance of the army by magically re-arranging time - time and time again! But soon the tools that help him will no longer will work. So how will he and his beloved wife - who is indoors, playing a Mozart rondo - manage to survive the threat, as it marches forward, closer and closer... Read by Allan Cordaner Abridged and produced by Duncan Minshull

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0001hlg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010fd8x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Born Lippy (Omnibus) (m0001h0d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b04sy3r0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08dbtb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 21:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]

SUN 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r0c5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 My First Planet (b04dqhl4)

Series 2

Let Me Entertain Me

The discovery of a poet on the colony sets off a bomb, a monster, a sword fight and a poem. But is Archer really capable of murder? The return of the hit sitcom starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Vicki Pepperdine ("Getting On") set on a shiny new planet. Welcome to the colony. We're aware that, having been in deep cryosleep for 73 years, you may be in need of some supplementary information. Personnel: Unfortunately, Burrows the leader of the colony has died on the voyage so his Number 2, Brian (Nicholas Lyndhurst), is now in charge. He's a nice enough chap, but no alpha male, and his desire to sort things out with a nice friendly meeting infuriates the colony's Chief Physician Lillian (Vicki Pepperdine), who'd really rather everyone was walking round in tight colour-coded tunics and saluting each other. She's also in charge of Project Adam, the plan to conceive and give birth to the first colony-born baby. Unfortunately, the two people hand-picked for this purpose - Carol and Richard - were rather fibbing about being a couple, just to get on the trip. Add in an entirely unscrupulous Chief Scientist, Mason and also Archer, an idiot maintenance man who believes he's an "empath" rather than a plumber, and you're all set to answer the question - if humankind were to colonise space, is it destined to succumb to self-interest, prejudice and infighting? (By the way, the answer's "yes". Sorry.) Written by Phil Whelans Produced and Directed by David Tyler.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001r57)

Darren Harriott 2/2

From 10pm - midnight, 7 days-a-week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith talks to Darren Harriott

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b00z60tb)

Series 3

Brenda's Birthday

Clare is coerced into helping Megan organise her one-year-old daughter's birthday party. Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions. Award-winning sitcom by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Starring Sally Phillips as Clare, Alex Lowe as Brian, Andrew Wincott as Simon, Richard Lumsden as Ray, Gemma Craven as Helen, Ellen Thomas as Irene, Nia Conti as Megan and Lewis MacLeod as Gordon. Producer: Katie Tyrrell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00c1d22)

Series 2

Episode 4

'China Lion', pepping up your sex life and why it is not a good idea to tell lies on your CV. With Ben Willbond. From June 2008.

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018

MON 00:00 The Prisoner (m0001h0q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:40 JG Ballard - The Garden of Time (m0001h0s)

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MON 01:00 Kate Chopin - The Awakening (Omnibus) (m0001h08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0001hlj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r0c5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19k)

The Smithfield Murders

Filth and Fat and Blood and Foam

A gruesome murder at London's Smithfield meat market sparks another troubling investigation for Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield. Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher. Starring Imelda Staunton as DS Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans and Jane Whittenshaw as Sally. Producer: Richard Wortley. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

MON 06:30 Almanacs: The Oldest Guides To Everything (b00t2mhs)

Ben Schott charts the history of the most influential form of mass publication in the 16th and 17th centuries. At their height, apart from the Bible, almanacs were the bestselling books on the market, with over 400,000 sold annually. Behind the scenes at The British Museum, Dr Irving Finkel outlines the almanac tradition from Babylonian clay tablet to Gutenberg's earliest printed material. The British Library's Moira Goff lets Ben loose in the archives to peruse The Kalender of Shepherdes and the oldest Old Moore's Almanack. Combining the characteristics of calendar, self-help manual & pocket encyclopaedia, almanacs contained utilitarian information on just about everything: feast days, when to sow crops, let blood, how to write an IOU, even advice on amateur surgery and DIY abortion. They also included dramatic astrological prophecies about the likelihood of plague, famine and war. Passages were read to boost soldiers' morale in battle and by MPs in the House of Commons. Almanac compilers were arrested & grilled by parliamentary committees. Did one actually predict the Great Fire of London? Professor Bernard Capp assesses their powerful role in revolutionary politics. Almanacs played a central part in spreading knowledge, literacy, popular journalism and advertising. Ben digs up early adverts for pills, potions and all manner of quackery. But they were also mocked in all kinds of ways, as Dr Adam Smyth explains. The blank pages inserted into almanacs were used for jottings of accounts and personal memos, so they also gave us the personal written diary. The statistical has replaced the astrological but its influence lingers on. Producer: Tamsin Hughes. A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4

MON 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00b0317)

Series 2

A Tooth for a Tooth

There's no extradition agreement yet between the UK and the People's Republic - but some accusations can't be lightly brushed aside... Alex Shearer's Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom. Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Stephen Greif as the United States Ambassador and Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov. Producer: Pete Atkin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1988.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0001d9r)

Series 70

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. Old-timers Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Kerry Godliman with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqv)

Series 5

Around the World in 80 Days

The lad accepts a bet when challenged to copy Phileas Fogg's trip - but in far less time. 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 March 1958.

