

## SATURDAY 03 AUGUST 2019

**SAT 00:00 Angela Carter's Book of Fairytales (b0076vxb)**  
The Company of Wolves

Angela Carter's retelling of the story of Little Red Riding Hood in her own inimitable style. Read by Eileen McCallum.

**SAT 00:15 15 Minute Drama (b09ppwxdx)**

The Truth About Hawaii

Resistance

Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel. Sarah is 10 years old. She scratched her knee and developed an infection. When the infection threatened her life, her parents agreed to have her leg amputated. But the amputation didn't stop the infection. Her family have been told she has days to live, but a scientist has offered them a glimmer of hope. We join Sarah's imaginative world as she heads to the front line in the war between humanity and bacteria. The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine). Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts. Director: Kirsty Williams.

**SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076k92)**

Idealism

Matthew Parris and writers Peter Flannery, Mimi Khalvati and Jemma Kennedy discuss hope versus cynicism. 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 2004.

**SAT 01:00 Book at Beachtime (b0124v3t)**

SJ Watson - Before I Go to Sleep

Episode 5

What if you lost your memory every time you went to sleep? How would you cope with having to relearn your history every day only to lose it again? In SJ Watson's desperately compelling and ambitious debut thriller, a woman has no memory of who she is. She lives in the suburbs cared for by her husband, she can't work, she doesn't have any friends, she's trying to live a normal life but she can't remember anything when she wakes up in the morning. Slowly she starts to try and rebuild her memory, to piece together what has happened to her, who she is. This is Christine's story. Abridged by Alison Joseph. Read by Stella Gonet. Produced by Lucy Collingwood

**SAT 01:30 Plumbers and Penguins (b00wr6qk)**

To mark the centenary of the conquest of the South Pole there's another chance to hear the stories of some of the tradesmen who live and work on Antarctica. In the summer of 2009, British Antarctic Survey very publicly recruited 43 plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, electricians and doctors to spend 18 months working on their most southerly research stations - promising "the most exhilarating experience of a lifetime". Chris Eldon Lee discovers what actually happened to the new recruits. Almost 2000 tradesman applied to be parted from their white vans and sent into whiteout conditions. Doctors were also hired to care for their welfare in such extreme conditions. Mark Green, a 48-year-old Bristol plumber, was sent to Halley Research Station on the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. His job is to keep water supplies flowing at temperatures of minus 50 Celsius. 30-year-old Claire Lehman, a recently qualified Wiltshire GP, was posted to Rothera, on the western shore of the Peninsula. Like everybody else in Antarctica, both have had to learn brand new skills to help keep their Bases going. Mark finds himself abselving down precipitous crevasses and learning to be a sea-ice driver's mate. Claire is refuelling planes and supplying all the field scientists with freshly baked Christmas Cakes. Producer: Chris Eldon Lee. A Culture Wise Production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b04v5r70)**

Mary Costello - Academy Street

Episode 10

Mary Costello's acclaimed debut – which has been shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award - traces the arc of a quiet woman's life: from Tess Lohan's childhood in 1940s rural Ireland through to her emigration to America and a career as a nurse in New York. Carrying the sorrow for her loss deep within her, Tess returns to visit her family in Ireland – her first trip back since she left in 1962. Read by Niamh Cusack. Written by Mary Costello. Abridged by Kirsteen Cameron. Produced by Kirsteen Cameron

**SAT 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04dqwyh)**

The Great Providers

Prof Kathy Willis concludes her major new history series by asking how much plant biodiversity is worth, and examines new research into securing the future of our staple crops. Understanding the distribution, diversity and potential of plants for food, lay at the heart of the 18th century botanical impresario Joseph Banks' vision to "improve Britain's estates of the world". To secure future resilience of crops in today's world there's a growing need to conserve the closest wild relatives of our staple crops. Kathy Willis discovers, given climatic threats to some of our most substantial crops such as coffee - for which the industry currently depends on a single species, the economic value of wild relatives of today's domestic crops is

considerable. And as we hear, some important future crops are still to be found from previously overlooked plants. With contributions from Richard Thompson, Business valuations partner at Price-Waterhouse Cooper; historian Jim Endersby; head of coffee research at Kew, Aaron Davis; Kew's head of yams Paul Wilkin. Producer Adrian Washbourne. Music for the series was composed by Mark Russell.

**SAT 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m00076s3)**

Episode 5

Christmas has gone terribly wrong with David's illness, and Jane is furious that Toby isn't more helpful! But why is Dottie so upset? Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped Room. Dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ..... Lynne Seymour. Dottie ..... Rachel Atkins. Toby ..... John McAndrew. Henry ..... Simon Ludders. Father ..... Don McCorkindale. Billy Lee ..... Lesley Rooney. Alan ..... Keiron Self. Mrs Stephens ..... Manon Edwards. Dora ..... Siiriol Jenkins. Director: Alison Hindell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 n May 2005.

**SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b04hcr13)**

Alan Johnson - Please, Mr Postman

Episode 5

In July 1969, while the Rolling Stones played a free concert in Hyde Park, future Cabinet Minister Alan Johnson and his young family left West London to start a new life. The Britwell Estate in Slough, notorious among the locals, came as a blessed relief after the tensions of London's troubled Notting Hill, and the local community welcomed them with open arms. Alan Johnson had become a postman the previous year and, in order to support his growing family, took on every bit of overtime he could, often working twelve-hour shifts six days a week. It was hard work, but not without its compensations – the crafty fag snatched in a country lane, the farmer's wife offering a hearty breakfast and even the mysterious lady on Glebe Road who appeared daily, topless, at her window as the postman passed by. Please, Mister Postman paints a vivid picture of England in the 1970s, where no celebration was complete without a Party Seven of Watney's Red Barrel, smoking was the norm rather than the exception, and Sunday lunchtime was about beer and bingo. But as Alan Johnson's life appears to be settling down and his career in the Union of Postal Workers begins to take off, his close-knit family is struck once again by tragedy. Episode 5: By 1982 Alan Johnson's union career is going from strength to strength with a position on the Executive beckoning. Work keeps him away from home and the Thatcher government at its height ensures life is tough for the union. But the biggest storm clouds transpire to be personal rather than political. Read by Alan Johnson. Producer: David Roper. A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 03:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx2n)**

I am also Alexander

Alexander is used as a pawn in the war between his parents, and is educated by Aristotle. David Wade's six-part series on the life of Alexander the Great. Spirit of Achilles ..... Barry Foster. Spirit of Patroclus ..... Simon Ward. King Philip of Macedon ..... Brian Cox. Alexander ..... Michael Maloney. Young Alexander ..... Sam Crane. Hephaestion ..... Alex Jennings. Young Hephaestion ..... Gary King. Queen Olympias ..... Geraldine James. Aristotle ..... John Moffat. Demosthenes ..... Malcolm Sinclair. Lysimachos ..... Keith Drinkel. Leonidas ..... John Webb. Ptolemy ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt. Philotas ..... Michael Onslow-Pusanius ..... James Telfer. Menapiss ..... David Thorpe. Aristander ..... Barry Gordon. Demaratos ..... John Evitts. Music: Wilfredo Acosta. Director: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

**SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01ewvbf)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Miles Jupp hosts the show in which it's not what you know that matters, but who. And more importantly, how well you know them. Roisin Conaty, Ed Byrne and Richard Madeley nominate one of their intimate circle to answer a series of questions and they then have to second-guess how their nominees responded. Roisin picks her best friend, Caroline, Ed chooses his mum, Jill, and Richard Madeley opts for his daughter, Chloe - all with varying degrees of success. The panel also have to try and predict the responses of legendary football commentator, John Motson, as he is asked "what's your favourite film?", "what would you have been if you weren't a football commentator?" and "which other famous TV coat-wearer would you be? The Fonz, Columbo, or Paddington Bear?" Producer: Sam Michell.

**SAT 04:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)**

Episode 3

Edgar finally meets his client and visits a fair. But will this bring down the curtain on his visit? Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley. Lawrence Hume ..... Piers Gibbon. Robert Gillespie ..... James Cohen. Mr Hammerton ..... Nicky Henson. Marie Peters ..... Serena Evans. Michel ..... Jeffrey Holland. Jerome Giraud ..... Simon Roberts. Robert Gillespie ..... James Cohen. Gaston ..... David Howarth. Narrated by James Villiers. Written by Victor Canning and adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman. Producer: Gareth Edwards. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.

**SAT 05:00 Secrets and Lattes (b060z7c5)**

Series 2

All Change

It's the return of sisters Trisha and Clare and their Edinburgh coffee shop, Cafe Culture. Can they rise to the challenge of keeping the business going while coping with a missing chef

and dealing with 20 year-old waitress, Lizzie falling off the kleptomaniac wagon? Throw in Trisha's married ex-boyfriend and Clare's absent husband and it's emotional carnage all round. Clare can't cope with change but Trisha positively craves it - praise the Lord for God-fearing Minty (June Watson), an eccentric but helpful customer who won't make a drama out of a crisis. Series two of Hilary Lyon's caffeine-fuelled sitcom Trisha ..... Hilary Maclean. Clare ..... Hilary Lyon. Lizzie ..... Pearl Appleby. Minty ..... June Watson. Director: Marilyn Imrie. Producers: Gordon Kennedy and Moray Hunter. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2015.

**SAT 05:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (m000747y)**

Series 3

Episode 4

The hugely popular sketch show concludes its third series on BBC Radio 4. Pete Baikie, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes revisit some of their much-loved characters, and also introduce some newcomers. Absolutely was a big hit on Channel Four in the late 80s and early 90s. In 2012, the group got back together for the Sketchorama: Absolutely Special for BBC Radio 4 - winning a BBC Audio Drama Award in the Best Live Scripted Comedy category. The Absolutely Radio Show followed, with the first two series picking up Celtic Media Award nominations for Best Radio Comedy, while the second series was also nominated for a BBC Audio Drama Award in 2018. In the final episode of the series, Mr Muzak takes on his social media network's algorithms, the Little Girl explains global warming and Stoneybridge Town Council discuss possible content for their brand-new Digital Information Board. The show also features two followers of Sober October revealing the rhyming activities they do for the other months of the year and we also find out far too much about Gwynned's previous boyfriends. Written and Performed by: Peter Baikie, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes. Production Manager Sarah Tombling. Recording Engineer Dave Murricane. Editor Pete Baikie. Producer Gus Beattie. Producer Gordon Kennedy. BBC Executive Sioned Wiliam. Recording Venue The Oran Mor, Glasgow. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 06:00 Stanley Houghton - Hindle Wakes (b0414d7j)**

Lancashire, 1912: It's Wakes Week in Hindle and Fanny Hawthorn has to go to Blackpool with her friend Mary. At least, that's what she tells her parents. But when the truth is revealed, that she's been with wealthy mill owner's son Alan Jeffcote, then everybody has their own ideas as to what Fanny should do... Stanley Houghton's classic Lancashire comedy was written in 1911, and revived by the Royal Exchange Theatre Company in Manchester in the 1990s. Fanny Hawthorn ..... Sophie Stanton. Mrs Hawthorn ..... Bridget Turner. Chris Hawthorn ..... Colin Prockter. Alan Jeffcote ..... Nicholas Gleaves. Mr Jeffcote ..... Ewan Hooper. Mrs Jeffcote ..... Sue Johnston. Sir Timothy Farrar ..... Brian Rawlinson. Beatrice Farrar ..... Trilby James. Ada ..... Sarah Kirkman. Director: Kate Rowland. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

**SAT 07:30 Roy Hudd - Stick a Geranium in Your Hat! (b016w7xs)**

My Word You Do Look Queer

Love and marriage figure in the comic celebration of the words and music of renowned songwriters RP Weston and Bert Lee. Starring Roy Hudd as Bert Weston and Billy Dainty as Bert Lee. Devised and written by Roy Hudd. Musical arrangements by Ian Smith. Producer: Jonathan James-Moore. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1982.

