

road to be wannabe flops or Top of the Pops?
In 2012, BBC Radio 2 broadcast a pilot music drama 'Shout to the Top', the brainchild of Jeff Smith with music industry veterans Louise Wener (Sleeper) and Roy Boulter (The Farm) drawing on their own experiences.
And so were born Velveteens, 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 members of the band embark on a roller coaster ride on the road to who-knows-where. Calling the shots is their new manager, Sam Shephurst.
Omnibus of five episodes.
Sylvie Samantha Robinson
Beth Anneika Rose
Rain Hannah Arterton
Sam Joe Absolom
Christy Clare Corbett
Alec Damian Lynch
Richard Matthew Watson
Music directors Brian Rawling and Marky Bates
Director: Toby Swift
First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.
SUN 07:15 Ronald Frame Short Stories (b08swpy2)
The Waitress at the Glockenspiel
"For two years, ever since she set out West, she has planned what to do..."
A waitress in Berlin serves coffee to her bitterest enemy and imagines how she will get her revenge.
Becky Hindley reads Ronald Frame's short story.
Producer: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.
SUN 07:30 All Those Women (b06bhvtr)
Series 1
Episode 2
Jen is driven to compete with Stuart in the parenting stakes. Cue the most fun (and educational) sleepover an eleven year old could wish for. In the meantime, Maggie would really prefer it if her houseguests would put things back in the correct drawer, and stop leaving teabags in the sink.
All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to. Every week we join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.
Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof.
Hetty Sheila Hancock
Maggie Lesley Manville
Jen Sinead Matthews
Emily Lucy Hutchinson
David Denis Lill
Stu Chris Pavlo
Pat Katherine Jakeways
Mrs Bell Amelia Lowdell
Freya Zoe Castle
Lucy Hollie Burgess
Announcement George Watkins
Script editor: Richard Turner
Producer: Alexandra Smith
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2015.
SUN 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m000dthmt)
Coming Home
Returning from a family holiday abroad, Ben sparks confusion when he thinks they've been robbed.
Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard Lyon and Barbara Lyon.
With Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir, Hugh Morton, David Enders and Roger Delgado.
Life With The Lyons was one of the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.
Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ray Sonnin.
BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1953.
SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09pv7kd)
The Best Policy
Harry finds a wallet and, being an honest chap, hands it in. What could possibly go wrong?
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 October 1976.
SUN 09:00 Why Women Read Fiction (Omnibus) (m000dhmw)
Women far outnumber men as buyers, borrowers and readers of most kinds of fiction. And make up the majority of festival attendees, reading group members and online book bloggers. In this wide-ranging book, Helen Taylor draws on over 500 interviews and questionnaires to explore what, when and how contemporary women read, and why fiction in particular is so precious to them. She looks at how women readers draw on

their fiction reading to tell the stories and mark the milestones in their own lives, pass childhood favourites on to children and grandchildren, and forge and sustain friendships. She hears from women about their childhood memories of learning to read, often taught by women in their family or at school, and about how books have become an indispensable part of their adult lives. Her book analyses the special appeal and changing readership for genres like romance, erotica and crime, and looks in detail at the continuing appeal of lasting classic novels like Pride and Prejudice and Jane Eyre.
As a male author, Ian McEwan, once said: 'When women stop reading, the novel will be dead.'
Helen Taylor is Emeritus Professor of English at Exeter University, has taught and published widely on women's writing, is a regular chairperson at literary festivals and was the first Director of the Liverpool Literary Festival. Her books include 'Scarlett's Women: Gone With the Wind and its Female Fans', 'Circling Dixie: Contemporary Southern Culture Through a Literary Lens' and 'The Daphne du Maurier Companion'.
The reader, Lucy Briers, has recently appeared in the TV shows Victoria and Gentleman Jack. She played Mary Bennet in the memorable 1995 television adaptation of Pride and Prejudice
Omnibus of five episodes.
Abridged and produced by Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b0612rj5)
Sarah and Andy – Doctors are Human Too
Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a doctor and her husband about the strain of dealing with life and death every day. 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 (b083h7vl)
Americans
Gillian Anderson
From Radiohead to Schubert.
American actress Gillian Anderson shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley
Best known as Dana Scully in The X-Files, her TV role won her two Screen Actors Guild awards, an Emmy and a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Drama Series.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000dhmy)
Series 6
Apologetical
Radiolab explores a sea of sorry-not-sorrys - what does it truly mean to make amends? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
How do you fix a word that's broken? A word we need when we bump into someone on the street, or break someone's heart. In our increasingly disconnected secular world, "sorry" has been stretched and twisted, and in some cases weaponised. But it's also one of the only ways we have to piece together a sense of shared values and beliefs. Through today's sea of sorry-not-sorrys, empty apologies, and just straight up non-apologies, we wonder what it looks like to make amends.
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 2018.
SUN 12:00 Life With The Lyons (m000dhmt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09pv7kd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Queens of Noise - Omnibus (b04efft4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Ronald Frame Short Stories (b08swpy2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 Coming Up For Air (Omnibus) (m000dhn0)
Episode 1
An overweight, married, middle-aged insurance salesman surveys his life while reflecting on the country he finds himself living in. George Orwell's novel is read by Tim McInnerny.
Written in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.
The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a

novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.
Abridged by Ellin Stein
Read by Tim McInnerny
Produced by Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4
SUN 15:45 Travels with Bob (b0868vyp)
4. Newham
Paddy O'Connell travels the country with his dog, Bob, talking to the people he meets.
The London Borough of Newham is one of the most diverse areas in Britain. It was once home to Tommy Flowers, inventor of the Bletchley Park codebreaking machine, Colossus. Paddy visits Flowers' former college and wonders why this local hero isn't as well remembered as his colleague Alan Turing.
Producer: Jo Coombs
A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.
SUN 16:00 The Northern Irish Man in CS Lewis (b007jw8w)
A fascinating journey into the childhood of one of the world's best loved writers.
Geoffrey Palmer stars as CS Lewis, guiding us through his early life illustrating how his Northern Irish boyhood in County Down inspired his magical stories of Narnia.
Written by Brian Sibley
Young CS Lewis Dario Angelone
Penny Hannah Gordon
Warnie Jack Logue
Lizzie Doreen Keogh
Father Stuart Graham
Mother Laura Hughes
Grandfather James Ellis
Doctor John Hewitt
With Sarah Gordon, Coirle Magee and Patrick Gleadhill as the children.
Director: Gemma McMullan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000dhn3)
David Jones and Edmund Blunden
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects The Fatigue featuring war poet David Jones and Three Score and Ten Edmund Blunden.
For some years David Jones was engaged on inter-related pieces of writing concerned with Roman soldiers garrisoned in Judea at the time of the Passion. In this fragment, The Fatigue, the term is used in the Army sense of a fatigue-party detailed haphazardly for a chance duty - in this case, the Crucifixion.
Read by the author.
First broadcast on Network Three in 1965.
First World War Poet, Edmund Blunden who battled at Ypres and The Somme, reads his own poems Concert Party and Report on Experience from a broadcast in 1957.
SUN 17:30 All Those Women (b06bhvtr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Ghosts From The Past (m000dhn5)
John Metcalfe - Mortmain
When disturbed Humphrey Child married his young Salome, he took his vows very seriously.
Robert Glenister stars in John Metcalfe's haunting drama.
John Temple Robert Glenister
Humphrey Child David March
Salome Helena Breck
Florence Scrivener Ann Windsor
Edward Scrivener Ronald Herdman
Heather Fleming Gudrun Ure
Andrew Fleming Jonathan Adams
Tom Fielding John Church
Dramatised by Rebecca Wilmshurst.
Director: Martin Jenkins
First broadcast on the BBC in April 1992.
SUN 18:45 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06pxm4h)
Episode 3
The reaver realises the dwarf is not all that he seems. 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 (m000dhmy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Drama (b065rn7t)
Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell
Starring John Hurt. A dying Soho, seen through the eyes of the notorious columnist of The Spectator - plain-speaking drinker, gambler, wit and raconteur. With frequent, very strong language.
Keith Waterhouse's biographical play of Jeffrey Bernard is a recreation of a time in London when poets, painters, artists and writers (Dylan Thomas, Francis Bacon, Lucien Freud, and Elizabeth Smart) lived alongside the local Low Life of No Knickers Joyce and Sid the Swimmer, inhabiting the clubs and pubs of Dean Street. Jeffrey knew and wrote about all of them.

WED 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000djpc)

7. Desperation
Johnny Maxen is under suspicion for the murder of his estranged wife.
His attempts to clear himself leads him to a loch-side cottage and a meeting with an old flame...
Edward Boyd's thriller serial starring Gordon Jackson.
Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson
Dorothy Havergal Anne Kristen
Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan
Bunty Nichol WHD Joss
Helen Duncan Lennox Milne
Producer: Eddie Fraser
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1966.

