

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY 2019

SAT 00:00 15 Minute Drama (b07j7ntw)

Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist

The Butler

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers. The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In The Butler, we meet George Cleaver, the Sausage King of the North, who sells his business and moves to London in order to enter society. He employs a butler, Tibbs, to help him to do this. Tibbs explains that it's vital Cleaver learns as much as he can about fine wines - and, to this end, Tibbs sets about buying rare and expensive vintages and educating his employer. Before long, Cleaver feels he no longer needs his butler's advice. Cast: Storyteller..... Charles Dance George Cleaver..... Geoffrey Whitehead Mrs Cleaver..... Sarah Badell Tibbs..... Nickolas Grace Lord Dungeness..... Nicholas Boulton Written by Roald Dahl Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan Director: David Blount A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 00:15 James Follett - Devil to Pay (b06yk87w)

A car crash on a hot deserted road: a camper on hand to drag the driver from the blazing wreck. The start of an action-packed adventure play?... Not quite. Listen on. Stars Norman Rodway as the Devil and Derek Seaton as the Camper. Director: Glyn Dearman First broadcast in Double Act - a selection of plays from Just Before Midnight on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00769no)

Style

4 Extra Debut. Novelists Richard Francis and Michael Bracewell and former Design Museum director Alice Rawsthorn debate 'style'. From September 2002, 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 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jpsp)

Episode 2

As the sabotage and murder trail continues, Private Investigator Mortimer Hive arrives and is invited to make a speech. One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts. Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Booker, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime and Kathryn Hunt as Helen. Producer: Tony Cliff First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 01:30 Tim Key's Easy USSR (b03h30gb)

"I remember exactly where it was when I was first exposed to Vyacheslav Mescherin's tunes. I was at a dinner party and the host handed me the sleeve with a glint in her eye. She thought I might like it. The inscription was that none of the other guests would. She was right." Nine years ago, comedian and poet Tim Key was given a copy of a CD entitled Easy USSR Vol. 2. One car journey to Devon and four consecutive listens later, and he was hooked. The strange yet catchy sounds of Vyacheslav Mescherin's Ensemble of Electronic Musical Instruments have underscored his life and his work ever since. On stage and on the radio, Mescherin's music lies beneath him like a crashmat. With very little information available about Mescherin, Tim sets out to find out more about the man. His search takes him from one of the world's leading Theremin players to a Soviet Cosmonaut. Tim discovers that, far from the obscure rarity it is today, in the 1960s and beyond Mescherin's music was a quirky soundtrack to life in the Soviet Union - on radio, TV and even in factories. The futuristic sounds of the electronic instruments he pioneered provided the perfect accompaniment to the space race era. Nearly twenty years after his death, many Russians can hum Mescherin's tunes, yet few know his name. But what of the rumours that Mescherin's sounds were blasted into space? And will Tim be able to find more of the music he craves? Producer: Peggy Sutton A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b04bs0mp)

The Miniaturist

Episode 10

The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton Read by: Emilia Fox On a cold autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of the Dutch East India Company's most successful merchant trader: Johannes Brandt. But her lavishly furnished new home is not welcoming, and its inhabitants seem preoccupied with their own secrets. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office which leaves Nella isolated in the grand house on the canal with his sister, the sharp-tongued Marin and Otto and Cornelia their servants as company. Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist, an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny and intricate creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways. But as she starts to

receive unexpected and unasked for items for her 'toy house' Nella becomes aware that the Brandt household contains unusual secrets and she begins to understand - and fear - the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society conformity is all. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other, excavating 'the canker' of sin. The packages from the mysterious miniaturist begin to reveal chillingly prophetic objects but Nella remains at a loss as to what they all mean. Ep10 Nella bids her husband farewell and welcomes the new arrival. Producer: Jill Waters Adapted by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill Waters A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sjw36)

The Habit of Schooling

Michael Morpurgo discovers the reaction to the 1870 Forster Education Act, marking the start of compulsory education for all.

SAT 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbmd1)

Episode 5

Anne has fallen for Lyon Burke, but her friendship with Helen is put to the test. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.

