

SATURDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2020

SAT 00:00 Ben Moor - Undone (b007jxhj)

Series 1

Unravelling

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

Conclusion of series one of Ben Moor's comic sci-fi saga.

Edna Sarah Solemani

Tankerton Ben Moor

Carlo Duncan Wisbey

Grant Tim Key

Producer: Colin Anderson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in October 2006.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076qyy)

Lost Opportunities

Matthew Parris chews over the one that got away with writers Patrick Neate, Ros Taylor and Zinovy Zinik. From March 2005.

SAT 01:00 VI Warshawski (b007jqdy)

Killing Orders

No One Is Lucky Forever

Phone threats and an acid attacker - can VI Warshawski halt the Corpus Christi takeover of Ajax and finally prove who murdered Agnes?

Conclusion of Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Kathleen Turner as Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski.

Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw

Uncle Stefan Maurice Denham

O'Faolin John Bennett

Gabriella Avril Clark

Lotty Herschel Miriam Karlin

Mrs Paciorek Helen Horton

Father Carroll Don Fellows

Walter Novick Colin McFarlane

Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale

Rosa Eileen Way

Father Pelly Colin Stinton

Dr Paciorek Norman Jones

Dramatised by Michélene Wandor.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

SAT 01:30 Jules Verne's Volcano (b0106tjp)

12 months after Iceland's ash cloud grounded global air transport, leading sound recordist Chris Watson reveals the secrets of one of Iceland's more literary but no less famous volcanoes.

A boyhood Jules Verne fan, Chris will retrace the steps of Professor and Axel Lidenbrock from Reykjavik to his favourite place in the world - Snaefellsjökull - the glacier that contains the passage to the Centre of the Earth in Verne's 1864 seminal work of science-fiction.

Along the way he'll encounter communities affected by the 2010 eruptions of Eyjafjallajökull, talking to people who live within this geologically charged environment and meeting artists and musicians who have been inspired by their volcanic landscape.

Tying in with Verne's theme of geographical exploration, to reach Snaefellsjökull - known to locals simply as Jules Verne's Volcano - Chris will travel through one of Iceland's most beautiful National Parks and will use his extraordinary recording techniques to reveal the natural sounds of this unique environment. The sounds of bubbling mud pools and sulphurous springs mirroring Jules Verne's deep connection to the physical world.

Revealing interviews with leading figures from Iceland's vibrant arts scene: including the keyboardist of Sigur Ros and best-selling Icelandic author Andri Snaer Magnason will combine with Chris's recordings as he creates his own sonic adventure in the shadow of Jules Verne's novel and Iceland's volcanoes.

Producer: Rose de Larrabeiti

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2011.

SAT 02:00 Short Works (m000dryf)

Susmita Bhattacharya - Table Manners

Mango Season

A woman makes a discovery about her extraordinary great-grandmother's past.

Five tales of home and migration from the Table Manners collection by Susmita Bhattacharya.

Susmita Bhattacharya was born in Mumbai. She teaches contemporary fiction at Winchester University and also facilitates the Mayflower Young Writers workshops, a SO:Write project based in Southampton. Her first story for radio, 'Summer Learning' (2015), was followed by the creative non-fiction piece, 'My Chemo Brain' in 2017. Her first novel, The Normal State Of Mind, was published in 2015. Her collection of stories, Table Manners, was published in 2018.

Writer: Susmita Bhattacharya

Reader: Aysha Kala

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra

SAT 02:15 Conflict and Co-operation: A History of Trade (b091234p)

Series 1

Age of Anxiety

The latest backlash against globalisation is nothing new.

Paul Seabright looks at how opening yourself up to trade with others not only creates opportunities, but can make you anxious

about being dependent on the outside world.

Producer: Chris Ledgard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

SAT 02:30 Ladies of Letters (b007k3wb)

Ladies of Letters Go Global

Episode 5

Vera and Christopher undertake a life-threatening undercover operation for MI6.

With no-one else to turn to, Irene combines forces with the expat couple employing her to get Vera and Christopher air-lifted out of the diamond mine in which they have been billeted.

Irene Prunella Scales

Vera Patricia Routledge

Brian Ewan Bailey

The up and down relationship of two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Havman.

Producer: Claudine Toutoungi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

SAT 02:45 The Real George Orwell (b01qnt5r)

Essays and Journalism

As I Please

In this final selection of pieces, Orwell explores gullibility in modern society, ridicules the absurdities of the New Year's Honours List, and recalls a minor incident from his youth which helped to form his socialist outlook.

Reader: Clive Merrison

Producer: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b06sf10d)

The Bed-Sitting Room

Three years since the nuclear misunderstanding which led to the third world war ("and it's no idle boast when I remind you that this was the shortest world war on record... two minutes twenty eight seconds... including the signing of the Peace Treaty which is now on sale at Her Majesty's Stationery Office with a free T-shirt") survivors gather together on the former-streets of London.

In amongst the rubble, Captain Kak and his fiancée Penelope find Lord Fortnum, who is convinced he's turning into a bed-sitting room. With property prices what they are, Kak should be on to a good thing.

This atmospheric, surrealist play was originally written by John Antrobus and Spike Milligan.

Adapted by John Antrobus and Paul Merton.

Captain Kak Paul Merton

Lord Fortnum Derek Jacobi

Mate Bernard Cribbins

Penelope Catherine Tate

The BBC Corrie Corfield

Mrs Ethel Skroake Suki Webster

The Vicar John Antrobus

Captain Sean Baker

Seaman Richard Pepple

Music and FX by Jerry Peal.

Director: Sam Michell.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SAT 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)

Series 2

Episode 3

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.

Mark Steel and David Quantick battle it out against John O'Farrell and Chris Addison.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 04:30 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

Series 1

The Lost Boys

Angus Dry has no job, no friends and lives at home with his mum. She has an international business career and a string of lovers. He feels very sorry for her.

In this opening episode of Nick Ball's sitcom, Angus tries to recapture the joys of childhood.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

SAT 05:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08md98w)

Series 2

Give a Man a Fish

The worst advertising agency team in London are on the lookout for a charity prepared to accept their work.

While Joe is determined to do some good in the world, Amanda and Hardacre are more interested in winning prestige and awards with a buzzy new charity campaign.

As Joe and Teddy head out into the streets and soup kitchens of London, looking for the ground level stories that make a good campaign, Amanda and Hardacre spend an evening at a fundraiser organised by Hardacre's old brother in arms Bill Lessing.

But where's he been for the last ten years? And what exactly does his charity do?

Edward Rowet's award-winning sitcom.

Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Jordan Kieran Goulding

Teddy Kieran Hodgson

Bill Lessing Mark Evans

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

SAT 05:30 The Skewer (m000dggz)

Series 1

Episode 3

From the mind of Jon Holmes comes topical satire like you've never heard it before.

SAT 06:00 Drama (b078mc9p)

John Osborne - Look Back in Anger

Richard Wilson directs this dramatisation starring David Tennant as Jimmy Porter.

Premiering in 1956, John Osborne's classic play that launched the Angry Young Man movement has lost none of its bite and still disturbs and questions in equal measure.

Jimmy Porter.....David Tennant

Alison.....Nancy Carroll

Cliff.....Daniel Evans

Helena.....Claire Price

Colonel.....Sir Ian McKellen

Director: Richard Wilson

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

SAT 07:30 Journeys Down My Street (b01rvnws)

Home Away From Home - The Somalis of Bute Street, Cardiff Amidst all the coverage of contemporary migration to Britain, it is easy to forget the older generations of immigrants from across the world who have settled here and made Britain their home.

In this series, Mike Berlin, an urban historian from Birkbeck College, University of London, visits individual streets at the heart of such communities, to hear the stories of earlier immigrants - their arrival, their early lives and their observations on Britain today.

In this episode, Mike meets the Somalis of Bute Street, Cardiff. At the end of the 19th century many working on the steam ships of the British Empire was an attractive career choice for seamen from Somaliland. Many came to Cardiff, found work in the docks heaving the coal that powered those ships, and the first settled in Butetown in 1890.

A vibrant community grew, centred on the docks and the mosque. But the last coal was shipped out in the 1960s, Cardiff docks are not what they were and Butetown has been redeveloped - and work is scarce.

The older generation of Somalis has, in recent years, been joined by new immigrants, refugees from their war-torn homeland. Their experiences and expectations are very different, as 'De Gabay' recently made clear. This was a day-long production with National Theatre Wales, in which young poets from the Somali community performed all around Butetown.

The Somalis whose families have lived in Butetown for a century, and more recent arrivals tell their stories, too.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b05nk3r0)

Lern Yerself Scouse

Writer Paul Farley cooks a pot of Scouse for a party of eminent Liverpudlians to explore the complex flavours and disputed origins of the Scouse accent.

In the company of Willy Russell, Gillian Reynolds, Michael Angelis and Roger McGough, Paul explores a rich archive of Scouse voices, charting some of the recent mutations in the accent.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

SAT 09:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chqrb)

The radio legacy of iconic British comedy actor Arthur Lowe - best loved as Dad's Army's very own Captain Mainwaring, Arthur's friend, and Dad's Army co-star, Ian Lavender (Private Pike) is our guide over 3 hours:

* Desert Island Discs - Arthur Lowe:

Lost to the BBC archives, but saved by a listener's off air recording, Arthur Lowe's castaway choices heard for the first time since 1970. Arthur tells Roy Plomley about his childhood, his early acting days whilst serving in the Second World War, his time on ITV's Coronation Street, and his joy at being part of the BBC's Dad's Army team - then in its relative infancy.

* Dad's Army:

Ian chooses his favourite episode about the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon from the many radio adaptations.