WED 06:30 Hamlet Undressed (b04jhn49)

Autumn 2014: The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester staged Shakespeare's Hamlet. Maxine Peake took on the iconic role in a production which saw her reunited with Artistic Director Sarah Frankcom, a year after their hugely successful version of Shelley's The Masque of Anarchy at the Manchester International Festival.
In this programme, we go behind the scenes and document Maxine's journey to playing the part of Hamlet. From research meetings to vocal sessions, from sword fight training to character preparation, we'll follow Maxine as she prepares to take on Shakespeare's most iconic work.

We hear from the director, the designer and other creatives about how they go about putting their unique stamp on the play, and create a Hamlet for Manchester, a Hamlet for 2014.
Producer: Elizabeth Foster
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

WED 07:00 Electric Ink (b0121pjk)

Series 1
Episode 6
A swathe of job cuts are predicted with circulation dropping, but who will survive the bloodbath?
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 Chazon
Freddy Ben Widdowson
Announcer Matt Addis
With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

WED 07:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000d85z)

Series 2
Nina Wadia and Elis James
Joe Lycett returns to explore 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, actress Nina Wadia shares her love of driving holidays, whilst comedian Elis James reveals his obsession with Welsh football shirts. Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Paul Jordan, who has a PHD in Eurovision.
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 (b007jm2y)

Series 3
The Conjurer
The lad takes up conjuring and is booked for Dartmoor Prison - unaware of Sid's plan.
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 (b00hsff3)

Series 2
Episode 6
A musing pianist, a two-headed 'Great Eccentric' and Is the Age of Chivalry dead?
A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.
With Terence Brady and Pauline Yates.
Pianist: Gordon Langford.
Written by Chris Allen, David Climie and Gordon Langford, Jim Eldridge, John Graham, Alan Hutchison, Chris Miller, Richard Murdoch, Allan Scott and Chris Bryant, Gerald Wiley and Stan Wootton.
Producer John Fawcett-Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.

WED 09:00 The Rest is History (b07858bs)

Series 2
Episode 4
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 Chris Addison and Alun Cochrane, who discuss the three wise men, Jack Straw (not that one), Henry Austen and a weaponry timeline.
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 (b008kmmq)
Series 2
Read All About It
After his disastrous children's TV appearance, Robert finds his flat surrounded by the press.
Is it an actor's dream or an actor's nightmare?
John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.
Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
Sue Caroline Quentin
With:
Jane Whittenshaw:
David Goodge
Donald Gee
Nicky Henson
Rosemary Martin
Producer: Paul Spencer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1990
WED 10:00 Doris Lessing - The Grass Is Singing (b014ts01)
Episode 2
Dick unknowingly seals Mary's fate, as her troubled relationship with houseboy Moses comes to a violent end.
Conclusion of Doris Lessing's powerful exploration of racial politics in 1940s Rhodesia.
Mary Turner 1 Alison Pettit
Mary Turner 2 Tracy-Ann Oberman
Charlie Slatter Miles Anderson
Dick Turner Andrew Wincott
Tony Marston Tom George
Denham Don McCorkindale
Moses Nicholas Beveney
Pheobe Slatter Estelle Kohler
Dramatised by Tina Pepler.
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.
WED 11:00 Tony Law's Surreal Guide to Surreal Comedy (m000djpg)
3, Mortimer, Morris and 'mando
Absurdist Canadian comedian, Tony Law, takes us on a journey through the twists and turns of Surrealism in comedy.
He is accompanied by Will Self and Will Frankel.
'Reeves & Mortimer' on R1 [06/02/1994]
Chris Morris interviews Arthur Streeb-Greebling [Peter Cook] on 'Why Bother?' [1994]
'The Museum of Lost Keyboards' [13/12/2003]
Producer: Kerry McCarthy.
Made for and first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2014.
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WED 14:00 Sylvia Plath - The Bell Jar (b01qmb0l)
Episode 8
With Doctor Nolan's help, Esther can finally fly free...
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.
Concluded by Lydia Wilson.
Abridged by Sally Marmion.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.
WED 14:15 Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade (b09k89wt)
Series 1
Trade and War
To cut a deal or to start a war?
Paul Seabright and his guests explore the long and multi-faceted relationship between trade and violence.
Producer: Chris Ledgard.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06418lc)
Penelope Mortimer - The Pumpkin Eater
Episode 3
Mrs Armitage makes a confession.
Helen McCrory and Paul Ready star in Penelope Mortimer's stark portrait of marriage and motherhood from 1962.
Dramatised by Georgia Fitch.
Mrs Armitage.....Helen McCrory
Jake Armitage.....Paul Ready
Doctor.....Chris Pavlo
Father.....Stephen Critchlow
Mother.....Sheila Reid
Philpot/Dinah.....Rhianon Neads
Bob Conway.....Mark Edel-Hunt
Beth Conway.....Alex Tregear
Giles.....Sam Dale
Journalist.....Neet Mohan
Director: Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
WED 14:45 The Shepherd's Life (b05r3xc3)
Episode 3
Clashing with his father, James Rebanks gains a place at Oxford University, but misses the farming life.
James Rebanks is the first son of a shepherd, who was the first son of a shepherd himself, he and his family have lived and worked in and around the Lake District for generations.
Small scale farming is an increasingly precarious livelihood, it's almost impossible to earn enough money to bring up a family, you need a secondary income. And so, as disagreements with his father intensified, James, aged twenty-one, decided to return to education, resulting in a place at Oxford. All the time he was away, he longed to be back home, working on the fells.
James Rebanks has a huge following on Twitter (as the @herdshepherd1) where you can see photographs detailing day to day life on the farm - including his fine flock of Herdwick sheep and, the latest additions to the workforce, sheepdog Floss's ten puppies.
Read by Bryan Dick
Written by James Rebanks
Abridged by Sian Preece
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
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WED 18:00 Fantastic Journeys (b00hd7m)
Fifty Cents by Tim Powers & James P. Blaycock
Time and chance play tricks on George Lyle as he drives across the empty Arizona desert in search of a precious book.
Nathan Osgood reads Tim Powers & James P. Blaycock's ingenious story involving murder and time travel.
Some of the best sci-fi/fantasy writers in a series of fantastic journeys featuring flights of fancy, time travel, magical transporters and alternate realities.
Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2009.
WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2kn)