MON 08:30 Parsley Sidings (b01prccq)

Series 1

The Concert

Can showbiz seduce Station Master Horace Hepplewhite away from the railways? Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Ian Lavender as Bert, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Kenneth Connor as Percy and Charlotte Mitchell as Miss Pennyfeather. 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 January 1972.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b013pfx)

Series 61

With guests Paul Merton, Gyles Brandreth, Shappi Khorsandi and Russell Kane

The popular panel game from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, hosted by Nicholas Parsons. With Paul Merton, Gyles

TUE 09:30 Instant Sunshine (b00lh3hd)
From 29/08/1988
Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret group, Instant Sunshine:Featuring David Barlow, Peter Christie, Miles Kingston and Alan Maryon-DavisProducer: David Rayvern AllenFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

TUE 10:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007jrx2)
Series 1
Past Imperfect
The discovery of a skeleton buried in a wood in Suffolk back in 1965 sparks a murder investigation.Detective Inspector Gwen Danbury, with the interfering assistance of her mother, tries to "unbury" the past.Sue Rodwell's mystery stars Annette Badland as DI Gwen Danbury, Gudrun Ure as Joan Danbury and John Duttine as Detective Sergeant Henry Jacobs.Director: Glyn DearmanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

TUE 11:00 Jane Gardam Stories (b054c6gr)
Miss Mistletoe
A large family 'welcomes' a regular Christmas visitor, but one year Miss Mistletoe doesn't join them. Read by Rachel Atkins. From March 2015.

TUE 11:15 Tony McHale - Dead in the Water (b03nt8n9)
In a bustling fairground best friends Holly and Nicole are recording sounds for a school science project. Amongst the melee of people, rides and music Holly overhears snippets of a conversation between two men, the words "poison...shooting...dead in the water". Could she have just stumbled on a murder plot? With Nicole's help Holly sets out to investigate and when the girls identify the voices on the recording, they have their first clue. But can they stop the murder in time? As Holly and Nicole try and discover the intended victim before time runs out they begin to realise they might just have stumbled on something even more sinister than they could ever have imagined.A thriller from Tony McHale starring Yasmin Paige (Submarine, Pramface) as Holly and Lily Lovelace (The Fades, Skins) as Nicole.Holly Yasmin PaigeNicole Lily LovelaceVickers Gary AmersJoel Jody LathamKay Jo HartleyMaria Kacey AinsworthPolice Officer Paul StonehouseKeely Sinead Michael.Writer Tony McHaleDirector Heather Larmour

TUE 12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jykd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Men from the Ministry (b01c7rlx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Brick by Brick (b00p1nm3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Ian McEwan - Amsterdam (m0001j3n)
2. Injunction
Clive is feeling anxious, and struggling creatively, while Vernon is issued with an injunction forbidding him to publish photos of the Foreign Secretary.Michael Kitchen reads Ian McEwan's Booker Prize winning novel.Abridged in ten parts by Penny LeicesterProducer: Julia ButtFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 14:15 In a Prince's Footsteps (b01s8wgt)
Aswan, Egypt
In 1862 Albert, Prince of Wales, toured the Middle East. At the time it was still predominantly controlled by the Ottoman Empire. As he travelled, his photographer Francis Bedford kept a detailed photographic record of the trip. In this series John McCarthy revisits the scenes of Bedford's photographs - Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Greece. He considers how the immediate physical, political and social landscape has evolved during the intervening 150 years.Some of Bedford's photographs are of widely known locations - the Pyramids at Giza, the Mount of Olives, the temples at Baalbek, the Acropolis - others are of remote hilltops and apparently random buildings, scenes without any obvious significance. Both however hold fascinating and unexpected tales and insight.The series will reflect on the rise and fall of empires - the Ottoman, British and French all play their part in these stories. They are now all gone, but the world's powers still seek to influence the politics of the region.In each episode John McCarthy focusses on two of Bedford's original photographs, revisiting the sites and taking his own pictures of the same scenes today.In the second programme in this series, John travels up the Nile to Aswan on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Here he considers pictures of two of the ancient Egyptian temples at Philae. The temple structures appear the same as in the original photographs, but today they stand on a different island.Presenter: John McCarthyProducer: Kevin DawsonA Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w4h1)
Episode 2
Following her mother, it's Rosie's turn to tell her shameful tale of how her 21st birthday party nearly didn't happen...At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.Mrs Drexel - Sylvia SimsClementine - Paula WilcoxRosie - Helena BreckSarah - Eleanor BronCharlotte - Carolyn PicklesHot Shot - Carl PrekkopLuke - Peter DarneyDirector: Tracey NealeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03xcd49)
The Fun Stuff

2. Kazuo Ishiguro: Never Let Me Go
Highlights from an entertaining and idiosyncratic series of essays from James Wood, the leading literary critic of his generation. It's a collection which ranges widely, from a loving analysis of Keith Moon's drum technique to the intentions, gifts and limitations of some of our most celebrated modern novelists, including Kazuo Ishiguro and Ian McEwan.2.
KAZUO ISHIGURO: NEVER LET ME GOWood considers a masterwork that melds sci-fi with literary fiction - a cloning story that 'combines the fantastic and realistic till we can no longer separate them'.Abridged by Eileen HorneReader: Peter FirthProduced by Clive Brilla Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 15:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007jrx2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00j6bh8)
Series 1
Episode 3
James Walton's pop music quiz with Andrew Collins, Tracey MacLeod, Richard Curtis and Anthony Wilson. From December 2004.