**SAT 08:00 World Book Club (w3c3xy65)**

Tessa Hadley - The Past

Highly acclaimed British author Tessa Hadley talks to Harriett Gilbert about her award-winning novel - The Past. Recorded at the FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival in the elegant surroundings of The Mathematical Institute, part of the university. Tessa skillfully evokes a brewing storm of lust and envy, the indelible connections of memory and affection, the fierce, nostalgic beauty of the natural world, and the shifting currents of history running beneath the surface of these seemingly steady lives. Over three long, hot summer weeks, four siblings and their children assemble at their country house for a family reunion, where simmering tensions and secrets come to a head. First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 2019.

**SAT 09:00 People Talking (b09ggc2f)**

Fi Glover trawls the archives for intimate stories of the everyday, tracing how curated wartime spirit developed into today's unmediated snapshots of life, with the help of writer and lido supporter, Tanya Shadrick. From Olive Shapley's Mass Observation-inspired recordings in the 1930s and 40s, via Radio Ballads and Down Your Way, they arrive at the verbatim examples of 20th Century Vox and The Listening Project, charting the development from patronised 'ordinary folk' to the autonomy of contemporary voices. Producer: Marya Burgess. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2017.

**SAT 12:00 The Motion Show (m00076b9)**

Series 5

Episode 1

From banning wasps to arts subsidies. Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show. With Gyles Brandreth, Steve Punt, Garry Bushell and Gina Yashere. Producer: Jane Berthoud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**SAT 12:30 The Goon Show (b00k7xd2)**

The £50 Cure

Kenneth Connor takes Harry Secombe's place, as Ned picks up a lavish NHS prescription for his broken legs. From February 1959.

**SAT 13:00 Flying Visits (Omnibus) (m0007cn5)**

Leonardo is not on the horizon. Claire Rushbrook stars as Hayleigh, a resourceful and conscientious care-worker pushed to the limits by a system that still relies on 15 minute homecare visits. It's not just Mr Ellison's ceiling that is in danger of collapsing. Omnibus written by Charlotte Bogard Macleod. Hayleigh ..... Claire Rushbrook. Mr. Ellison ..... Karl Johnson. Mel ..... Debbie Korley. Chloe ..... Emily Meechan. Councillor ..... Paul Hickey. Director: David Hunter. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

**SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0007cn7)**

Noel Fitzpatrick  
Noel "The Supervet" Fitzpatrick chooses 'Stairway to Heaven' performed by Led Zeppelin and 'One' by U2.

**SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kdc9)**

Series 1  
Saffron Walden, Essex  
Pam arrives in Essex to admire Audley End's restored country house kitchen and drops in on Wallace the stuffed lion at the Saffron Walden Museum. Series in which poet and raconteuse, Pam Ayres takes to the open road, visiting eight places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there. Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 2000.

**SAT 14:45 Peter Tinniswood - Tales from the Backbench (b00764rh)**

Series 2  
The Campaign  
Useless and forgetful MP, Sir Plympton Makepeace, recalls how he and his fellow candidates resolved to keep the General Election to themselves in the constituency of Witney Scrotum - and to plan their non-existent campaign from the snug bar of The Jug and Arlott. Starring Leslie Phillips. Written by Peter Tinniswood. Producer: Enyd Williams. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

**SAT 15:00 World Book Club (w3csyx65)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Stanley Houghton - Hindle Wakes (b0414dJ7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Roy Hudd - Stick a Geranium in Your Hat! (b016n7xs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 18:00 Mike Walker - 2025 (b00j0hbm)**

Episode 2  
Olivia and Irena take a step closer to gaining access to illegal genetic engineering. But who can they trust? The conclusion of Mike Walker's futuristic two-part sci-fi serial. Irena ..... Alphonsia Emmanuel. Olivia ..... Mona Hammond. Dr Beth David ..... Daniela Nardini. Henry ..... David Yip. Anno ..... Su-Lin Looi. Praeger ..... John Rowe. Dr Finzey ..... Alastair Danson. Kate ..... Rachel Atkins. The Shopkeeper ..... Ravin J Ganatra. Director: Sally Avens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**SAT 19:00 People Talking (b09ggc2f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Lee Mack and Friends at the Fringe (b007kltt)**

Episode 1  
BAFTA award-winning Lee Mack introduces a top line-up of fellow comics Dara Ó Briain, Alan Carr, Rhod Gilbert and Tim Minchin. Recorded at The Edinburgh Fringe. Producer: Will Saunders. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 2005.

**SAT 22:30 Revolting People (b008ff6d)**

Series 3  
A Kiss Is Just a Kiss  
Samuel turns his shop into a bar called Sam's place...and an old flame called Ingrid turns up. Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence. Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses. McMurk ..... Andy Hamilton. Samuel ..... Jay Tarses. Captain Brimshaw ..... James Fleet. Mary ..... Jan Ravens. Joshua ..... Tony Maudsley. Ezekiel ..... Hugh Dennis. Cora ..... Penelope Nice. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

**SAT 23:00 4 Extra Stands Up (b0bfx20m)**

4 Extra Stands Up at the Fringe 2018  
Episode 1  
Zoe Lyons hosts a night of comedy, introducing some of the best stand-up from 2018's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. From the largest arts festival in the world comes the finest selection of comedians. Some names you'll know, and there are others who'll be household names in the near future. If they don't become household names, well that's the Fringe for you, but they are all hilarious, unique and welcome at our party. Featuring: Evelyn Mok, Julia Sutherland, Terry Alderton, Janey Godley, Mickey Bartlett, John Hastings, Maisie Adams and Hal Cruttenden. Recorded live at BBC at the Edinburgh Festivals in the grounds of George Heriot's School, Edinburgh. A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

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**SUN 00:00 Mike Walker - 2025 (b00j0hbm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Flying Visits (Omnibus) (m0007cn5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0007cn7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (Omnibus) (m0007c9l)**

Episode 1/2  
Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped Room begins with unmarried Jane living with her small baby in the cottage inherited from her aunt. One night she has a surprise visitor. Omnibus dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ..... Lynne Seymour. Dottie ..... Rachel Atkins. Toby ..... John McAndrew. Henry ..... Simon Ludders. Father ..... Don McCorkindale. Billy Lee ..... Lesley Rooney. Alan ..... Keiron Self. Mrs Stephens ..... Manon Edwards. Dora ..... Sirol Jenkins. Director: Alison Hindell. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.

**SUN 07:15 Victorian Love Stories (m0007c9p)**

Henry Harland - Flower of the Quince  
An aristocrat returns to England from Panama to succeed as lord of a grand estate, after his sudden inexplicable disappearance abroad more than 30 years ago... Tales of requited and unrequited passion. Joanna Tope reads Henry Harland's short story. Producer: Julia Butt. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

**SUN 07:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)**

Series 1  
Art with Phill Jupitus  
Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife, that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable. So Susan is going to look at her options and try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquility. Each week she will ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm, in a typically British leisure pursuit. This time, she visits the Scottish National Portrait Gallery with Phill Jupitus. Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts. It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuaries in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them. Producer: Lyndsay Fenner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

**SUN 08:00 Whack-O! (b0671312)**

Task Master  
Professor Jimmy Edwards finds himself up before the magistrate, accused of excessive use of the cane. Roddy Maude-Roxby as Aubrey Potter. Frederick Treves as Alfred Tennyson. Roy Dotrice as Magistrate Michael Turner as Eamonn O'Reilly. Roger Shepherd as Lumley With David Lott and Graham Aza. Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentlefolk". Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents. Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95 pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Pettigrew, that the school exists at all. Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio by David Climie. Producer: Edward Taylor. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1961.

**SUN 08:30 Ray's a Laugh (m0007c9r)**

From 27/02/1959  
When Kitty enters a dressmaking competition, she ends up with more than just one dummy. Starring Ted Ray and Kitty Bluett. With Kenneth Connor, Rosalind Knight and Laidman Browne. Ray's A Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961. Scripted by Bernard Botting and Charles Hart. BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Producer: Leslie Bridgmont. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1959.

**SUN 09:00 Salt on Your Tongue (Omnibus) (m0007c9l)**

Charlotte Runcie has always felt pulled to the sea, lured by its soothing, calming qualities but also enlivened and inspired by its salty wildness. When she loses her beloved grandmother and becomes pregnant with her first child, she feels its pull even more intensely. Charlotte explores what the sea means to us, and particularly what it has meant to women through the ages. This book is a walk on the beach with Turner, with Shakespeare, with the Romantic Poets and shanty-singers. It's an ode to our

oceans - to the sailors who brave their treacherous waters, to the women who lost their loved ones to the waves, to the creatures that dwell in their depths, to beachcombers, swimmers, seabirds and mermaids. Charlotte shows how the sea has inspired, fascinated and terrified us, and how she fell in love with the deep blue. Navigating through ancient Greek myths, poetry, shipwrecks and Scottish folktales, Salt On Your Tongue is about how the wild untameable waves can help us understand what it means to be human. Omnibus read by Jasmine Hyde. Abridged by Polly Coles. Producer: Clive Brilla. Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in five parts in 2019.

**SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b083r9x7)**

Cynthia and Maggie - The Same Dad  
Fi Glover introduces a conversation between sisters who shared the same father 17 years apart and recognise how different their childhoods were. Another in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can learn more about The Listening Project by visiting [bbc.co.uk/listeningproject](http://bbc.co.uk/listeningproject). Producer: Marya Burgess

**SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03857ff)**

Edinburgh Winners  
Stephen Fry  
From Mozart to Meat Loaf, actor, comic and writer Stephen Fry shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From November 1988.

**SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0007c9w)**

Series 9  
Don't Stop the Music  
True stories told live in the USA: Jennifer Hixson introduces stories about the indelible impact of music on both its creators and listeners. The tales take us from Motown to hip hop, from folk to pop. 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. First heard on PRX in January 2019.

**SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)**

Series 1  
The Serpent's Stare  
Underground animals are very different to the animals that spend their life on the surface. They are a different shape, their senses are tuned in a very different way and they manifestly come from a different world. Does this explain the stare of the snake? Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

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**SUN 14:30 The Warlow Experiment (Omnibus) (m0007c9y)**

Episode 2  
Herbert Powyss lives on an estate in the Welsh Marches, with enough time and income to pursue a gentleman's fashionable investigation into botanical experimentation. But he longs to make his mark in the field of science - something consequential enough to present to The Royal Society in London. Influenced by something he's read, he decides to conduct a radical investigation into the Resilience of the Human Mind Without Society. He places an ad for a suitable guinea pig. Only one man is desperate enough to apply for the job - a semi-literate, angry wife-basher. What could possibly go wrong? Omnibus of the last five of ten parts. Alix Nathan is the author of His Last Fire, a collection of short stories and the novel The Flight Of Sarah Battle. Writer: Alix Nathan. Abridger: Jeremy Osborne. Reader: Robert Glenister. Producer: Karen Rose. A Sweet Talk production

for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2019.

**SUN 15:45 Beryl Reid in Conversation (m0007cb0)**

Early Years

Beryl Reid recalls her early days working in music hall, starting with her first uncertain steps as a variety entertainer. The first of a six-part series in which Beryl Reid recalls her remarkable life and career in conversation with her old friend and fellow actress, Siân Phillips. Producer: Jon Naismith First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1992.

**SUN 16:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)**

A story of secret passion set in a remote Welsh valley in the 1950s. Patrick O'Brian revisits the haunting tale dramatised by Colin Haydn Evans. The Inquisitor ..... Philip Madoc Pugh ..... Alan Moore-Bronwen ..... Manon Edwards-Lloyd ..... Islwyn Morris Emyr ..... Iestyn Jones-Ellis ..... Dorien Thomas Audio recovered by a listener. Producer: Geni Hall-Kenny First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0007cb3)**

Poetry Societies - The Gujarati Writers Forum

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses Poetry Societies – The Gujarati Writers Forum. In this series Judith Palmer joins enthusiasts who meet up and down the country to celebrate their love of poetry. The Gujarati poets love to celebrate their literary heritage but want to make it relevant for the younger generation. In this episode Judith Palmer goes to Batley in West Yorkshire to join in a lively meeting and hear about their latest translation project. Producer Viv Beeby First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 2006.

**SUN 17:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3kn)**

Episode 3

Biochemist Diana's compensation payout catches the attention of Fleet Street. Meanwhile, Paul has told his wife about the antigerone. The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel. Read by Joanna Tope. Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller. Producer: Eilidh McCreadie. Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2007.

**SUN 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jn9k)**

The Ninth Removal

Horror legend Vincent Price's unnerving tale of a secretary's murderous revenge. Co-starring Freda Jackson, Richard Pearson, Clare Sutcliffe, Michael Segal and Alan Rowe. Written by R Chetwynd-Hayes and dramatised by Barry Campbell. Producer: John Dyas First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1974.

**SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0007c9w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

**SUN 20:00 Salt on Your Tongue (Omnibus) (m0007c9t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b083r9x7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

**SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03857ff)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09j3dct)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Sean's bad-tempered, reckless past catches up with him in the shape of a dead swan. Sean Lock is still hiding in Flat 76, Elderberry House, Maydew Estate, failing to keep the world at bay. Starring Sean Lock, Tim Mitchell, Tracy-Ann Oberman, Peter Serafinowicz and Martin Trenaman. Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman. Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele. Producer: Chris Neill First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

**SUN 23:00 Small Scenes (b072n66g)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Award-winning sketch series starring Daniel Rigby, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd, Henry Paker and Jessica Ransom. Featuring more overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life, such as a woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crossword, the real reason that dairy products have pictures of cows on them and a man who's addicted to giving lifts. Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak, with additional material from the cast. Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

**SUN 23:30 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00f68lx)**

A Sense of Identity

Chris Addison reveals how "culture" gives a civilisation a sense of identity, and Professor Herring tells all about a conference on deckchairs. Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, the thinking-idiot's anthropologist explains exactly what we need to create a new one. With Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGivern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell. Producer: Simon Nicholls First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

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**MON 00:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3kn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 The Price of Fear (b007jn9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (Omnibus) (m0007c9l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:15 Victorian Love Stories (m0007c9p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 The Warlow Experiment (Omnibus) (m0007c9y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:45 Beryl Reid in Conversation (m0007cb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0007cb3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)**

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 1

1912: Widow Charlotte lives in an isolated manor in the North West, but her children resent her new husband Edward... Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph. Read by Hattie Morahan. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

**MON 06:30 The Maha Kumbh Mela (b01r550v)**

Mark Tully joins the pilgrims at the world's largest religious festival. Hindu traditions meet modern India at the confluence of the sacred rivers Ganges and Yamuna where millions of believers come to bathe. At the Kumbh Mela he finds that, as the country develops into a consumer society and world power, rituals and religious practices are flourishing. He asks whether these will survive the march of modernity and the consumerism, which comes with today's economic growth. Could spiritual India provide lessons for an increasingly secular world? This is the third time Mark Tully has attended the Maha Kumbh Mela, which happens every twelve years. In this programme, he continues to document how the old and the new intertwine in India, past, present and future. Producer: Adam Fowler. An Overtones production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 07:00 Lucky Heather (b0075sg8)**

True Grit

Heather used to clean for Angela. Now Angela suspects her teenage daughter is on drugs so asks Heather to investigate. Just this side of nousey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate. Sue Teddner's six-part comedy series star Lindsey Coulson as Heather. (Carol Jackson in BBC TV's EastEnders until 2015) With Abigail Hart as Natalie, Ben Crowe as Ryan, Gavin Muir as Joe, Lisa Kay as Charlotte, Jilly Bond as Angela and Tim Treloar as the Barman. Director: David Hunter First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

**MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00075js)**

Series 71

Episode 6

The 71st series of the multi award-winning comedy panel game chaired by Jack Dee

**MON 08:00 A Very Private Man (b09j2l7l)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Panic stations for Helen, as her mother arrives unannounced. Can she keep her away from husband David? Rodney Bewes stars in Terry Gregson's sitcom. David Parkinson ..... Rodney Bewes Helen Parkinson ..... Ann Bell Mrs Henderson ..... Daphne Oxenford Mrs Arthur ..... Paula Tildrook Mr Sands ..... Peter Wheeler Produced at BBC Manchester by Ron McDonnell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1981.

**MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b00758kl)**

Series 2

Put That Light Out

Captain Mainwaring's platoon causes havoc in Walmington-on-Sea during an air-raid. Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Arnold Ridley as Godfrey. Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1975.

**MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b04vk9np)**

Series 14

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Lloyd Langford, David O'Doherty, Susan Calman and Josh Widdicombe are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as penguins, spoons, dolls and letters. The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. Produced by Jon Naismith. A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 09:30 Street and Lane (b00whw43)**

Series 1

Hitting the Highs

Builders, Johnny Street and Arthur Lane, reach new professional heights curing the leak in the penthouse roof of an Australian businesswoman who is single-handedly regenerating South Yorkshire. Specialist help comes in the form of Shafto, ex-miner turned fearless free climber. Sitcom written by Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby. Johnny Street ..... Nick Lane Arthur Lane ..... Fine Time Fontayne Alison ..... Bronwyn LimShafto ..... John Banks Producer: David Hunter First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

**MON 10:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx30)**

Preparation of the Sacrifice

Young Alexander goes into battle to prove his manhood. Meanwhile, King Philip's remarriage plans cause tension.... David Wade's six-part serial on the life of Alexander the Great. Alexander ..... Michael Maloney Spirit of Achilles ..... Barry Foster Spirit of Patroclus ..... Simon Ward King Philip of Macedon ..... Brian Cox Hephaistion ..... Alex Jennings Queen Olympias ..... Geraldine James Ptolemy ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt Philotas ..... Michael Onslow Pusanias ..... James Telfer Aristander ..... Barry Gordon Demaratos ..... John Evitts Parmenion ..... John Rye Antipatros ..... David March Demosthene ..... Malcolm Sinclair Attalos ..... John Baddeley Music: Wilfredo Acosta Director: Glyn Dearman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

**MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0007csc)**

Series 5

Prevention

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage. Guy Raz explores ideas about prevention - what to do today, in order to prepare ourselves for tomorrow. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2017.

**MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0007c7f)**

Johnny Borrell

Razorlight's lead singer Johnny Borrell picks a lesser-known

Beach Boys track and Regina Spektor's 'Samson'.

**MON 12:00 A Very Private Man (b09j2l7l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b00758kl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 The Maha Kumbh Mela (b01r550v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wxw76)**

Owen Sheers - I Saw a Man

Episode 1

"The event that changed all of their lives happened on a Saturday afternoon in June, just minutes after Michael Turner - thinking the Nelsons' house was empty - stepped through their back door." After the sudden loss of his wife, writer Michael Turner moves to London and develops a close friendship with the Nelsons, who live next door - Josh, Samantha and their two young daughters Lucy and Rachel. The family seem to represent everything Michael fears he may now never have: intimacy, children, stability and a family home. The new friendship at first seems to offer the prospect of healing, but then a catastrophic event changes everything. Owen Sheers' compelling story of the search for truth, the burden of secrets and the desire for redemption. It explores how our lives are interconnected, even in today's increasingly depersonalised, globalised world. Owen Sheers is a poet, author and playwright. His first novel, Resistance, was translated into ten languages and adapted into a film. The Dust Diaries, his Zimbabwean non-fiction narrative, won the Welsh Book of the Year. His awards for poetry and drama include the Somerset Maugham Award for Skirrid Hill, The Hay Festival Poetry Medal and the Welsh Book of the Year for Pink Mist. I Saw a Man is his second novel. Written by Owen Sheers. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths. Read by Mark Bazley. Producer: Mair Bosworth. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**MON 14:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007csh)**

Episode 1

Marine historian Dr Robert Prescott searches for the remains of HMS Beagle, the ship on which Charles Darwin made the discoveries that led to the formulation of his theory of evolution. Producer: Jeremy Grange First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**MON 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007csk)**

Episode 6

Jane can't understand why Dottie has been so prickly over Christmas, but the grand opening of the shop distracts them both from their worries. Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped Room. Dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ..... Lynne Seymour Dottie ..... Rachel Atkins Toby ..... John McAndrew Henry ..... Simon Ludders Dora ..... Siriol Jenkins John ..... Trevor Laird Mrs Stephens ..... Manon Edwards Ted ..... Don McCorkindale Joanna ..... Nickie Rainsford Billy Lee ..... Lesley Rooney Director: Alison Hindell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 n May 2005.

**MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b04htdl4)**

Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh Broadway Success and Childhood Echoes of Tennessee Williams's troubled childhood find their way into Tennessee's first Broadway success, The Glass Menagerie. Opening episode of the biography of America's great playwright by acclaimed theatre critic, John Lahr. John

Lahr's evocative biography of one of America's greatest playwrights vividly illustrates how Tennessee Williams drew on his personal experiences to create some of the most memorable characters of the American stage and screen such as Blanche, Stanley, Big Daddy, Brick, Amanda and Laura. Drawing on Tennessee Williams's poems, journals and private correspondence with friends and colleagues, Lahr creates a compelling portrait of William's turbulent personal life and his extraordinarily successful career. John Lahr was the Senior Drama Critic at the New Yorker for 20 years. His other books include, Prick Up Your Ears: The Biography of Joe Orton. Read by Damian Lewis with Trevor White as the voice of Tennessee Williams. With the voices of Elaine Claxton, Bettrys Jones and Ian Coningham. Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Producer: Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**MON 15:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx30)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b04vk9np)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Street and Lane (b00vhw43)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Lucky Heather (b0075sg8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00075js)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Planet B (b00hxnfg)**

Series 1

Golden Moments

Grieving for his girlfriend Lioba, John gets a shock. A malfunction on Planet B means John Armstrong keeps re-living his girlfriend Lioba's funeral over and over again - or does he...? Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world. Written by Matthew Broughton. John ..... Gunnar Cauthery. Lioba ..... Donnlia Hughes. Medley ..... Lizzy Watts. Cerberus ..... Chris Pavlo. Council Official ..... Paul Rider. Funeral Man ..... Malcolm Tierney. Cherry ..... Janice Acquah. Danny ..... Stephen Critchlow. Arcade Manager ..... Inam Mirza. Director: Jessica Dromgoole. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00chwhv)**

Roger Graef and Mohsin Hamid

Sue MacGregor and her guests - TV documentary-maker, Roger Graef, and author of 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist', Mohsin Hamid - discuss favourite books by Alaa Al Aswany, Nicholas Shakespeare and Haruki Murakami. 'Secrets of the Sea' by Nicholas Shakespeare. Publisher: Vintage. 'Sputnik Sweetheart' by Haruki Murakami. Publisher: Vintage. 'The Yacoubian Building' by Alaa Al Aswany. Publisher: Harper Perennial. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

**MON 19:00 A Very Private Man (b09j271)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007s8kl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 20:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 20:30 The Maha Kumbh Mela (b01r550v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m0007esc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0007csf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

**MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00075js)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 Clare in the Community (b00hq0nc)**

Series 5

Too Cool for School

Control freak and social worker, Clare Barker, likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis - so making friends isn't easy. However, in this episode she manages it. Clare ..... Sally Phillips. Brian ..... Alex Lowe. Helen ..... Liza Tarback. Ray ..... Richard Lumsden. Megan/Nali ..... Nina Contilrene ..... Ellen Thomas. Simon ..... Andrew Wincott. Chloe ..... Alex Tregear. Mrs Boxer ..... Anna Bengo. Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Producer: Katie Tyrrell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0007ln0)**

Joe Sutherland 1/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats to Joe Sutherland.

**MON 23:00 Lobby Land (m00076vg)**

Series 2

Brecon Bad

Sam heads to Wales to cover the fallout from the Brecon and Radnorshire by-election, giving Mia the worst birthday of her life. Starring Yasmine Akram, Charlie Higson, Cariad Lloyd, Dan Tetsell and Daniel Lawrence Taylor. Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah Dempster. Produced by Jon Harvey. A Naked production for BBC Radio 4

**MON 23:30 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b008yrwy)**

Episode 1

Number One for young people - Martin Bain-Jones and Craig Children present their frantically clever pop culture show. Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong write and star in their first full-length radio comedy series. With Charlie Condou and Melissa Lloyd. Producer: Jon Rolph. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in

December 1998.

**TUESDAY 06 AUGUST 2019**

**TUE 00:00 Planet B (b00hxnfg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00chwhv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt6lr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 The Maha Kumbh Mela (b01r550v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b05vxx76)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007esh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007csk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b04htd14)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx30)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b04vk9np)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Street and Lane (b00vhw43)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00075js)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt9w8)**

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 2

A train accident upsets Emerald Torrington's birthday celebrations. Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged by Alison Joseph. Read by Hattie Morahan. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

**TUE 06:30 After I Was Gorgeous (b014pw4c)**

Deborah Bull - former principal dancer of the Royal Ballet - probes society's obsession with beauty, and what happens to the 'beautiful' when the interest begins to fade away. With interviews featuring sisters icon Jane Shrimpton, former Bond girl Tania Mallet, and 'Face of the Eighties' Lysette Anthony, Deborah explores how beauty icons deal with the ageing process. Tania Mallet describes the day when she noticed that she had 'not young skin anymore.' Annabel Giles explains why having a brow-lift restored her self-confidence. Jilly Johnson recounts the snobbish she faced when starting out in acting. And Lysette Anthony admits to finally enjoying her beauty now that she's 'about to lose it all'. Deborah also explores the pressures that icons face, and speaks to a current model about one day losing her looks. After I Was Gorgeous is a programme about being beautiful and what happens next. Producer: Parvin Kumar Ramchurn. An Alfi Media production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 07:00 Living with the Enemy (b00771ft)**

Episode 3

Gyles persuades Nick to help him seek revenge on his estranged wife. Sitcom about a Tory MP-turned-media celebrity and a comedian-turned-holistic therapist. Written by and starring Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth. Gyles Brandon ..... Gyles Brandreth. Nick Reynolds ..... Nick Revell. Sophie Okuyi ..... Guqu Mbatha-Raw. Mrs Woodman ..... Prunella Scales. Mr Woodman ..... Timothy West. Producer: Ed Morrish. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

**TUE 07:30 Andy Hamilton Sort of Remembers (m00074jf)**

Series 2

Stupidity

Radio 4 favourite Andy Hamilton presents a collection of observations and reminiscences from his personal life and 40-plus years working in comedy. Over this four-part series, Andy will be sort of remembering tales about Sport, Class, Religion and Stupidity. Through comic observations and personal anecdotes he will explore each theme, examining how much (or how little) things have changed in the 60ish years he's been on this planet. In this episode Andy looks at that age-old friend of homo sapiens, Stupidity. There will be no judgement here, however. This is a one-man manifesto for the celebration of imprudent behaviour. Over which heavyweight champion of the world has Andy accidentally spilled wine? How do you spot an email scam? And why should you always check the colour of your meat at a holiday camp? Andy was born in Fulham in 1954, read English at Cambridge and then in 1976 began writing comedy for BBC Radio, on programmes like Week Ending and The News Headlines. In 1990, he and Guy Jenkin created Drop the Dead Donkey for Channel 4. Andy has spent much of his working life making acute observations about politics and family life. In 2007, again with Guy Jenkin, he created the massive TV hit Outnumbered, which celebrated the chaos of life with young children. More recently they created the highly topical Ballot Monkeys and Power Monkeys for Channel 4, which charted the absurdities of the General Election and then the EU Referendum. For over 20 years he has been playing the part of Satan in his Radio 4 sitcom, Old Harry's Game. Andy is also a popular panellist on shows such as The News Quiz and Have I Got News For You. With thanks to Corrie

Corfield. Producer: Richard Morris. A BBC Studios Production

**TUE 08:00 The AI Read Show (b008zdfh)**

From 03/12/1998

Hospitals, the Post Office and noisy neighbours. A compilation of the legendary Northern comic's 1950s monologues. Originally produced at BBC North by Ronnie Taylor. Compilation produced by Mike Craig. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1998.

**TUE 08:30 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)**

Plenty More Fish

With their love-lives in a tangle, Audrey falls out with Marjory. Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey Forbes-Hamilton. Keith Barron ..... Richard De Vere. Angela Thorne ..... Marjory Frobisher. Nicholas McArdle ..... Brabinger. Margery Withers ..... Mrs Polouovicka. Frank Middlemass ..... Ned. The tale of lady of the manor Audrey Forbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage. From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent. First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997. Written for radio by Peter Spence. Producer: Jane Berthoud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.

**TUE 09:00 Lobby Land (m00076vg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 So On and So Forth (b05zhhj9)**

Episode 3

Sketch troupe So On and So Forth - featuring John Sherman, Nick Gadd and Martin Allanson - have performed together for the last five years, refining their particularly British style of sketch comedy. They have recently recruited top comedy actress Alison Thea-Skot to bring some class the proceedings. So On and So Forth is a sketch group with a very clear, slightly nihilistic perspective on the world - everything is funny if you look at it the wrong way. In 2011 they headed to the Edinburgh Fringe where they performed several shows a day, picked up rave reviews and developed webbed feet. With a growing reputation in the live arena they started filming sketches whenever possible hoping to reveal in the untold riches of YouTube. Later that year they won the Cofilmic award for Best Sketch, and one of their online sketches featured on Comedy Central's hit US show Tosh.0 as Video of the Week which helped to ratchet up just shy of a quarter of a million hits on their YouTube page. Later in 2012 they were commissioned by BBC Worldwide to produce yet more sparkly new web sketches. In 2013 the team featured on Radio 4's very own show Sketchorama and, following those stand out performances and their online work, they have been given the opportunity to make their own series. Produced by Gus Beattie. A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4

**TUE 10:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx34)**

The Road to Gordium

Warrior Alexander becomes King of Macedonia and sets out to conquer the world. David Wade's six-part serial on the life of Alexander the Great. Alexander ..... Michael Maloney. Spirit of Achilles ..... Barry Foster. Spirit of Patroclus ..... Simon Ward. Hephaestion ..... Alex Jennings. Glympus Olympias ..... Geraldine James. Darius ..... Charles Kay. Harpalos ..... Dominic Letts. Perdikkas ..... Mark Straker. Charidemos ..... Jonathan Adams. Ptolemy ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt. Philotas ..... Michael Onslow. Anteaes ..... Barry Gordon. Simmias ..... John Evitts. Antipatros ..... David March. Demosthenes ..... Malcolm Sinclair. Nabarzanes ..... John Baddeley. Music: Wilfredo Acosta. Director: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

**TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0007cys)**

Josie Long

We look at fact and fiction, and the blurring of both genres, with the comedian, writer and actor Josie Long. Josie's stand-up career began when she was still at school and she picked up her first award (the BBC New Comedy Award) whilst still a teenager. After a brief hiatus, studying English at Oxford University, Josie's prolific output has included eight Edinburgh shows (three of which were nominated for Best Comedy), appearances on television and radio, several podcasts, two film shorts and a full-length feature titled Super November. All three films are set in Glasgow - an indie theme park of a city beloved by Josie - with returning characters. And the two shorts were adapted into the series Romance & Adventure, for Radio 4, back in 2016. Josie talks about her Glaswegian series and drawing on real-life experiences for fiction. We hear the first episode, which first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016. We also look at Short Cuts, an award-winning Radio 4 programme and podcast made by Falling Tree productions, which experiments beautifully with genre and sound. The featured story, by the poet Ross Sutherland, cuts up a recording of journalist John Humphrys with brilliantly creative results. Made for Radio 4 Extra.

