

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020

SAT 00:00 Ben Moor - Undone (b007jxhj)

Series 1

Unravelling

Things go from strange to stranger for Edna, Tankerton and both the Carlos...

Ben Moor's comic sci-fi saga stars Sarah Solemani as Edna, Ben Moor as Tankerton, Duncan Wisbey as Carlo and Tim Key as Grant.

Producer: Colin Anderson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076qn0)

Too Clever by Half

Matthew Parris, Toby Young, Louise Welsh and Arabella Weir discuss the dangers of being a smarty-pants. From February 2005.

SAT 01:00 Roy Clarke - The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)

Smaller Shrinks the Standing Corn

Shields meets Marco and collects the plates. But before he and Julie can get clear of the island, the alarm is raised by one of Bruno's men...

Peter Coke stars in Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised international smugglers.

Shields Peter Coke

The Major Bob Grant

Greta Veronica Doran

Julie Anne Stallybrass

Slip Colin Edwynn

Sergeant Ben Kingsley

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.

SAT 01:30 Maiden Voyage: The First Woman in Space (b026x9mr)

In 1963 Valentina Tereshkova, a simple factory worker, was sent on a solo mission to space. She became a hero in her country, a legend around the world and an icon of gender equality.

But what really happened on the flight was kept secret in Soviet times and remains mysterious, earning Valentina the moniker 'Greta Garbo of Space'. No woman would travel to space for nearly 20 years after she returned.

Lucy Ash travels to Valentina's hometown Yaroslavl, on Moscow's Golden Ring, in search of the person behind the legend, meeting her daughter, workmates and relatives.

At a time when Putin is reviving Soviet-era pride in the motherland, we look at what Valentina's incredible journey means today.

Producer: Dorothy Feaver

A Cast Iron Radio and Recording production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2013.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b06d9t3h)

Sweet Caress: The Many Lives of Amory Clay

Episode 10

As her health declines, Amory wonders whether to continue. William Boyd's novel follows one remarkable woman through the decades of the 20th century.

In 1915, Amory's uncle unknowingly sets her life on its course when he gives her a Kodak Brownie No 2 as a present for her seventh birthday, igniting a lifelong passion for photography. Her camera will take her from high society London in the 1920s to the cabaret clubs and brothels of inter-war Berlin; to 1930s New York, the Blackshirt riots in London's East End, and to France and Germany during the Second World War, where she becomes one of the first female war photographers.

She eventually comes to rest on a remote Scottish island, where she drinks, writes and looks back on a personal life that has been just as rich and complex as her professional one. She remembers the men that have been closest to her – her father, her brother, her lovers – irreparably scarred by two world wars, and reflects upon her own experiences of conflict and loss, passion and joy.

Concluded by Barbara Flynn.

Abridged by Sara Davies

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

SAT 02:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09q3sp5)

Series 1

Jobless in Wolverhampton

Will Self continues his tour of urban Britain travelling only by coach and bus, assessing British identity at a time of flux.

Will speaks to jobless young people in Wolverhampton which has some of the highest rates of youth unemployment in the country.

Producer: Laurence Grissell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b06r8bnf)

Ruth Praver Jhabvala - Heat and Dust

Staying On

Finding themselves in the same situation, both women must make life-changing decisions.

Conclusion of Ruth Praver Jhabvala's beguiling story of two English women living in India more than 50 years apart.

In 1923, Olivia is unhappily married to a civil servant. Her step-granddaughter travels to the subcontinent years later to investigate Olivia's life, which her family regarded as 'something dark and terrible'.

The story centres on the experiences of two very different women in pre- and post- Independence India. One is circumscribed by English mores and the formal social structures of the Raj while the other is free to fall in love, live among Indian people, feel part of the culture. So, it's the story of social change as well as a potent love story.

Olivia Pippa Bennett-Warner

Narrator Abby Ford

Douglas Simon Harrison

The Nawab Ronny Jhutti

Harry David Seddon

Inder Lal Neet Mohan

Chid Will Howard

Maji Thusitha Jayasundera

Beth Crawford Debra Baker

Dr Saunders Sam Dale

Major Minnies Chris Pavlo

Pianist Laurie O'Brien

Dramatised by Shelley Silas.

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SAT 02:45 Clive James: Falling Towards England (m000d6nv)

The Man in the Paper Bag

1960s England: trying to enjoy some private time with his girlfriend.

Clive James continues volume two of his autobiography.

First published in 1985 and abridged by Brian Gear.

Known around the world for his dry wit, writer, broadcaster and poet Clive James was born in 1939. Moving to England in 1962, he rose to prominence as a literary critic, TV columnist and presenter.

Clive died aged 80 in November 2019.

Producer: Pamela Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1988.

SAT 03:00 Nigel Baldwin - The Tree of Liberty (m000d07l)

Moon Conjoint Uranus

The death of a young girl is linked to a magical sect. But as the evidence comes together, it seems to point back at Lacroix.

David Calder plays Lt Gen Lacroix, trying to police France despite the turmoil of the Revolution.

Nigel Baldwin's detective series set in Amiens, 1791.

Lt Gen Lacroix ... David Calder

Madeleine ... Frances Tomelty

Duval ... Simon Ludders

Monet ... Brian Hibbard

Josephine ... Bethan Jones

Chalier ... Steve Hodson

Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan

Jean ... Robert Harper

Roland ... Christian Rodska

Michel ... Andrew Wincott

Simone ... Sara Harris-Davies

Original music by Paula Gardiner

Director: Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

SAT 04:00 The Food Quiz (b0076n4w)

Series 2

Episode 6

Journalist and food critic, Jay Rayner puts four gastronomes through their culinary paces.

Wine writer Jancis Robinson, wild man Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, chef Alastair Little and restaurateur Ruth Watson are set for a good grilling.

Issues for digestion include what a Fat Rascal is, who spent £67,000 on a new oven, and where dried tuna sperm is served as a delicacy.

Producer: Rebecca Wells

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 04:30 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)

Cut

Emerald Green's illusions of glamour and fame are shattered when she meets her TV producer.

A vain, ambitious black woman dreams of becoming a chat show queen.

Lisselle Kayla's four-part comedy series starring Llewella Gideon as Emerald Green.

Tristram Jonathan Firth

Fabio Iwan Thomas

Victor Dean Hill

Eunice Sheila Reid

David Jonathan Keeble

Director: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 05:00 1834 (b0121lh5)

Victorian Principles

The young Queen Victoria is coming to Woosley House for a visit. But when 21st century Jason invents the electric guitar, he unwittingly changes the course of history.....

In Jim Poyser's riotous comedy, Jason has been transported back to the 18th century as Tarquin, third son of Lord Belport with faithful valet, Ned.

Jason Slater Michael Begley

Ned Joe Caffrey

Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belport Mark Chatterton

Henry James Nickerson

Queen Victoria Caroline Harding

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 05:30 Fred at The Stand (m000cyw8)

Series 1

Lyons, Mazadza, Jones and Delaney

Fred MacAulay introduces some of the funniest comedians in the UK doing what they do best - pure stand-up comedy. Recorded at The Stand Comedy Club in Edinburgh.

This week, Zoe Lyons shares her insights into Buddhism, newcomer Wayne Mazadza integrates into British life, Rosie Jones doesn't let being northern hold her back, and the relentless Gary Delaney delivers a barrage of unstoppable one liners.

Produced by Richard Melvin

A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Shirley Gee - Moonshine (b065x8fy)

London, 1937: Harriet Carmichael must battle new nanny Ada Molesbridge for the love of her young daughter:

ADA: When it comes to whose child, Flora might decide. Who she cleaves to. Whose bed she chooses in the middle of the night. Who she loves.

HARRIET: Don't be ludicrous. She's my daughter, my flesh and blood. She belongs to me.

ADA: Flesh and blood is one thing. But belongs. Slippers, candlesticks, necklaces, they belong. Ask her who she chooses. Go on, wake her. Ask her. We're all people, aren't we. All human beings... Not mistress and servant, you said. Let her choose.

Ada Molesbridge Rosemary Leach

Harriet Carmichael Carole Boyd

David Carmichael John Rowe

Flora Katherine Hughes

Jessie Anne Rosenfeld

Cook Kathleen Helme

Mrs Molesbridge Betty Hardy

For her performance as Ada Molesbridge, Rosemary Leach won the 1977 Imperial Tobacco Award for the Best Actress.

Special music by Roger Limb, BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: David Spenser

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1977.

SAT 07:30 The Voices of... (b07v07p8)

Ian Partridge

A portrait of the English lyric tenor Ian Partridge, in his own words and recordings.

It's not difficult to identify something classically, characteristically English about the lyric tenor Ian Partridge - his reticence and modesty, his boy chorister background and acclaimed performances of composers such as Roger Quilter, Benjamin Britten and Prince Albert.

He still lives in the same part of south London where he was born in 1938 and he spent over 50 years in a musical partnership with his sister, the pianist Jennifer Partridge. But the refined, passionate quality of Ian's voice has been a passport into other worlds - touring internationally, collaborating with celebrated composers and recording definitive interpretations of, for example, Schubert's Die schöne Müllerin, Schumann's Dichterliebe and Ralph Vaughan Williams' On Wenlock Edge.

Ian reflects on a lifetime in music that began lying under the family piano as his mother played popular songs of the 1930s and 40s and led ultimately to being appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2016.

SAT 08:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b06ppm2m)

Kate Adie

Journalist Kate Adie reflects on her life and career, as revealed in excerpts from the BBC archives - from local radio shifts to the frontline of international crises.

Kate shares her reactions in conversation with John Wilson.

Producer: Ella-mai Robey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

SAT 09:00 Acting the Rock Star (m000d7f9)

From The Beatles and David Bowie to Spinal Tap and beyond, Lauren Laverne showcases how rock stars lives have been portrayed on radio and screen.

In this lovingly compiled long-playing retrospective we'll hear... "When Elvis Met The Beatles" - An imagining of the occasion when the King of Rock 'N' Roll and The Fab Four came face to face in 1965.