Series 2
Eastbourne Royal Hippodrome
Geoffrey Wheeler travels to Eastbourne, where he meets staff and supporters of the Royal Hippodrome Theatre.
It was built in the 1880s by architect CJ Phipps and acclaimed at the time as one of the most luxurious Variety theatres in the country.
The colourful history of the venue reflects the changing pattern of popular entertainment; its stage has seen everything from light operettas to Music Hall and stand-up.
With Bruce Forsyth.
Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.
Producer: Libby Cross
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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 (b01m16pr)
 Series 2
 Lessington
 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 Lessington where ignorance reigns.
 Neil Pearson stars in series two of Bill Dare's satirical adventure story about a man lost in a fictional world.
 Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson
 Rachel Gulliver Mariah Gale
 Sharol Jo Bobin
 Cop Fergus Craig
 Cop Colin Hoult
 Guide Patrick Brennan
 Wife Christine Absalom
 Barman Harry Livingstone
 Robber Sam Alexander
 Producer: Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in June 2012.
WED 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000dqwc)
 Stephen K Amos (2/3)
 From **10.00pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to Stephen K Amos.
WED 23:30 Absolute Power (b007r395)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 Prentiss and McCabe are set their hardest challenge so far - to substantially increase listening figures for BBC Radio 3.
 Will this prove a wheeze too far for the Wheeze-master Generals?
 Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spinning with contacts at the highest level of government.
 Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.
 With:
 Rebecca Front
 Roger Sloman
 Philip Fox
 Beth Chalmers
 Mark Tonderai
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

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THU 06:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000djsm)
 8. Truth
 More and more people now suspect that Johnny Maxen murdered his wife. The latest is his mother-in-law who's got plenty to say...
 Conclusion of Edward Boyd's thriller serial starring Gordon Jackson.
 Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson
 Helen Duncan Lennox Milne
 Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan
 Dorothy Havergal Anne Kristen
 Bunty Nichol WHD Joss
 Doctor Alec Monteath
 Patient Hannah Gordon
 Producer: Eddie Fraser
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