* Billy's Last Stand:

From 1965, Arthur stars in a startling drama, the first play from Barry Hines (who later wrote the novel 'A Kestrel For A Knave' - filmed by Ken Loach as 'Kes') In this darkly comic tale, Arthur Lowe plays casual labourer Billy who becomes the target of the schemes of parasitic Darkly, played by 'The Men From The Ministry' star, Ronald Baddiley. First heard on the BBC Third Programme.

* With Great Pleasure:

Not heard since 1976, Arthur Lowe's own choice of favourite readings and sketches. Helped by Martin Jarvis, hear Arthur's take on one of his favourite writers, PG Woodhouse, as he plays

the ultimate British butler, Jeeves.
 Arthur Lowe died aged 66 on 15th April 1982.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter McHugh.
 First broadcast in September 2015
SAT 12:00 The Change (b0076cp6)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 George is trying to persuade Carol to let him move back in but she's having none of it. All she wants is a new haircut - and a new life.
 Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol whose husband George revealed he's a transvestite - and she's kicked him out.
 Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.
 Carol Lynda Bellingham
 George Chris Ellison
 Violet Sylvia Syms
 Maureen Maureen Beattie
 Dave Mark Powley
 Ken James Vaughan
 Jerry Barnaby Kay
 Sonia Emma Kennedy
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
SAT 12:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nm0f2)
 Series 1
 The Little Grey Man
 The ups and downs of a second class writer
 First of two comedy drama series written by Ronald Hayman.
 Woodhouse Tim Pigott-Smith
 Gila Zoe Wanamaker
 Seamus Stephen Rea
 Wilhelmina Susie Bran
 Henrietta Masterson Miriam Karlin
 Hamish McVomitory Bill Wallis
 Gila's Dad Benjamin Whitrow
 Gila's Mum Joan Matheson
 With Eva Stuart, Susan Sheridan and Shaun Prendergast as Creative Writing Class members.
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop
 Director: Piers Plowright
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in September 1989.
SAT 13:00 Riot Girls (m000dzpb)
 Trumpet (Omnibus)
 When celebrated jazz trumpeter Joss Moody dies, his adopted son Colman makes an extraordinary discovery - the man he adored as his father was, in fact, a woman.
 Adjoa Andoh, Enyi Okoronkwo and Maureen Beattie star in Tanika Gupta's dramatisation of Jackie Kay's fiercely pioneering novel.
 Omnibus of the fourth season of provocative writing by women, Riot Girls, offers no-holds barred dramas that explore themes of gender identity, lesbian relationships and the intersections between the feminist and LGBTQ+ movements.
 Older Millie.....Maureen Beattie
 Colman.....Enyi Okoronkwo
 Joss.....Adjoa Andoh
 Younger Millie.....Sinead MacInnes
 Sophie.....Scarlett Courtney
 Big Red.....Neil McCaul
 Mrs Mason.....Heather Craney
 Mrs Moore.....Jessica Turner
 May.....Tracy Wiles
 Young Joss.....Lucy Reynolds
 Other parts played by Adam Courting and Ian Conningham
 Music by Clifford Brown, with additional trumpet by Peter Ringrose
 Directed by Emma Harding
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000dzpd)
 Eoin Colfer
 Artemis Fowl creator and children's author Eoin Colfer chooses 'Whatever You Want' by Status Quo and 'All I Want Is You' by U2.
SAT 14:15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b00751nr)
 Professor Norman Stone
 Author Professor Norman Stone tells Anthony Clare about his loathing for Oxford University and admiration of Margaret Thatcher.
 Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with prominent people from different walks of life.
 Born in Dublin, author Anthony held a doctorate in medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle, In the Psychiatrist's Chair.
 Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred to TV. Series highlights include conversations with Bob Monkhouse, Cecil Parkinson and Gerry Adams.
 Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.
SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b05nk3r0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Drama (b078mc9p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Journeys Down My Street (b01rvnws)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Dan Dare (m000dzpg)

Series 2
 Prisoners of Space 3/3
 Despite being imprisoned in his own impregnable cell, The Mekon throws down one last challenge to Dan Dare. Stars Ed Stoppard.
 Dan Dare Ed Stoppard
 Digby Geoff McGivern
 Professor Peabody Heida Reed
 Sir Hubert Michael Cochrane
 The Mekon Raad Rawi
 Major Stranks Robert G. Slade
 Cadet 'Flamer' Spry Noof McEwan
 Sondar Bijan Daneshmand
 Treen Captain Alistair Lock
 On-board Computer Dianne Weller
 Original music: Imran Ahmad
 Dramatised by Colin Brake from an original story by Frank Hampson.
 Produced and directed by Andrew Mark Sewell.
 Made by B7 Media
SAT 18:30 Sally Warboyes - Wishing Well (b0075vj3)
 When Sarah's car breaks down on the motorway, she soon regrets asking Grace and Kenneth for shelter...
 Rosemary Leach stars in a chilling tale by Sally Warboyes.
 Grace Rosemary Leach
 Sarah Kate Buffery
 Kenneth Norman Bird
 Man Alan Barker
 Policeman Robert Portal
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.
SAT 19:00 Do Tell Them Pike: Arthur Lowe on the Radio (b06chqrb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07pgwp0)
 Series 1
 The Announcement
 Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.
 Josh and his wife Monique attend a family funeral where Josh manages to fall out with everyone and spectacularly fails to keep the news of the pregnancy under wraps.
 Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.
 Written by Josh Howie.
 With Spencer Brown, Carol Dance, Stella Duffy, Kerry Godliman, Steve Jameson and Peter Walsingham.
 Producer: Ashley Blaker
 A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2016.
SAT 22:30 Masala FM (b007jz5q)
 Episode 5
 When the Asian radio station's boss gets religion, the on-air result is far from heavenly.
 Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal
 Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawhney, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.
 Music by Nitin Sawhney.
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.
SAT 23:00 Wondermental Cabaret (b00y9p6p)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Poet, performer, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, Matt Harvey presents this comedy-infused, musically-enhanced, slightly interactive poetry cabaret.
 Recorded in front of an audience at The Royal Seven Stars in Totnes, South Devon, he's joined by the poet Murray Lachlan Young and one man house band Jerri Hart.
 Fellow poets Liv Torc and Nathan Filer battle it out with Murray in a Dead Poets' Slam, while the audience compose their own poem on the subject of gerbils.
 Producer: Mark Smalley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
SAT 23:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076w2p)
 The Firesign Theatre
 The Firesign Theatre make their first British appearance for many years at the London Comedy Store.
 Since the mid 1960s, The Firesign Theatre has been one of the best kept secrets in American comedy. A four-man comedy troupe with shades of Monty Python and The Goons, they grew out of a free-form radio show in California. They went on to produce a series of comedy albums which became cult favourites, in which they combined satire with parodies of popular culture and classic drama.
 Expect political comment, a virtuoso range of comic voices, and plenty of verbal ingenuity.
 Series in which Mark Thomas introduces iconic American comedy performers.
 Producer: Paul Bajoria
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