SAT 02:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m0002249)

Series 4

Trebuchet by Ruth Rendell

An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places. Series Four: Tales from the collection A Spot Of Folly by Ruth Rendell. While the world is on the brink of catastrophe, Mark, Miriam and their children are on a sheltered Scottish island. Ruth Rendell was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died in May 2015. A Spot Of Folly, a collection of previously unpublished stories, was published in 2017. Writer: Ruth Rendell Reader: Hattie Morahan Producer: Jeremy Osborne A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (m0002245)

W Somerset Maugham - The Razor's Edge

Episode 2

It's now the 1930s. After travelling in the East, Larry returns to Paris where he meets up with Sophie again - to the horror of his ex-fiancée, Isabel. Conclusion of W Somerset Maugham's novel dramatised in two-parts by Ronald Frame. W Somerset Maugham ... Nicholas Le Prevost Larry ... John Light Isabel ... Megan Dods Elliott ... Edward Petherbridge Gray/Chief Inspector ... Sam Dale The Swami ... Amerjit Deu Patsy ... Paul Dinmen Joseph ... Philip Fox Sophie ... Laurel Lefkow Miss Keith ... Carolyn Pickles Director: Gaynor MacFarlane First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SAT 04:00 Guess What? (b068bf83)

Episode 10

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

SAT 04:30 Anything Legal (b0084hrs)

Episode 3

Charles and George kick off their secret new business offering anything legal - but at what cost? A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George and Douglas Blackwell as the Publican. Theme music by Jim Parker Producer: John Fawcett Wilson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 05:00 Two Doors Down (b008gbvs)

Series 2

Mythical Kings and Iguanans

Saffron is a typical mother, multi-tasking her aromatherapy business with trying to feng shui her bathroom and coping with a four year old desperately missing their ex-pet iguana. So no surprise she needs Sally's help when things go wrong... Series two of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally. Starring Stella McCusker as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Des McAleer as Trevor, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Ali White as Saffron, Hannah R Gordon as Anna and Alan Mckee as Victor. Director: Tanya Nash First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 05:30 The Rivals (b082ftg8)

Series 4

The Secret of Dunstan's Tower

By Ernest Bramah. Dramatised By Chris Harrald. Inspector Lestrade was made to look a fool in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Now he gets his own back, with tales of Holmes' rivals. Lestrade enlists the help of the brilliant blind detective Max Carrados when he is asked to help a woman who believes that an old prophecy is foretelling her death. In 1662 a fierce quarrel led to the fatal wounding of Sir Philip Belmont by Henry Ainsworth who owned Dunstan's Tower. Before Sir Philip died he prophesied that when blood appeared on the steps of the grand staircase of Dunstan's Tower, then one of the Ainsworth family had a week to live. Blood has now appeared on the steps and the present Lady Ainsworth is awaiting her death. Lestrade ... James Fleet Max Carrados ... Pip Torrens Tom Ainsworth ... Tom Forrester Edith Ainsworth ... Kirsty Oswald Lady Ana

Ainsworth ... Joanna Munroe Parkinson ... James Lailey Swarbrick ... Sean Baker Producer: Liz Webb.

SAT 06:00 Hood (b072nn3t)

King's Command

Summoned by King John, Philip De Nicholas, the Sheriff of Nottingham, finds himself with the power to grant the man known as Robin Hood a pardon. But there is a price to pay. But for Philip, there lies betrayal that will set former friends on a new path. Stars Lee Ingleby as Philip De Nicholas, Peter Greenall as Little John, Damian Cooper as Will Scarlet, Sean Connolly as Brother Tuck, Anthony Milles as Robert De Loxley, Sarah McKendrick as Lady Marion and Billy Miller as King John. Director: Iain Meadows. Produced by Iain Meadows and Matt Hopper for Spiteful Puppet Entertainment.

SAT 07:30 Swansong (b01mpjxh)

Big Country's Driving to Damascus Stuart Maconie presents Swansong Ep 3 this week looking at Big Country's 1999 album Driving To Damascus. Big Country were one of the most successful acts of the 1980's - with a dual guitar sound that's been likened to Thin Lizzy in Kilts - their epic Celtic anthems tracks like 'Fields of Fire' and 'In A Big Country' sold millions both in the UK and the States. Singer and guitarist Stuart Adamson had previously tasted the limelight with his post-punk outfit The Skids - but it was the mainstream success of Big Country with their uniquely Scottish sound and lyrics emphasizing the plight of the working man that heralded their worldwide fame and to Adamson brought its associated troubles. In summer 1999 the band entered Rockfield Studios in Monmouth to record Driving To Damascus - it would be their last full album with Adamson. Swansong Ep 3 features honest and revealing interviews with guitarist, Bruce Watson, drummer Mark Brzezicki, album's producer Rafe McKenna, Eddi Reader and Stuart's daughter Kirsten Adamson who then aged 14 sang backing vocals on the album.