1966.
THU 06:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)
 Tom Mangold joins a spy-themed cruise around the Caribbean. Outward appearances suggest it's just a regular cruise. But as the MS Eurodam sets sail from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, this vast ship is carrying two men who've been at the very heart of the US intelligence services. Former CIA directors Porter Goss and Michael Hayden are on board for the Spy Cruise, a seven day trip devoted to issues of national security.
 Passengers have paid to hear and mingle with these senior ex-spooks, as well as a range of other former intelligence and military officers. Whilst other passengers on the ship gamble in the casino, play pool games and try their hand at line-dancing, the spy cruisers are locked into a lecture theatre worrying about the state of global security.
 Tom Mangold discovers that the cruise is part of an attempt to repair the damaged reputation of the CIA after a string of controversies. In wide-ranging and rigorous interviews, he grills the two ex CIA bosses on extraordinary renditions, enhanced interrogations, water-boarding, and targeted assassinations.
 Producer: Laurence Grissell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
THU 07:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06shzjj)
 Series 7
 The Pool
 Set on one of Scotland's most famous salmon fishing rivers, we meet two old men with a shared love of the art of fishing and a shared past which haunts them both.
 Geoffrey Palmer joins Stanley Baxter on the edge of a famous salmon pool in Scotland, on a cold wintry day.
 Series of comic plays starring Stanley Baxter.
 Tam Stanley Baxter
 Jolyon Geoffrey Palmer
 Written by Michael Chaplin
 Director: Marilyn Imrie
 A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.
THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006lbh)
 Episode 3
 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 Sandi Toksvig, Angela Barnes, Harriet Dyer and Phil Wang.
 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 Chopsy production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b007jx51)
 Doddy's Daft Half Hour (20/08/1972)
 The King of Knotty Ash examines black magic and lands a part in a horror movie. Or does he?
 Starring Ken Dodd.
 With Hugh Paddick, Miriam Margolyes, Talryn Thomas, John Graham and Jo Manning Wilson.
 Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Malcolm Cameron, Stewart Campbell, Norman Beedle, Peter Tonkinson and John Pye.
 Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in August 1972.
THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00scw5v)
 Series 3
 Episode 9
 The Addictive Knitter - and a rare madrigal by Risotto.
 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 The Write Stuff (m000djsp)
 Series 4
 William Wordsworth
 James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Tracey Macleod and Gary Younge.
 Author of the week: William Wordsworth
 Reader: Becky Hindley
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.
THU 09:30 Capital Gains (b007r5d3)
 Series 1
 Venture Capital
 Absconding with £4,601,740.72 of someone else's money proves more challenging than it sounds for Julius Hutch.
 Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.
 Written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones
 Pauline Tone Celestine Randall
 Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham
 Peter Fang Peter Whitman
 News Reader Collin Johnson
 Kate Justine Midda
 Producer: Andy Jordan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.
THU 10:00 Jane Austen - Sense and Sensibility (b037s8mp)
 Episode 1
 Forced to leave their beloved family home after the death of their father, Elinor and Marianne try to make a new life for themselves at Barton Cottage.
 While Marianne unexpectedly meets the dashing Willoughby who sweeps her off her feet, Elinor has a surprise visit from Edward. But with neither fortune nor connections, the prospect of marrying the men they love appears remote.
 Jane Austen's first published novel is a delightful comedy of manners and a powerful analysis of the ways in which women's lives were shaped by the claustrophobic society in which they had to survive. It is an engrossing story of love, money, passion and prudence. Intelligently written, carefully plotted and beautifully detailed.
 Dramatised in two parts by Helen Edmundson.
 Elinor Amanda Hale
 Marianne Olivia Hallinan
 Mrs Dashwood Deborah McAndrew
 Colonel Brandon Blake Ritson
 Willoughby Ben Lamb
 Edward Henry Devas
 Sir John Conrad Nelson
 Lady Middleton Rosina Carbone
 Mrs Jennings Brigit Forsyth
 Nancy Victoria Brazier
 Lucy Caitlin Thorburn
 Musician: Emily Hooker
 Director: Nadia Molinari
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
THU 11:00 Jellyfish (b06bfd5c)
 Fittest
 A woman heads north, driven by strange phenomena and uncanny weather.
 Read by award-winning writer Janice Galloway from her 2015 collection.
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.
THU 11:15 Drama (b0612b30)
 The Dad Who Fell to Earth
 Tom had been struggling to come to terms with his dad's sudden death, but that was before he found out his dad was secretly an alien from a distant planet.
 Tom finds his whole world shifting to a new perspective, a perspective that might just also include saving Earth from imminent destruction.
 Comedy drama by Toby Hadoke.
 Tom Toby Hadoke
 Russell Ronald Pickup
 Jan Cherylee Houston
 Wendy Alexandra Mathie
 Pete Lee Fenwick
 Steve Lee Fenwick
 Chelsea Zoe Iqbal
 Director: Charlotte Riches
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.
THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b007jx51)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00scw5v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000djsm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lr7f)
 The Double Crossing
 A good first day for a certain detective named Lewis.
 The creator of the inimitable Inspector Morse brings a fresh detective tale to the airwaves.
 Colin Dexter reads his own story.
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
THU 14:15 Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade (b09k894n)
 Series 1
 Distance Matters
 What do Bronze Age donkeys and a high-speed train in Japan have in common?
 Economists Richard Baldwin and Thomas Chaney join Paul Seabright to investigate the impact of distance on trade.
 Producer: Chris Ledgard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b0643x63)
 Penelope Mortimer - The Pumpkin Eater
 Episode 4
 Mrs Armitage has consented to an abortion and a sterilisation.
 Helen McCrory and Paul Ready star in Penelope Mortimer's stark portrait of marriage and motherhood from 1962.
 Dramatised by Georgia Fitch.