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b007zj4x)
Series 1
Over and Out
Maria makes up with hubby Gwyn, and Izzy has a surprise for Michael and Louise.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 Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Mike Grady as Dick, Sion Probert as Gwyn, Phyllida Nash as Louise and Marty Cruickshank as Maria.With Kerryann White and Kerryann White as Class 4CProducer: Jonathan James-MooreFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

TUE 17:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00cmypnt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m0001f14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jmk9)
Fish
Movie legend Vincent Price takes the bait, and tells a tale of horror from Down Under. Shark and chips, anyone?Starring Bill Kerr, Bruce Beeby, Amanda Murray and Lewis Fiander.Written by Rene Basilio.Producer: John DyasFirst broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

TUE 18:30 Sounds Natural (b07h4xwy)
Percy Edwards
From Willow Warblers to Little Crakes. Bird-imitator, animal impersonator and entertainer, Percy Edwards discusses his love of the British countryside and, in particular, its birdlife with Derek Jones - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive. Percy Edwards MBE: born 1908 - died 1996. Producer: John Burton.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1972.

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TUE 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01mm3ch)
Series 4
Eurotank
The bumbling management consultants try to salvage the reputation of the MoD. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From September 2005.

TUE 23:00 Beautiful Dreamers (b00vkm8)
The Traitor of the Zazalcara
By James Lever and Nat SegnitIn this series documentary maker Nat Segnit investigates the untold stories of visionary mavericks. This week Nat explores the difficult life of a Uruguayan footballer who made an ingenious attempt to counter one of world football's worst scandals. With Contributions from Andrew Sachs, Javier Marzan, Kevin Eldon, David Sant, Sean Baker, Tony Bell and Iain Batchelor.Produced by Steven Canny and Sasha YevushenkoNat Segnit's short stories and journalism have appeared in The Times and The Independent on Sunday. For Radio 4 he has written Dolphin Therapy and Strangers on Trains.James Lever is author of the best-selling Me Cheeta, which Lynne Truss loved so much she said, "It will surely change forever the way we think not only about Hollywood but also about our own species" (The Sunday Times).

TUE 23:30 World of Pub (b007jlwx)
Series 1
Episode 1
Dodgy Phil revamps an East End boozer with some animatronic dinosaurs and Edith Piaf. Stars John Thomson. From March 1998.

TUE 23:45 History Retweeted (b03vgnk3)
The Moon Landing
History Retweeted sends us back in time as we hear people from the past comment on a series of major world events, in 140 characters or fewer.In this first episode, The Moon Landing: From Launch to Landing, we follow the crew of Apollo 11 as they cruise to the moon. We're given a snapshot of an internet-savvy 1960s - astronauts are trolled, Action Chaps are sold, and America wins gold in the space race.A space-based David Bowie and a caterpillar's eating disorder are the trending topics of the day.History Retweeted transports us to timelines gone by - feeding hashtags, trolls and trending topics into moments from history.Featuring the voices of Tim Barnes and Simon Berry, Wayne Forester and Annabelle Llewellyn,Peter Temple and Jelly Macintosh - with Lucy Beaumont as the voice of The Computer.Written by Tim Barnes and Simon BerryProduced by Sally HarrisonA Woolyback production for BBC Radio 4.

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The Smithfield Murders
Chef's Special
There's a fresh dead body down at Clerkenwell, but Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's love affair is hotting up - before she becomes a victim of extreme cold.Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.Starring Imelda Staunton as DS Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Jane Whittenshaw as Sally and Deborah Berlin as Alex Wild.Producer: Richard WortleyFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

WED 06:30 The Folklorist (b0381fzj)
One of the UK's most acclaimed folk singers, Seth Lakeman, travels to New York to meet the man regarded as the world's leading expert on folk music, 85-year-old Izzy Young, who opened his first Folklore Center in New York's Greenwich Village in 1957.The store in MacDougal St became a focal point for the American folk music scene of the time. Bob Dylan writes in his memoirs about spending time at the Center, which he referred to as "The citadel of Americana Folk Music - like an ancient chapel". Dylan met Dave Van Ronk in the store, and Izzy Young produced Dylan's first concert at Carnegie Chapter Hall in 1961. Dylan wrote a song about the store and Young called "Talking Folklore Center".After developing an interest in Swedish folk music at a festival, Young closed his New York store and in 1973 he moved to Stockholm where he opened the Folklore Centrum, where he still works seven days a week.Making a rare return to New York, 40 years since he first left, Izzy joins Seth on the steps of 110 MacDougal St in Greenwich Village - the site of his original Folklore Center - to reminisce about the evocative days in the late 50s and early 60s when, as Bob Dylan recalls, "Folk music glittered like a mound of gold".Wandering up MacDougal Street to Washington Square Park, Izzy describes the events of April 1961, when 'Folkies' staged what would later be referred to as 'the first protest action of the 60s'. When city officials tried to ban folk musicians from performing in the square, Izzy was the main organiser of a protest that resulted in clashes with local police. The protestors eventually won their legal battle with the city and music has been permitted in the square ever since.Producer: Des ShawA Ten Alps production for BBC Radio 4

WED 07:00 Bookcases (b00szhvl)
The Prosser Prize
London 1858: Primus is determined that Spavin and Spavin's entry should win this distinguished literary award, even if it means seducing the sponsors.Martyn Wade's four-part comedy stars Michael Cochrane as Primus, Maggie Steed as Cordelia, Elizabeth Spriggs as Edith, David Horovitch as Gerald, Charles Simpson as Simeon, Francis Jeater as Mrs Prosser, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prosser and David Antrobus as

Thackeray. Director: Cherry Cookson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

WED 07:30 Women Talking About Cars (m0001fdq)
Series 3

Jennifer Saunders

Jennifer Saunders talks to Victoria Coren Mitchell about her life and some of the cars she has driven along the way, from the much-polished Ford Zephyr of her childhood that her father let her steer as a special treat to the day her husband to be Adrian Edmondson reversed into her much-loved Alfa Spider, nearly ending their romance before it began. Car descriptions read by Sarah Hadland. Produced by Gareth Edwards BBC Studios Production

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01lmx3c)
Series 6

The Calais Dock Strike

When HMS Troutbridge is sent to collect some stranded tourists, Chief Petty Officer Pertwee has other ideas. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicote as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather and Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson. 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 January 1964.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0001k9d)
From 4/6/1959

Kenneth Horne in a Greenland version of The Archers and 'Hornerrama' looks at summer. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took. Music from Pat Lancaster, the Frasers 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 June 1959.