SAT 08:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00ri56f)

Paul Daniels and Leonard Nimoy Conversation double-bill: Star Trek's Mr Spock, Leonard Nimoy jets in from 1980 - and magician Paul Daniels pops in from 2009. Ed Doolan was one of Britain's best-known BBC local radio presenters, broadcasting to the West Midlands for over 40 years. Ed died aged 76 in 2018. Excerpts from interviews originally broadcast on BBC WM.

SAT 09:00 Joe Queenan: My Years of Awe and Wonder (b07wxpgh)

John Sergeant introduces two decades of adventures in broadcasting with the best reviewed American on BBC radio - Joe Queenan. From his early days presenting Postcard from Gotham through to Wonderful Ways to Make a Living, A Brief History of Irony and Hitler's Favourite Cowboy, Joe Queenan has always shown a delight in his interviewees. "Most journalists don't like people but I'm the complete opposite of that. For the brief moment that we meet, they become almost like friends. I remember all of them still." You'll hear uncut and previously unbroadcast extended interviews, unheard and undiced, with Ian Hislop, Germaine Greer, Kathy Lette and Armando Iannucci. John Sergeant reveals what it's like to be rung up and asked to give short, snappy thoughts on abstract subjects such as cunning, failure and blame. And then there's Queenan's unexpected and deep love of Britain (he is married to a woman from Stroud), plus his ongoing amazement that a poor boy from Philadelphia has been given the opportunity to work for the BBC: letters, he says, "that do resonate in America still". It's worth remembering that when you're doing these kinds of programmes, they become a part of your life. For four days that's all you're doing. But it's not a job. It's some sort of special adventure. You're meeting unusual people. You're in unusual places. You're doing an unusual thing, asking complete strangers bizarre questions that they hadn't expected you to ask. "Produced in Bristol by Miles Warde. Made for BBC Radio Extra 4 and first broadcast in 2016.

SAT 12:00 Just a Minute (m00020sl)

Series 62

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons challenges Gyles Brandreth, Ross Noble, Paul Merton and Jenny Eclair talk on a subject for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation. From Feb 2012.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00898pr)

Series 5

East Cheam Drama Festival Rivaling Edinburgh and Salzburg - three short plays as the lad welcomes us to East Cheam Repertory Company. Stars Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacobs 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 April 1958.

SAT 13:00 Riot Girls: How To Be A Woman (Omnibus) (m000257r)

Caitlin's 13th birthday doesn't start well. Omnibus of Caitlin Moran's bestselling comic memoir dramatised in 5 episodes. Narrator ... Caitlin Moran Caitlin ... Louise Brealey Caz ... Jeanette Percival Mum ... Clare Corbett Yobs/Siblings ... Lewis Bray, Cameron Percival, Jeanette Percival, Lucy Doyle Director ... Mary Peate Dramatised by ... Claudine Toutoungi and Caitlin Moran Each episode combines the book's mix of comic memoir and polemic, structured around two or three dramatised comic scenes from Moran's life (from being a 13-stone 13-year-old in Wolverhampton, through being the youngest journalist at

by the Nigerian author Jowhor Ile, a young man recalls his childhood and the girl who looked after him. Jowhor Ile was brought up in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. This is his first story to be broadcast on radio. Reader: Richie Campbell. Commissioned for radio by Ella Alfreth. Directed by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for Radio 4

TUE 11:15 Charlotte Jones - Airmuving (b0075ck2)
Persephone is just planning for her coming out ball, when she finds herself consigned to a rather puzzling finishing school: St Dymphna's Hospital for the Criminally Insane. An uplifting comedy of friendship; fantasy and freedom by Charlotte Jones. Stars Charlotte Jones as Dora, Sophie Thompson as Persephone, Marcia Warren as Porph, Elizabeth Bradley as Dorph and Geoffrey Whitehead as the Dastardly Man. Director: Jonquil Panting. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

TUE 12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Know Your Place (b018jpy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jtd5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Football's Loyal Fans (b03j63jd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04wppwg)
Episode 2

An anniversary arrives and Arabella gets to know her new housemates who bond as their luggage is unpacked. Read by Claire Skinner.