"The Final Take: Bowie in the Studio" - Jon Culshaw's portrayal of David Bowie during the recording of his final album Blackstar.

"Dusty Won't Play" - A drama drawing on eye-witness accounts of what happened when Dusty Springfield refused to perform to segregated audiences in apartheid South Africa.

"Witness History: The Monkees" - A look at how a group of actors in the 1960s, who were originally hired to play wannabe pop stars, became the world's first 'manufactured' boy band.

"Queens of Noise: Get It On" - An episode from the drama about a fictional female group chasing rock stardom in the late 1980s written by The Farm's Roy Boulter and Louise Wener from Sleeper.

"Back from the Dead: The Return of Spinal Tap" - An excerpt from Peter Curran's 2009 radio special in which he spoke to the heavy metal 'legends'.

As part of this three hour musical mixtape we'll also re-visit archive interviews from Beyoncé, Diana Ross and OutKast's André 3000 in which they talk about their own acting experiences, and especially recorded for this programme, we'll

hear the thoughts of the broadcaster, music journalist and Radio Times Film Editor Andrew Collins on the phenomenon of the rock biopic.

Produced by Stuart Ross.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 12:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)

Series 1

Risk Capital

Amateur philosopher, Julius Hutch is looking forward to spending his retirement just "pottering".

But one morning, he wakes early to find that his life is changed forever...

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

First of two series written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Mrs Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Kate Justine Midda

Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham

News Reader Collin Johnson

Producer: Andy Jordan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

SAT 12:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

Series 3

Absent Friends

Captain Mainwaring returns to platoon insubordination - and an escaped convict.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Additional music by Dennis Gomm.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

SAT 13:00 Exile (Omnibus) (m000d7fc)

Episode 1

What do you do when your beliefs are condemned by the rest of society?

Adrian Bean marks the 400 year anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. A gripping story about one family's journey into the unknown.

Sarah Hargreaves doesn't share her husband Matthew's desire to join the Puritan exiles, but when their son Benjamin is arrested on a trumped-up charge they have little choice but to go. Things go rapidly from bad to worse, and they decide to leave everything behind. Hoping to find peace and like minded souls in a new religious community in America, they spend everything they have left on a ticket to sail on the Mayflower. The journey is long and difficult, and when they finally arrive the family starts to fall apart.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes.

Sarah Hargreaves - Louise Brealey

Matthew Hargreaves - Trystan Gravelle

Ben - Joel MacCormack

Elizabeth - Megan McInerney

Saul Tregarron - Matthew Gravelle

Captain Jones - John Cording

Reverend Kerswell - Marc Danbury

Woman - Ashleigh Haddad

Directed by John Norton

A BBC Cymru Wales production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000d7fg)

Dan Snow

Historian Dan Snow chooses Slide Away by Oasis and Mr Brightside by The Killers.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b00cxr9l)

Will Hutton

Will Hutton, chief executive of the Work Foundation, shares his admiration for not just JM Keynes but also writers such as Dickens and Umberto Eco.

Readers: Michelle Terry and William Hope

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

SAT 14:45 Clive James: Falling Towards England (m000d7fk)

Chunk Chunk - Yerk Yerk

1960s England: a childhood fear of dentists and meeting Mr Jolly.

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SAT 18:00 Dan Dare (m000d7fm)

Series 2

Operation Saturn 2/2

It's a year since Dan Dare, Lieutenant Digby and Professor Jocelyn Peabody helped rid the Earth of The Mekon's army of ruthless robots, although the evil alien is still at large.

When The Nautilus, an experimental ship that disappeared a decade previously, suddenly reappears in orbit around the Moon, they are sent to investigate. The clues point to Saturn being involved in some way, but the new threat to Earth comes from far closer to home.

Based on the Eagle comic strip 'Dan Dare' created in 1950 by the Reverend Marcus Morris and Frank Hampson.

Dan Dare Ed Stoppard

Digby Geoff McGivern

Professor Peabody Heida Reed

Sondar Bijan Daneshmand

Sir Hubert Michael Cochrane

Blasco Jonathan Rhodes

The Vora Nicholas Briggs

Flight Control Diane Spencer

Maxwell Fiona McAlpine

On-Board Computer Dianne Weller

Original music: Imran Ahmad

Dramatised by Patrick Chapman from an original story by Frank Hampson.

Produced and directed by Andrew Mark Sewell.

Made by B7 Media

SAT 18:30 Weird Tales (b01nrbrs)

Series 3

The Burial of Tom Nobody by Richard Vincent

The Reverend Braiden is forced to embark on a through-the-night road trip by a mysterious trio who threaten him with a terrifying test of faith at its end.

Series of chilling plays for winter nights.

Peter Geoffrey Streatfeild

Silas James Lailey

Sarah Lynne Verrall

Michael Simon Bubb

Eleanor Tracy Wiles

Police Officer .. Paul Moriarty

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

SAT 19:00 Acting the Rock Star (m000d7f9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Show What You Wrote (b06rys4c)

Series 3

Body & Soul

John Thomson, Shobna Gulati, Fiona Clarke, Chris Jack, and Gavin Webster star in the themed sketch show made entirely from contributions sent in by the public.

The best ideas have been chosen from thousands of submissions from new writers resulting in a show like no other.

The theme of "Body & Soul" sees an innovative approach to teaching, a relaxing new type of massage, and the most important component of British culture being exported around the world (whether the world wants it or not).

Written by: James Bugg, Josh Cluderay, Mark Cowling, Jay

Droch, Neil Hickey, Tony Hickson, Dan Hobson and Jon

Bridle, Scott Kingsnorth, Dan Kiss, Jay Roach, David Salisbury

and Mike Whalley.

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Producers: Ed Morrish and Paul Sheehan

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2015.

SAT 22:30 Masala FM (b007jyfv)

Episode 2

Maz Mazoo gets an offer from Radio Fun FM, Madoona, the Asian Madonna is intent on making her mark on Masala FM, and Shanta's sick of the pair of them.

Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal

Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawheny, Meera Syal and Nina

Wadia.

Music by Nitin Sawheny.

Producer: Liz Anstey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.

SAT 23:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (b084bmn9)

Series 1

History and the Role of the Entertainer

Alexei explores the role of the entertainer. Along the way he explains why he will never go on Strictly Come Dancing, the reason Newsnight needs to be 11 hours long and questions why TV comedy panel shows help rehabilitate the careers of 'war criminals'.

The Godfather of Alternative Comedy delivers a mixture of stand-up, memoir and philosophy from behind the counter of his Imaginary Sandwich Bar.

Starring Alexei Sayle, Jake Yapp, Nicholas Parsons and Paul Merton

Written and performed by Alexei Sayle.

Additional Material by Sarah Campbell.

Producer: Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.

SAT 23:30 Dr John Cooper Clarke at the BBC (b082j0gl)

Series 1

In the O-Zone Zone

The Bard of Salford performs a selection of poems on stage at

the BBC's Radio Theatre in London.

* Majorca

* Dekko Beach

* I Mustn't Go Down to the Sea Again

* Nation's Ode to the Coast

Written and performed by Dr John Cooper Clarke.

Introduction by Johnny Green.

Producer: Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

SAT 23:45 Political Animals (b03lrzjw)

Series 2

Buddy and Bill

Bill Clinton's dog, Buddy, relives his turbulent tenure - made perilous by his arch enemy, Socks the Cat.

Another unreliable dog's eye view of the trials and tribulations of Washington living in the White House.

Buddy Kerry Shale

Socks Joel Maccormack

West Wing Guy David Seddon

Written by Tony Bagley.

Director: Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

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Ruth Praver Jhabvala's beguiling story of two English women living in India more than 50 years apart.

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Setting the scene, Olivia meets the Nawab while, 50 years later, her step-granddaughter settles into her new room...

Omnibus dramatised by Shelley Silas.

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Narrator Abby Ford

Douglas Simon Harrison

The Nawab Ronny Jhutti

Harry David Seddon

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Beth Crawford Debra Baker

Dr Saunders Sam Dale

Major Minnies Chris Pavlo

Pianist Laurie O'Brien

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SUN 07:15 Martyn Read - Living History (b08n1wsf)

As the Reverend William Bendigo nears his 100th birthday, his friend considers life without him.

The rooks circle above the churchyard and the intrigue begins...

John Moffatt reads Martyn Read's short story.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

SUN 07:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)

Series 1

Episode 1

As relationships wobble, members of the family descend upon Maggie to provide support, plumbing advice and tea. Rent-free, naturally.

Katherine Jakeways' comedy about four generations of women living under one roof. An exploration of familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to.

Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.