WED 09:00 Dilemma (b03ts4fp)
Series 3

Episode 2

Sue Perkins puts Tony Law, Isy Suttie, Gemma Cairney and Tim Harford through the moral and ethical wringer. The panellists collectively attempt to resolve dilemmas based around footballing allegiance, supermarket deliveries, getting free 4G technology and a career in statistics. Devised by Danielle Ward. Producer: Ed Morrish.

WED 09:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v138x)
Series 2

London

Jago's been kidnapped and taken to London, but Dewey's far more interested in seeing "Bedlam", which is now in its sixth record-breaking year. It's 1793 and in the small Cornish village of Drumlin Bay, heroic smuggler Tamsyn Trelawny is still running rings around the customs men, assisted by her drunken father Jago. Written by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain. Starring Sheridan Smith as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bove as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey and Mark Perry as Hobbs. Producer: Jan Ravens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

WED 10:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007jrzt)
Series 1

A Slim Chance

When a Minister for Europe is found dead, Detective Inspector Gwen Danbury must go undercover to try and solve the case. Sue Rodwell's detective mystery stars Annette Badland as DI Gwen Danbury, Gudrun Ure as Joan Danbury, John Duttine as DS Henry Jacobs, John Rye as Supt. Phillips, Tina Gray as Mrs Banks and Frances Jeater as Eleanor Gedding. Director: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

WED 11:00 RK Narayan Stories (b01dc3p8)
A Willing Slave

A contradictory tale of a disciplined but willing servant, who resents and desires her true master. Read by Zia Mohyeddin. From January 1991.

WED 11:15 Gerry McKee - My Sky Blue Trades (b00766ss)

How the part-Catholic yet rebellious family of Victor P McCann dashed any hopes for him of a carefree boyhood - despite a slight family tendency towards booze, fags and rebellion. Gerry McKee's elegiac comedy set in post-war suburbia. Stars Nicky Henson as Adult Victor, Oliver Quelch as Young Victor, Carolyn Pickles as Mum, John Rogan as Dad, Kate Binchy as the Aunt, Gavin Muir, as Uncle Liam, Carl Prekopp as Dekker, Jonathan Forbes as Phil, and Helen Longworth as Jane. Director: Cherry Cookson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01lmx3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0001k9d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Folklorist (b0381fzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Ian McEwan - Amsterdam (m0001jty)

3. Pact

Vernon makes an extraordinary pact with Clive - and finally sees Molly's incriminating banned photographs. Michael Kitchen reads Ian McEwan's Booker Prize winning novel. Abridged in ten parts by Penny Leicester. Producer: Julia Butt. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 14:15 In a Prince's Footsteps (b01s8xmq)
Jerusalem

In the third episode in this series John arrives in Jerusalem. Here he considers pictures of two of the holy cities key locations, The Mount of Olives and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In 1862 Albert, Prince of Wales, toured the Middle East. At the time it was still predominantly controlled by the Ottoman Empire. As he travelled, his photographer Francis Bedford kept a detailed photographic record of the trip. In this series John McCarthy revisits the scenes of Bedford's photographs - Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Greece. He considers how the immediate physical, political and social landscape has evolved during the intervening 150 years. Some of Bedford's photographs are of widely known locations - the Pyramids at Giza, the Mount of Olives, the temples at Baalbek, the Acropolis - others are of remote hilltops and apparently random buildings, scenes without any obvious significance. Both however hold fascinating and unexpected tales and insight. The series will reflect on the rise and fall of empires - the Ottoman, British and French all play their part in these stories. They are now all gone, but the world's powers still seek to influence the politics of the region. In each episode John McCarthy focusses on two of Bedford's original photographs, revisiting the sites and taking his own pictures of the same scenes today. Presenter: John McCarthy. Producer: Kevin Dawson. A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5jbt)

Episode 3

It's Clementine's turn to create a chocolate delight for the club and Charlotte tells the tale of her terrible chocolate cravings during pregnancy... At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it. Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama. Mrs Drexil - Sylvia Sims. Clementine - Paula Wilcox. Rosie - Helena Breck. Sarah - Eleanor Bron. Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles. Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp. Luke - Peter Darney. Director: Tracey Neale. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03xcdbv)
The Fun Stuff

3. Marilynne Robinson

Highlights from an entertaining and idiosyncratic series of essays from James Wood, the leading literary critic of his generation. It's a collection which ranges widely, from a loving analysis of Keith Moon's drum technique to the intentions, gifts and limitations of some of our most celebrated modern novelists, including Kazuo Ishiguro and Ian McEwan. 3. MARILYNNE ROBINSON. Wood looks at the religious sensibility of the American author whose Pulitzer Prize winning Gilead was one of the most 'unconventional... popular novels of recent times.' Abridged by Eileen Horne. Reader: Peter Firth. Produced by Clive Brilla. Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007jrzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Dilemma (b03ts4fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v138x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Bookcases (b00szhvl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Women Talking About Cars (m0001fdq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn0n)