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00slxyd)
The Nation's Most Important Asset

Michael Morpurgo presents readings of the words of children about the effect of the wars of the 20th century.

TUE 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mdyzz)
Episode 7

Jennifer is keen to marry Tony, and Lyon visits Anne's family home in Lawrenceville. Jacqueline Susann drama with Julia Ford.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03s6yik)
Germaine Greer - White Beech: The Rainforest Years

Episode 2
After a two-year search, Germaine Greer has almost given up her quest for a piece of land to heal. But then she is taken to see an abandoned dairy farm on the Gold Coast. It is absolutely not what she has been looking for but, when she gets there, there is a surprise in store. Read by Germaine Greer. Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall. A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 15:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b07b2phd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b01N9yfs)
Series 5

Ker, Stephenson Connolly, Geim
Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham,
Professor John Lloyd CBE is joined by comedian Jimmy Carr for the fifth series. Three guests are invited to donate one item each and explain why it deserves a place in the museum. John and Jimmy welcome comedian Humphrey Ker, sex therapist, comedian and author Dr Pamela Stephenson-Connolly and Nobel Physics Laureate Professor Sir Andre Geim. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b0081t4t)
Series 2

The View from the Bridge
When confused Izzy meets her fiancé Charles's friend Bill, they hit it off straight away... Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With David Robb as Charles, Neil McCaul as Bill, Marty Cruickshank as Maria, Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn, Melissa Wilson as Sharon and Catherine Clarke as Lorraine. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV. Producer: Jonathan James-Moore. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00kjsn6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Love in Recovery (m00020z1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Simon Bovey - Slipstream (b0091w5f)
The Eagle's Nest

Major Barton and his team head deep behind German lines to track down a terrifying new weapon... Simon Bovey's sci-fi adventure series set during the Second World War. Stars Rory Kinnear as Jurgen Rall, Tim McMullan as Major Barton, Ben Crowe as Lieutenant Dundas, Joannah Tincey as Kate Richey, Sam Pamphilon as Teazole and Rachel Atkins as Trudi Schenk. Other parts played by Simon Treves, Alex Lanipekun and Lloyd Woolf. Producer: Marc Beeby. Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

TUE 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jp6f)
Series 1

Send for Paul Temple
By Timothy! A world of car-bombs, poison cocktails, gentlemen and rogues - where the villains had better watch out! Detective aficionado and expert, Professor Jeffrey Richards recalls the indomitable husband and wife team, Paul and Steve

Temple, who battled criminals and scoundrels. Affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives. Featuring the definitive Paul Temple actor, Peter Coker, plus vintage recordings from the legendary series. Producer: Jon Rolph. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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TUE 21:00 Shorts (b05369j3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Charlotte Jones - Airmuving (b0075ck2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Love in Recovery (m00020z1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Wilson Dixon Line (b00knt17)
When Love Comes to Town (And Then Leaves Again)

Another chance to hear this affectionate tribute to the philosophy of country music. Cowboy philosopher Wilson Dixon shares his viewpoints on life, love and relationships through songs and anecdotes. Saddled up with sidekick Snake Wizzelteats, his observations on everyday life draw the audience into world full of larger than life characters and situations. In episode three, When Loves Come To Town... And Then Leaves Again, Wilson talks about love and affairs of the heart. Hard done by love, he talks about his ex-wife Maureen, who pulled at Wilson's heart like he pulls on his guitar strings. Hold onto your stein and get ready for the rocky ride of romance. Wilson Dixon is the comic creation of Jesse Griffin and sidekick Snake Wizzelteats is performed by Jesse Budd.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0002695)
Flo and Joan 1/2

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Sarah Campbell chats to musical comedians Flo and Joan.

TUE 23:00 Cowards (b007772j)
Series 1

Elephant rides and bear fights in the bizarre world of Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf. From April 2007.