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SUN 00:00 Dan Dare (m000dzpg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:30 Sally Warboyes - Wishing Well (b0075vj3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Riot Girls (m000dzpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000dzpd)
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SUN 05:30 Journeys Down My Street (b01rvnws)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k3xg)
 Ladies of Letters Go Global (Omnibus)
 Irene and Vera are back - and this time they are going global. Determined to escape the aftermath of their respective Christmases from Hell, first Vera nabs a package to Ibiza, then Irene sets out to rescue her friend when she falls prey to the charms of Gaston the seductive Gascon.
 Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge star as grandmothers, Irene Spencer and Vera Small.
 Series of comic emails written by Carole Hayman and Lou Wakefield.
 Producer: Claudine Toutoungi
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
SUN 07:15 Tips For The Barmaid by Claire Powell (b0788bc8)
 A 40-something single mum works behind the bar at the local sports club. The members of the veterans football team are her favourites, and one player in particular. What starts as smiles across the bar turns into something more.
 Read by Lorraine Ashbourne.
 Claire Powell was born and brought up in south-east London. She graduated from UEA's Creative Writing (Prose) MA in 2012, where she received the year's highest mark for a dissertation, and was awarded the Malcolm Bradbury Memorial Bursary and Malcolm Bradbury Continuation Grant. Her first radio story, Marathon, appeared as part of The Time Being (Series 6) in 2013.
 Producer: Jeremy Osborne
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.
SUN 07:30 All Those Women (b06fkd21)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 It's Maggie's 60th birthday, so bring on the surprise present! And also some unwelcome revelations and a lot of facts about ballooning...
 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
 Stu Chris Pavlo
 David Denis Lill
 Niamh Isy Suttie
 Gareth Stephen Critchlow
 Announcement George Watkins
 Script editor: Richard Turner
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 2015.
SUN 08:00 Whack-O! (m000dzxy)
 Series 2
 The Russian Visitor
 Back from Moscow for the new school term, headmaster 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards sets out to impress a Russian dignitary.
 Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentilefolk".
 Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents.
 Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95 pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Potter, that the school exists at all.
 Staff played by June Whitfield, Roddy Maude-Roxby, Frederick Treves and Edwin Apps
 Schoolboys and other horrors: Roger Shepherd, John Coxall, Graham Aza, David Lott, Stuart Anderson and Philip Leavermore.
 Special Guest: Roy Dotrice as Bulenkov.
 Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio by David Climie.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1962.
SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09r458r)
 Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten
 Harry gets more than he bargains for when celebrating his birthday with some wartime reminiscences.
 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 Motherwell (Omnibus) (m000dzxy)
 The late journalist Deborah Orr was born and bred in the Scottish steel town of Motherwell, in the west of Scotland. Growing up the product of a mixed marriage, with an English mother and a Scottish father, she was often a child on the edge of her working class community, a 'weird child', who found solace in books, nature and in her mother's company. But her mother's shadow was long and often controlling - Deborah was not always mothered well.
 In her powerful and poignant memoir, Deborah Orr explores the effects of her strict parenting and her own strong desire for independence and autonomy which led her to flee her roots, first to St Andrews University, with mixed results, and then to her hugely successful career as a journalist and writer in London. She also paints a vivid portrait of the place and the community around the steel works of Ravenscraig - the hub of her world in the sixties and seventies.
 Deborah Orr died of cancer in Autumn 2019, and her book is published at the end of January.
 Omnibus reader: Siobhan Redmond
 Abridger: Julian Wilkinson
 Producers: Karen Holden and Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in five parts in January 2020.
SUN 10:10 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06fw2lm)
 Fashion
 Dame Zandra Rhodes
 4 Extra Debut. From Pink Floyd to Ravel, fashion designer Dame Zandra Rhodes makes her castaway choices. With Roy Plomley. From February 1983.
SUN 11:05 Radiolab (m000dzms)
 Series 6
 When Brains Attack
 Radiolab explores strange stories of brains that lead their owners astray. With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
 In this episode, strange stories of brains that lead their owners astray, knock them off balance, and, sometimes, propel them to do amazing things.
 We hear from a kid whose voice was disguised from himself, relive a surreal day in the life of a young researcher hijacked by her own brain, and try to keep up with an ultra-athlete who, after suffering terrible seizures, gained extraordinary abilities by removing a chunk of her brain.
 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 2012.
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SUN 14:30 The Second Sleep (Omnibus) (m000dy3)
 Episode 1
 Father Fairfax, a newly ordained priest has been sent by the Bishop of Exeter to the village of Addicott St George to bury Father Lacy who has recently died.
 But a mysterious figure appears at the funeral casting doubt on the accidental nature of the priest's death.
 Robert Harris' totally absorbing and truly surprising thriller takes a 'historical futuristic' setting to comment on the present. Author Robert Harris, the master of plotting is best known for his best-selling fiction; The Ghost Writer, An Officer and a Spy, Fatherland, Enigma and Archangel.
 Abridger: Jeremy Osborne
 Reader: Michael Maloney
 Producer: Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4
SUN 15:45 Door Stepping (b08z9zjd)
 First House
 Does anyone stay in one place anymore?
 Statistically, moving home is one of the most stressful things we do in our lives - whether finding somewhere to live, moving in, moving out - we leave traces of ourselves scattered in kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms, flat shares, student lodgings and childhood homes.
 Would you like the chance to go back? To see who lives in your old bedroom, what colours the walls are painted and which posters are stuck up with blue tack? Or what has happened to the swirly hall carpet your parents laid?
 In this series, Jude Rogers travels back in time, to visit the places that she's called home over nearly 4 decades - a journey through front doors, differently configured living rooms, extended bedrooms places shared with family, friends, boyfriends and most recently, her husband and child.
 Some surprises are in store, as buildings change dimension in her memory, moments of joy and tragedy return, and a sense of continuity is found. Gentrification, shifting social movements and nostalgia, all observed with a candid and personal eye.

This opening episode, finds Jude nervously approaching the house she lived on a new-build estate in Wales, where she lived up to the age of 5. The garage is gone, the back garden built on... but then she steps inside to find...?
 Producer: Sara Jane Hall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.
SUN 16:00 Craig Warner - A Sense of Things Moving Forward (b08n42fy)
 The true and historical tragedy of the Very Magnificent Lord Don Cristobal Colon, Grand Admiral of the Ocean Sea.
 What was the first "American Dream"?
 What did Christopher Columbus hope to achieve when he landed in the New World?
 And how did his notable voyage alter the course of his own life?
 Ben Kingsley stars in Craig Warner's play about God and Gold.
 Don Cristobal Colon Ben Kingsley
 Isabella, Queen of Spain Frances Barber
 Father Luis de Torres Simon Russell Beale
 Martin Alonso Pinzon Patrick Malahide
 Anacaona Constance Chapman
 Guacanagari Hedley Goodall
 Vincente Pinzon David Plimmer
 Beatriz Perestrello Denise Bryer
 Page Craig Edwards
 Arawak Woman Juliet Prew
 Producer: Andy Jordan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000dy5)
 Charles Tomlinson and Elizabeth Jennings
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive choosing two programmes this week. First - Poet Of The Month - Charles Tomlinson whose poetry draws together the strong influence of the American Modernists with the tradition of English meditative nature poets like Wordsworth. He talks to Kate Flint.
 First broadcast on Radio 3 in 1992.
 Produced by Kate Flint
 And Three Score And Ten - Elizabeth Jennings an archive broadcast of Elizabeth Jennings reading Thunder and a Boy and In a Garden
 Produced by Sharon Sephton
 Three Score and Ten First broadcast on Radio 3 in 2016 with original archive from The Living Poet from 1983.
SUN 17:30 All Those Women (b06fk2d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Jeff Noon - Dead Code (b007g3vt)
 In a futuristic, post-digital age world, Joe and Dixie are struggling with the loss of Charlie.
 Music haunts the streets in the ruins of a housing estate. Dixie's doing her best to hold onto Joe, but will she succeed when the force of Charlie's memory is so strong?
 Dixie Emma Atkins
 Joe Paul Simpson
 Bags Jason Done
 DJ Broken Tongue Lemn Sissay
 Luna Alison Carney
 With original music by Vini Reilly of The Durutti Column, songs by Urban Blue and sound design by Steve Brooke.
 Director: Nadia Molinari.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in October 2005.
SUN 18:45 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06py0lt)
 Episode 5
 The dwarf's terrible secret is finally revealed.
 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.
 Concluded by 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 (m000dzms)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:05 today]
SUN 19:55 Motherwell (Omnibus) (m000dyxy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 21:05 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b06fw2lm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]
SUN 22:00 All Those Women (b06fk2d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Small Scenes (b040y2l)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 A man uncovers a great Australian conspiracy and a financial advisor starts up a sideline as an assassin's assistant.
 Small Scenes is back with more excerpts from odd lives.
 Starring Daniel Rigby, Sara Pascoe, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd and Henry Paker.
 Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak.
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000f9q9)
 Bounder & Cad 2/2
 From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Jake Yapp chats to Bounder &

Cad.
SUN 23:00 Lenny Henry's Rogues Gallery (b07dm8tg)
 Series 1
 Moone Sisters
 Set during the Second World War, Lenny plays an American GI serving in Cornwall whose relationship with a local woman - who runs a cafe deep in the woods - will change his life forever.
 Series of comic monologues with twists-in-the-tale, written by Lenny Henry.
 Producer: Sam Michell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.
SUN 23:15 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00cmjv9)
 Episode 2
 Alison O'Kill wants to read Ivor Cutler a poem, while Craig Murray-Orr can't think with the sun in his eyes.
 A tale-toddlng kittle of poems, songs and stories from the lodgings of humorist Ivor Cutler.
 Passers-through include sculptor Craig Murray-Orr and apprentice wordsmith Alison O'Kill.
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 1994.
SUN 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00bfp2j)
 Episode 6
 In the crosshairs of satire are hysterical media and busty starlets.
 Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.
 Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright
 With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, 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 Jeff Noon - Dead Code (b007g3vt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 The Truth Is a Cave in the Black Mountains (b06py0lt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Ladies of Letters (b007k3xg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:15 Tips For The Barmaid by Claire Powell (b0788bc8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 The Second Sleep (Omnibus) (m000dy3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 Door Stepping (b08z9zjd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Craig Warner - A Sense of Things Moving Forward (b08n42fy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000dy5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 All Those Women (b06fk2d1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)
 1. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Cheque Book
 "Cheque books should be regarded as valuable and the bank should be promptly advised in a case of loss."
 After second-hand car dealer Andrew Marsh loses a cheque book, it sparks a dramatic chain of highly suspicious events.
 Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial written by David Ellis.
 Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson
 Roger Sherwin Douglas Blackwell
 Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper
 Joyce Marsh Madi Held
 George John Baddeley
 Peter Lloyd Michael Deacon
 Carol Ransome Jenny McCracken
 Doctor David Brierley
 Constable Peter Baldwin
 Noel Johnson is best remembered as the voice of BBC Radio's Dick Barton Special Agent.
 David Ellis also wrote for BBC TV's Dixon of Dock Green and Z-Cars.
 Producer: Betty Davies.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.
MON 06:30 Who Was Joyce Hatto? (b00t6f6)
 In June 2006, the death was announced of the pianist Joyce Hatto. She was heralded as a great lost genius of classical music - a reclusive woman who almost never performed in public, but who in later life had created sublime recordings in private.
 A few months later it emerged that those recordings were faked from other performers and tweaked in the studio - which leaves a question hanging.
 Biographer Anne Sebba sets out to discover: 'Who was Joyce Hatto?'
 'In the final few years of her life, she released a huge range of CD recordings which swamped the market and were praised to the hilt by a select band of reviewers,' says Anne. 'I remember thinking, Where had this amazing talent been all these years?'
 Then, after a pile of glowing obituaries, which told of her four decade battle with cancer, these recordings of the pianist Joyce Hatto were branded as fake - copies of commercial recordings