**TUE 12:00 The AI Read Show (b008zdfh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kt9w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 After I Was Gorgeous (b014pw4c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wy6wm)**

Owen Sheers - I Saw a Man

Episode 2

Michael and Caroline start a new life together in Wales, but Caroline feels the pull of her old foreign reporting life. The event that changed all of their lives happened on a Saturday afternoon in June, just minutes after Michael Turner - thinking the Nelsons' house was empty - stepped through their back door. After the sudden loss of his wife, writer Michael Turner moves to London and develops a close friendship with the Nelsons, who live next door - Josh, Samantha and their two young daughters Lucy and Rachel. The family seem to represent everything Michael fears he may now never have: intimacy, children, stability and a family home. The new friendship at first seems to offer the prospect of healing, but then a catastrophic event changes everything. Owen Sheers' compelling story of the search for truth, the burden of secrets and the desire for redemption. It explores how our lives are interconnected, even in today's increasingly depersonalised, globalised world. Written by Owen Sheers. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths. Read by Mark Bazeley. Producer: Mair Bosworth. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**TUE 14:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007cyv)**

Episode 2

Charles Darwin spent five sea-sick years aboard the HMS Beagle. Dr Robert Prescott examines the great scientist's correspondence from the voyage. Producer: Jeremy Grange. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**TUE 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007cyx)**

Episode 7

Dottie's news about Toby has shocked Jane into driving through the night to find him. Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped Room dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ..... Lynne Seymour. Dottie ..... Rachel Atkins. Toby ..... John McAndrew. Henry ..... Simon Ludders. Dora ..... Siriol Jenkins. John ..... Trevor Laird. Mrs Stephens ..... Manon Edwards. Ted ..... Don McCorkindale. Joanna ..... Nickie Rainsford. Billy Lee ..... Lesley Rooney. Director: Alison Hindell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 n May 2005.

**TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b04hvx3b)**

Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh Awakenings

Tennessee Williams embarks on a new play, A Streetcar Named Desire, and Marlon Brando attends an unconventional audition for the part of Stanley. John Lahr's evocative biography of America's great playwright. Read by Damian Lewis with Trevor White as the voice of Tennessee Williams. With the voices of Elaine Claxton, Bettrys Jones and Ian Conningham. Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Producer: Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**TUE 15:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007jx34)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Best Behaviour (b05wy6fl)**

Episode 5

Holly Walsh presents the comedy panel show that defines the do's and don'ts of modern manners. The guest panellists are comedians Sarah Kendall, Justin Edwards and Phil Wang, who are all competing to deliver the best new ideas for navigating the minefield of modern manners. In this edition, the etiquette of new technology comes under comic examination - from emoticons to mobiles in theatres - and there are tips on how to compliment your friend's new tattoo. The panel also tackles a problem from a member of the studio audience: 'How can I tell my co-worker that they have really bad breath?' Produced by Aled Evans. A Zeppotron production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 16:30 The Sit Crom (b00ly7z6)**

The General Inspection

Cromwell arrives, weeps and investigates as well he might since Father Francis has donned a night shirt and taken to the roof leads singing Ave Maria. Mercy's disguise is revealed, Father Francis is perplexed in his hole, Tobias denigrates the vegetables, Arise Higgs and his platoon are billeted on Firebasket Hall and Gazebo has lethal orders. Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War. Sir John Firebasket ..... Joss Ackland. Lady Anne Firebasket ..... Denise Coffey. Tobias Thynne ..... Clive Merrison. Mercy, alias Melissa ..... Miriam Margolyes. Father Francis ..... Nickolas Grace. Gazebo Fogg ..... Jack Klaff. Captain Arise Higgs ..... Alun Armstrong. Posthumous ..... Nicky Henson. Counter Tenor ..... Peter Hayward. Cromwell ..... Bert Parnaby. Colonel Thundery ..... Peter Howell. Music by Colin Sell. Producer: Jonathan James-Moore. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

**TUE 17:00 Living with the Enemy (b00771ft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Andy Hamilton Sort of Remembers (m00074jf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Planet B (b00hxqnk)**

Series 1

New Boy

Convinced his girlfriend Lioba is alive in a virtual world, a nostalgic leap sends John to a brutal school. Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world. Written by Matthew Broughton. John ..... Gunnar Caughery. Lioba ..... Donnl Hughes. Medley ..... Lizzy Watts. Cerberus ..... Chris Pavlo. Teacher ..... Stephen Critchlow. Mark Swift ..... Inam Mirza. Dean Sullivan ..... Robert Lonsdale. Donna Sullivan ..... Manjeet Mann. Pip Blanc ..... Janice Acquah. Roger Farina ..... Malcolm Tierney. Announcer ..... Jonathan Tafler. Random boy

..... Paul Rider. Director: Jessica Dromgoole. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

**TUE 18:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00cywvj)**

Jenny Secombe

Harry Secombe's daughter chats to Sally Magnusson about growing up with her versatile, funny father - singer, actor and comic. Producer: Mike Walker. First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in August 2006.

**TUE 19:00 The AI Read Show (b008zdfh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kt9w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 After I Was Gorgeous (b014pw4c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0007cys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Andy Hamilton Sort of Remembers (m00074jf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 Andrew O'Neill: Pharmacist Baffler (b04vf439)**

Episode 2

Comedian Andrew O'Neill looks at what makes up our sexual identity and why some people are so offended by homosexuality. What lies underneath their hostility and what other sorts of sexuality there might be? Andrew is a married, heterosexual transvestite. As such he totally confuses some people who assume he's gay, offends some who can't cope with the outfits and baffles people who aren't sure what he's all about. Written and performed by Andrew O'Neill with Stephen Carlin. Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0007lzs)**

Joe Sutherland 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats once more to Joe Sutherland.

**TUE 23:00 The Croft & Pearce Show (b074xw25)**

Episode 4

Sketch show from award-winning duo Croft and Pearce, rising stars of the UK comedy scene. These Edinburgh Fringe favourites were the break-out hit of BBC Radio 4's Sketchorama and have performed sell-out shows in London, New York and around the UK. Packed with sharply observed characters, this debut from writer-performers Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce is not to be missed. In the last episode of the series, an unsentimental relationship counsellor gives marriage advice, a wide-eyed work experience girl delights in what she's learnt during her time in the Big Smoke, and middle-class powerhouses June and Jean must somehow find a way to tolerate their husbands. Written and performed by Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce. Producer: Liz Anstee. A CPL production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:15 Comedy Club Extra (m0007cz0)**

The Circuit - XS Malarky

The Comedy Club hits the road to showcase the outstanding clubs and festivals around the UK. Our first stop is Manchester and XS Malarky, an award-winning, not-for-profit comedy club in Manchester. The host Toby Haydoke talks backstage to Laura Davis and Adam Hess, as well as taking us on an audio tour of the club.

**TUE 23:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b044w4v4)**

Episode 4

Buy a compendium of fairy tales from Boney M. A decadent ounce of sketches, monologues and evil chat. Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair. Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick. Also featuring Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Steve Brody. Producer: Phil Bowker. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST 2019****WED 00:00 Planet B (b00hxqnk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00cywvj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kt9w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 After I Was Gorgeous (b014pw4c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wy6wm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007cyv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007cyx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b04hvx3b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

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**WED 05:30 Andy Hamilton Sort of Remembers (m00074jf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ktfwb)**

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 3

Tension mounts following the arrival of another mysterious visitor. Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph. Read by Hattie Morahan. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

**WED 06:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)**

What was the influence of John Milton senior on his famous poet son? Clarinettist and Cambridge University English literature graduate Emma Johnson sets out to find out. In one of his early Latin poems John Milton junior wrote, 'Apollo, wishing to disperse himself between the two, gave to me certain gifts, to my father others, and father and son, we possess each one half of the god'. Emma fills in the other half of that Godly image by exploring the musical gifts of John Milton senior. The musicologist and performer Richard Rastall has unearthed and recorded many of the elder Milton's pieces including choral, viol consort and song settings. He shows what he has discovered and what it sounds like in specially reconstructed recordings of works that even scholars are unfamiliar with. As well as revealing John Milton the composer, discover the life of the man and his relationship with his son. Although a gifted musician, John Milton was not able to live on the earnings from his compositions alone. A scrivener by trade, he managed to free himself from the Scriveners' Company in 1599 and was subsequently able to afford a private tutor for his son and then provide for him when he took a place at St Paul's School and Christ's College, Cambridge. Emma also talks to Milton scholars and the early music group Fretwork, as they prepare and record John Milton's instrument works. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**WED 07:00 There Is No Escape (b06mft8b)**

Episode 4

When his girlfriend announces she's pregnant, Andrew faces one of the biggest decisions of his life: should he stay or should he go? Sitcom about a man dissatisfied with his life, whose feeble attempts to run away invariably end with him traipsing home defeated. Starring Andrew Lawrence and Diane Morgan. With Marek Larwood and Debra Baker. Producer: Jane Berthoud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

**WED 07:30 Gaby's Talking Pictures (m000761t)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Gaby Roslin hosts the film quiz featuring impressions by Alistair McGowan and Ronni Ancona. This week, team captains John Thomson and Ellie Taylor are joined by special guests Amanda Redman and Hugh Dennis. Presenter: Gaby Roslin. Team Captains: John Thomson and Ellie Taylor. Impressions: Alistair McGowan and Ronni Ancona. Created by Gaby Roslin. Written by Carrie Quinlan and Barney Newman. Produced by Gaby Roslin and Barney Newman. Executive Producer: Gordon Kennedy. Recorded at RADA Studios, London. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 08:00 The Diary of a Nobody (b01gw5lp)**

Episode 4

Mr Pooter is rising up the career ladder, but is his son's engagement heading in the opposite direction? The imaginary journal of a middle-class suburban 'hero' with an over-developed sense of dignity - Charles Pooter. Arthur Lowe continues George and Weedon Grossmith's comic masterpiece of middle-class self-importance in Victorian Britain. One of the classic humorous books of English literature, first published in 1894. Abridged in five parts by Donald Bancroft. Producer: Richard Wortley. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

**WED 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00b3h85)**

Dr Sparrow of Harley Street

Mayhem ensues when Simon Sparrow goes to work at Sir Lancelot Spratt's rather posh practice. The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955. Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Howard Marion Crawford as the Duke, Richard Caldicot as Sir Raymond Beecham, Garard Green as the Butler, Rosalind Adams as the Nurse and Fenella Fielding as Kitty Buckingham. Producer: David Hatch. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1969.