Soul Music

Horror legend Vincent Price tells the chilling tale of a violinist with very special hands. Starring John Graham, Coral Browne, Roger Snowdon and Michael Burlington. Written by William Ingram. Producer: John Dyas. First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

WED 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00tky4n)
Series 1

Dame Jacqueline Wilson

1/1 Celebrated children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson has sold over 25 million books and is the most borrowed author of the decade. In conversation with Stuart Cosgrove, Dame Jacqueline reveals the 5 most important books in her life. As well as revealing her literary secrets, she tells Stuart about a childhood with imaginary friends, the impact of a health scare and why her mother refused to call her a Dame! From 2010.

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WED 22:00 Women Talking About Cars (m0001fdq)

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WED 22:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01292g0)
Series 1

Episode 2

by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser. Sitcom starring Justin, Anne Reid and Paul Copley. A Manchester DJ tries to balance love, work and everything else without much success. This week, his job seems to be on the line. Anne Reid GranChristine Bottomley LisaJustin Moorhouse JustinLloyd Langford BrynPaul Copley RaySusan Cookson TanyaProduced by Steven CannyIn one version of his life, Justin is a well-known local Manchester radio DJ who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything. In another version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street. And he's the man who hopes for everything. The truth lies somewhere in between. And at home? Well, naturally, his private life is chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin jnr, and is in the process of taking him to the cleaners. So he's back on the market. As is his house - so he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington. Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be a good thing. Despite all this mess, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity. "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade". Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester. Everyone Quite Likes Justin is written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser. Justin is a comedian who sells out gigs across the country. He has also written plays and a previous show for Radio 4. Jim Poyser is a writer and producer of enormous experience in both radio and television.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001r59)
Tony Law 1/2

From 10pm - midnight, 7 days-a-week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Iain Lee talks to Tony Law.

WED 23:00 The Ape That Got Lucky (b008039f)
Language and Communication

Chris Addison's spoof lectures exploring human evolution. With Geoffrey McGivern as Professor Austin Herring. From August 2005.

WED 23:30 Absolute Power (b0192y9d)
Series 4

Episode 3

Revenge is a gourmet dish best served cold when Martin deceives Charles. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From February 2004.

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

The Smithfield Murders

A Mushroom Diet

The Smithfield community play throws Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's meaty murder trail into confusion. Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher. Starring Imelda Staunton as DS Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Jane Whittenshaw as Sally and Deborah Berlin as Alex Wild. Producer: Richard Wortley. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

THU 06:30 The Long Crawl to France (b03g937k)

Every year, more and more people try to swim the English Channel. Just over half succeed. What drives people to brave jellyfish, vomiting and hypothermia? According to Mike Oram, who spends his summers piloting an escort boat between Dover and Calais, "they're all deluded. They live in a world of dreams,