made by other artists, - not by Joyce at all.
 Joyce's husband, William Barrington Coupe, the sound engineer for her recordings, said that he alone was to blame for the deception - acting purely out of love, and replacing passages of his wife's playing with other artists.
 But behind the final deception, there is an intriguing story of an incredibly talented pianist marred by ill-health.
 The conductor George Hurst talks about working with Joyce in the early 1960s. The novelist Rose Tremain recalls Joyce as an inspirational piano teacher. The critic Lewis Foreman remembers an extraordinary performance at Guildford.
 Producer: David Prest
 A Whistledown Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
MON 07:00 Chambers (b007znmz)
 Series 1
 The Cab Rank Rule
 Fuller-Carp faces a dilemma when asked to represent animal rights activists, having just accepted an invitation to go fox-hunting with some influential High Court judges.
 Nor is it just Fuller-Carp's dignity which is on the line, as LAM (Lawyers against Meat) is ready to pounce...
 Clive Coleman's sitcom about the questionable practices of a group of barristers.
 John Fuller Carp John Bird
 Hilary Tripping James Fleet
 Ruth Quirke Lesley Sharp
 Vince Jonathan Kydd
 Simon De Vere Jonathan Coy
 Rob Paul Shearer
 Mr Porteus Keith Drinkel
 Mrs Porteus Ann Beach
 Producer Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000dq2p)
 Series 23
 Episode 5
 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 superheroes, meat, names and Bob Dylan.
 Produced by Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4
MON 08:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04v8y6p)
 Series 1
 French Week in Stackton
 A Gallic visitor allows Hilda to rehearse her language skills. 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
 Maude Daphne Heard
 Jean-Pierre Andre Maranne
 Mr Smollett David Marlowe
 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 (b007jq82)
 Series 3
 Things That Go Bump in the Night
 Corporal Jones's van runs out of petrol, so the Home Guard platoon must take shelter in a spooky house.
 The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
 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
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.
MON 09:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Revelations about Rasputin and accordion playing from Idi Amin.
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.
 Geoffrey Durham and Valerie Grove join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.
MON 09:30 Huddwinks (b00b52ch)
 Series 2
 The Dead Walk at Midnight!

A reporter arrives to investigate mysterious happenings at a haunted manor.
 Roy Hudd stars in Laurie Rowley's comic parodies.
 With:
 Denise Coffey
 Chris Emmett
 David Gooderson
 Fred Harris
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1988.
MON 10:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076pv1)
 1. Changes
 A beautiful and wealthy Australian girl marries into the English Aristocracy, but the traditional order is changing.
 Published in 1946, Australian writer, Martin Boyd's novel dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.
 Lucinda Juliet Aubrey
 Hugo Jonathan Firth
 Julie Angela Pleasence
 Fred James Laurensen
 Lydia Abigail McKern
 Lady Wendale Eleanor Bron
 Marian Penelope Wilton
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000f00q)
 Series 6
 Why We Hate
 Guy Raz asks is hating others learned or innate? From bullying to hate crimes, cruelty is all around us. How can we fight it?
 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 11:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)
 Episode 1
 After the gap-toothed cad playing actor Terry-Thomas made a pilot in 1953, Top of the Town ran for two series of 16 hour-long programmes, broadcast weekly between 1953 and 1955. In the first of two surviving series extracts, Terry-Thomas pays homage to the greatest famous face to come out of Finchley - Terry-Thomas!
 With Joan Sims and Leslie Mitchell.
 Programme based on an idea by Terry Thomas
 Script editor: Jimmy Grafton
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1954.
MON 12:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04v8y6p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Who Was Joyce Hatto? (b00tt6f6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000f00s)
 Episode 1
 Doctor John Dolittle prefers his many animals to his human patients - he even learns to talk to them.
 Alan Bennett reads Hugh Lofting's novel first published in 1920.
 Producer: Sally Avens.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
MON 14:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vng2)
 Horror of the Infinite
 Adrian Moore starts his journey through philosophical thought on infinity over the last two and a half thousand years.
 In the first episode, he finds out why the idea made the Greeks so uncomfortable and introduces us to some of the first great thinkers on infinity.
 We meet Pythagoras and his followers who divided the world into two fundamental cosmic principles. On one side was everything they thought of as limited or finite, and therefore good, and on the other everything they considered unlimited or infinite, and therefore bad.
 The Pythagoreans thought they could explain the world around them in terms of the numbers - 1, 2, 3, 4, etc - which we use to count finite collections of things, and they were utterly dismayed when they discovered that not every calculation produced the neat answer they expected. According to legend, one of their number was shipwrecked at sea for revealing this discovery to their enemies!
 And we meet Zeno of Elea who, after wrestling with the notion of infinity, came to the conclusion that movement itself was impossible.
 A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.
MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y21xf)
 MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions
 Episode 1
 Following the 1857 Mutiny, Ashton, a young English orphan, is disguised by his ayah as her Indian son, Ashok. And so - as he forgets his true identity - his destiny is set.
 MM Kaye's epic of love and war dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Series of 20 episodes spanning the years between the Indian Mutiny in 1857 and the Siege of the British Mission in Kabul in 1879.
 MM Kaye's masterwork is a vast, rich and vibrant tapestry of love and war that moves from the foothills of the Himalayas, to the burning plains, to the besieged British Mission in Kabul, filling them with immediacy, meticulous historical accuracy, and a rare insight into the human heart.
 A story of divided loyalties and fierce friendship; of true love made impossible by class and race; a critique of the imperialist adventure; and an examination of the cultural and spiritual clash between East and West peopled by a wonderful cast of characters, The Far Pavilions is the very stuff of drama.
 Sita / Narrator Vineeta Rishi
 Biju Ram Inam Mirza
 K-Daad Sam Dastor
 Ashok (child) Joseph Samrai
 Anjuli (child) Nishi Malde
 Hira Lal Sagar Arya
 Lalji Nazim Khan
 Daya Ram Kaleem Janjua
 Pelham Martyn Sam Dale
 Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
MON 14:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0147g9m)
 Childhood Memories
 The Goon Show star recalls his Swansea childhood and why a raffle was one of his greatest disappointments.
 Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.
 Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.
MON 15:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076pv1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Huddwinks (b00b52ch)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Chambers (b007znmz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000dq2p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Orbiter X (b077018m)
 The First Step to the Stars
 First broadcast in 1959, a bold plan to conquer space begins with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous. Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.
 Written by BD Chapman.
 Fact and fiction were curiously interwoven, as a fortnight before the first BBC broadcast, the Soviet Luna 2 space probe crash landed on the Moon.
 Captain Bob Britton John Carson
 Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
 Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
 Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
 Captain Jack Bradley John Witty
 Producer: Charles Maxwell.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1959.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b001jzdk)
 Dr Alice Roberts and Father Christopher Jamison
 Kate Mosse and her guests - broadcaster, Dr Alice Roberts, and writer and Benedictine monk, Father Christopher Jamison - discuss favourite books by Louis de Bernieres, Marilynne Robinson and Roger Deakin.
 One book takes us for a walk in the woods, one to 1950s small-town America, and the other to war-torn Turkey.
 Home by Marilynne Robinson
 Publisher: Virago
 Wildwood by Roger Deakin
 Publisher: Penguin
 Bird Without Wings by Louis de Bernieres
 Publisher: Vintage
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.
MON 19:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (b04v8y6p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Who Was Joyce Hatto? (b00tt6f6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000f00q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:50 Terry-Thomas - Top of the Town (b012jhg8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000dq2p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 On the Hour (b007m9zs)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 An outside broadcast goes down and a bluebottle rampages across Essex.
 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, Stewart Lee and Patrick Marber.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m000dz0y)

Series 28

Episode 4

Extra bits swept up from the cutting room floor of last week's News Quiz featuring Andy Zaltzman, Geoff Norcott, Suzi Ruffell and Professor Anand Menon. Nish Kumar is host.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:45 What to Do If You're Not Like Everybody Else (b00tjqzx)

Series 1

Personal Appearance

What lengths do we need to go to "look good"?

Andrew Lawrence examines the effort we all put into our personal appearance and the pressure we feel to take action. From South London comedy club 'Up The Creek'.

The first of four mini-comedic monologues taking a light-hearted look at various aspects of conventional living and the pressure we feel to conform to social norms and ideals.

Written by Andrew Lawrence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

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TUE 00:00 Orbiter X (b077018m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00ljzdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Who Was Joyce Hatto? (b00tt6f6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000f00s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vnhg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y21xf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0147g9m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076pv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Huddwinks (b00b52ch)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Chambers (b007znmz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000dq2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)

2. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Car

Andrew Marsh is reeling from the shock news about his friend Roger.

With growing police suspicions over his role in the loss of his cheque book, Andrew decides to start his own fraud investigation

Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial by David Ellis.

Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson

Joyce Marsh Madi Hedd

Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper

Constable Peter Baldwin

Harry Yates Leonard Fenton

Salesman Rolf Lefebvre

Constable Peter Baldwin

Margaret Everard Eva Haddon

Producer: Betty Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

TUE 06:30 Ken and Mark and Robert (b00tdzxn)

Legendary film-maker Ken Russell is in the studio with Mark Kermode recalling his love of music, which inspired such films as Mahler, Tommy and The Music Lovers as well as many television documentaries.

Meanwhile, in the adjacent studio, musician Robert Ziegler is also talking about Ken's love of music... to Twiggy, Glenda Jackson MP, Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey, Lord Bragg and Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.

Can Ken hear what they are saying about him? Can they hear what Ken is saying about them?

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2010.

TUE 07:00 HR (b00hr5p5)

Series 1

A Commute

Senior manager Peter is late for work. But so is his Human Resources officer, Sam. They meet on the train, both fearful of a call from their new boss.

But, hold on, is that him in the next carriage?

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Nigel Paul Rider

Guard Stephen Critchlow

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

TUE 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0bgr9n)

Series 8

Ladychase

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, the local Provost for Lenzie - played by Moray Hunter - needs help to raise funds to create a tourist attraction for the town.

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!