TUE 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01by7cs)
Series 4

Sheffield
Comedian-activist Mark Thomas heads to Sheffield City Hall in search of new proposals for his People's Manifesto. This week's agenda: 1) Councils to plant fruit trees in public spaces 2) 3 Years' free education for all between age 25 and retirement and 3) Buckingham Palace to be converted into homeless flats plus lots of "any other business" suggestions for the studio audience, including a novel approach to reducing knife crime. Written and presented by Mark Thomas. Produced by Colin Anderson.

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Episode 5

As suspicions over Palgrave grow, Inspector Purbright calls on his old friend Lucilla Teatime. One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts. Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Dr Fergusson, Ann Rye as Lucilla

Teatime, Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hive, Kathryn Hunt as Helen and Robin Polley as Sgt Malley. Producer: Tony Cliff. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 06:30 Merry Widows (b00mb9pk)
Women whose much-loved husbands have died describe finding unexpected happiness late in life, and the challenge of creating a new identity. Restarting a life when one suddenly finds oneself alone, having been married for decades, and for all of one's adult life, is never easy. There are contributions from women who had never lived on their own: people who married early, and happily, and stayed married. But then comes the blow of their husbands' death; they explain what happened next - and it surprised everyone. A Loftus Audio production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 07:00 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)
The Case of the Shadowed Minister

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson help a member of Parliament who claims he's being followed... Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace. Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Angela Down as Alex Messenger, Stuart Organ as Mr Belling, Jim Reid as Michael, Wendy Murray as Mrs Waterfield and Miranda Forbes as Mrs Belling. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

WED 07:30 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m000219n)
Series 2

Passions
Award-winning comedian and super-sharp everywoman Angela Barnes tackles life and love and, with the help of the audience, packs herself a fantasy coffin. In part tribute to Angela's beloved late father - a larger than life gregarious character, he was a sex shop manager, naturist, and a big fan of caravans and pranks - Angela celebrates his carpe diem approach to life, and his motto "You Can't Take It With You". When her father died very suddenly in 2008, Angela and her family proved him wrong and stuffed his coffin with sentimental keepsakes for his final journey. Angela now does the very same thing, nominating objects that she would choose to send on with her as mementoes of her life, and asking the audience to share items they would take with them, all acting as prompts for contemplative, heart-warming and captivating comedy. Angela Barnes is a vivacious, critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Maidstone, Kent.

After a career in health and social care, at the age of 33, she decided to pursue a long-held ambition and give comedy a go. Within a couple of years, Angela and her witty worldview had won the 2011 BBC New Comedy Award by a public vote, secured a weekly slot in Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and appeared on numerous radio and television shows including Loose Ends, The Now Show, The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 3), and Mock The Week and Live at the Apollo (BBC 2). She has been the host of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Newsjack for the last two series. An impatient production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b014246f)
Smugglers in the Solent

The crew of HMS Troutbridge is sent to pursue some marine miscreants. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caddick as Captain Povey, Ronnie Barker as Lieutenant Queeg, Tenniel Evans as Leading Seaman Goldstein and Heather Chasen as Heather. 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 July 1965.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00023k4)
From 16/7/1959

Kenneth Horne takes his two nephews to the zoo and 'Hornorama' investigates Holidays. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took. Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Announcer: Douglas Smith. A madcap mix of sketches and songs, Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles. The precursor to 'Round The Home' - 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 July 1959.

WED 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js37)
Series 2

Episode 2
Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, David Quantick, Peter Baynham and Richard Herring. The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in. Producer: David Tyler. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

WED 09:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008klgb)
Up the Pole

When Harold Perkins befriends the Carnival Queen, the workmates plot a little sabotage. Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour". Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins,

Albert is not so keen. 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 August 1966.