and dreams aren't reality." Both this year and last, swimmers have died making the attempt, both in sight of France. More people have climbed Everest than have swum the channel. Presenter Jolyon Jenkins joins the dreamers at Dover Harbour, where veteran coach Freda Streeter has run a swimming school since 1982. And he is on board Mike Oram's boat as one woman, Caroline Sims, makes her attempt. Presenter/producer: Jolyon Jenkins
THU 07:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jq9s)
 Episode 1
 Landlord Jack gets an offer from his daughter Nicola to help run his pub when she comes home for Christmas, but his reaction is not what she's expecting...Joe Turner's six-part sitcom stars Michael Williams as Jack, Lisa Coleman as Nicola, Cherry Morris as Mrs Drummond, Simon Greenall as Andy and Toby Longworth as Various.Producer: Liz Anstee First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
THU 07:30 The Missing Hancock's (m0001fw7)
 The Winter Holiday
 The Missing Hancock's recreates those episodes of the classic Hancock's Half Hour that have been wiped or lost from the archive.The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history. But 20 episodes of the show were missing from the BBC archives. Now, after three highly successful series, another batch of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.Tonight's episode: The Winter Holiday. Tony Hancock takes a break from his job as a lift attendant and decides to head to the seaside for a fortnight in Brighton...in winter!Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, and with the classic score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, the show stars Kevin McNally, Kevin Eldon, Simon Greenall, Robin Sebastian and Susy Kane. The Winter Holiday was first broadcast on the 16th November, 1955.Produced by Neil Pearson & Paul Sheehan.Written by Ray Galton & SimpsonMusic recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.A BBC Studios Production.
THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m0001k4j)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Janet's turfed out of her flat – and the whole ad agency ends up losing sleep."A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.Starring Michael Medwin as Michael, Fenella Fielding as Janet, Joan Sims as Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as Maggie and Nicholas Phipps as Adrian. Other parts by Warren Mitchell.Series two (of three) written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.Producer: Eric MillerFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1961.
THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jpcq)
 Series 8
 The Space Age
 Neddy and Crun attempt to launch Min into space, but she gets stuck up the chimney. Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1957.
THU 09:00 Puzzle Panel (b00z628p)
 Episode 10
 Fiendish brain teasers with Chris Maslanka, Dr Doreen Baxter, Professor David Singmaster and Robert Eastway. From August 1998.
THU 09:30 Rent (b04ndrzg)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Maria is in the grip of a writer's block. Will her housemates help? With Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn. From February 1995.
THU 10:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007js26)
 Series 1
 A Sheltered Life
 Detective Inspector Gwen Danbury comes to the aid of a colleague wrongly accused - and her lonely mother Joan.Sue Rodwell's detective mystery stars Annette Badland as DI Gwen Danbury, Gudrun Ure as Joan Danbury, John Duttine as DS Henry Jacobs, John Rye as Supt. Phillips, John Moffatt as Larry Eaves and Hilda Braid as Emily Porter.Director: Glyn DearmanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
THU 11:00 Mat Coward - Famous for One Thing (b0783t54)
 "I had an idea that writing about what had happened to me would be therapeutic." A short story read by Chris Harris.
THU 11:15 Rachel Joyce - Painting Mrs Jones (b007jtd2)
 Invited to sit and have her portrait painted, Jennifer Jones wonders if the canvas will reveal a new truth about her inner-self...Rachel Joyce's dark tale of self-discovery stars Lindsay Duncan as Jennifer Jones, James Laurensen as Iain Jones and David Antrobus as Tom.Director: Jeremy MortimerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
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THU 14:00 Ian McEwan - Amsterdam (m0001k4m)
 4. Morality
 Clive and Vernon quarrel over the morality of publishing Molly's incriminating photos of the Foreign Secretary.Michael Kitchen reads Ian McEwan's Booker Prize winning novel.Abridged in ten parts by Penny LeicesterProducer: Julia ButtFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
THU 14:15 In a Prince's Footsteps (b01s8xsx)
 West Bank
 In the fourth episode in this series John travels into the West Bank. Here he considers pictures of two villages the Prince of Wales visited, now called al Jib and Beit Ur al-Fauqa.In 1862 Albert, Prince of Wales, toured the Middle East. At the time it was still predominantly controlled by the Ottoman Empire. As he travelled, his photographer Francis Bedford kept a detailed photographic record of the trip. In this series John McCarthy revisits the scenes of Bedford's photographs - Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Greece. He considers how the immediate physical, political and social landscape has evolved during the intervening 150 years.Some of Bedford's photographs are of widely known locations - the Pyramids at Giza, the Mount of Olives, the temples at Baalbek, the Acropolis - others are of remote hilltops and apparently random buildings, scenes without any obvious significance. Both however hold fascinating and unexpected tales and insight.The series will reflect on the rise and fall of empires - the Ottoman, British and French all play their part in these stories. They are now all gone, but the world's powers still seek to influence the politics of the region.In each episode John McCarthy focusses on two of Bedford's original photographs, revisiting the sites and taking his own pictures of the same scenes today.Presenter: John McCarthyProducer: Kevin DawsonA Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4
THU 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5rkw)
 Episode 4
 Rosie delivers her creation to the club. Meanwhile, Clementine tells the tale of how she came to own a chocolate shop in the village.At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.Mrs Drexel - Sylvia SimsClementine - Paula WilcoxRosie - Helena BreckSarah - Eleanor BronCharlotte - Carolyn PicklesHot Shot - Carl PrekoppLuke - Peter DorneyDirector: Tracey NealeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
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 4. Containment: Trauma and Manipulation In Ian McEwan Highlights from an entertaining and idiosyncratic series of essays from James Wood, the leading literary critic of his generation. It's a collection which ranges widely, from a loving analysis of Keith Moon's drum technique to the intentions, gifts and limitations of some of our most celebrated modern novelists, including Kazuo Ishiguro and Ian McEwan.4. CONTAINMENT: TRAUMA AND MANIPULATION IN IAN McEWANWood admires and critiques the author of Atonement, Enduring Love and On Chesil Beach - 'the great contemporary stager of traumatic contingency as it strikes ordinary lives'.Abridged by Eileen HorneReader: The Fun StuffProduced by Clive Brilla Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4
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THU 17:30 The Missing Hancock's (m0001fw7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Price of Fear (b01s4f4p)
 Guy Fawkes Night
 Unaware at first that a crime had been committed, Vincent Price remembers a bonfire party when a bullying father disappeared...Vincent Price introduces another chilling tale starring Adrienne Corri, Alexander John, Derek Lamden and Peter Craze.Dramatised by Richard Davis from his own story.Producer: John DyasFirst broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01gg7g0)
 Series 27
 George Lyward
 The musician and broadcaster Tom Robinson nominates educationalist George Lyward in this episode of Great Lives.Aged 15 and struggling with his sexuality, Tom Robinson attempted to take his own life and had a nervous breakdown. Following a series of assessments and tests, he was interviewed for Finchden Manor, a therapeutic community founded by George Lyward.Tom shares his own experience, explaining to Matthew Parris how he believes Lyward saved his life. Former Finchden teacher Dr Norman Alm is also on hand to provide expert assistance.Lyward's work is also assessed in the context of the 2011 summer riots, as Matthew asks his guests what should society do with its troubled teens.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
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THU 22:30 Newsjack (m0001ltd)
 Newsjack Unplugged, Series 2
 Episode 8
 Short-form show from the same team behind the long-running Newsjack show on BBC Radio 4 Extra.
THU 22:45 All the World's a Globe (b007jwzz)
 Episode 8
 The National Theatre of Brent's definitive history of Earth reaches the 20th century. With special guest Ben Kingsley. From June 1990.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001rb8)
 Tony Law 2/2
 From 10pm - midnight, 7 days-a-week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Iain Lee talks to Tony Law.
THU 23:00 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01rqbmc)
 Series 1
 Mr Mississippi
 Isy Suttie (Dobby from Channel 4's Peep Show and double British Comedy Award nominee) returns to BBC Radio 4 with these unique tales, recounting a series of love stories affecting people she's known throughout her life, told partly through song.Sometimes Isy has merely observed other people's love lives; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from Isy's own, often disastrous, love life.In this second episode, Isy tries to save her failing relationship with a papier-mâché penguin, while at the same time helping Matlock's resident busker, Mr Mississippi, capture the heart of his unrequited love Lorna, a shelf stacker at the local supermarket.With her multi-character and vocal skills, plus her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love."A voice you want to swim in" The IndependentProduced by Lianne Coop.
THU 23:30 Hut 33 (b00wfwyf)
 Series 2
 Getting Heavy
 Bottom of Bletchley Park's league, the codebreakers set out to prove themselves. Stars Robert Bathurst. From June 2008.