Cast:

Ramesh.....Sanjeev Kohli

Dave.....Donald Mcleary

Sanjay.....Omar Raza

Alok.....Susheel Kumar

Malcolm.....Mina Anwar

Provost.....Moray Hunter

Lovely Sue.....Julie Wilson Nimmo

Hilly.....Marj Hogarth

Mrs Armstrong.....Maureen Carr

Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions.

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007j1zb)

Ye Bandit of Sherwood Forest

Neddie Seagoon wane fame and riches, but will he risk life and limb for Maid Marion?

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 December 1954.

TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b00mfhv6)

Series 3

Episode 11

Murder in an Edwardian musical hall for Kenneth Horne in 'The Phantom of Bogmouth Hip', while Julian and Sandy are showbiz accountants for Bona Tax Consultants

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 (m000dz0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 What to Do If You're Not Like Everybody Else (b00tjqzx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076pv9)

2. Arrival

After her society marriage, Lucinda arrives in England from Australia, but all is not as she expected.

Published in 1946, Australian writer, Martin Boyd's novel dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.

Lucinda Juliet Aubrey

Hugo Jonathan Firth

Julie Angela Pleasence

Marian Penelope Wilton

Paul Brayford Paul Rhys

Susannah Brayford Pamela Wise

Arthur Michael Cochrane

Pat Lanfranc Mark Straker

Tony Duff Matt Day

Watteau Miranda Barber

Bill Vane Nick Boulton

Mrs. Greene-James Joanna McCallum

Mrs. Galway Nididi Del Fatti

Driver Jason Chan

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

TUE 11:00 Imagining Chekhov (b0717lrz)

Chekhov's Telescope by Alison MacLeod

A set of three stories, commissioned specially for Radio 4.

Alison MacLeod explores the life and work of one of the finest short story writers of them all - Anton Pavlovich Chekhov. In this tale, Chekhov and his lover - the actress Olga Knipper - take a holiday in Yalta, unaware that a news reporter is stalking their every move.

A note on the letters between Chekhov and Olga:

These are fictional composites of the writer's own words and Chekhov's actual letters from the volume Dear Writer, Dear Actress: The Love Letters of Anton Chekhov and Olga Knipper, translated by Jean Benedetti.

Reader: Peter Firth

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2016.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b05n1mhm)

Frankie Takes a Trip

During his long showbiz career, Frankie Howerd had quite a few ups and downs.

It was during one of these 'down' periods, in 1962, that Frankie decided to take a trip. Not to Clacton - but to the other side of his consciousness as he tried to deal with his depression through the controversial, though legal, use of LSD.

Comedy drama by Martyrn Hesford.

Frankie David Benson

Dennis Tim Downie

Mother Emily Pithon

HM the Queen Emily Pithon

Father Conrad Nelson

Producer Conrad Nelson

Rada Examiner Hugh Simon

Doctor Hugh Simon

Agent Roger Morridge

Soldier Roger Morridge

Young Frankie Sam Hattersley

Director: Gary Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007j1zb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Round the Horne (b00mfhv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Ken and Mark and Robert (b00tdzxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000dz10)

Episode 2

The doctor and his animals set sail for Africa to help with the 'terrible sickness amongst the monkeys'.

Alan Bennett reads Hugh Lofting's novel.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

TUE 14:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vq2zc)

Aristotle's Rapprochement

In the second part of his journey through two and half millennia of philosophical thought, Adrian Moore introduces us to the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, who attempted a reconciliation between the idea of things going on for ever and ever and the Greeks' abhorrence of the very notion.

We hear how he came up with the idea of two different types of infinite - the potential and the actual - and how it was the potential infinite that he presented as the acceptable face of infinity.

With the help of Ursula Coope, Professor of Ancient Philosophy at Oxford University, Adrian explains the idea of infinite divisibility and re-visits the paradoxes of Zeno which suggest that motion isn't possible. He carries out his own experiment to see whether using Aristotle's theory of the infinite he can disprove Zeno's conclusions and actually get himself home.

And he reveals how Aristotle's theory of the infinite held sway for thousands of years, despite the challenges to it.

A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2d7l)

MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions

Episode 2

Living in the Hawa Mahal palace, Ashok befriends the young princess Anjali. However, he finds his life is threatened when he becomes embroiled in dark court intrigues.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Sita / Narrator Vineta Rishi

Biju Ram Inam Mirza

K-Daad Sam Dastor
Ashok (child) Joseph Samrai
Anjali (child) Nishi Malde
Hira Lal Sagar Arya
Lalji Nazim Khan
Shankar Adeel Akhtar
Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
TUE 14:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b014b98y)
Holidays
Sir Harry recalls his travels, tummy troubles and an unfortunate series of events at sea.
Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.
Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.
TUE 15:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076py9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 Jest a Minute (b013f0vy)
Series 1
Episode 6
Justin Moorhouse, Greg Davies, Chris Corcoran and Lucy Porter star in Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz. From September 2006.
TUE 16:30 Hopes and Desires (b0076dx4)
Series 1
Vongole
Professor Swann's favourite pastime is seducing female students over a languorous meal of Spaghetti Vongole. But what is he really looking for? And can he improve before he is landed in deeper water than the ornate Italian clam he so relishes?
Hopes and Desires is a series of comedies about unconscious yearnings.
Bill Nighy stars in Michael Butt's comedy drama
Tristram Bill Nighy
Minnie Emma Callander
Helen Miranda Colchester
Freddie Stephen Critchlow
Mamma Carolyn Jones
Director: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
TUE 17:00 HR (b00hr5p5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0bgrs9n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Orbiter X (b077y362)
Conflict in Space
The crew of Orbiter 2 discover why their sister ship has been disabled – and who is responsible...
First heard in 1959, a bold plan is underway to conquer space with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous. Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.
Written by BD Chapman.
Captain Bob Britton John Carson
Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
UFO Commander Arthur Lawrence
Control Officer Camm Francis Hall
Radio Operator John Matthews
Producer: Charles Maxwell.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.
TUE 18:30 Pioneers (b013xvbd)
Series 2
Michael Apted
Pioneer, Michael Apted tells Clare English about his 'Up' documentary series which proved to be the catalyst for reality television.
Involved in the popular strand since its conception in 1964, Michael has followed the lives of 14 children every seven years since.
Producer: Philip Sime
First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in 2011.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007j1zb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 Round the Horne (b00mfhv6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Ken and Mark and Robert (b00tdznx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Imagining Chekhov (b0717lrz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 21:15 Drama (b05n1mhm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0bgrs9n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Irish Micks and Legends (b0511svw)
Series 2
St Brigid of the Curragh
Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram give props to Aisling's place of birth with the story of how Brigid became a Saint - and got land to build her convent in the Curragh of Kildare.
Series two of the duo's unique comedic, highly irreverent take

on Irish folklore.
Still the very best pals, Aisling and Yasmine take their role explaining Irish legends to the British nation very seriously indeed. That said, it would appear that they haven't had the time to do much research, work out who is doing which parts, edit out the chat or learn how to work the sound desk.
With a vast vault of fantastical myths, mixed with 21st century references to help you along, prepare for some very silly lessons in life, love and the crazy shenanigans of old Ireland and modern Irish.
Producer: Raymond Lau
A Green Dragon Media production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.
TUE 22:45 Terry Alderton: More Crazy Now (b083pfr)
The Dirty Smile
Terry Alderton flexes his comedy muscles in this comedy and musical explosion. Street Kid, Victor, Ed and The Bear return along with some fresh, unexplainable characters and voices.
It's more Terry, more crazy and happening right now. No Geordies were offended in the making of this programme.
Written by and starring Terry Alderton
Featuring Johnny Spurling
Additional material from Johnny Spurling and Richard Melvin
Produced by Johnny Spurling and Sean Kerwin
Executive Producer: Richard Melvin
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000fbxs)
John-Luke Roberts 1/2
From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Abigoliah Schamaun talks to John-Luke Roberts.
TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (m000dz12)
Series 1
Take Me Home, Country Roads
Three generations of men and their musical tastes collide in this family sitcom set in a Birmingham record shop. Starring Lenny Henry.
Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell from an original idea by Lenny Henry.
Rudy Sharpe owns an old record store in Birmingham - the last bastion of black music in Handsworth. When he suffers a 'heart attack', his neurotic, middle-aged, middle-class, divorcee son Adam and 17 year old grandson Richie come up from London to look after him.
Crammed together, living in the tiny flat above the shop, the three men are set to clash on a daily basis. Whilst Rudy and Richie share a love of reggae and soul music, Adam is the odd one out - thanks to his tastes in classical music.
Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry
Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs
Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker
Doreen Claire Benedict
Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
Customers Colin Hault/Doc Brown
Producer: Lucy Armitage.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.
TUE 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqxy)
1999
Confusion in the House of Commons, discovering a new star - and what to wear for the Millennium.
Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Rory Bremner 'look back' at 1999 - 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 05 FEBRUARY 2020