Hetty Sheila Hancock

Maggie Lesley Manville

Jen Sinead Matthews
 Emily Lucy Hutchinson
 David Denis Lill
 Customer Rebecca Hamilton
 Announcement George Watkins
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2015.
SUN 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m000d7fp)
 Once A Ham...
 Barbara's got a taste for the theatre and ropes friends and family into A Midsummer Night's Dream.
 Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara.
 Life With the Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.
 With Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Hugh Morton, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir, David Enders, Gwen Lewis and Philip Ray.
 Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Bill Harding
 The BBC Variety Orchestra is conducted by Paul Fenoulhet, with incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson.
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light programme in June 1953.
SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09mwfjb)
 An Englishman's Home
 Harry and his neighbours take on the council when a new bypass threatens their homes.
 Written by David McKellar and David Renwick.
 Starring Harry Worth.
 With John Baddeley, John Graham and Miriam Margolyes.
 Producer: Simon Brett.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.
SUN 09:00 State of the Nation (Omnibus) (m000d7fr)
 Five talks by British novelists reflecting on the state of the nation: looking back at the tumultuous year just gone and the year to come.
 Howard Jacobson, Lionel Shriver, Nadifa Mohamed, James Meek and Jan Carson share their thoughts.
 Producer: Jo Glanville
 Editor: James Cook
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b05y0m0k)
 Richard and Lindsay – Casting Labels Aside
 Fi Glover with a conversation between two friends with mild Asperger's Syndrome. Acting has given them confidence and their love of drama has cemented their friendship. 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
 Producer: Marya Burgess
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b082m630)
 Americans
 Alice Walker
 From Beethoven to Stevie Wonder.
 Award-winning author, poet, feminist and activist, Alice Walker shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young
 Her novel The Color Purple brought Alice worldwide attention and acclaim. The story of a poor black girl surviving in the deep American south, between the wars, it's a landmark work, disturbing and exhilarating in equal measure.
 If one subscribes to the idea that "art is a wound turned to light", then Alice Walker's early life proved crucial to her future creations. Shot and blinded in one eye by her brother's BB gun it was through the isolation of her injury that she began to write. She once described poetry as "medicine".
 She has also said, "I know the world's a mess, but there's so much that's gorgeous in it. I wish everybody could have what I have."
 Producer: Cathy Drysdale.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000d7ft)
 Series 6
 For Whom the Cowbell Tolls
 Radiolab explores what does it mean and what does it take to belong to a place? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
 Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience. Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.
 From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2019.
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SUN 14:30 The Drop (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)
 When retired spy Solomon Dortmund sees an envelope pass from one hand to another in a bustling cafe he knows he's witnessed more than an innocent encounter. But by relaying his suspicions to his MI5 handler he sets in train events which will alter lives.
 Set in a snow-dusted London, Mick Herron's taut thriller takes place in the gap where old-style spy craft and modern intelligence analysis don't quite meet.
 Omnibus read by John Heffernan
 Abridged by Eileen Horne
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.
SUN 15:45 Travels with Bob (b0868vb0)
 3. Stroud
 Paddy O'Connell travels the country with his dog, Bob, talking to the people he meets - perfect strangers who act as guides to where they live.
 In Stroud, locals are fiercely proud of their independent retail tradition and the independent spirit it reflects.
 From the owner of a health food shop opened in 1927 to a New Zealand artist who's made the town his home, people seem to agree that there's something rather special about Stroud.
 Producer: Jo Coombs
 A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.
SUN 16:00 Drama (b081jn4t)
 The Thrill of Love
 Maxine Peake plays Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain.
 Amanda Whittington's hit stage transfer imagines the role played by the women close to Ruth during the months between Ruth's murder of her lover David Blakely and her subsequent death by hanging.
 Framed with interviews and laced with the music of Billie Holiday, this is an intimate, evocative and thought provoking drama.
 Ruth Ellis Maxine Peake
 Sylvia Siobhan Finnegan
 Jack Gale Joe Armstrong
 Vickie Martin Phoebe Dynevor
 Doris Judd Victoria Brazier
 Home Secretary Gwilym Lloyd George Alan Williams
 Sound Design: Eloise Whitmore
 Music: Billie Holiday
 Director: Kate Chapman
 Producer: Justine Potter
 Executive Producer: Melanie Harris
 A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000d7fy)
 The Echo Chamber - Fiona Benson
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses The Echo Chamber featuring the poetry of Fiona Benson, who takes Paul Farley to her favourite swimming spot on the River Exe and shares work from her collection Vertigo + Ghost - poems of domestic life set against the backdrop of horrific world events, and of depression, motherhood and renewal.
 Fiona Benson won an Eric Gregory Award in 2006 and a Faber New Poets Award in 2009. She lives in Devon with her husband and their two daughters. Her first collection, Bright Travellers, was shortlisted for the T. S. Eliot Prize and the Forward Prize for Best First Collection. It won the 2015 Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize and the 2015 Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry Prize for First Full Collection.
 Both Fiona and Paul Farley have been shortlisted for the T.S. Eliot prize in 2019. Fiona also won the Forward Prize in 2019.
 With music by The Cabinet of Living Cinema.
 Presenter: Paul Farley
 Producer: Mair Bosworth
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
SUN 17:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Ghosts From The Past (m000d7g0)
 Sheila Hodgson - The Boat Hook
 1904: Visiting a cathedral in Trondheim, MR James is terrified by the appearance of a model boat...
 Michael Williams stars in Sheila Hodgson's haunting drama.
 MR James... Michael Williams
 George Masterman... Brett Usher
 Professor Anders... David King
 Caroline Anders... Sirlol Jenkins
 Mrs Craddock... Joanna Wake
 Sorenson... Peter Tuddenhams
 Caroline: Sirlol Jenkins
 Mrs Vickers... Gudrun Ure
 Nielson... Eric Allan
 Students... David Learner/ Neil Roberts
 Director: Martin Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.
SUN 18:45 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06ptym8)
 Episode 2
 The dwarf persuades Callum McInnes to take him to the cave on the Misty Isle.
 Chilling revenge for a terrible crime is at the heart of Neil Gaiman's multi-award-winning novelette, inspired by a Hebridean myth and originally commissioned by Sydney Opera House for the Graphic Festival with celebrated illustrator Eddie Campbell.
 Reader: Bill Paterson
 Writer: Neil Gaiman
 Abridged and produced by Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2015.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000d7ft)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 State of the Nation (Omnibus) (m000d7fr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b05y0m0k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b082m630)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]
SUN 22:00 All Those Women (b069jjml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06qkpn8)
 Series 3
 Profit and Loss
 Mr and Mrs Wrigglesworth receive some bad news about a friend while Granny helps Tom with a "gambling situation". Series 3 of the sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran, giving listeners a glimpse into his family background and the influences that have shaped his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.
 Tom Tom Wrigglesworth
 Dad Paul Copley
 Mum Kate Anthony
 Granny Elizabeth Bennett
 Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle with additional material by Miles Jupp
 Producer: Richard Morris
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2015.
SUN 23:00 Lenny Henry's Rogues Gallery (b07bdghz)
 Series 1
 I Never Forget A Face
 The story of a modern day miracle, as witnessed by a blind man.
 First in a series of comic monologues with twists-in-the-tale, written and performed by Lenny Henry.
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
SUN 23:15 Poets' Tree (b00snx7d)
 Episode 3
 Paul Hamilton, the Islington poet, hears poetry written by a computer; conducts a rare interview with the legendary poet Celia Tierny; and meets the English teacher who inspired him to try poetry.
 Poetry magazine spoof with Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.
 With Olivia Colman and Peter Serafinowicz.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.
SUN 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b4j53)
 Episode 3
 Satirist Craig Brown presents a bundle of parody, satire, social observation and nonsense.
 Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.
 With the help of John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis McLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

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MON 00:00 Ghosts From The Past (m000d7g0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06ptym8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Ruth Praver Jhabvala - Heat and Dust (Omnibus) (b06rtzxx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:15 Martyn Read - Living History (b08n1wsf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 The Drop (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Travels with Bob (b0868vb0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Drama (b081jn4t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000d7fy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Roy Clarke - The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-

Made Bomb (m000d7q4)

Don't Go Near The Water

High up on the mountain road, Johnny Shields has apparently crashed to his death - leaving Julie in the hands of Marco's henchmen...

Gripping conclusion of Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised international smugglers.

Shields Peter Coke

The Major Bob Grant

Greta Veronica Doran

Julie Anne Stallybrass

Slip Colin Edwynn

Alfie Peter Stephens

Jean Hogg Heather Stoney

Tadpole Derrick Gilbert

Foster Michael Stirrup

Daniels Robert Powell

Doreen Sylvia Brayshay

Pete Ben Kingsley

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.

MON 06:30 Ivy Benson: Original Girl Power (b04lp3x7)

Melanie Chisholm celebrates the musical legacy of British band leader Ivy Benson - who rose to fame in the 1940s with Her All Girl Band - and speaks to some of the surviving members from that era.

Ivy Benson was a gutsy and glamorous woman. 50 years before Melanie was shouting about Girl Power as a member of The Spice Girls, Ivy her band members were risking their lives entertaining Allied troops in war-torn Europe and fighting their very own battle of the sexes back at home.

She was born in Holbeck, Leeds in 1913 and formed her all girl band in 1939 in an attempt to address the inequalities in pay between male and female musicians. Within a few years, Ivy rose to become one of the Britain's best known band leaders with bookings 52-weeks-a-year at top venues including the London Palladium.

In 1943, Ivy won a prestigious contract to become one of the BBC's resident dance bands. This appointment caused controversy in the male dominated musical establishment and led to what became known as The Battle of the Saxes. The Band Leaders Section of the Musicians' Union even sent a delegation to Broadcasting House to complain about Ivy's appointment. "Speaking from personal experience, I find it incredibly inspiring to hear of Ivy's story. It seems a real shame she isn't better known to my generation. I hope this programme goes a little way to change that. She certainly was the originator of 'Girl Power!'" (Melanie Chisholm).

Contributors include Joyce Clark, June Smith, Margaret Chappell, Gloria Russell, Sylvia England and Patsy O'Hara, who were all members of Ivy's band during its heyday of the 1940s.

Producer: Clair Wordsworth

A Sue Clark production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 2014.

MON 07:00 Arrested Development (b0075vxs)

Episode 4

Can Bob manage to woo Kate back? What future for jilted bride Penny?

Stars Letitia Dean as Penny, Phil Cornwell as Dave, Julian Rhind-Tutt as Andy and Susannah Doyle as Kate.

Simon Warne's 4 part-comedy serial.

Producer: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000czlr)

Series 23

Episode 2

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.

Susan Calman, Graeme Garden, Sindhu Vee and Lloyd Langford are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as cheese, Winston Churchill, flowers and rappers.

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04stsfk)

Series 1

The Gymkhana

Can the dear ladies manage to find an appropriate guest of honour for the local Gymkhana?

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

The dear ladies reside in the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressell. This was the genteel setting for three Radio 4 series between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on Radio 2 until 1990. In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe

Roland Michael Bates

Roger Donald Hewlett

Scripted by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1977.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jq0r)

Series 3

Round and Round Went the Big Wheel

Captain Mainwaring's Home Guard platoon take action when a new High Explosive Attack Device goes haywire.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snood and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Colonel Pearce John Barron

Captain Stewart Michael Knowles

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b01mhxf)

Series 64

Episode 6

Join Nicholas Parsons and friends for the granddaddy of all panel games.

Jenny Eclair, Tony Hawks, Alun Cochrane and Kevin Eldon must talk for 60 seconds without hesitaion, repetition or deviation - a task much more difficult than it sounds.