Mrs Armitage.....Helen McCrory
 Jake Armitage.....Paul Ready
 Doctor.....Chris Pavlo
 Father.....Stephen Crichtlow
 Mother.....Sheila Reid
 Philpot/Dinah.....Rhianon Neads
 Bob Conway.....Mark Edel-Hunt
 Beth Conway.....Alex Tregear
 Giles.....Sam Dale
 Journalist.....Neet Mohan
 Director: Emma Harding
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
THU 14:45 The Shepherd's Life (b05r3zjm)
 Episode 4
 James Rebanks recalls the dark days of 2001, facing the horror of foot-and-mouth disease.
 James is the first son of a shepherd, who was the first son of a shepherd himself, he and his family have lived and worked in and around the Lake District for generations.
 In this episode, he remembers the dark days of 2001, when farmers faced the horror of Foot and Mouth disease. From the loss came something unexpected: a neighbour's kindness led him to breed pure Herdwick sheep.
 James Rebanks has a huge following on Twitter (he's the @herdyshepherd1) where you can see photographs detailing day to day life on the farm - including his fine flock of Herdwick sheep and, the latest additions to the workforce, sheepdog Floss's ten puppies.
 Read by Bryan Dick
 Written by James Rebanks
 Abridged by Sian Preece
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
THU 15:00 Jane Austen - Sense and Sensibility (b037s8mp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000djsp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Capital Gains (b007r5d3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06shzjj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006lhb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Fantastic Journeys (b00hb0h)
 The Faery Handbag by Kelly Link
 The story of Zofia Swink who claims to be over 200 years old. She comes from a village which takes refuge in a magical handbag when real life becomes too dangerous.
 Her distraught grand-daughter narrates this bizarre tale of loss... Maggie Blake reads Kelly Link's story.
 Some of the best sci-fi/fantasy writers in a series of fantastic journeys featuring flights of fancy, time travel, magical transporters and alternate realities.
 Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2009.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0418kg8)
 Series 33
 Marcus du Sautoy on Jorge Luis Borges
 Mathematician Marcus de Sautoy champions the blind Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges. He is fascinated by the connection between the creator of 'The Library of Babel' and science - did Borges really understand notions of infinity and space?
 Biographer Jason Wilson adds colourful detail to the life of a great writer whom he insists was just being impish when it came to the weighty matters that have excited more than one mathematician over the years.
 The programme includes beautiful recordings of Borges in conversation in 1971. Marcus du Sautoy is the Charles Simonyi Professor for the Understanding of Science.
 Presented by Matthew Parris.
 Produced by Miles Ward.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2014.
THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b007jx51)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00scw5v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000djsm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Jellyfish (b06bfd5c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 21:15 Drama (b0612b30)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006lhb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Listen Against (b0089j50)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 The show that prides the back off your radio, fiddles around with the programmes inside and then puts it all back together the wrong way round.
 Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes get meddling with the Proms, JK and Joel, Any Answers and The Archers.
 The brain-child of writer, comic and broadcaster Jon Holmes.
 Producer: Bill Dare and Jon Holmes
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

THU 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b00762ck)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Mel and Vicki encounter a computer flight simulator with more to offer than flying lessons, while Mel confesses to being a bit too recreational with her pharmaceuticals.
 Plus more from the Gory Nuns, the Dirty Sloanes and the Goatee Beard Men's Group.
 Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.
 With Martin Hyder and Jim North and Peter Serafinowicz.
 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 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000dr7q)
 Stephen K Amos (3/3)
 From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to Stephen K Amos.
THU 23:30 Delve Special (b00t1qsy)
 Series 1
 The Shifton Scandal
 In 1982 Shifton, a town 20 miles north east of Birmingham, was demolished to make way for London's third airport.
 David Lander examines the part played in the scandal by Mickey Ozada's Jolly Good Fun Holiday Company and looks at the fate of the Women's Anti-Airport Protest Camp.
 Studio production by Stephen Fry, Jack Klaff and Andrew Sachs.
 With Brenda Blethyn, Moray Watson, Tony Robinson and Jan Ravens.
 Dramatic reconstruction by Mark Arden, Stephen Frost, Felicity Montague and Phil Nice.
 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 Fantastic Journeys (b00hb0h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0418kg8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Edward Boyd - The Same River Twice (m000djsm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lr7f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade (b09k894n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b0643x63)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 The Shepherd's Life (b05r3zjm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Jane Austen - Sense and Sensibility (b037s8mp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000djsp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Capital Gains (b007r5d3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b06shzjj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m0006lhb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 VI Warshawski (b0089j85)
 Killing Orders
 Remembrance of Things Past
 Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski, is not happy to be asked for help by her Aunt Rosa who hates her - and the feeling's mutual...
 Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Kathleen Turner as VI Warshawski.
 Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw
 Gabriella Avril Clark
 Albert William Hootkins
 Rosa Eileen Way
 Father Carroll Don Fellows
 Father Pelly Colin Stinton
 Father Jablonski Peter Penry-Jones
 Sara Paretsky created one of the most popular female sleuths in modern crime fiction. Her heroine, VI Warshawski, is a strong female character in a male-dominated world. VI is comfortable packing heat and trailing nasty suspects but she never loses touch with her basic femininity.
 Paretsky says of her Warshawski: "I was troubled by the way women were portrayed in (detective fiction) they always seemed either evil or powerless. I thought it was time for a tough, smart, likeable female private investigator".
 Kathleen Turner also starred in the same role in the 1991 film 'VI Warshawski'.
 Dramatised by Michélene Wandor.

Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.
FRI 06:30 Marginalia (b046j96g)
 When someone takes a pen or pencil and adds a comment, an underlining or a question mark to the pages a book - is it cause for celebration or condemnation? And if the person with pencil in hand happens to be famous, should that colour our view?
 These are the questions Simon Armitage - himself a lapsed margin scribbler - wrestles with as he sets off to tell the story of marginalia.
 He begins with his own books, tracing his past through the comments he made as a much younger man first embarking on the world of poetry. He sees examples from some who've become regarded as masters of the art, such as William Blake and Samuel Coleridge, and hears how an Elizabethan torturer and a 20th century dictator had a great fondness for marginalia in common.
 Simon also heads to an antiquarian book fair, where he stumbles across an early volume of Dylan Thomas poetry, containing the poet's own drunken scrawl which has put the volume's price up to a handsome £8,000. Chiefly though this is a personal meditation for Armitage, bringing him into contact with a younger version of himself and reminding him of the profound power of physical books and the markings placed in them across decades and sometimes centuries.
 Producer: Geoff Bird
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
FRI 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08ljxgc)
 Series 2
 Just Do It
 The worst advertising agency team in London are unexpectedly in demand.
 The marketing manager of nutrition company Protein Team enlists their services for a huge poster campaign, aimed at selling protein shakes to women.
 Yet no sooner is their ad up - featuring a slender woman, and an even more slender bikini - than Hardacre's find themselves at the centre of a media storm over misogyny, body-shaming, and the evils of advertising.
 Wracked with guilt and determined to make amends, Joe clashes with his older and more cynical creative director Rupert Hardacre and accounts manager Amanda, who are convinced that sex sells and all publicity is good publicity. But in an age of Twitter storms and third-wave feminism, are they behind the times?
 Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.
 Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers
 Joe Mathew Baynton
 Amanda Josie Lawrence
 Jordan Richard Goulding
 Teddy Kieran Hodgson
 Laura Olivia Nixon
 Tube announcer David Fairs
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2017.
FRI 07:30 The Skewer (m000d869)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 From the mind of Jon Holmes comes topical satire like you've never heard it before.
FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)
 Series 4
 Repeat Yourself the Burkiss Way - Part 2
 Blankety Blank gets a new host and behind-the-scenes at the Dreary Lane Theatre.
 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 May 1979.
FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007xvln)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Flywheel's assistant Ravelli gets kidnapped, but will the shady lawyer pay the ransom?
 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 (b00fy1g5)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.
 The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.
 Gyles Brandreth and Natalie Haynes battle it out against John O'Farrell and Richard Herring.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

FRI 09:30 The Emerald Green Show (b078dlrj)

All For One

Will Emerald Green's ego be able to deal with the ambitious plans of new girl, Tanesha?

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

Tanesha Jo Martin

Director: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 10:00 Jane Austen - Sense and Sensibility (b0381164)

Episode 2

Elinor and Marianne are invited to stay at Mrs Jennings' house

in London. But Marianne has a surprising encounter with Willoughby and complications arise for Elinor and Edward.

Will the Dashwood sisters find happiness and love?

Conclusion of Jane Austen's classic novel dramatised by Helen Edmundson.