FRI 09:00 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)

Series 4

Deadline News

Crime writers Ruth Dudley Edwards and Robert Richardson try to solve the murder of a model. With the help of witnesses played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson. Producer: Liz Anstee. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 09:30 Anything Legal (b0085hnm)

Episode 4

George and Charles tackle a horrid child and a bizarre giant in their new business offering anything legal... A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly. Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Madeline Smith as Isabel, Stephen Grief as Little Willy, Elizabeth Proud as Simon and Frances Jeater as Miss Folliate. Theme music by Jim Parker. Producer: John Fawcett Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

FRI 10:00 Patrick Hamilton - Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gcj61)

The Plains of Cement

London, 1927. Bob gives Jenny an ultimatum and Ella confronts Mr Eccles. Starring Steven Pacey as Bob, Annette Badland as Ella, Emily Morgan as Jenny and John Moffatt as Ernest Eccles. Patrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy set in working class, inter-war London. Ella's mother Anna Cropper Prosser..... Geoffrey Whitehead Prunella Elizabeth Mansfield Sammy.... Tina Marian Andy ... David Goudge Guvnor David King Mrs Guvnor Jo Kendall Other parts Donald Gee, Michael Kilgariff & Marcia King. Dramatised for radio in three parts by Frederic Bradnum. Producer: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m00025wf)

Luke Jones: Song Exploder

Amanda Litherland and Luke Jones recommend the best podcasts.

FRI 12:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r7q2v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07wb50w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Music From Beyond the Veil (b001jyn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04wxmvg)

Episode 5

Edmund's attraction intensifies, but Arabella seems to be cooling off. Meanwhile, his absence is noted. Read by Claire Skinner.

FRI 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm8nf)

Charlie Chaplin Went to France to Teach Ladies How to Dance Michael Morpurgo discovers new forms of entertainment available to children in the first half of the 20th century.

FRI 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mfhv8)

Episode 10

Neely has won an Academy Award, but her second marriage is already on the rocks. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03s9y35)

Germaine Greer - White Beech: The Rainforest Years

Episode 5

Germaine Greer returns from a six month stay in England to find some exciting plantlings in her propagation unit in the rainforest. And though they look nothing like their parent, she is sure she knows what they will grow into. It is a triumph that makes all the hard work, worry and expense worthwhile. Read by Germaine Greer. Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall. A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 15:00 Patrick Hamilton - Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gcj61)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Anything Legal (b0085hnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Two Doors Down (b008h68b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Rivals (b082x79t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Simon Bovey - Slipstream (b009mbjn)

Fight for the Future

Jurgen and Kate are desperate to get the weapon away before all is lost... Conclusion of Simon Bovey's sci-fi adventure series set during the Second World War. Stars Rory Kinnear as Jurgen Rall, Tim McMullan as Major Barton, Joannah Tincey as Kate Richey, Ben Crowe as Lieutenant Dundas, Rachel Atkins as Trudi Schenk, Peter Marinker as Brigadier Erskine and Laura Molyneux as Slipstream. Other parts played by Simon Treves,

Sam Pamphilon, Alex Lanipekun and Lloyd Woolf. Producer:

Marc Beeby. Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00769r8)

Fashionable Opinions

4 Extra Debut. Irish novelist Anne Enright and journalist Bill Hagerty join Peter Rhodes to consider received wisdom. From September 2002. In each programme, 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.

FRI 19:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r7q2v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07wb50w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Music From Beyond the Veil (b001jyn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m00025wf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Rivals (b082x79t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07k08xb)

Series 1

Episode 3

A new show from the internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine sees Tim interview members of his live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark gleeful wordplay and preposterous songs. This week, a job interview for Tim and an encounter with an anaconda. Producer: Richard Morris. A BBC Studios Production.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0002c8q)

Sarah Keyworth 1/3

Angela Barnes chats to the Comedy Award nominated comedian Sarah Keyworth.

FRI 23:00 Rubbish (b00853km)

Series 2

Liar

And why are you late? Disillusioned recycling officer Martin has his patience tested when a game gets out of hand. Series two of Tony Bagley's sitcom set in a local government office. Stars Reece Dinsdale as Martin, Neil Dudgeon as John, Pippa Haywood as Sarah, Matthew Cottle as Barney, Kevin Eldon as Scott, Katy Brand as Tristana, Orianne Messina as Karen and Claire Bartlett as Marie. Producer: Claire Bartlett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

FRI 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rszvs)

2021

Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Tony Hawks recall a year that was yet to be: 2021 – finding helium in the air and 'Casablanca: The Sound Man's Cut'. Everything you wanted to know then, about the 21st century. Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair. Producer: Caroline Leddy. First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on Radio 4 in July 1994.