Tony Hawks describes his preparations for Rio 2016, Jenny Eclair speaks on The Brontes, Alun Cochrane talks about of Victorian Inventions and Kevin Eldon reveals how he keeps his body looking that good.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

MON 09:30 Semi Circles (b007jtww)

Series 2

The Liberated Generation

"Ours is the generation of freedom, of permissiveness. We aren't shocked by anything. I mean, we may not want to participate, but there's nothing we actually disapprove of..."

Ben and Helen's marriage is at a standstill. Will Dick and Marian get it moving?

The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.

Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as Ben

Written by Simon Brett

Helen Paula Wilcox

Ben David Wood

Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood

Alastair Tony Millan

Dick David Gooderson

Marian Jean Trend

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982

MON 10:00 Drama (b06tq9r4)

John Steinbeck - East of Eden

Episode 1

Cathy Ames is a young woman who has always filled her parents with a deep sense of unease.

Adam and Charles Trask are brothers whose relationship veers dangerously between love and hate.

Their lives are about to collide in a dark and febrile drama about familial love.

John Steinbeck's epic tale exploring the nature of good and evil, inspired by the story of Cain and Abel.

Starring Holliday Grainger, Robin Laing and David Yip.

Dramatised in three parts by Donna Franceschild.

Cyrus Jimmy Chisholm

Charles Steven Duffy

Cathy Holliday Grainger

Adam Robin Laing

Mr Edwards Gavin Mitchell

Mr Ames Nick Underwood

Mrs Ames Anita Vettesse

Narrator David Yip

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000d7q7)

Series 6

Inspire To Action

Guy Raz explores what motivates us to take up a cause, follow a leader, or create change?

TED speakers explore stories of inspirational leadership, and what makes some movements more successful than others.

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2018.

MON 12:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04stsfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jq0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Roy Clarke - The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Ivy Benson: Original Girl Power (b04lp3x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Sylvia Plath - The Bell Jar (b01qhqp)

Episode 1

Sylvia Plath's haunting and only novel tells the story of Esther Greenwood, a talented girl with a prestigious internship on a magazine in New York in 1953.

With dreams of becoming a writer and an impressive track record of scholarships and prizes, Esther seems to have it all - and knows she should be 'having the time of her life'. But between the cocktail parties and the piles of manuscripts, unsatisfactory men and the choices ahead, she finds herself spiraling into confusion and depression. As she retreats from the world in despair, she will attempt suicide and find herself in the world of the asylum before finding a way through. The Bell Jar is both darkly funny and acutely observed, capturing in vivid and witty prose the society Plath inhabited in the 1950s. A modern classic, it's a powerful portrait of a clever young woman with great and varied ambitions, confounded by the hurdles the world puts in her way, as relevant today as when it was written.

Sylvia Plath was born in 1932 in Boston. She studied at Smith College and Cambridge where she met and married Ted Hughes. In 1960 she published The Colossus, a collection of poems. The Bell Jar was published in 1963, under a pseudonym and is Plath's only novel. Her Collected Poems were published in 1981 and won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. Plath died in 1963.

Read by Lydia Wilson.

Abridged in eight parts by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.

MON 14:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qcdkr)

Series 1

The Preston Model

Will Self continues his 1000 mile tour of the UK by bus and coach, arriving in Preston.

Will visits a local mosque as well as assessing a bold civic experiment dubbed The Preston Model.

Bus and coach windows afford Will a different perspective on the nation. He eschews the bright lights of the big cities, heading instead for smaller urban centres. His objective is to speak to Britons about how they view their cities and themselves in 2018. In the course of his enquiries, he discovers Britain has become a highly debatable land.

Next stops: Middlesbrough, East Kilbride and Derry-Londonderry, concluding on the Irish border.

Producer: Laurence Grissell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04bmr8z)

Queens of Noise: Get It On

Episode 1

It's 1989. All-girl band Velvetens are high on champagne and excitement as they sign their first record deal. Are they on the road to be wannabe flops or Top of the Pops?

Music industry veterans Louise Wener and Roy Boulter draw on their experiences to tell the story of a young band about to get their big break.

Back in 2012, BBC Radio 2 broadcast a pilot music drama 'Shout to the Top', the brainchild of the station's Head of Music, Jeff Smith. Writers Roy Boulter (drummer with The Farm) and Louise Wener (ex-Sleeper) came on board to ensure that the drama was founded on a genuine knowledge of the music business. Taking care of the music were successful producers Brian Rawling (Bowie, Kylie, Cher, Craig David, One Direction and more) and Marky Bates (Faithless, Dido).

And so were born Velvetens, an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.

Migrating to BBC Radio 4, this series picks up the story as the band signs to a major record company. Now sharing a flat and with only pennies in their pockets, the three young band members embark on a roller coaster ride on the road to who-knows-where. Calling the shots is their new manager, Sam Shephurst.

Sylvie Samantha Robinson

Beth Anneika Rose

Rain Hannah Arterton

Sam Joe Absalom

Christy Clare Corbett

Alec Damian Lynch

Richard Matthew Watson

Music directors: Brian Rawling and Marky Bates

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b05qfj15)

The Story of Alice

Episode 1

On 4th July 1862, Lewis Carroll is on a river trip with the three Liddell girls and tells them a fairy-tale about a little girl called Alice.

Read by Simon Russell Beale.

Where did Alice stop and 'Alice' begin?

Wonderland is part of our cultural heritage - a shortcut for all that is beautiful and confusing; a metaphor used by artists, writers and politicians for 150 years.

But beneath the fairy tale lies the complex history of the author and his subject. The story of Charles Dodgson the quiet academic, and his second self Lewis Carroll - storyteller, innovator and avid collector of child-friends. And also of his dream-child Alice Liddell, and the fictional alter ego that would never let her grow up.

This is their secret history - one of love and loss, of innocence and ambiguity, and of one man's need to make Wonderland his refuge in a rapidly changing world.

Drawing on previously unpublished material, Robert Douglas-Fairhurst traces the creation and influence of the Alice books against a shifting cultural landscape – the birth of photography, changing definitions of childhood and sexuality, and the tensions inherent in the transition between the Victorian and modern worlds.

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2015.

MON 15:00 Drama (b06tq9r4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b01mhnxf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Semi Circles (b007jtw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Arrested Development (b0075vxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000czlr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4lg)

The Seeds of Creation

Ralph Exon - working for an international fertiliser corporation - has created a new strain of plant: a mutation which he hopes will bring relief to the famine-ridden countries of the world. It's an innocent-looking plant. But in that plant, known as the Exon strain, there also lurks the Destruction Factor...

James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six-parts starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders TP McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Ralph Exon Clifford Rose

Balfour Peter Wickham

Garrard Rod Beacham

Ted Downes Bruce Beeby

Kathy Downes Joan Matheson

Milly Karen Archer

Anne Christine Absalom

Harriet Debby Cumming

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0055b6r)

Jocelyn Bell Burnell and Vivienne Parry

Kate Mosse is joined by two scientists, writer and presenter Vivienne Parry and Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell, head of the Institute of Physics.

But the mix of "good reads" is as unpredictable and enjoyable as ever and Bunsen burners do not figure. Instead, we have a brilliant classic novel, a piece of 20th century history and a romance described by one of the guests as "Mills and Boon with vampires."

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov

Publisher: Penguin Classics

War-time Women. A Mass-Observation Anthology edited by

Dorothy Sheridan

Publisher: Phoenix

Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Publisher: Atom

First broadcast on Radio 4 in June 2009.

MON 19:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04stfkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jq0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Roy Clarke - The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Ivy Benson: Original Girl Power (b04lp3x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000d7q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000czlr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 On the Hour (b007jmnp)

Series 2

Episode 3

The Tube system goes berserk, an earthquake in Corinth and the anniversary of space.

All the news as it happens, if it happens from the BBC's urgent and incisive news overview.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

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

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

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m000d7qb)

Series 28

Episode 1

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Nish Kumar

MON 23:45 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b00zf34s)

Series 1

Episode 2

Helen Keen's off-beat but true account of the history of space flight.

With Peter Serafinowicz and Susy Kane.

* How Wernher Von Braun went from SS officer to American

space supremo to Disney children's presenter

* America's home-grown rocket genius Jack Parsons and his unhealthy interest in Satanism

* The surprising story of Fix the French Space Cat

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020

TUE 00:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4lg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b05qfj15)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b01mhnxf)

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TUE 04:30 Semi Circles (b007jtw6)

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TUE 05:00 Arrested Development (b0075vxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000czlr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d8dv)

1. The Return

A man named Johnny Maxen walks through Gare du Nord station in Paris reluctantly returning to a life he thought he'd abandoned in Scotland.

Where is his estranged wife who's mysteriously disappeared? Edward Boyd's serial thriller in eight parts starring Gordon Jackson.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Bill Ferguson Victor Carin

Rachel Scott Mary Riggans

Torquil James Crampsey

Operator John Toye

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on BBC Radio Light Programme in October 1966.

TUE 06:30 Tales From the Digital Archive (b010m9sw)

Once a writer's archive consisted of letters, badly-typed first drafts and corrected manuscripts. But now they write on computers and communicate by email, what clues to their creative process remain?

Archaeologist Christine Finn sets out to explore how the new generation of archive from the digital age will be made accessible to future generations.

She hears from Erika Farr, the Coordinator for Digital Archives at Emory University in America, which recently acquired Salman Rushdie's archive. It is a definitive 21st century archive, including emails, discs, and the computers on which he wrote his best-selling books.

Meanwhile the British Library is also addressing the digital challenge with their first-ever Curator of Digital Manuscripts, Jeremy John, who explains how they're developing a 21st century approach to the preservation of the writer's environment. Instead of having to travel to Ted Hughes' Devon home to view his work-place, devotees will be able to access a digital reconstruction of his study via the BL website.

Christine also discusses the impact of technology on the art of archiving the work of writers and poets with novelist Fay Weldon, exploring how these developments affect authors, their readers, and potential biographers. She hears from Margaret Atwood's biographer, Professor Nathalie Cooke, Associate Provost of McGill University in Montreal, and from Bobby Friedman, who has written an unofficial biography of politician John Bercow.