Elinor Amanda Hale

Marianne Olivia Hallinan

Mrs Dashwood Deborah McAndrew

Colonel Brandon Blake Ritson

Willoughby Ben Lamb

Edward Henry Devas

Sir John Conrad Nelson

Lady Middleton Rosina Carbone

Mrs Jennings Brigit Forsyth

Nancy Victoria Brazier

Lucy Caitlin Thorburn

John Dashwood Andonis James Anthony

Fanny Lisa Brookes

Mrs Ferrars Alexandra Mathie

Musician: Emily Hooker

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000dp29)

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

FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007xv1m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 VI Warshawski (b0089j85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Marginalia (b046j96g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Alex Shearer - Getting a Life (b007k4br)

When a person sees their life going the other way on the back

of a lorry, what can they do?

Brian Parr reads Alex Shearer's short story.

Producer: Pauline Stone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1997.

FRI 14:15 Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade (b09k8r9v)

Series 1

Fair Exchange

Consumer protectors or greedy monopolists?

Paul Seabright is joined by Sheilagh Ogilvie, Professor of

Economic History at Cambridge, to take a fresh look at what

guilds really did for trade in medieval and early modern Europe,

and lessons for trade today.

Producer: Chris Ledgard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06442qc)

Penelope Mortimer - The Pumpkin Eater

Episode 5

Having discovered Jake's affair with Beth Conway, Mrs

Armitage takes refuge with her former husband, Giles.

Helen McCrory and Paul Ready star in Penelope Mortimer's

stark portrait of marriage and motherhood from 1962.

Dramatised by Georgia Fitch.

Mrs Armitage.....Helen McCrory

Jake Armitage.....Paul Ready

Doctor.....Chris Pavlo

Father.....Stephen Critchlow

Mother.....Sheila Reid

Philpot/Dinah.....Rhiannon Neads

Bob Conway.....Mark Edel-Hunt

Beth Conway.....Alex Tregear

Giles.....Sam Dale

Journalist.....Neet Mohan

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

FRI 14:45 The Shepherd's Life (b05r6sx0)

Episode 5

Spring is the farmer's reward for the hard days of winter - and

in this final episode, the cycle of the year begins again, as James

Rebanks prepares for lambing.

The first son of a shepherd, who was himself the first son of a

shepherd, James and his family have lived and worked in and

around the Lake District for generations. Through his eyes we

see that the Lake District is not a playground or a scenic

backdrop, it's a working landscape that needs sheep and its

farmers to survive.

Concluded by Bryan Dick

Written by James Rebanks

Abridged by Sian Preece

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

Music details:

Track: "The Nightshift"

CD: Country Escape

Label: BBC Production Music BBCPM031.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

FRI 15:00 Jane Austen - Sense and Sensibility (b0381164)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 The Emerald Green Show (b078dlrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b081jxcc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Skewer (m000d869)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Fantastic Journeys (b00hq136)

Peter F Hamilton - If At First ...

Some of the very best classic and contemporary sci-fi and fantasy writers come together in this series of four fantastic journeys featuring flights of fancy, time travel, magical transporters and alternate realities

How does multi-millionaire businessman, Marcus Orthew, always manage to stay one step ahead of the game - he refers to the names of technological devices before they've been

invented; he seems to have an uncanny knack of being able to

predict the downfall of high-profile public figures years before

the event? Detective Inspector, David Lanson, is interviews a

suspect arrested for stalking the multi-millionaire. During the

course of this interrogation, Orthew's incredible story is

revealed.

Written by Peter F. Hamilton.

Read by Sam Dale.

Series abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 7 in 2009.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076qvj)

How Long Is a Piece of String?

Matthew Parris, Susannah Jowitt, Jasmine Birtles and David Boyle discuss the influence and importance of numbers. From March 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007js7b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 20:30 Marginalia (b046j96g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000dp29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Skewer (m000d869)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03xd3hn)

Series 3

The Prisoner

Nerves are fraying as Anthony's first night of Hay Fever looms, not helped by news of a dangerous prisoner loose in the area.

Meanwhile, Damien contends with an angry neighbour...

Written by Miles Jupp.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Steven Ade Oyefeso

Constable Clive David Seddon

Superintendent Michael Bertenshaw

Victim Liaison Officer Priyanga Burford

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000drbg)

A Tribute to Neil Innes

From **10.00pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Arthur Smith pays tribute to

Neil Innes with some clips from the Comedy Club archive.

FRI 23:00 Innes Own World (b0170r0p)

Episode 1

Famed for The Rutles and The Bonzo Dog Band, Neil Innes

reflects wryly on the nature of civilisation.

An opportunity to climb inside Neil Innes's head to find songs,

atmospheric musings and some very irritating commercial

breaks.

Script Editor: John Dowie

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

FRI 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00crds8)

Series 1

Episode 2

Deputy curator Rod holds a press conference and Walter makes

a move.

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in 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

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Rod's Mum Liza Sadovoy

Mark Patterson Ben Moor

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.