**WED 09:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**

Series 1

Episode 5

Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From December 2008.

**WED 09:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k371)**

Series 3

The Eager Young Student

'It's not easy being a Jew' - as young Mikhail will soon discover. Barry Grossman's comedy-drama about the collision between the old and the new in the Jewish community of Hillfield. Rabbi Abraham Fine ..... David De Keyser. Rabbi Su Jacobs ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman. Melvin ..... Henry Goodman. Sadie Fine ..... Doreen Mantle. Brian ..... Jonathan

KyddMikhail ..... Dragan MicanovicGlen Curtis ..... Mark PerryMusic: Max Harris.Producer: John Fawcett WilsonFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.

**WED 10:00 David Wade - Alexander (b00cwr8)**

The Hunt of the God King

Alexander pursues Darius, conquers Egypt and falls in love with Barsine.David Wade's six-part serial on the life of Alexander the Great.Alexander ..... Michael MaloneyHephaiston ..... Alex JenningsAchilles ..... Barry FosterPatroclus ..... Simon WardPtolemy ..... Julian Rhind-TuttPhilotas ..... Michael OnslowPerdikkas ..... Mark StrakerSimmiias ..... John EvittsPhilip ..... Sean BarrettLysimachos ..... Keith DrinkelEumenes ..... James TelferArtzabaz ..... Philip AnthonyBarsine ..... Teresa GallagherSisygambis ..... Diana PayanThais ..... Rachel AtkinsThe Eunuch ..... Richard PearceMusic: Willfredo AcostaDirector: Glyn DearmanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

**WED 11:00 Dr John Cooper Clarke: Complete Control (m0007d69)**

Crypts

Dr John Cooper Clarke has landed in your radio, and he is in Complete Control: The poet, rock star, radio DJ, comedian and cultural icon has got the keys to BBC Radio 4 Extra with his first pick of the BBC radio archives: \* A chilling drama starring the screen legends Vincent Price and Peter Cushing\* A reading of Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Black Cat' by film star James StewartJump aboard a radio road-trip travelling all the way from childhood favourites to recent pleasures, with laughs, thrills and chills along the way.Don't worry though, he is a Doctor and in Complete Control for this three-part journey.Producer: Luke DoranFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in November 2015.

**WED 12:00 The Diary of a Nobody (b01gw5lp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Doctor at Large (b00b3h85)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kftbw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wykhx)**

Owen Sheers - I Saw a Man

Episode 3

Michael receives devastating news from Caroline's colleague.The event that changed all of their lives happened on a Saturday afternoon in June, just minutes after Michael Turner - thinking the Nelsons' house was empty - stepped through their back door.'After the sudden loss of his wife, writer Michael Turner moves to London and develops a close friendship with the Nelsons, who live next door - Josh, Samantha and their two young daughters Lucy and Rachel. The family seem to represent everything Michael fears he may now never have: intimacy, children, stability and a family home. The new friendship at first seems to offer the prospect of healing, but then a catastrophic event changes everything.Owen Sheers' compelling story of the search for truth, the burden of secrets and the desire for redemption. It explores how our lives are interconnected, even in today's increasingly depersonalised, globalised world.Written by Owen SheersAbridged by Lauris Morgan-GriffithsRead by Mark BazelyProducer: Mair BosworthFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**WED 14:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007d6g)**

Episode 3

From the mud flats of Essex, Dr Robert Prescott recounts HMS Beagle's later life as an anti-smuggling coastguard vessel.Producer: Jeremy GrangeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**WED 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007d6l)**

Episode 8

Jane has renewed her friendship with John but everything seems over between her and Toby.Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped RoomDramatised by Juliet AceJane ..... Lynne SeymourDottie ..... Rachel AtkinsToby .....John McAndrewHenry ..... Simon LuddersDora ..... Siriol JenkinsJohn ..... Trevor LairdMrs Stephens ..... Manon EdwardsTed ..... Don McCorkindaleJoanna ..... Nickie RainsfordBilly Lee ..... Lesley RooneyDirector: Alison HindellFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on May 2005.

**WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b04hyrps)**

Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh Moon of Pause

Tennessee Williams sails to Europe where he makes new friends. Back home a chance encounter promises love and inspiration for a new play, The Rose Tattoo.John Lahr's evocative biography of America's great playwright. Read by Damian Lewis with Trevor White as the voice of Tennessee Williams.With the voices of Elaine Claxton, Bettrys Jones and Ian Conningham.Abridged by Richard HamiltonProducer: Elizabeth AllardFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**WED 15:00 David Wade - Alexander (b00cwr8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 16:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 16:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k371)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 17:00 There Is No Escape (b06mft8b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Gaby's Talking Pictures (m000761t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Planet B (b00hxyy0)**

Series 1

Freakshow

Searching for his girlfriend Lioba, John arrives at a bizarre music festival - but is this world a trap?Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world.Written by Dawn KingJohn ..... Gunnar CautheryLioba ..... Donlna HughesMedley ..... Lizzy WattsCerberus ..... Chris PavloRingmaster ..... Paul RiderEpiphany ..... Janice AcquahReporter 2 ..... Dan StarkeyReporter 3 ..... Inam MirzaKaren ..... Manjeet MannAutograph Hunters ..... Audience/CastOther parts played by the cast.Director: Jessica DromgooleMade for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

**WED 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp71)**

Series 3

Warren Mitchell

Award-winning actor Warren Mitchell talks about where his love of acting began, the terrors of performing on live television - and how Alf Garnett came into his life thanks to BBC TV sitcom 'Till Death Us Do Part'.Warren Mitchell (Born: 1926 - Died: 2015)Series showcasing the reminiscences of celebrated raconteurs before a live audience.Producer: Claire JonesFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

**WED 19:00 The Diary of a Nobody (b01gw5lp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 19:30 Doctor at Large (b00b3h85)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 20:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kftbw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Dr John Cooper Clarke: Complete Control (m0007d69)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**WED 22:00 Gaby's Talking Pictures (m000761t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award (m0007d6p)**

2019

Semi-Final 1

The first semi-final of the BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award 2019, hosted by Mark Watson and recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.Listen as acts progress to this year's live final, taking place on Thursday 15th August.The judges are comedians Shappi Korshandi, Tom Rosenthal and Julia McKenzie (Executive Editor, BBC Studios Radio Comedy).Producer: Adnan Ahmed for BBC Studios

**WED 23:10 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0007lhw)**

Darren Harriott 1/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chat to Darren Harriott.

**WED 23:15 Don't Start (b06tvc3t)**

Series 3

The Bath

Cardamon scented candles, kumquats and a debate over the virtues of shared bathing compared to shared showering occupy Neil and Kim.Frank Skinner's sharp comedy starring Frank and Katherine Parkinson.What do long term partners really argue about?Don't Start is a scripted comedy with a deceptively simple premise - an argument. Our couple fall out over another apparently trivial flashpoint and the stakes mount as Neil and Kim battle with words. But these are no ordinary arguments. The two outdo each other with increasingly absurd images, unexpected literary references and razor sharp analysis of their beloved's weaknesses. Underneath the cutting wit, however, there is an unmistakable tenderness.The first two series of Don't Start met with instant critical acclaim:"That he can deliver such a heavy premise for a series with such a lightness of touch is testament to his skills as a writer and, given that the protagonists are both bookworms, he's also permitted to use a flourish of fine words that would be lost in his stand-up routines." Jane Anderson, Radio Times"Frank Skinner gives full rein to his sharp but splenetic comedy. He and his co-star Katherine Parkinson play a bickering couple exchanging acerbic ripostes in a cruelly precise dissection of a relationship." Daily Mail"...a lesson in relationship ping-pong..." Miranda Sawyer, The ObserverAn Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.

**WED 23:30 The Mark Steel Revolution (b007jswj)**

The French Revolution

Radical comic Mark Steele turns his analytical mind to the guillotine and all things French.In the first of six lectures on the theme of revolution, Mark examines some of the major historical forces at work during revolutions as well as holding up a mirror to our own age.With Martin Hyder and Carla Mendonca.Producer: Phil ClarkeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

**THURSDAY 08 AUGUST 2019**

**THU 00:00 Planet B (b00hxyy0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jp71)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kftbw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Milton's Music (b00qhq19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wykhx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007d6g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007d6l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b04hyrps)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 David Wade - Alexander (b00cwr8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k371)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 There Is No Escape (b06mft8b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Gaby's Talking Pictures (m000761t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Book at Bedtime (b01kv4lj)**

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 4

Following some shocking revelations, Charlotte plans her escape.Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged in five parts by Alison Joseph.Read by Hattie Morahan.Producer: Gemma JenkinsMade for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

**THU 06:30 Klatt's Last Tapes (b03775fy)**

Dennis Klatt was an American pioneer of text to speech devices, enabling those without the ability to speak to have a voice. Before Klatt died in 1988, he produced the definitive history of speech synthesis, which included recordings he archived charting the progress of the technology in the 20th century.Using Klatt's extensive research as her cornerstone, Lucy Hawking explores the history of synthesizing speech over the last 200 years, up to current research, which suggests people are disturbed by hearing artificial speech which is too human.It was the showman and inventor Wolfgang von Kempelen who built the most celebrated speaking machine, in 1769. At Saarland University, in Germany, they have constructed a replica and Lucy tries her hand at some very basic mechanical speech.In the 1930s, Homer Dudley produced the first electronic device. By the 1980s, Klatt's was producing highly sophisticated speech synthesizers, including the DECtalk system, which is essentially the electronic voice that is used by Lucy's father, Professor Stephen Hawking.We hear from Klatt's daughter Laura Fine, who worked with her father, as well as colleagues and researchers in the field of speech synthesis, and we raid the archives of the Acoustical Society of America (much of which was archived by Klatt) for recordings of the wonderful and sometimes weird speech synthesizers.Featuring: Jürgen Trouvain and Fabian Brackhane from Saarland University, Mick Donegan, Michael Cubiss, Simon Fitzmaurice and Laura Fine.Producer: Julian MayerSound Designer: Nick RomeroA Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2013.