The traditional lament is the loss of data, as email replaces letters and drafts disappear with the delete key. But here Finn celebrates the new technology that is as much a part of an archive as the words themselves.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 April 2011.

TUE 07:00 A Month of June (b01k28w8)

Shangri-La

Romance in a council beach hut is alive and well but perhaps a little cramped for our elderly couple.

The last of four comedies written for the many voices of legendary actor June Whitfield.

Written by Andy Merriman and Alison Joseph

Annie Hopkins June Whitfield

Digby Pickering Richard Briers

Jim Kett Patrick Brennan

Martha Denny Susie Riddell

Brian Boggis Don Gilet

Jason Denny Sam Alexander

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

TUE 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b06f64gh)

Series 8

A Song for Lenzie

The hit series returns for an eighth series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. Written by and starring Donald McLeary and Sanjeev Kohli.

Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags and Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Moray Hunter, Lorraine McIntosh & Mina Amwar.

In this episode, Ramesh discovers to his horror than Sanjay hasn't been entirely truthful about his college education after The Bish (played by Michael Redmond) spots him busking in East Kilbride.

Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick, Dave.

Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!

Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions.

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jlsh)

The Last Tram (from Clapham)

London's trams are no more, but boss Neddie Seagoon must pursue the one that got away.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1954.

TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b007jswv)

Series 3

Episode 9

Kenneth Horne hosts a special tribute to the passing of J Peasmold Gruntfuttock. Mr Horne also pops into Bona Press to varda the tomes of Julian and Sandy.

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

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m000d7qb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b00zf34s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Drama (b06vjlibb)

John Steinbeck - East of Eden

Episode 2

Adam has fallen under the spell of the enigmatic Cathy - a woman who has murdered her parents and now, on the run, has married Adam. He's captivated by her. But on their wedding night it was Adam's brother Cathy slept with.

The newly-weds are about to start a new life in California, but it's not the one Adam imagines in this dark and febrile drama about familial love.

John Steinbeck's epic tale exploring the nature of good and evil, inspired by the story of Cain and Abel.

Starring Holiday Grainger, Robin Laing and David Yip.

Dramatised by Donna Franceschild.

Samuel Jimmy Chisholm

Cathy Holiday Grainger

Cal Alasdair Hankinson

Faye Kathryn Howden

Aron Samuel Keefe

Adam Robin Laing
 Abra Gemma McElhinney
 Dr Tilson.....Nick Underwood
 Ethel.....Anita Vettesse
 Lee..... David Yip
 Director: Kirsty Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.
TUE 11:00 Special Deliveries (b06zvbwq)
 Second Class, Signed For by Colin Carberry
 A young wife and mother makes some tough decisions by way of the Royal Mail.
 Jodie Whittaker reads Colin Carberry's short story.
 One of a special series about some rather Special Deliveries, commissioned to mark the anniversary of the Royal Mail in 2016, 500 years after Cardinal Wolsey appointed the first Master of the Posts in 1516.
 Producer: Jenny Thompson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
TUE 11:15 Martyn Wade - The Other Constance Chatterley (b007k0l7)
 Mrs Chatterley of Gravesend reveals similar interests to her famous namesake.
 Martyn Wade's comedy set in the 1930s starring Felicity Montagu and Rachel Atkins.
 A failing firm of solicitors is saved from ruin by the prospect of a literary libel case. But it may involve the rather buttoned up partner of the firm going way beyond the call of duty.
 Constance Chatterley Rachel Atkins
 Miss Priestley Felicity Montagu
 David Horovitch Mr Greene
 Mr Chatterley Jon Glover
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jlsb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Round the Horne (b007jswv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d8dv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Tales From the Digital Archive (b010m9sw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Sylvia Plath - The Bell Jar (b01qklrw)
 Episode 2
 Things don't go so well after the Ladies Day Lunch - and Esther remembers the first time Buddy Willard kissed her, at the Yale Junior Prom.
 Sylvia Plath's haunting and only novel tells the story of Esther Greenwood, a talented girl with a prestigious internship on a magazine in New York in 1953.
 With dreams of becoming a writer and an impressive track record of scholarships and prizes, Esther seems to have it all - and knows she should be 'having the time of her life'. But between the cocktail parties and the piles of manuscripts, unsatisfactory men and the choices ahead, she finds herself spiraling into confusion and depression. As she retreats from the world in despair, she will attempt suicide and find herself in the world of the asylum before finding a way through.
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 Read by Lydia Wilson.
 Abridged by Sally Marmion.
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.
TUE 14:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qcznf)
 Series 1
 Dual Control to Middlesbrough
 Will Self continues his tour of urban Britain travelling only by coach and bus, assessing British identity at a time of flux.
 In Middlesbrough, Will learns about the booming digital scene and finds out what happened to the 1700 workers laid off at the Redcar steelworks in 2016.
 Producer: Laurence Grissell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.
TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04bnd0s)
 Queens of Noise: Get It On
 Episode 2
 After the heady excitement of last night's party to celebrate their record deal, Velvetens are back to the realities of life.
 Louise Wener and Roy Boulter's story about Velvetens - an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.
 Sylvie Samantha Robinson
 Beth Anneika Rose
 Rain Hannah Arterton
 Sam Joe Absolom
 Joyce Jane Slavin
 Stylist Jane Slavin
 Richard Matthew Watson
 Lucas Mark Edel-Hunt
 Music directors: Brian Rawling and Marky Bates
 Director: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.
TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b05qt15c)

The Story of Alice
 Episode 2
 Following publication of his two Alice books, Lewis Carroll continues to collect 'child-friends'. The fashionable watering-hole of Eastbourne is his destination of choice.
 Where did Alice stop and 'Alice' begin?
 Wonderland is part of our cultural heritage - a shortcut for all that is beautiful and confusing; a metaphor used by artists, writers and politicians for 150 years.
 But beneath the fairy tale lies the complex history of the author and his subject. The story of Charles Dodgson the quiet academic, and his second self Lewis Carroll - storyteller, innovator and avid collector of child-friends. And also of his dream-child Alice Liddell, and the fictional alter ego that would never let her grow up.
 This is their secret history - one of love and loss, of innocence and ambiguity, and of one man's need to make Wonderland his refuge in a rapidly changing world.
 Drawing on previously unpublished material, Robert Douglas-Fairhurst traces the creation and influence of the Alice books against a shifting cultural landscape - the birth of photography, changing definitions of childhood and sexuality, and the tensions inherent in the transition between the Victorian and modern worlds.
 Read by Simon Russell Beale
 Producer: Joanna Green
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2015.
TUE 15:00 Drama (b06vjllbb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 Jest a Minute (b012rys1)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Rhod Gilbert chairs the Radio Wales comedy quiz. With special guests Roger Monkhouse and Kirsten O'Brien. From September 2006.
TUE 16:30 Odd Balls (b0076043)
 Bill Bosun: Speedily to School
 Passengers love country school bus driver Bill Bosun, despite his speed making journeys both a hazard and an adventure. But his weakness is an unwillingness to see anyone in a jam. Against instruction, he waits for late pupils and gives lifts to all kinds of folk and their dogs, ducks and hens.
 The children adore him, but the school governors and local councillors have a different view. Bill's future is in their hands. One of four character based comedies by Don Howarth.
 Bill Shaun Curry
 Narrator Peter Meakin
 Headmaster Russell Dixon
 Mrs Cupboard Jillie Meers
 Mrs Gasper Gillian Goodman
 Mr Pilchard Graham Colclough
 Micky David Thorpe
 Freddie Barry Farrinmond
 Jenny Holly Grainger
 Charlie Will Haigh
 Director: Julie Beckett
 Producer: Sue Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
TUE 17:00 A Month of June (b01k28w8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0bf64gh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4mr)
 The Devil's Harvest
 As fires erupt - why is Ralph Exon's new plant strain mutation growing so rapidly?
 James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.
 Max Flinders TP McKenna
 Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
 Howard Rogers Paul Copley
 Ralph Exon Clifford Rose
 DI Balfour Peter Wickham
 Commander Rod Beacham
 Nurse Joan Matheson
 Voice in Climatorium Jennifer Piercey
 Producer: David Spencer
 First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.
TUE 18:30 Pioneers (b00xngf6)
 Series 1
 Ian Ritchie
 Ian Ritchie on the World Wide Web and how he pioneered the very first web browser. Despite this breakthrough, he reveals the missed opportunity that could have made him millions.
 He explains to Clare English about some of the reasons why he passed up on this once in a life time opportunity.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2011.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Sketchorama (b061yh01)
 Series 4
 Episode 2
 Clever Peter, Hennessey and Friends, and In Cahoots.
 Award winning actress and comedian Isy Suttie presents the pick of the best live sketch groups currently performing on the UK comedy circuit
 Every show spotlights three up and coming groups featuring character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.
 There are so many incredibly talented and inventive sketch groups on the British Comedy scene but with no dedicated broadcast format. Sketchorama aims to bring hidden gems and established live acts to the airwaves.
 Producer: Gus Beattie
 A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2015.
TUE 23:00 Vent (b01flqm7)
 Series 3
 Victoria
 Ben begins to resent being pushed around, and imagines a different life back in Victorian times when he might have got things his own way a bit more often - until he gets into an argument with Benjamin Disraeli...
 Dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.
 Written by Nigel Smith.
 Ben Neil Pearson
 Mary Fiona Allen
 Mum Josie Lawrence
 Blitz Leslie Ash
 Nurse Jo Martin
 Derek Stephen Frost
 Marley Spencer Brown
 Disraeli Matthew Kelly
 Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith
 Grocer Nigel Hastings
 Director: Nigel Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.
TUE 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqm8)
 1996
 Coming out to parents with a twist, an unusual Blue Peter appeal - and is the end of the world nigh...?
 Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Hugh Dennis 'look back' at 1996 - a year that was yet to happen
 A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.
 Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
 Producer: Caroline Leddy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020

WED 00:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4mr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04bnd0s)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d7vz)
 2. The Body
 Reluctantly agreeing to search for his estranged wife Julia who's been missing for three months, Johnny Maxen's enquiries meet with some strange reactions...
 Edward Boyd's thriller serial starring Gordon Jackson.
 Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson
 Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan
 Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Mr Todhunter Walter Carr
 Jo-Jo Bill Henderson
 Mary Sheila Donald
 Voice on phone Joe Dunlop
 Producer: Eddie Fraser
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Light Programme in October 1966.