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Ken and Mark and Robert (b00tdznx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000dz10)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f0fx)
3. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Lady
Suspected of both murder and cheque book fraud, Andrew Marsh's own investigations leads him to the shady Excelsior Club...
Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial by David Ellis.
Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson
Joyce Marsh Madi Hedd
Margaret Everard Eva Haddon
Peter Lloyd Michael Deacon
Carol Ransome Jenny McCracken
Bill Rodney Wilfrid Carter
Producer: Betty Davies.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.
WED 06:30 I've Played in Every Toilet (b03tr57b)
John Harris visits some of Britain's surviving small music venues and asks what will happen if they disappear altogether. All over the UK, small music venues are threatened with closure, or have already gone out of business. Many of them have hosted gigs by truly legendary names and were once securely built into the so-called 'toilet circuit', which allowed promising musicians to take their first tentative steps on the national stage. Without them, we may not have heard from Coldplay, Oasis, Blur - or such contemporary talents as The Vaccines and Mumford and Sons. But crushed by powerful landlords and the rising expectation that music - whether live or recorded - should be free, these places are struggling as never before.
John's journey takes in The Forum in Tunbridge Wells, once an actual public toilet, which has survived over the last 20 years because the volunteers that run it haven't profited from the business. He also travels to Hull to visit the Adelphi Club, a semi-detached house on one of the city's residential streets which has hosted bands such as Pulp, Green Day and Radiohead. Manager Paul Jackson says things have been tougher than ever for the venue, but he's determined to carry on.
Finally John visits Newport, once home to the legendary TJ's where Kurt Cobain famously proposed to Courtney Love. Speaking to the daughter of the former owner John Siculo and Nicky Wire from Manic Street Preachers, he finds out what happens when a town loses its beloved venue.
He also speaks to BBC DJ Steve Lamacq and journalist Kate Mossman to consider how - without these venues run on a mix of hope and blind faith - we will discover the next generation of musicians.
Producer: Simon Jacobs
A Unique production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.
WED 07:00 The Change (b0076cs6)
Series 2
Episode 2
Carol can't enjoy spending time alone away from George, as her family seem to need her more than ever.
Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol whose husband George revealed he's a transvestite - and she kicked him out.
Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.
Carol Lynda Bellingham
George Chris Ellison
Violet Sylvia Syms
Maureen Maureen Beattie
Ken James Vaughan
Sonia Emma Kennedy
Jerry Barnaby Kay
Dave Mark Powley
Man Andrew Westfield
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 07:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000dqh7)
Series 2
Mary Berry and Holly Walsh
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, national treasure Mary Berry shares her love of her dog Darcy, whilst comedian Holly Walsh reveals her obsession with badgers. Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Lucy Harper, a YouTube ASMR artists.
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 (b0186wj0)
Series 3
The Blackboard Jungle
The lad is a young master in a school full of juvenile delinquents. A parody of the controversial 1955 movie of the same name.
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

Recovered episode first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1955.

WED 08:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00j2j7c)

Series 2

Episode 8

A bizarre slice of Shakespeare - and a poem for a man with a plan.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With Terence Brady, Pauline Yates and John Graham.

Pianist: Gordon Langford

Guitarist: Dick Abell.

Written by Chris Allen, Peter Campbell, Ted Clayton and Patrick Ennis, John Graham, Roy Lomax, Donald Monat and June Dixon. Frank A Terry and Harold Arthrop.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.

WED 09:00 The Rest is History (b079mhl)

Series 2

Episode 6

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 Josie Long and Kevin Eldon, who discuss Captain Blood, Drake's Drum, Bloody Mary and E.R.N.I.E.

Producers: Mark Augustyn and Justin Pollard

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2016.

WED 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nqqgn)

Series 1

Keats, Baby, You Done It Wrong

Has Woodhouse been beaten to it, biographically?

The ups and downs of a second class writer

Comedy drama series written by Ronald Hayman.

Woodhouse Tim Pigott-Smith

Gila Zoe Wanamaker

Seamus Stephen Rea

Wilhelmina Susie Bran

Henrietta Masterson Miriam Karlin

Hamish McVomitory Bill Wallis

Mark Grimshaw Geoffrey Whitehead

Gila's Dad Benjamin Whitrow

Gila's Mum Joan Matheson

With Eva Stuart and Susan Sheridan as Creative Writing Class members.

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: Piers Plowright

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in September 1989.

WED 10:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076q1g)

3. Expectations

Badly injured Hugo has refused to divorce Lucinda, leaving her torn between what society expects of her and what her heart desires.

Conclusion of Martin Boyd's novel dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.

Lucinda Juliet Aubrey

Hugo Jonathan Firth

Paul Paul Rhys

Pat Mark Straker

Marian Penelope Wilton

Arthur Michael Cochrane

Lydia Abigail McKern

Fred James Laurensen

Julie Angela Pleasence

Bill Nick Boulton

Tony Matt Day

Watteau Miranda Barber

Mrs. Greene-James Joanna McCallum

Lord Fitzauccell Stephen Hogan

Stephen Robert Hastie

Muriel Helen Longworth

Heather Alex Tregear

Mrs. Galway Nididi Del Fatti

Stephen Pax Baldwin

Commanding Officer Hugh Dickson

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

WED 11:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to Love and Romance (m000f0fz)

2. Meeting and Connecting

Comedian Isy Suttie gets in the mood for Valentine's Day using her unique brand of humour to share her lessons in life and love.

Suttie has often observed other people's love lives and regularly intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Discussing 'all things love' in the 21st century with friends, gathering fresh contributions and introducing extracts from The Listening Project she builds a hilarious and often moving account of amour and desire.

Tangled with the speakers and archive, Isy relates real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life and

performs a few new songs on the subject. Featuring a collection of new material, archive clips and her own programmes:

'Isy Suttie's Love Letters: Mr Mississippi'

Isy tries to save her failing relationship with a papier-mâché

penguin, while at the same time helping Matlock's resident busker, Mr Mississippi, capture the heart of his unrequited love Lorna, a shelf stacker at the local supermarket.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2018.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0186wj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00j2j7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f0fx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 I've Played in Every Toilet (b03trs7b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000f0g1)

Episode 3

On arrival in Africa, the doctor and the animals find themselves taken prisoner by the King of Jolly Ginky.

Alan Bennett reads Hugh Lofting's novel.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

WED 14:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vs3d0)

The Infinite and the Divine

Adrian Moore reaches the third stage of his journey through thought about infinity, describing how the church attempted to stamp its authority on the debate and how that led to some explosive disagreements amongst medieval thinkers.

With the help of Cecilia Trifogli, Lecturer in Medieval

Philosophy at Oxford University, Adrian finds out about the

life of St Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas defied his mother to become a Dominican friar - she had hoped for a career in the more prestigious Benedictine order for him - and, more importantly, he attempted to engineer a reconciliation between the theories of Aristotle on the infinite and the doctrines of the Catholic church.

He was successful up to a point and, once the church had embraced Aristotle's teachings as the new orthodoxy, philosophers stepped out of line at their peril. The famous dissenter and innovator, Galileo Galileo, did just that. He dared to add his contradictory views to the debate and introduced a series of paradoxes which foreshadowed much later thinking on infinity.

Adrian presents us with a vivid picture of the clash between theology and Greek philosophy, and a sense of the ongoing struggle of both to understand the infinite.

A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2f2q)

MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions

Episode 3

Pursued by Janoo Rani's men, Ashok and Sita flee Gulkote. But death overtakes them on the road to the mountains.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Narrator / Sita Vineeta Rishi

Zarin / Rider 2 Christopher Simpson

Commandant Sam Dale

Ashok (child) Joseph Samrai

Anderson Sean Baker

Munshi Inam Mirza

Sardar / Rider 1 Adeel Akhtar

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

WED 14:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0148rvv)

Majorca

Sir Harry Secombe recalls his idyllic holiday home in Majorca

and his not-so-idyllic command of Spanish.

Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.

Abridged by Elizabeth Prod.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

WED 15:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076q1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Rest is History (b079mhl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nqqgn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Change (b0076cs6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000dgh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783jsj)

The Master Plan

The captive crew of Orbiter 2 uncover the true nature of the aliens and where they have been imprisoned.

First broadcast in 1959, a bold plan is underway to conquer space with prefabricated components of space station 'Orbiter X' being transported up from Earth, but the task proves perilous.

Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Gelbin Arthur Lawrence

Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup

Greta Ravel Irene Prador

Captain Jack Bradley John Witly

Written by BD Chapman.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2zj)

Series 2

Bradford Alhambra

Geoffrey Wheeler visits the Bradford Alhambra, built by the impresario Francis Laidler to be the finest purveyor of family entertainment in the North of England.

The Alhambra came to be associated with pantomime, and generations of Bradford schoolgirls dreamed of joining the Sunbeam Troupe of pantomime dancers. Two Sunbeam Girls, who first danced on the Alhambra's stage in 1929, recall their adventures.

With Bill Pertwee.

Series visiting variety theatres around the United Kingdom.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0186wj0)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000dgh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00k9dc3)

Series 1

Lust

Mark Watson investigates lust as he continues his quest to free us from the seven deadly sins via stand-up comedy.

Tim Key and Tim Minchin provide sketches, songs and

distractions.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

WED 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mdg8l)

Series 2

Anidara

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 Anidara where he finds himself put out to stud.

Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver Mariah Gale

Computer Duncan Wisby

Gem Gerard McDermot

Markl Harry Livingstone

Dorka Vicki Pepperdine

Liberator Duncan Wisby

Master Patrick Brennan

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

WED 23:30 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b07k0dfn)

Series 1

Malaysia

The gang heads off to Malaysia to find Phil's legendary criminal uncle, Pak Belang.

Critically-acclaimed sketch trio, Daphne, pull out all the stops in a dazzling array of peculiar characters, wacky scenarios, dodgy remarks, curious observations, minor altercations and major peacemaking - served on a bed of catchy little numbers with a live nine-piece band.

Written by and starring: Jason Forbes, Phil Wang & George

Fouracres

Featuring Sir Willard White, Emma Sidi and David Elms.

Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter

Musical Director: Freddie Tapner

Piano: Freddie Tapner

Drums: Ben Hartley

Bass: Rob Grist

Percussion: Ben Burton

Trumpet: Michael Maddocks

Tenor Sax: Greg Sterland

Trombone: Elliot Pooley

Violin: Hannah Bell

Cello: Nick Squires

Production Coordinator. Hayley Sterling

Producer, Matt Stronge

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

THURSDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2020

THU 00:00 Orbiter X (b0783jsj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 The Palace of Laughter (b007k2zj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f0fx)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2f2q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0148rvv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Martin Boyd - Lucinda Brayford (b0076q1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Rest is History (b079mhl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Such Rotten Luck (b01nqgn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Change (b0076cs6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Joe Lycett's Obsessions (m000dqh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz4c)

4. In Which Andrew Marsh Finds his Car
Andrew Marsh is on the run - suspected of both murder and cheque book fraud.
News arrives about the whereabouts of Sheila Ramsey.
Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller directed by David Ellis.
Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson
Margaret Everard Eva Haddon
Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper
Peter Lloyd Michael Deacon
Joe Antony Viccars
Max Freeman Francis de Wolff
Kathleen Helme Shirley
Alf Jenkins Brian Haines
Sheila Ramsey Jan Edwards
Written by David Ellis.
Producer: Betty Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

THU 06:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)

Reverend Richard Coles explores the world of spiritual sound and meditation and tries to understand what it is about certain sounds and chants which gives practitioners a sense of proximity to the Divine.

He tunes into the Om, a sacred sound in several religions including Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism and Buddhism and its vibration is believed by many to be healing. He speaks to the director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Shaumika Rishi Das, who states that meditation is something we all do from childhood, for example when we are focusing on something we want to buy and how to get it or when we kiss, but that it can be used for greater ends.

Richard meets neuroscientist Dr Alan Watkins of Imperial College who has worked with the Dalai Lama and his team in Tibet and found that people who meditate together showed signs of "entrainment" in their brain activity, the same phenomenon that allows flocks of birds or shoals of fish to move together. Is this the sense of "one-ness" people talk about when meditating?

Expert in comparative religion Martin Palmer suggests that there is nothing inherently sacred about chanting, but that is a trick whose powers can be harnessed by despots as well as for good.

Jem Finer of The Pogues, writer of their greatest hit Fairytale of New York, talks about his Longplayer project, a musical composition based on the meditative sound of Tibetan singing bowls and designed to play continuously for 1000 years.

Richard also hears from the nuns at Saint Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight, who sing Gregorian chant every day in its original form. What does the power of the Mother Note in Gregorian chant have in common with the mantra recitations of the Hindu tradition?

Producer: Victoria Shepherd

A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

THU 07:00 Millport (b0075t3w)

Series 1

Lineage

Big brother Gordon has returned to Millport on the tiny Isle of Cumbrae, off the west coast of Scotland.

But Irene wonders why anyone would return once they've had the chance to escape?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

Gordon/Minister Robert Paterson

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

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THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

Episode 5

Sarah Millican hosts a new panel show using surveys to discover who is the most Average Joane, and who is the most Maverick Matilda. This week's sparkling panel features Sara Pascoe, Jen Brister, Sally-Anne Hayward and Gearoid Farrelly.

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 (b05tyv7s)

From 10/08/1975

The King of Knotty Ash and pals on their poor but happy childhoods - and all is revealed about the Legover legacy.

Starring Ken Dodd.

With Jo Manning Wilson, Miriam Margolyes, Talryn Thomas, Chris Emmett and Michael McClain.

Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Dave Dutton, Terry Ravenscroft, Maurice Bird and Philip and Mike Brennan.

Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in August 1975.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sjp2j)

Series 3

Episode 11

Tales of Merrie England and an insight into show-jumping. 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 Graeme Garden, Peter Hutchins, Eric Idle, Peter Vincent and David McKellar.

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 and Leon Cohen.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1966.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)

Series 4

Enid Blyton

James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Sue Limb and Victoria Coren.

Author of the week: Enid Blyton

Reader: Becky Hindley

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

THU 09:30 Married (b00c0c35)

Series 1

Episode 1

Confirmed bachelor Robin Lightfoot wakes up one morning and discovers to his horror that he's married with two children. Is it a nightmare, a practical joke or something much more sinister?

Hugh Bonneville stars in the first of three comedy series by Tony Bagley.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Julia Barbara Murray

Dirk Steve Frost

Penny Melanie Hudson

Ned Sam Bradley

Maxine Ann Gosling

Policeman Anthony Ofoegbu

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

THU 10:00 Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island (b0375250)

Episode 1

August, 1811. Jack Aubrey sets sail for Australia in his new command, HMS Leopard. His mission - to transport a group of convicts to Botany Bay, including a woman, Louisa Wogan, who has been spying for the Americans.

Stephen Maturin joins Jack once again as ship's surgeon - but his real mission is to watch Mrs Wogan. When a fever breaks out among the prisoners and crew, Jack decides to head for Recife - but he is pursued through the South Atlantic by a powerful Dutch warship.

Patrick O'Brian's novel dramatised in two-parts by Roger Danes.

Jack Aubrey David Robb

Stephen Maturin Richard Dillane

Louisa Wogan Teresa Gallagher

Michael Herapath Samuel Barnett

Lt Pullings David Holt

Barratt Bonden Sam Dale

Preserved Killick Jon Glover

Lt Grant Jonathan Tafler

Byron Nick Underwood

Sir Joseph Blaine Michael Bertenshaw

Peggy Barnes Hannah Wood

Josiah Plaice Lloyd Thomas

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer/director: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

THU 11:00 Here's the Thing (m000dz4l)

Jerry Seinfeld

Alec Baldwin sits down with comedian Jerry Seinfeld who debuted on HBO in 1981, going on to star in the global comedy hit series, Seinfeld.

Award-winning actor Alec Baldwin gives the listener unique entrée into the lives of artists, policy makers and performers. Alec sidesteps the predictable by taking listeners inside the dressing rooms, apartments, and offices.

Jerry Seinfeld was just 27 when he first appeared on Johnny Carson in 1981. And he stood out. His material wasn't about his upbringing or personal relationships. It was about our universal experience of small things. His unique comedy style eventually led him to create his namesake show with Larry David. After Seinfeld ran for nine seasons, he decided to go back to stand-up, and to his audience. As he explains to Alec, Seinfeld feels uniquely connected to his fans: "You have this relationship with the audience that is private between you and them." Here's the Thing has its roots in public radio. In 2009, Alec joined with producers Lu Oikowski, Trey Kay, Kathie Russo, and Emily Botein to find fresh ways to engage in conversation on the radio. The group developed the idea of a new show that at its heart would look at what makes interesting people tick and create a platform for new and emerging ideas to be presented. From WNYC Studios, New York. First heard in the USA in 2014.

THU 11:55 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s8j8x)

An Instant Opinion

"Nowadays, the key question in any political or philosophical movement is, "Can we get it on a badge?"

Leonard Rossiter (1926-1984) delivers a satirical musing on the effect of slogans on badges and t-shirts.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05tyv7s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sjp2j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000dz4j)

Episode 4

The doctor sets to work to cure the monkeys, but first he must get help from the other animals of the jungle.

Alan Bennett reads Hugh Lofting's novel.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

THU 14:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vs3y4)

The Infinite and Human Experience

Adrian Moore brings us to the verge of the modern world and the way we think now. He leaves the arguments of the medieval church and renaissance thinkers behind and steps into the world of enlightenment philosophy, as heralded by Rene Descartes. Adrian tells us that Descartes was a typical enlightenment philosopher, seeking to establish what understanding we can have of the infinite using our own finite intellectual resources. How can we have any sense of infinity, if we have no direct experience of it?

Adrian describes Descartes' attempts to establish a secure foundation for his beliefs, beginning with his questioning of his own existence and then of the existence of God.

We also meet the British empiricists who took issue with Descartes, and finally Immanuel Kant, who believed that each human being is of infinite worth.

The soundtrack is Beethoven's eighth string quartet, which is said to have been inspired by Kant's vision of our place as human beings in the universe.

A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2ygc)

MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions

Episode 4

Having discovered his true identity, Ashok, now Ashton, is educated in England - but he yearns to return to India.

MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.

Narrator Vineeta Rishi

Ashok/Ashton Blake Ritson

Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua

Zarin Chris Simpson

Anderson Sean Baker

Belinda Leah Brotherhead

George Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Harlowe Christine Kavanagh

Mrs Viccary Joanna Monro

Lily Claire Harry

Uncle Matthew Sam Dale

Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 14:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0148wfr)

Variety and Comedians

Sir Harry Secombe remembers his early career on stage in variety - and recalls his friendship with a young Tony Hancock. Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.

Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

THU 15:00 Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island (b0375250)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Married (b00c0c35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Millport (b007513w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Orbiter X (b0783mpg)

Flight to the Moon

The crew of Orbiter 2 are captured, in space, by the sinister Unity organisation and taken to the Moon.

First broadcast in 1959, a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' is underway. Shaped like a giant wheel and code-named 'Orbiter X', the space station is designed to circle Earth, travelling in a rapid polar orbit - boasting synthetic gravity, produced by the rotation around the central hub.

Written by BD Chapman.

Captain Bob Britton John Carson

Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford

Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney

Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup

Colonel Kent Donald Bisset

Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins

Control Officer Brown Peter Noel Cook

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076ds8)

Series 3

Bob Marley

Poet Benjamin Zephaniah explores the life of reggae legend Bob Marley. With Humphrey Carpenter and Chris Salewicz. The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life.

Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05tyv7s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sjp2j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Here's the Thing (m000dz4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:55 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00sj8xc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Listen Against (b008drpb)

Series 1

Episode 4

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

Rewinding and mangling real programmes from across the networks. Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes take liberties with Steve Wright, Woman's Hour and Eddie Mair.

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

Producer: Bill Dare and Jon Holmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000fby2)

John-Luke Roberts 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Abigoliah Schamaun talks to John-Luke Roberts.

THU 23:00 The Skivers (b007tcpb)

Series 1

Ken Campbell

Action from Ancient Greece to 221B Baker Street.

Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Ken Campbell

Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

THU 23:30 Delve Special (b00t5zzv)

Series 1

The Shifton Scandal

In 1982, four men mounted an illegal operation to build

London's third airport at Shifton, 20 miles north east of

Birmingham.

David Lander now concludes his investigation into the notorious demolition scandal with a look at the arrests, the trial and the disturbing aftermath.

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Jack Klaff, Tony Robinson and Moray Watson and Brenda Bleythn.

With Peter Wear, Mark Arden, Stephen Frost and Robert

Bathurst.

Dramatic reconstruction by Phil Nice, Arthur Smith, John Bond

and Carol Boyd.

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 Orbiter X (b0783mpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076ds8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz4c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000dz4j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vs3y4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2ygc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b0148wfr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island (b0375250)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Married (b00c0c35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Millport (b007513w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dyks)

5. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Witness

Andrew discovers there's more to Sheila Ramsey and Margaret

Everard than meets the eye - and that his life is in jeopardy...

Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial by David Ellis.

Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson

Sheila Ramsey Jan Edwards

Margaret Everard Eva Haddon

Peter Lloyd Michael Deacon

Alf Jenkins Brian Haines

Joe Antony Viccars

Bill Rodney Wilfred Carter

Shirley Kathleen Helme

Detective Inspector Adams John Bentley

Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper

Dr Fergus Malcolm Hayes

Producer: Betty Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

FRI 06:30 When Garry Met Tony (b03vtewl)

BBC Radio 4's "Today" sports presenter Garry Richardson has a secret passion - Big Band. An even greater secret passion is to sing with one.

But Big Band is a dying art whose future depends on a few old timers determined to keep the art alive. Garry meets one of them, Tony Douglas, the charismatic 84-year-old leader of a legendary amateur band who invites Garry to train for the headline vocal spot at their next big booking.

We join Garry as he explores the future of Big Band while on the bumpy road towards vocal stardom. Garry issued a challenge on Radio 4's Saturday Live: "Find me a Big Band for me to sing Frank Sinatra with". Responding to that challenge was Tony Douglas, who now runs the amateur Big Band at the celebrated London adult education institute Morley College - a college whose past staff members include Gustav Holst, Michael Tippett and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Garry rehearses a Frank Sinatra hit with the Morley Big Band. Along the way, he takes tips from singer Kurt Ellings, big band devotee Michael Parkinson and the legendary big band musician and singer Buddy Greco.

Garry also discovers more about the origins of big band music as dance music, sustaining Second World War morale before declining in the wake of rock and roll. But, as he finds out, the genre has not disappeared but morphed into a diverse and chameleon-like form whose future, while not certain, is fiercely defended by devotees.

The climax of the programme is when Garry finally performs at the Spice of Life jazz club in Soho. Is the man whose only claim to musical ability is playing the vibes with both hands, a second Sinatra?

Producer: Kati Whitaker

A Kati Whitaker production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

FRI 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08n46dj)

Series 2

Think Different

Things are looking up for Hardacre's, the worst advertising agency in London. They're pitching for the biggest account of their lives - the cutting edge new smartphone, the Cosmos X10. It's the day of the big pitch and Hardacre, Joe, Teddy, Amanda, and Laura are waiting to be called in. They may be waiting rather a long time, in fact, as they appear to have turned up six hours early.

As the day unfolds and the wait continues, it emerges that some of the team may have something to hide. Is there more at stake than meets the eye? And what does it have to do with Charles Blackwell, Hardacre's oldest and dearest nemesis?

Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.

Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Teddy Kieran Hodgson

Laura Olivia Nixon

Charles Blackwell Martin Jarvis

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

FRI 07:30 The Skewer (m000dqhk)

Series 1

Episode 4

From the mind of Jon Holmes comes topical satire like you've never heard it before.

FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jsfr)

Series 5

The Man from the Burkiss Way

A deadly game of Russian Roulette Video Cassette and Blake's 7 spoofed.

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 October 1980.

FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007zqqw)

Series 1

Episode 5

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel tries to swing a prize fight. 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 Athur 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 (b00g1rsp)

Series 2

Episode 4

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. Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth battle it out against Helen Atkinson-Wood and John O'Farrell.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

FRI 09:30 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)

Series 1

The Day of Judgement

Perpetually unemployed and friendless loser Angus Dry

agonises over the death of a bee.

Nick Ball's sitcom. Angus tries to recapture the joys of

childhood.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With Robert Harley, Toby Longworth and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

FRI 10:00 Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island (b037gnxr)

Episode 2

Jack Aubrey is pursued through the South Atlantic by a

powerful Dutch warship whose 74 guns threaten to blow HMS

Leopard out of the water.

As the Leopard tries to out-run the enemy, Jack and Stephen have to contend with a fever that lays waste to the crew and an unexpected childbirth. A confrontation with the Dutch ship leaves Jack seriously wounded - and a dangerous situation turns to disaster when his first officer takes command and runs the Leopard into an iceberg.

Conclusion of Patrick O'Brian's novel dramatised by Roger

Danes.

Jack Aubrey David Robb

Stephen Maturin Richard Dillane

Louisa Wogan Teresa Gallagher

Michael Herapath Samuel Barnett

Barratt Bonden Sam Dale

Preserved Killick Jon Glover

Lt Grant Jonathan Tafler

Byron Nick Underwood

Jedediah Wilbey Gerard McDermott

Josiah Plance Lloyd Thomas

Sir Joseph Blaine Michael Bertenshaw

Producer/director: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000dykz)

Classical music podcasts with Tom Service

Tom Service of 'The Listening Service' and producer Clara Nissen pick some favourite classical music podcasts, including

'Aria Code', 'Case Notes' and 'This Classical Life'.

FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jsfr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007zqgw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dyks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 When Garry Met Tony (b03vtcw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Hugh Lofting - The Story of Doctor Dolittle (m000dy13)
Episode 5
The doctor returns to England with his new friend, the Pushmi-Pullyu, a creature now extinct.
Alan Bennett concludes Hugh Lofting's novel.
Producer: Sally Avens.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

FRI 14:15 A History of the Infinite (b07vwh0m)
The Mathematics of the Infinitely Small
Having looked at the infinite in philosophical and theological terms, it's time to view it through the lens of mathematics. In the fifth programme in his series, Adrian Moore introduces us to the pivotal role mathematics has played in the quest to understand the infinite.
He begins by enlisting the help of very modern technology and considering the real question put by an 11 year old boy - what is zero divided by zero?
That's the trigger for Adrian's investigation of the calculus – the tool we use to reckon with very small quantities. It plays a huge part in many aspects of modern-day design, medicine and statistical work, but what is less well-known is the seventeenth century row between two eminent scientists as to who actually invented it. Adrian meets science writer, Brian Clegg, to find out about the race to claim credit.
It didn't just cause a storm at its inception - we hear about the disagreements that dogged the calculus's early days, with the church too getting involved in the disputes about the infinitely small.
But as Adrian discovers, the quest to understand the infinite has left us with a branch of mathematics of unparalleled importance.
A Juniper production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00y2x5k)
MM Kaye - The Far Pavilions
Episode 5
Ash takes up his post with the Guides in Mardan, but his relationship with Belinda is increasingly troubled.
MM Kaye's epic of love and war, dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.
Narrator Vineeta Rishi
Ash Blake Ritson
Gulbaz Kaleem Janjua
Zarin Chris Simpson
Colonel Sam Dale
Khoda-Daad Sam Dastor
Battye Jude Akuwudike
Belinda Leah Brotherhead
George Lloyd Thomas
Mrs Harlowe Christine Kavanagh
Major Harlowe Sean Baker
Directors: Marc Beeby and Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 14:45 Sir Harry Secombe - Goon Abroad (b01494gh)
Sports and Swansea
Goon Show star Sir Harry Secombe recalls his school days in Wales, lessons in sportsmanship, and he makes a few confessions.
Conclusion of the autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe.
Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

FRI 15:00 Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island (b037gnxr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 We've Been Here Before (b00g1rsp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08n46dj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Skewer (m000dqhk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Orbiter X (b0784dyd)
Inside the Moon Station
The crew of Orbiter 2 have been taken to the Moon by the shadowy Unity organisation.
First broadcast in 1959, a bold but perilous plan to conquer space with space station 'Orbiter X' is underway.
Captain Bob Britton John Carson
Captain Douglas McClelland Andrew Crawford
Flight Engineer Hicks Barrie Gosney
Max Kramer Gerik Schjelderup
Colonel Kent Donald Bisset
Sir Charles Day Leslie Perrins
With Ian Sadler and John Cazaban
Written by BD Chapman.
Producer: Charles Maxwell.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076r24)
Suspicion
Matthew Parris, Julian Baggini, Will Pavia and Anthony

McGowan discuss the impact of suspicious thoughts. From March 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jsfr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dyks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 When Garry Met Tony (b03vtcw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000dykz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Skewer (m000dqhk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Harpoon (b007k4cc)
Series 1
Episode 1
From patent cures to whaling for the under 5s.
The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys.
Hip hip!
With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.
Producer: Sarah Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000f8nk)
Arabella Weir 1/2
From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Angela Barnes is your host and chats to the comedian, actor and writer Arabella Weir.

FRI 23:00 Innes Own World (b017gwqz)
Episode 3
Neil Innes shares some breakfast dramas and memories of touring the USA with the Bonzo Dog Band.
The Radio Show that spits the Gargle of Existence into the Bathroom Sink of Being and introduces the Man of Substance to the Woman of Intuition.
Script Editor: John Dowie
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

FRI 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00crj7j)
Series 1
Episode 4
Museum director Walter Brindle has some important news, freeing up time for the pursuit of romance between almost every member of the lusty staff.
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 Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern
Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.