**THU 07:00 Double Science (b012ry02)**

Pilot

Teacher turmoil erupts at a Sixth Form College specialising in drama, when a new female head arrives determined to revitalise the science department.Incompetent science teachers Dr Colin Jackson and Dr Kenneth Farley-Pitman react in different ways to the arrival of Dr Alison Hatton.Pilot episode for the series written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards.With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey and Dustin Demri-Burns.Producer: Adam BromleyFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

**THU 07:30 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Welcome To Wherever You Are is a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, via high quality phone lines and internet video, to a live audience in the BBC Radio Theatre at Broadcasting House, London.In this instalment, the laughs come from Chile, The Netherlands and the USA. Stand-up Fabrizio Copano @fabriziocopanois a household name in Chile but we caught up with him on a jaunt to LA where he is currently performing his English language show. Berit Companjen @beritcompanjen is the resident MC of Rotterdam's first purpose built stand-up club and tells us the all-important difference between Holland and The Netherlands. Globe-trotting US stand-up Orlando Baxter @orlandobaxter called us from Worcester, MA before going on tour with his new show Finding Mariah which will be at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer.The show is hosted by Andrew Maxwell, a multiple Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee and a regular on The News Quiz, The Now Show, and who has presented his own Radio 4 series, Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies.Producer: Richard MorrisProduction co-ordinator: Hayley SterlingA BBC Studios Production

**THU 08:00 Brothers in Law (b053mj3t)**

Series 1

Counsel's Opinion

Can rookie barrister Roger Thursby stop a leak of confidential information?Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard

Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mannering. Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts. Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad. Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel *Brothers in Law* was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972. Produced by David Hatch. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1970.

**THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**

Tales of Men's Shirts

It is 1942, and Neddie Seagoon must stop the Germans' secret weapon. Stars Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From December 1959.

**THU 09:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)**

Series 5

Episode 2

From life beginning at 50 to banning windows. Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show. With Gyles Brandreth, Miles Jupp, Matthew Taylor and Jo Caulfield. Producer: Jane Berthoud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**THU 09:30 Richard Barton: General Practitioner! (b00757wt)**

Episode 3

Richard and Sally take a well-earned break in Bratov, 'the jewel behind the iron curtain', but it soon becomes apparent that they should've dissuaded Dick from joining them. Before they can reach the hotel, he's raced off in a taxi chase, convinced someone's taken his bag. They have. But as Dick's bag contains three drip-dry shirts and a week's supply of tea-bags, and theirs contains something quite different, one can assume it's an accident. Things are looking rather dangerous... Richard Barton ..... Robert Bathurst Old Dick Barton ..... Moray Watson Jock ..... Iain Cuthbertson Young Dick Barton ..... Julian Dutton Sally Phillips ..... Matilda Ziegler With Carolyn Jones, Roger Blake and Tim Whitnall. In 1946, Edward J Mason wrote the first episode of Dick Barton - Special Agent. The BBC Light Programme's hugely popular serial followed the adventures of the ex-Commando and his mates Jock Anderson and Snowy White. Despite facing a series of never-ending cliff-hangers at the hands of dastardly villains, our hero always triumphed. "With one bound Dick was free!" Half a century later, Edward J's son Lol created Richard Barton, son of Dick, in an affectionate homage to one of BBC Radio's most enduring heroes. Producer: Jo Clegg. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**THU 10:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007q9by)**

Great Son of Ammon

The King confronts and conquers, as he faces the end of the span of years allotted by The Fates. Conclusion of David Wade's serial on the life of Alexander the Great. Alexander ..... Michael Maloney Hephaestion ..... Alex Jennings Achilles ..... Barry Foster Patroclus ..... Simon Ward Ptolemy ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt Philotas ..... Michael Onslow Perdikkas ..... Mark Straker Bagoas ..... Matthew Sim Artz bazus ..... Philip Anthony Krateros ..... David Thorpe Simmias ..... John Evitts Kalas ..... Malcolm Sinclair Oxyartes ..... John Hollis Kalanos ..... Remu Setna Kallisthenes ..... Jonathan Adams Page ..... James Telfer The Fates ..... Rachel Atkins The Fates ..... Jill Graham The Fates ..... Dana Payan Music: Wilfredo Acosta. Director: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

**THU 11:00 Maeve Binchy - Dolly's Mother (m0007d5k)**

'Mother was tall and willowy and had a smile that made other people smile too and a laugh that caused strangers to look up with pleasure... If you were square and solid and without colour and grace it was sometimes easy to hate Mother.' On the eve of her 16th birthday, a teenager contends with her perfect mother's looks and outlook. Stella McCusker reads Maeve Binchy's short story. Produced at BBC Northern Ireland by Eoin O'Callaghan. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1989.

**THU 11:15 Mr Lowry's Loves (m0007d5m)**

When Laurence Stephen Lowry died in 1976, he left nearly his entire fortune to a young woman with whom he happened to share a surname. Her name was Carol Ann Lowry and she'd written to him in 1957 aged 13, hoping to gain some support in her quest to become an artist. Lowry's response was beyond Carol's wildest dreams. He paid for her convent education, helped her through art school and the pair remained friends until his death. Award-winning writer Glyn Hughes examines the artist's platonic friendships with a succession of young women and their influence on his art. LS Lowry ... Tom Courtenay Carol Ann Lowry .... Rachel Atkins Pat Gerrard .... Annabelle Dowler Young Carol .... Becky Simpson Young Pat .... Holly Grainger Mrs Lowry .... Ann Rye Bank Official .... Frank Moorey. Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**THU 12:00 Brothers in Law (b053mjk2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv4lj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Klatt's Last Tapes (b03775fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wyqqv)**

Owen Sheers - I Saw a Man

Episode 4

Michael grows closer to his new neighbours. Finding their back door open one day, he steps inside. The event that changed all of their lives happened on a Saturday afternoon in June, just minutes after Michael Turner - thinking the Nelsons' house was empty - stepped through their back door. After the sudden loss of his wife, writer Michael Turner moves to London and develops a close friendship with the Nelsons, who live next door - Josh, Samantha and their two young daughters Lucy and Rachel. The family seem to represent everything Michael fears he may now never have: intimacy, children, stability and a family home. The new friendship at first seems to offer the prospect of healing, but then a catastrophic event changes everything. Owen Sheers' compelling story of the search for truth, the burden of secrets and the desire for redemption. It explores how our lives are interconnected, even in today's increasingly depersonalised, globalised world. Written by Owen Sheers. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths. Read by Mark Bazeley. Producer: Mair Bosworth. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**THU 14:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007d5p)**

Episode 4

Dr Robert Prescott is digging down into the Essex mud for the remains of HMS Beagle - and Professor Colin Pillinger, who led the Beagle Mars lander team, considers the correlation between the work of the two vessels. Producer: Jeremy Grange. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**THU 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007d5r)**

Episode 9

Jane has messed up a big order for the shop and upset Dottie. She's also learnt about Henry's illness but must pretend she doesn't know. Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to *The L-Shaped Room* dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ..... Lynne Seymour Dottie ..... Rachel Atkins Toby ..... John McAndrew Henry ..... Simon Ludders Dora ..... Siriol Jenkins John ..... Trevor Laird Mrs Stephens ..... Manon Edwards Ted ..... Don McCorkindale Joanna ..... Nickie Rainsford Billy Lee ..... Lesley Rooney. Director: Alison Hindell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 n May 2005.

**THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b04hz49h)**

Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh

Testing Times

Testing times lie ahead for Tennessee Williams as *Cat on Hot Tin Roof* takes shape. John Lahr's evocative biography of America's great playwright. Read by Damian Lewis with Trevor White as the voice of Tennessee Williams. With the voices of Elaine Claxton, Bettrys Jones and Ian Conningham. Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Producer: Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**THU 15:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007q9by)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Richard Barton: General Practitioner! (b00757wt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Double Science (b012ry02)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:30 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Planet B (b00hy943)**

Series 1

New Rome

John and Medley are transported to a world of orgies and circuses, where the slaves seek a new leader. Ten-part series about a mystical virtual world. Written by Simon Bowen. John ..... Gunnar Cauthery Lioba ..... Donlla Hughes Medley ..... Lizzy Watts Cerberus ..... Chris Pavlo Odius ..... Stephen Critchlow Magnolia ..... Janice Acquah Bay ..... Robert Lonsdale Chi ..... Josef Alton Viscus ..... Jill Cardo Cassius Maximus ..... Malcolm Tierney Malicious ..... Inam Mirza Bloody ..... Paul Rider Red ..... Dan Starkey. Other parts played by the cast. Director: Pam Marshall. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01sdlgp)**

Series 30

Salvador Dali

John Cooper Clarke, poetry's Punk Laureate, nominates Salvador Dali, the surrealist behind melting clocks, lobster telephones, and that trademark moustache. Matthew Paris asks whether Dali was a genius artist or just a gifted marketer of his own brand image, who latterly embraced commercialism. "Both" comes the resounding answer from his champion John Cooper Clarke and the art historian Professor Dawn Ades, who recalls meeting the artist when just she just rang his doorbell in Figueras, Catalonia, back in 1968. Producer: Mark Smalley. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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**THU 20:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv4lj)**

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**THU 20:30 Klatt's Last Tapes (b03775fy)**

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**THU 21:00 Maeve Binchy - Dolly's Mother (m0007d5k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**THU 21:15 Mr Lowry's Loves (m0007d5m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award (m0007d5v)**

2019

Semi-Final 2

The second semi-final of the BBC Introducing Radio 4 Comedy Award 2019, hosted by Mark Watson and recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Listen as acts progressed to this year's live final, taking place on Thursday 15th August. The judges include comedians Kiri Pritchard McLean, Stephen K. Amos and Julia McKenzie (Executive Editor, BBC Studios, Radio Comedy). Producer: Adnan Ahmed for BBC Studios

**THU 23:10 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0007lhy)**

Darren Harriott 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats a little more to Darren Harriott.

**THU 23:15 Ivor Cutler - A Wet Handle (b00cq9z)**

Episode 4

The tale of a yellow fly and shoplifting with a twist. Songs, stories and poems from humourist Ivor Cutler, with Craig Murray-Orr, Alison O'Kill, Dylan Edwards and Beverley Crew. Producer: Neil Cargill. First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1997.

**THU 23:30 The In Crowd (b00shkc5)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Olive: "Ooh, I am shattered. You've really got to punch those old ladies hard if you want any bargains at the church jumble sale nowadays. I saw Vicar Simms headbutt that Mrs Knowles to get a blazer. Arthur, what are you doing in my tights?" Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store. With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward. Producer: Graham Frost. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

**FRIDAY 09 AUGUST 2019**

**FRI 00:00 Planet B (b00hy943)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b01sdlgp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv4lj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Klatt's Last Tapes (b03775fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wyqqv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007d5p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007d5r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b04hz49h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 David Wade - Alexander (b007q9by)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Richard Barton: General Practitioner! (b00757wt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Double Science (b012ry02)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Book at Beachtime (b01kv7wq)**

Sadie Jones - The Uninvited Guests

Episode 5

A horse and child unite the beleaguered party guests and the train crash survivors demand release. Dark secrets threaten to tear a family apart in Sadie Jones' country house drama set in Edwardian England - abridged by Alison Joseph. Concluded by Hattie Morahan. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in 2012.