WED 06:30 What's Eating The Museum? (b013q311)
 Chris Ledgard hears how museums are waging war against the insect pests threatening their collections.
 Anyone who has had a bad infestation of moths in their wardrobe knows the misery they cause.
 But clothes - though expensive - can at least be replaced. For museum conservators, moth and beetle larvae pose a more serious threat. An insect infestation in a museum collection can destroy artefacts which are not only valuable but also irreplaceable.
 Conservators explain the quandary they find themselves in: insect populations - particularly clothes moths - have increased rapidly in recent years. At the same time, chemical pesticides have been taken off the market because of safety fears. So the people responsible for our great natural history, ethnographic and costume collections find themselves in a continual battle to keep the insects at bay.
 Guru of insect pest management, David Pinniger, takes us around the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford to see how conservators there are coping.
 Chris Ledgard also visits the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Museum of London, and Dover Castle. And what's the secret to winning this war? It's simple, says David Pinniger - good housekeeping. And you have to learn to think like a moth.
 Producer: Chris Ledgard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

WED 07:00 Electric Ink (b011vmd9)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 While Freddy introduces buzzwords to the paper, Maddox uncovers a top story about the Prime Minister, will the story be spiked?
 Old hacks meet new media in Alistair Beaton's satire set in the changing world of the newspaper industry.
 Maddox Robert Lindsay
 Oliver Alex Jennings
 Amelia Elizabeth Berrington
 Tasneem Zita Sattar
 Masha Debbie Chazen
 Freddy Ben Willbond
 Announcer Matt Addis
 PM's Wife Janice Acquah
 With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

WED 07:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000czy3)
 Series 2
 Clara Amfo and Carol Kirkwood
 Joe Lycett returns for a second series, exploring the nation's weird and wonderful obsessions by getting to know a selection of famous and not so famous guests. Joining Joe on the sofa this week, weather presenter Carol Kirkwood shares her obsession with a cat called Donald, whilst Radio 1 DJ Clara Amfo reveals her love of trainers. Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Paul Fraine, who introduces Joe to the world of Live Action Role Play.
 Joe Lycett's Obsessions was written and performed by Joe Lycett, with material from James Kettle and additional material from Catherine Brinkworth and Kat Sadler. The production coordinator was Damilola Mabadeje. The producer was Suzy Grant and it was a BBC Studios Audio production.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0015xc7)
 Series 3
 The Greyhound Track
 Sid wants the lad evicted, so he reopens a public footpath through his country mansion.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and Kenneth Williams.
 Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
 Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1956.

WED 08:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00yhx5s)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Angry antique dealers, a word from the Minister for population - and it's not the end of the world
 A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.
 With Terence Brady and Pauline Yates.
 Pianist: Gordon Langford.
 Banjo: Dick Abell
 Written by Terence Brady, Peter N Christie, Donald Churchill, Bert Fisher, John Graham, Christopher Langham, Roy Lomax, Chris Miller, Katie Moss, Myles Rudge and Gordon Langford, Allan Scott and Chris Bryant, and Gerald Wiley.
 Producer John Fawcett-Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.

WED 09:00 The Rest is History (b0773pcp)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. So he's devised a comedy discussion show in order to find out more about it.
 Along with his historian in residence, Professor Kate Williams Frank is joined by Holly Walsh and Richard Harring, who discuss Burke and Hare, Mussolini, Catherine Parr and the jokes of yesteryear.
 Producers: Mark Augustyn and Justin Pollard
 An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

WED 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b008j0ln)
 Series 2
 Puppets
 Robert discovers the pitfalls of working with hypnotists and ventriloquists.
 John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.
 Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
 Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
 Sue Caroline Quentin
 With:
 John Baddeley
 David Gooderson
 Jonathan Kydd
 Jane Whittenshaw
 Producer: Paul Spencer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1990.

WED 10:00 Drama (b06wbrk5)
 John Steinbeck - East of Eden
 Episode 3
 Adam Trask has been raising his twin boys with the help of his cook, Lee.
 His estranged wife -the enigmatic Cathy - has taken over a brothel after murdering its previous owner.
 In order to protect the twins, Adam has always maintained that their mother is dead, but Cal, after listening in at a door, now knows the truth.
 That knowledge is set to destroy the Trask world in this dark and febrile drama about familial love.
 Conclusion of John Steinbeck's epic tale exploring the nature of good and evil, inspired by the story of Cain and Abel.
 Starring Holliday Grainger, Robin Laing and David Yip.
 Dramatised Donna Franceschild.
 Judge..... Jimmy Chisholm
 CathyHolliday Grainger
 Cal Alasdair Hankinson
 Aron Samuel Keefe
 Adam Robin Laing
 Abra Gemma McElhinney
 Joe Gavin Mitchell
 Will.....Nick Underwood
 Ethel.....Anita Vettesse
 Lee..... David Yip
 Director: Kirsty Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

WED 11:00 Tony Law's Surreal Guide to Surreal Comedy (m000d7w3)
 2. Goons, Bonzos and Kens
 Absurdist Canadian comedian, Tony Law, takes us on a journey through the twists and turns of Surrealism in comedy.
 He is accompanied by Noel Fielding and Robert Popper
 'The Reluctant Jester Strikes Back' [15/11/1994]
 Monty Python 'Apologies' and 'Bookshop' sketches.
 Michael Palin and Eric Idle interviewed by Michael Whale in 1973.

Radio 6 Music's Sean Keaveny and Matt Everitt discuss surreal music.
 Kenny Everett Radio Show extracts.
 Rob Brydon's 'Ken Bruce' Radio Show extracts.
 Producer: Kerry McCarthy.
 Made for and first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2014.

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 Episode 3
 Esther Greenwood decides to be seduced - 'when I was nineteen, pureness was the great issue.'
 Sylvia Plath's haunting and only novel tells the story of Esther Greenwood, a talented girl with a prestigious internship on a magazine in New York in 1953.
 With dreams of becoming a writer and an impressive track record of scholarships and prizes, Esther seems to have it all - and knows she should be 'having the time of her life'. But between the cocktail parties and the piles of manuscripts, unsatisfactory men and the choices ahead, she finds herself spiraling into confusion and depression. As she retreats from the world in despair, she will attempt suicide and find herself in the world of the asylum before finding a way through.
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 Abridged by Sally Marmion.
 Producer: Di Speirs
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WED 14:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qjdjw0)
 Series 1
 A Night in East Kilbride
 Will Self continues his tour of urban Britain travelling only by coach and bus, assessing what it means to be British in 2018.
 Will travels up the A1 from Middlesbrough to East Kilbride.
 Producer: Laurence Grissell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04brjb4)
 Queens of Noise: Get It On
 Episode 3
 Songwriter Beth has been hanging out with the lead singer of rival band The Radicals. Now she's pushing to dump the planned debut single and record her new song.
 Roy Boulter and Louise Wener's story about Velveteneers - an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.
 Beth Anneika Rose
 Sylvie Samantha Robinson
 Rain Hannah Arterton
 Sam Joe Absalom
 Richard Matthew Watson
 Mike Michael Bertenshaw
 Alec Damian Lynch
 Music directors: Brian Rawling and Marky Bates
 Director: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b05qt8j8)
 The Story of Alice
 Episode 3
 The Alice books prove far better than their creator at adapting to the modern world. And illness begins to take its toll.
 Where did Alice stop and 'Alice' begin?
 Wonderland is part of our cultural heritage - a shortcut for all that is beautiful and confusing: a metaphor used by artists, writers and politicians for 150 years.
 But beneath the fairy tale lies the complex history of the author and his subject. The story of Charles Dodgson the quiet academic, and his second self Lewis Carroll - storyteller, innovator and avid collector of child-friends. And also of his dream-child Alice Liddell, and the fictional alter ego that would never let her grow up.
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 Read by Simon Russell Beale.
 Producer: Joanna Green
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2015.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4ny)
 The Wings of Azrael
 Can a corporation's new plant strain mutation bring relief to famine stricken countries?
 James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.
 Max Flinders TP McKenna
 Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
 Howard Rogers Paul Copley
 Nurse Joan Matheson
 Anne Christine Absalom
 Blowers Michael Shannon
 Producer: David Spencer
 First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k29d)
 Series 2
 Sunderland Empire
 Geoffrey Wheeler profiles the premier variety venue in the North-East of England where artists as varied as Vesta Tilley, Harry Lauder, Ken Dodd and Helen Shapiro have entertained generations of theatre-goers.
 The Sunderland Empire is also the theatre where the Carry On comedy actor Sid James collapsed and died. Theatre staff who

were there on the night share their memories of the sad event. Featuring archive performances from many of the stars who have appeared on the Empire's stage.

Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

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WED 22:30 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00klk4r)

Series 1

Episode 3

Understanding phones – and what women never do...or do they?

Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along!

Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones -

the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out suggestions.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

WED 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01z1c1j)

Series 2

Chamanoa

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries,

finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have

experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.

More memories as Brian relives his experiences in Chamanoa, a

land where naturites battle nurturites, where genetics is pitted

against education.

Neil Pearson stars in series two of Bill Dare's satirical adventure

story about a man lost in a fictional world.

Brian Gulliver/ Thake Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver..... Mariah Gale

Kath & Hendl Lisa Dillon

Bordle Toby Longworth

Violinist Amy Butterworth

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in June 2012.

WED 23:30 Absolute Power (b007qs09)

Series 1

Episode 4

Can Prentiss McCabe come up with a strategy to increase

church congregations around the country?

Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR

spin with contacts at the highest level of government.

Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as

Martin McCabe.