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 The Smithfield Murders
 A Passion for Hunting Something
 With big business is involved, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield finds herself trapped with hired killers underneath Smithfield meat market...Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.Starring Imelda Staunton as DS Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Jane Whittenshaw as Sally, Deborah Berlin as Alex Wild and Jilly Bond as Rachel Jones.Producer: Richard WortleyFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 06:30 Digital Folk (b0383vrx)
 England's vast wealth of folk music heritage has finally been put online. Named "The Full English", it includes rare archives found in the basement of London's famous Cecil Sharp House and a dozen other collections. Songs that haven't been heard for

a hundred years are now being sung again and are already inspiring a new generation of musical writers and artists. English Folk Dance and Song Society (Efdss) librarian Malcolm Taylor has gathered together manuscripts of early 20th century songs that were once scattered across the country and placed them on one searchable internet portal. These are songs collected in the early 20th century by the likes of Cecil Sharp, Vaughan Williams and Percy Grainger who set out, notebook in hand, to record the songs sung by ordinary folk up and down the country. Now a whole new wave of artists is clicking on to the digital archives. Singer Billy Bragg has previously used them for his own musical inspiration and folk musicians Fay Hield, Nancy Kerr and Martin Simpson are now doing it too, as they create new music from old sources. The programme also hears from playwrights Nell Leyshon and Lee Hall (of Billy Elliott fame) who have been drawn into an exploration of the ethics of how the songs were originally collected and published. Our guide to the remarkable 'The Full English' collection is John Kirkpatrick, one of the giants of the British folk scene and BBC Radio 2 Folk Musician of 2010. Producer: Chris Eldon Lee A Culture Wise production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 07:00 Trapped (b0076mpz)

Sow Cottage

The new residents of the village of Little Latchmere are having a bit of trouble fitting in...Six black comedies by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier. Edward Andrew Burt Rev Fraction

Duncan Wisbey Adam Robert Webb Paul Daniel

Maier Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

FRI 07:30 Mrs Hudson's Radio Show (m0001h2j)

Episode 2: Wild Geese

Behind every great man there is an even greater woman - demanding rent. Comedy legend Barry Cryer brings his unique brand of silliness to the world of Sherlock Holmes' landlady in a special Radio 4 double bill recorded in front of an audience in London. There'll be plenty of festivities (as well as Music Hall singalongs accompanied by pianist Jeremy Limb) in this humorous and alternative take on Mrs Hudson's life below stairs at 221 Baker Street. Barry plays chestnut salesman Harry Fryer and is joined by Patricia Hodge as Mrs Hudson and Miriam Margolyes as her mischievous friend and neighbour, Mrs Brayley. The show has been written by Barry and his son, Bob Cryer and is based on their book, Mrs Hudson's Diaries. In this second episode, a dead goose and a battered hat are found by Inspector Lestrade (Bob Cryer) lying in the middle of Baker Street. It's not long before Mrs Hudson is leading her friends out into the night on a very silly seasonal adventure. However, one thing you can be sure of, Sherlock Holmes (Orlando Wells) and Dr Watson (Stephen Crichtlow) are never far away and usually ahead of the game. So come in from the cold, turn on the wireless and make a date with Mrs Hudson. But don't forget to wipe your feet first. CAST: MRS HUDSON - Patricia Hodge MRS BRAYLEY - Miriam Margolyes HARRY FRYER - Barry Cryer HOLMES - Orlando Wells ARCHIE / WATSON - Stephen Crichtlow MARTHA/BELLA - Ruth Bratt GUSTAV / MD - Jeremy Limb LESTRADE - Bob Cryer Written by Bob and Barry Cryer Produced and directed by Ned Chaillet and Ben Walker The Waters Company for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00jcx1g)

Series 9

Episode 8

As the axe is wielded, Radio Prune gets a rival. 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 December 1973.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

Series 1

Sixty-Five Today

Albert's 65th birthday outing turns into a disaster for son Harold. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV. Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick. Produced by Bobby Jaye First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

FRI 09:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

Episode 6

Animal, vegetable or mineral? Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions. Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Neil Innes and Jan Ravens. Written by Michael Dines. Producer: Andy Aliffe First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998

FRI 09:30 Life in London (b011q9fw)

High and Low Life

Pierce Egan is reduced to pawning himself. He talks his way out of this bind by relating the adventures of Tom, Bob and Jerry as they drink with the lower orders in the East End, dance with high society up West and attend a masquerade, where Jerry is smitten by a serial seductress...Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted in six-parts by Dan Tetsell. Pierce Egan