**FRI 06:30 Men Against The Eiger (b07525kg)**

Dougal Haston tells Jack Singleton about becoming the first Briton to climb the Eiger mountain of the Bernese Alps by the direct route on 25th March 1966. With Chris Bonington and Ian McNaught-Davis. Producer: Alex Turnbull. First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in May 1966

**FRI 07:00 Secrets and Lattes (b061q92n)**

Series 2

Off Piste

Clare has great expectations of expanding the Edinburgh coffee shop Cafe Culture, although her big sister Trisha has rather more pressing, personal matters on her mind. Lizzie harbours dreams of becoming a chef, while eccentric temporary cook Minty drives Clare to Health and Safety distraction. Can a good-looking man on a bike help save the day on a soaking wet Sunday when the team is faced with a sea of folk in kilts? Series two of Hilary Lyon's caffeine-fuelled sitcom. Trisha ..... Hilary Maclean Clare ..... Hilary Lyon Lizzie ..... Pearl Appleby Minty ..... June Watson Calum ..... Derek Riddell. Director: Marilyn Imrie. Producers: Gordon Kennedy and Moray Hunter. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2015.

**FRI 07:30 Me and My Shadow (m0007b58)**

By Georgia Pritchett. The Titter sisters are a mid-20th century comic duo playing the clubs. They can't stand one another. A dark comedy - tantalisingly acerbic, witty and macabre, exploring the curse of being the eternal stooge. Miranda Richardson, star of Harry Potter and Blackadder, plays dark comedy monster and genius Joy. Jessica Gunning (Dr Who and BAFTA nominated film *Pride*) is Jane - the stooge with hate in her heart, revenge on her mind and a total sense of humour bypass. The drama marks a welcome return to Radio 4 for star comedy writer Georgia Pritchett, who says, "The play is an investigation, and also a celebration, of comedy, comedians, double acts and jokes." Georgia is a multi-award-winning comedy writer with four Emmys, three WGA awards and a BAFTA. She is co-executive producer and writer on the HBO multi Emmy-winning show *Veep* and writer and co-executive producer on HBO's show, *Succession*, now on its second series. She is also writing episodes of *Avenue Five*, Armando Iannucci's latest series for television starring Hugh Laurie. Cast: Jane ... Jessica Gunning Joy ... Miranda Richardson Ronnie/Ollie ... Adrian Scarborough Eric/M.C. ... Sam Alexander Pianist ... Simon Tomlinson Directed by Marilyn Irmie Produced by Catherine Bailey A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4

**FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fw)**

Series 2

Skive From School the Burkiss Way

Can Moses Minor lead the boys of Greyfriars away from the clutches of their oppressors? The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living with hints on truancy from Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris. Forged sick notes written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick. And a variety of excuses from producer: Simon Brett. Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1977.

**FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1zr)**

Series 4

Any Old Iron?

Albert gets concerned about an offer made to Harold. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Richard Hurndall, John Samson and Stephanie Turner. 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. Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Produced by Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.

**FRI 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Miles Jupp presides over more relation revelations in the show where it's not what you know that matters, but who. And more importantly, how well you know them. Writer and broadcaster, Emma Freud, stand-up Tom Wrigglesworth and breakfast show host on BBC 6Music, Shaun Keaveny, each nominate one of their intimate circle to answer a series of questions and they then have to second-guess how their nominees responded. Emma picks her son, Jake, Tom his dad, Richard, and Shaun plumps for younger brother, Paul. Producer: Sam Michell.

**FRI 09:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**

Episode 4

Edgar and young Robert have been kidnapped - but is it a case of mistaken identity? Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley. Lawrence Hume ... Piers Gibbon Robert Gillespie ... James Cohen Mr Hammerton ... Nicky Henson Michel ... Jeffrey Holland Jerome Giraud ... Simon Roberts Robert Gillespie ... James Cohen Marie Peters ... Serena Evans Jacques ... David Howarth Baptiste Mignard ... Albert Welling Madame Mignard ... Jacqueline Tong Narrated by James Villiers. Written by Victor Canning and adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman. Producer: Gareth Edwards. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.

**FRI 10:00 Trevor Lloyd - The MacGuffin (m0007dfv)**

An homage to Alfred Hitchcock's script editor, Angus MacPhail, who - according to the film director - coined the name for the movie plot device, the MacGuffin. Trevor Lloyd's play takes place on the day of the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Angus MacPhail ... Ian McDiarmid Robert Hamer ... Peter Blythe Katrin Eisler ... Indira Varma Frank ... Ben Crowe Monique ... Alison Pettitt Freda ... Carolyn Jones Jack ... Bruce Purchase Geoffrey ... Stephen Critchlow Sobel ... Liza Sadovy PC ... Andrew Harrison Hitchcock ... Ewan Bailey Director: Janet Whitaker. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0007dfx)**

Taking it outside with Nell Frizzell

The journalist Nell Frizzell and producer Luke Doran take a walk to talk about outdoor podcasts. The featured podcasts are: 'Folk On Foot', in which Matthew Bannister talks to the singer and writer Karine Polwart around Fala Moor. We then interview Matthew Bannister about the 'Folk On Foot' podcast, whilst walking through Hampstead Heath. 'The Wild', a podcast from KUOW in Seattle, in which the ecologist Chris Morgan goes on 'The Hunt To Find Just One Square Inch Of Silence', which takes him deep in to the Hoh rainforest. Chris then answers questions about the podcast, and tells us how he may have created a proto-podcast when he was younger, and it was all about red squirrels. 'Walking', a podcast with no talking, just

walking, made by the writer Jon Mooallem.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b05wz911)**

Owen Sheers - I Saw a Man

Episode 5

On a Nevada air base, Major Daniel McCullen is given a new mission. One which will have shattering consequences for the Turners. The event that changed all of their lives happened on a Saturday afternoon in June, just minutes after Michael Turner - thinking the Nelsons' house was empty - stepped through their back door. After the sudden loss of his wife, writer Michael Turner moves to London and develops a close friendship with the Nelsons, who live next door - Josh, Samantha and their two young daughters Lucy and Rachel. The family seem to represent everything Michael fears he may now never have: intimacy, children, stability and a family home. The new friendship at first seems to offer the prospect of healing, but then a catastrophic event changes everything. Owen Sheers' compelling story of the search for truth, the burden of secrets and the desire for redemption. It explores how our lives are interconnected, even in today's increasingly depersonalised, globalised world. Written by Owen Sheers. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths. Read by Mark Bazeley. Producer: Mair Bosworth. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**FRI 14:15 Hunting the Beagle (m0007dfz)**

Episode 5

Dr Robert Prescott has sent for analysis of the samples from the ship they found buried in the Essex marshes. Could it be the HMS Beagle? Producer: Jeremy Grange. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**FRI 14:30 Lynne Reid Banks - The Backward Shadow (m0007dg1)**

Episode 10

After the fire, Jane and Dottie have cleaned up the shop but Henry's death brings a crisis to their lives. Conclusion of Lynne Reid Banks' sequel to The L-Shaped Room. Dramatised by Juliet Ace. Jane ... Lynne Seymour Dottie ... Rachel Atkins Toby ... John McAndrew Dora ... Sirioli Jenkins John ... Trevor Laird Mrs Stephens ... Manon Edwards Ted ... Don McCorkindale Joanna ... Nickie Rainsford Billy Lee ... Lesley Rooney Director: Alison Hindell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.

**FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b04hyth)**

Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh

Crisis Point

Drink and pills lead Tennessee Williams to crisis point. His troubled relationship with Frank Merlo is reflected in a new play, *Sweet Bird of Youth*. John Lahr's evocative biography of America's great playwright. Read by Damian Lewis with Trevor White as the voice of Tennessee Williams. With the voices of Elaine Claxton, Bettrys Jones and Ian Conningham. Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Producer: Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

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**FRI 17:30 Me and My Shadow (m0007b58)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Planet B (b00j0hqr)**

Series 1

The Smart Money

John and Medley are transported to a world of orgies and circuses, where the slaves seek a new leader. Ten-part series about a mystery virtual world. Written by Paul May. John ... Gunnar Cauthery Lioba ... Donna Hughes Medley ... Lizzy Watts Cerberus ... Chris Pavlo Trader 1 ... Janice Acquah Trader 2 ... Robert Lonsdale Wheeler ... Paul Rider Regulator ... Stephen Critchlow Lyall ... Inam Mirza Fracta ... Jill Cardo Other parts played by the cast. Director: Jessica Dromgole. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2009.

**FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076key)**

Risk

Matthew Parris takes a gamble on writer David Tremayne, journalist Melissa Kite and neurotic novelist Geoff Dyer. 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 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Me and My Shadow (m0007b58)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 The League against Tedium (b03b4zcz)**

Episode 2

Attention scum! Monitoring flatulence and supporting Arsenal. Surreal hour mixing music, ranting and inventive anarchic sketches from Simon Munnery. First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in January 1997.

**FRI 23:30 Elvis McGonagall Takes a Look on the Bright Side (b0680k6q)**

Series 2

A Wholly Holistic Elvis

Elvis is feeling distinctly off-colour and Trouble has terrible wind, so when an outbreak of an obscure new strain of flu from the Himalayas is announced, he fears the worst. Can traditional medicine help them? Or do man and dog simply need to think positive? The two invalids set out boldly in search of alternative health. Series two of Elvis McGonagall's daft comic world of poems, mad sketches, satire and facetious remarks, broadcast from his home in the Graceland Caravan Park just outside Dundee. With the hindrance of his dog Trouble and his friend Susan Morrison, Elvis tries hard to accentuate the positive - but the negative has a nasty habit of coming back to roost with the grim regularity of an unimaginative pigeon. Elvis MacGonagall ... Richard Smith Narrator ... Clarke Peters Susan ... Susan Morrison Dexter Clarke ... Roger Lloyd Thompson With Lewis MacLeod, Gabriel Quigley and Helen Braunholtz-Smith. Recorded on location, in a caravan on a truly glamorous industrial estate somewhere in Scotland. Written by Elvis McGonagall with Helen Braunholtz-Smith and Frank Stirling. Director: Frank Stirling. A Unique Broadcasting production for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in September 2015.

**FRI 23:45 The Celebrity Voice Mail Show (b06d8ssx)**

Series 1

Paul Hollywood

Kayvan Novak imagines what it might be like to hear the answerphone messages of the rich and famous. This time, we listen into the voicemail of The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood. An entirely fictitious comedy show written, improvised and starring Kayvan Novak. Producer: Matt Stronge. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015