With:

Tony Gardner

Siobhan Hayes

John Rowe

Alys Torrance

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020

THU 00:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4ny)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04brj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b05q8j8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000czy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice

(m000d84v)

3. Deadly Threat

After finding a body in the flat of his missing estranged wife,

Johnny Maxen faces his own deadly threat...

Edward Boyd's thriller serial starring Gordon Jackson.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Alastair Dodds Joe Dunlop

Joey Walter Jackson

Patsy James Kennedy

Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Tom Armstrong Douglas Murchie

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Office Girl Lyn Ashton

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on BBC Radio Light Programme in October

1966.

THU 06:30 Down and Out in the City of Angels (b0128lmt)

Rob Campbell used to be in charge of a top secret computer

system for the US military; he now camps down for the night in

a doorway, his hair matted, his fingernails grimy, alert for

trouble from cops. Corporal Hernandez left the US Infantry in

2006, and considers himself pretty sorted out; but he still gets

jumpy hearing fireworks on the 4th of July.

It's Veteran's Day in California. It's a day to celebrate returning

heroes, and in true Hollywood style, Arnold Schwarzenegger is

giving the address. But Los Angeles, city of sunshine and movie

stars, is also the homeless capital of America - estimates vary

between 50 and 75 thousand - and returning US veterans from

Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, make up a fifth of that

number.

Veterans are 50% more likely to become homeless than any

other demographic in the US, and to try and end the crisis, one

year ago, President Obama gave a speech in which he not only

promised to fight the problem, but end homelessness

completely amongst veterans by 2015.

Can Obama succeed in his plan to avert a human crisis as a

flood of newly discharged soldiers, carrying with them the

trauma of war, re-enter an economy in recession?

Peter Bowes heads out to skid row - more than just a row,

actually 50 square blocks of down town LA - to find out what

the challenge will be, meeting the down and outs on skid row, a

city within a city, to find out where things went wrong for

America's heroes, and whether Obama has a hope of turning

round America's hidden shame.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

THU 07:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06s9j7d)

Series 7

Two Desperate Men

Inspired by a story by O. Henry, we travel to Perthshire in the

days when the streets had more horses than horsepower. We

encounter two 1930s tricksters who get their just deserts when

they attempt to kidnap and hold to ransom a young lad who's

learned a thing or two from the Wild West.

Stanley Baxter and Joe Caffrey are those two desperate men.

Young member of the Royal Lyceum Youth Theatre Tom

Borley is the lad who gets the better of them in this classic

screwball comedy.

Series of comic plays starring Stanley Baxter.

Hughie Stanley Baxter

Bill Joe Caffrey

Logan Tom Borley

Written by Colin MacDonald

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast

in December 2015.

THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006dv6)

Episode 2

Sarah Millican hosts a new panel show using surveys to discover

who is the most Average Jolene, and who is the most Maverick

Matilda. This week's sparkling panel features Jennyclair,

Ayesha Hazarika, Hayley Ellis and Alun Cochrane.

Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and

favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the

panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from,

the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected

anecdotes are revealed along the way.

The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be

the most different, the furthest from the norm.

A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of

the spoons.

A Choppy production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b00z7rx)

From 17/12/1967

The King of Knotty Ash and a legendary footballer, the Head of

Pips and a pantomime. With John Laurie.

Starring Ken Dodd.

With John Laurie, Patricia Hayes, Graham Stark and Judith

Chalmers.

Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson

Script by Ken Dodd and Eddie Braben.

Producer: Bill Worsley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1967.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s8lg6)

Series 3

Episode 8

A Red Sea safari - and what babies discuss when mum's away.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and

parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David

Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Bill Oddie,

Graeme Garden, Alan Hutchinson and Eric Idle.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue

'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and

quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Dave Lee, Bill Oddie, Eric Idle and John

Cameron.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b00zm32d)

Series 1

Episode 6

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format.

Johnny Vaughan, Alan Davies, Roisin Conaty and Arthur Smith

battle it out to see who can beat each other at their own games

each has brought along.

Angus valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it

with their reputations intact.

Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell

Devised by Benjamin Partridge

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

THU 09:30 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

Series 1

Stake Capital

Retired gent, Julius Hutch is beset with bills and final demands.

Then a sum of £4,601,740.72 is mistakenly paid into his

account by an off-shore bank.

So should he return it or not? And whose money is it anyway?

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

First of two series written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Creditor Collin Johnson

Creditor Peter Whitman.

Scripted by Collin Johnson.

Producer: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b00772ff)

Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection

Episode 1

Katerina Maslova is a young prostitute on trial for the murder

of one of her clients.

Serving on the jury, Prince Dmitri recognises the young woman

as the girl he seduced many years before. Believing himself

partly responsible for her predicament, he embarks upon a

complex legal attempt to reverse the sentence passed upon her.

Leo Tolstoy's last major work dramatised in two parts by

Robert Forrest.

Katerina Maslova Katherine Igoe

Dmitri Nikhloydov Richard Dillane

Lydia Menshova Vivienne Dixon

Vera Bogovskaya Joanna Tope

Princess Marya Lesley Hart

Anatoly Krylstov/Rizin Joe Arkley

Gudz/Makar Dyerkin John Buick

Director: Lu Kemp.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

THU 11:00 An Investigation into Love by Babcock and Wainwright (b076prg)

The arrival of a particular white mouse sparks romantic chaos

in a research laboratory.

Tamara Kennedy reads Pippa Goldschmidt's tale

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.

THU 11:15 William Ingram - Letters to Miss Lucie (b00767d5)

When Dai, a retired miner, writes to Miss Lucie to protest at

and knows she should be 'having the time of her life'. But between the cocktail parties and the piles of manuscripts, unsatisfactory men and the choices ahead, she finds herself spiraling into confusion and depression. As she retreats from the world in despair, she will attempt suicide and find herself in the world of the asylum before finding a way through. The Bell Jar is both darkly funny and acutely observed, capturing in vivid and witty prose the society Plath inhabited in the 1950s. A modern classic, it's a powerful portrait of a clever young woman with great and varied ambitions, confounded by the hurdles the world puts in her way, as relevant today as when it was written.

Read by Lydia Wilson.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.

THU 14:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qh9pb)

Series 1

Across the Irish Sea

Will Self continues his 1,000-mile UK tour exploring British identity.

Travelling to Cairnryan, Will takes the ferry across the Irish Sea to assess questions of identity in Northern Ireland.

Producer: Laurence Grissell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04brdpd)

Queens of Noise: Get It On

Episode 4

Landing the support slot on a big tour gives Velvetens the chance to play to thousands every night. But can that ever compensate for the lack of black pudding at the B&B?

Louise Wener and Roy Boulter's story about Velvetens - an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.

Sylvie Samantha Robinson

Rain Hannah Arterton

Beth Anneika Rose

Sam Joe Absolom

Richard Matthew Watson

Vince Ben Crowe

Music directors: Brian Rawling and Marky Bates

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b05qsyln)

The Story of Alice

Episode 4

Lewis Carroll develops the story and finds a publisher for his fairy-tale about a little girl called Alice. Now all he needs is a suitable title for the book.

Where did Alice stop and 'Alice' begin?

Wonderland is part of our cultural heritage – a shortcut for all that is beautiful and confusing; a metaphor used by artists, writers and politicians for 150 years.

But beneath the fairy tale lies the complex history of the author and his subject. The story of Charles Dodgson the quiet academic, and his second self Lewis Carroll – storyteller, innovator and avid collector of child-friends. And also of his dream-child Alice Liddell, and the fictional alter ego that would never let her grow up.

This is their secret history - one of love and loss, of innocence and ambiguity, and of one man's need to make Wonderland his refuge in a rapidly changing world.

Drawing on previously unpublished material, Robert Douglas-Fairhurst traces the creation and influence of the Alice books against a shifting cultural landscape – the birth of photography, changing definitions of childhood and sexuality, and the tensions inherent in the transition between the Victorian and modern worlds.

Read by Simon Russell Beale.

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2015.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 It's Your Round (b00zm32d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06s9j7d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006dv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbj)

Birdstrike

After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders TP McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Blowers Michael Shannon

Prime Minister Noel Johnson

Shand Gregory de Polnay

Wayne Roy Spencer

Dymond Rod Beacham

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in

March 1978.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (m000d84w)

Series 33

Sir Mark Walport on Sir Hans Sloane

Sir Mark Walport, the government's Chief Scientific Advisor, champions Sir Hans Sloane.

Along with expert Marjorie Caygill, he tells Matthew Parris why the British Museum founder is the mother and father of all collectors.

Produced by Perminder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b00zl7rx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00s8lg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d84w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Down and Out in the City of Angels (b0128lmt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 An Investigation into Love by Babcock and Wainwright (b076prgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 William Ingram - Letters to Miss Lucie (b00767d5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006dv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Listen Against (b0088nzz)

Series 1

Episode 1

A cheeky round-up of a week's worth of BBC radio that never happened.

Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes from across the networks - featuring Scott Mills, Gordon Brown, Steve Wright and John Humphrys - and put them back together the wrong way round.

The brain-child of writer, comic and broadcaster Jon Holmes.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

THU 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0076283)

Series 2

Episode 3

Second World War stand-up comedian Edie Trinder joins Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine for some Blitz humour - and another war hero literally drops in!

Plus tips on relaxation from the Dirty Sloanes and more from the Gory Nuns and the Goatee Beard Men's Group.

Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With Dave Lamb, Martin Hyder and Jim North.

Additional material by Martin Hyder and Jim North.

Script editor: Graeme Garden

Music by Richard Webb.

Producers: Helen Williams and Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

THU 23:30 Delve Special (b00sz32f)

Series 1

The Shifton Scandal

Undercover investigative reporter David Lander begins a four-part expose into irregularities over plans to site a new London airport near Birmingham.

With serious allegations aimed at a multi-national giant - what exactly has the government's role been in the plans to demolish the town?

And exactly who is the shifty Mr Browncoat?

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Brenda Blethyn and Tony Robinson.

With Jack Klaff, James Griffiths, Stephen Frost, Peter Wear and Mark Arden.