Geoffrey McGovern Corinthian Tom Greg Wise Pickpocket

... Neil Edmond Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss With James Bachman, Neil Edmond, Morwenna Banks, Giles Taylor and Alys Torrance. Original music by Ben Walker Producer: Tilusha Ghelani First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

FRI 10:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007js4n)

Series 1

The Hostages

When a hostage is taken by a gunman, Detective Inspector Gwen Danbury takes charge - but then her feisty mother Joan arrives. Sue Rodwell's detective mystery stars Annette Badland as DI Gwen Danbury, Gudrun Ure as Joan Danbury, John Duttine as DS Henry Jacobs, John Rye as Supt. Phillips, Paul Panting as Gary Wolsey, Elaine Claxton as Cathy Bedford and Crawford Logan as Keets. Director: Glyn Dearman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0001fz3)

Cariad Lloyd: Superego and The Complete Woman

Made for 4 Extra. Amanda Litherland and her guest Cariad Lloyd recommend comedy podcasts. This week, improvised comedy from LA in SuperEgo, and The Complete Woman.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00jcx1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Digital Folk (b0383vxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Ian McEwan - Amsterdam (m0001khv)

5. Altercation

Walking in the Lake District in an attempt to find musical inspiration for his symphony, Clive, witnesses an argument between two other hikers. Michael Kitchen reads Ian McEwan's Booker Prize winning novel. Abridged in ten parts by Penny Leicester. Producer: Julia Butt First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

FRI 14:15 In a Prince's Footsteps (b01s8xvd)

Marsaba and The Sea of Galilee

In the fifth episode in this series, John remains in Israel and the West Bank, travelling up to the Sea of Galilee and also across the desert to the remote Marsaba monastery. In 1862 Albert, Prince of Wales, toured the Middle East. At the time it was still predominantly controlled by the Ottoman Empire. As he travelled, his photographer Francis Bedford kept a detailed photographic record of the trip. In this series John McCarthy revisits the scenes of Bedford's photographs - Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Greece. He considers how the immediate physical, political and social landscape has evolved during the intervening 150 years. Some of Bedford's photographs are of widely known locations - the Pyramids at Giza, the Mount of Olives, the temples at Baalbek, the Acropolis - others are of remote hilltops and apparently random buildings, scenes without any obvious significance. Both however hold fascinating and unexpected tales and insight. The series will reflect on the rise and fall of empires - the Ottoman, British and French all play their part in these stories. They are now all gone, but the world's powers still seek to influence the politics of the region. In each episode John McCarthy focusses on two of Bedford's original photographs, revisiting the sites and taking his own pictures of the same scenes today. Presenter: John McCarthy Producer: Kevin Dawson A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)

Episode 5

A huge cake box sits on the table, as the mysterious Mrs Drexel tells a tale which surprisingly concerns them all - as she explains how she came to be invited to join the club...At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it. Conclusion of Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama. Mrs Drexel - Sylvia Sims Clementine - Paula Wilcox Rosie - Helena Breck Sarah - Eleanor Bron Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp Luke - Peter Darney Director: Tracey Neale First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03xchh5)

The Fun Stuff

5. Packing My Father-in-law's Library

Highlights from an entertaining and idiosyncratic series of essays from James Wood, the leading literary critic of his generation. It's a collection which ranges widely, from a loving analysis of Keith Moon's drum technique to the intentions, gifts and limitations of some of our most celebrated modern novelists, including Kazuo Ishiguro and Ian McEwan. 5. PACKING MY FATHER-IN-LAW'S LIBRARY Wood describes disposing of his late father in law's library, and considers whether our personal collections of books hide us more than reveal us to our descendants. Abridged by Eileen Horne Reader: Peter Firth Produced by Clive Brilla Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 15:00 DI Gwen Danbury - An Odd Body (b007js4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Life in London (b011q9fw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Trapped (b0076mpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Mrs Hudson's Radio Show (m0001h2j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Eric Pringle - Dancing With Jaques (b06zjdjy)

London 1959: A young girl's first night "working the streets" ends in a ghostly encounter with a man with a wind-up gramophone who calls himself Jaques. Written by Eric Pringle Jackie - Alice Arnold Jaques - John Eviats Alice - Thersa Streatfeild News vendor - John Church Director: Adrian Bean First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (m0001khy)

Absence

Journalist Emma Brockes joins Welsh poet Gwyneth Lewis and novelist Jay Basu to discuss gaps with Matthew Parris. Each week Matthew Parris introduces a group 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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FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Digital Folk (b0383vxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0001fz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Mrs Hudson's Radio Show (m0001h2j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 What to Do If You're Not Like Everybody Else (b014610b)

Series 2

Special Occasions

Andrew Lawrence delves into conventional living and pressures to conform, starting with weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and more. From September 2011.

FRI 22:45 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hkrbb)

Astronomy for Dummies

Josie unravels the greater mysteries of the cosmos in her quest to better herself through learning and books. From February 2009.

FRI 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b019h88c)

Series 1

Religion

More historical heroism as Saint David, Saint Patrick and Gerald of Wales are put to the Totaliser Test. From January 2012.

FRI 23:30 Will Smith's Midlife Crisis Management (b00gd5hv)

Episode 4

Comedy series in which comedian Will Smith seeks help and advice - primarily from his godfather Peter - on coping with the onset of middle age. Will enlists the help of explorer Rebecca to try to become more adventurous, but has trouble venturing out of his front door because of his strange neighbour. With Roger Allam, Rebecca Front, Paul Rider.