Dramatic reconstruction by Hilda Schroder, Monica Grey, Jon Strickland and Scott Cherry.

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

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FRI 00:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (m000d84w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d84w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Down and Out in the City of Angels (b0128lmt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Sylvia Plath - The Bell Jar (b01qkwmj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qh9pb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04brdpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b05qsyln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b00772ff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 It's Your Round (b00zm32d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06s9j7d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006dv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

4. Mortuary

The longer Johnny Maxen's search for his estranged wife goes on, the more mysterious her disappearance becomes.

As he reports back to his mother-in-law, there's a message from Inspector Wardlaw...

Edward Boyd's thriller serial starring Gordon Jackson.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Pete Hodgson Roy Hanlon

Linda Karen Ramsay

John Havergal Eric Wightman

Hannah Irene Suters

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on BBC Radio Light Programme in October 1966.

FRI 06:30 Chant (b04lpzz2)

Richard Coles delivers to the 1990's when a recording of Benedictine monks singing became so popular it sold in the millions around the world.

If an album of classical music sold anywhere near one million copies at that time, it was considered unusual. For one to sell more than that was unprecedented. Adding further to this phenomenon was the fact that this was unfamiliar music at the time, Gregorian Chant, performed not by celebrity artists who might attract a large following, but by monks from a remote corner of Northern Spain. EMI marketed this album Canto Gregoriano, or Chant as it was named in America, as a unique antidote to stress.

Richard Coles with former EMI employees Kick Klimbie and Jane McCann, retrace EMI's marketing tactics in the promotion of Canto Gregoriano. Professor Adrian North will also be providing insights throughout the programme into the psychology of marketing, exploring what drives people to buy certain things, and how music can impact upon us physically and emotionally.

Richard Coles also takes a trip to the Isle of Wight, where Gregorian Chant is still an important aspect of life at both St Cecilia's Abbey and Quarr Abbey, and questions whether such music is still capable of having any meaning or impact upon our lives in the twenty-first century.

Producer: Luke Whitlock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

FRI 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08kzvvv)

Series 2

Live Young

Welcome back to Hardacre's, the worst advertising agency in London.

Series two of Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom starring Nigel Havers, Mathew Baynton and Josie Lawrence.

We find the team a little higher up the proverbial ladder. No longer fighting to stay afloat, but now fighting to get ahead, this week the team are confronted with an unexpected challenge - a can of water.

Tasked by accounts manager Amanda with creating a campaign to sell water to impoverished millennials, copy-writer Joe and art director Teddy face an unsettling question - can you convince people with no money to buy something they could have for free? And even if you can - should you?

As ever, they are alternately assisted and obstructed by their washed up creative director and self-professed advertising god, Rupert Hardacre (Nigel Havers) and disinterested receptionist Laura.

Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Joe Mathew Baynton

Teddy Kieran Hodgson

Laura Olivia Nixon

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2017.

FRI 07:30 The Skewer (m000czy8)

Series 1

Episode 1

A satirical river of sound and a platform for diverse new talent, this is topical satire like you've never heard it before. A new open-door comedy for a fresh generation of satirists who don't write sketches, jokes and one liners, but instead channel their talents into playing around with sound.

Following an award-winning pilot and an award nominated Halloween Brexit special, the "disorientating, dizzying, dazzling" Skewer returns for a full series.

"A freeform assault on the senses.. deeply haunting..an eerily beautiful discombobulating mosaic of spin" - comedy.co.uk

Creator and producer Jon Holmes curates contributions from brand new and diverse talent in a show where the experience is enhanced through headphones, attaching the listener to a late night drip of current events as they melt into the brain, evoking

a feeling of drifting off, but with the occasional uncomfortable sleep-twitch.

Sketch-writing has long been the way into radio comedy but, for the new generation of satirists who don't put pen to paper and instead behave away on laptops using self-taught skills to toy with the news-scapes. The Skewer's guerrilla approach to satire is their new playground.

"If ever there was an audio version of Coldwar Steve, it might well be this! Incredible."

"Cassette Boy meets Blue Jam. Superb."

"A whole new genre of radio comedy programme invented right there. Clever, funny and scary all at the same time."

"Weirdly, hypnotically funny. More please."

"Pushes the boundaries of satirical radio into the murky depths. The world needs exactly this kind of creative commentary right now. Looking forward to more."

"With this new show, Jon Holmes asserts his place as king of outsider radio art. Its woozy, punch drunk style operates as a perfect satire of our times. Headphones on and fall down it's K-hole, friends. Exceptional stuff." Rufus Hound
Producer: Jon Holmes

An Unusual production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

Series 4

Repeat Yourself the Burkiss Way, pt 1

Enter the 'Pardon,Sir?' school of languages.

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

FRI 08:30 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ww6z)

Series 1

Episode 2

Shady lawyer Flywheel goes into showbiz, taking over running of the theatre company.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellias Frank Lazarus

With Lorelei King and Graham Hoadly.

Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

FRI 09:00 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)

Series 2

Episode 1

Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.

Second series of the topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Gyles Brandreth and Arthur Smith battle it out against John O'Farrell and Arabella Weir.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

FRI 09:30 The Emerald Green Show (b077ygd)

Face Value

The show has failed to deliver, but Emerald's too desperate to give up so easily. Her feathers are ruffled when a bright and talented intern arrives.

A vain, ambitious black woman dreams of becoming a chat-show queen.

Lisselle Kayla's comedy series starring Llewella Gideon as Emerald Green.

Tristram Jonathan Firth

Fabio Iwan Thomas

Victor Dean Hill

Eunice Sheila Reid

David Jonathan Keeble

Tanisha Jo Martin

Director: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b00772m2)

Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection

Episode 2

Prince Dmitri follows the young prostitute Katerina Maslova to Siberia.

Having been unable to reverse the sentence for murder served in error upon her, he proposes marriage in the hope of redeeming the wrongs he did to her as a girl.

But he finds his proposal contested by a fellow prisoner Simonson, a man who has already made all the sacrifices in life that Prince Dmitri only threatens to make.

Conclusion of Robert Forrest's dramatisation of Leo Tolstoy's last major work.

Katerina Maslova Katherine Igoe

Dmitri Nikhloydov Richard Dillane

Lydia Menshova Vivienne Dixon

Vera Bogovskaya Joanna Tope

Princess Marya Lesley Hart

Anatoly Krylov Joe Arkley

Nabatov/Ivan Phil McKee

Simonson Tom Brooke

Old Man Finlay Welsh

Director: Lu Kemp.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000d94z)

Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.

FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ww6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Chant (b04lpzz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Sylvia Plath - The Bell Jar (b01qkq0)

Episode 5

Home from New York, Esther faces a summer in the suburbs and finds herself slipping into lethargy and at a loss.

Sylvia Plath's haunting and only novel tells the story of Esther Greenwood, a talented girl with a prestigious internship on a magazine in New York in 1953.

With dreams of becoming a writer and an impressive track record of scholarships and prizes, Esther seems to have it all - and knows she should be 'having the time of her life'. But between the cocktail parties and the piles of manuscripts, unsatisfactory men and the choices ahead, she finds herself spiraling into confusion and depression. As she retreats from the world in despair, she will attempt suicide and find herself in the world of the asylum before finding a way through.

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Read by Lydia Wilson.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.

FRI 14:15 Will Self's Great British Bus Journey (b09qhsch)

Series 1

Last Bus to the Border

Will Self concludes his bus tour of the UK, assessing British identity at a time of rapid change.

His final stop is Derry-Londonderry - on the very edge of the UK - where he speaks to young people about how they see themselves in 2018.

Producer: Laurence Grissell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04bryc0)

Queens of Noise: Get It On

Episode 5

Velveteens' debut single's out. The band love it, the record company loves it and Janice Long "loves it to bits". Will the nation agree?

Conclusion of Louise Wener and Roy Boulter's story about Velveteens - an all-girl band desperate to make it in the days before the digital revolution changed the music business forever.

Rain Hannah Arterton

Sylvie Samantha Robinson

Beth Anneika Rose

Sam Joe Absalom

Herself Janice Long

Shop Assistant Mark Edel-Hunt

Music directors: Brian Rawling and Marky Bates

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b05qt729)

The Story of Alice

Episode 5

Oxford gossip is catching up with Lewis Carroll. And while the 'real' Alice begins married life in a grand Georgian country house, he remains an object of fascination at Christ Church. Where did Alice stop and 'Alice' begin?

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Search and Destroy

Despite the national emergency, landowners try to profit from the deadly Exon strain.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller starring TP McKenna.

Max Flinders TP McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Nurse Joan Matheson

Prime Minister Noel Johnson

Blowers Michael Shannon

TV Presenter Henry Knowles

TV PA Mary Elliott Nelson

Climatorium Technician Rod Beacham

Helicopter Pilot Peter Wickham

Farmer Roy Spencer

Corporal Gregory de Polnay

Sachs Denis Goacher

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076qr3)

Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned

Matthew Parris, Rachel Royce, Harry Thompson and Libby Potter discuss the dangers of a woman scorned. From March 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b00crq2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007ww6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Chant (b04lpzz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000d94z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Skewer (m000cz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03wp5j6)

Series 3

The Works Barbecue

Damien reluctantly helps out at Anthony's barbecue for some work colleagues.

Written by Miles Jupp.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Brutus David Seddon

Steven Ade Oyefeso

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000dp7d)

Rosie Jones (1/2)

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Rosie Jones.

FRI 23:00 Party (b01n6rsf)

Series 3

Radio

The budding politicians get a crucial radio interview ahead of the upcoming election.

Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Anna Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Alison the radio producer Rachel Stubbings

Radio Interviewer Peter Curran

Drama intervieweeJot Davies

Producer: Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 2012.

FRI 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00cnclw)

Series 1

Episode 1

Rod Millet has always dreamed of working at the Maltby Collection.

But when he's appointed deputy curator of painting and sculpture, it quickly becomes clear that the son of a self-made biscuit mogul isn't going to fit into the musty and insular world of London antiquities...

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in the first of three series of David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins
Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond
Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.