

SATURDAY 07 MARCH 2020**SAT 00:00 HG Wells - The Invisible Man (m000fx1d)**

10. The Hunter Hunted
Griffin is in pursuit of Dr Kemp whose life is under threat and his house under siege.

HG Wells' gripping 1937 sci-fi novel abridged by Janet Hitchman.

Concluded by Stephen Murray.

Producer: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.

SAT 00:15 Hilary Mantel - Beyond Black (b00r4rtd)

10. Alison's Retribution

Alison knows that in order to banish the demons of her past she must face them and confront the painful truth about what happened in her childhood. With the help of Mrs McGibbet, yet another spirit from her past, Alison learns the worst. Meanwhile, Colette goes back home to Gavin for a heart-to-heart. And Alison's appalling spirit guide Morris comes to a realisation...

Conclusion of Hilary Mantel's blackly comic novel about a professional medium with a troubled past.

Alison Alison Steadman

Colette Rosie Cavaliero

Morris Bill Wallis

Emmie Katharine Rogers

Aitkenside Simon Armstrong

Gavin Mark Meadows

Mrs McGibbet/Maureen Sheila Hannon

Dramatised by Caroline Harrington.

Director: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b007615v)

The Sum Is Greater than the Parts

Are Matthew Parris, Julian Baggini, Judith Palmer and David Boyle obsessed by small print or just the bigger picture? From 2005.

SAT 01:00 Deep Six (m000fx14)

6. Battle

In the darkness near the Oxford mansion, the setting for the deed he's been blackmailed into carrying out, Terry Prince prepares to do battle, with whatever forces await him....

The gripping conclusion of John Fletcher's thriller serial starring Freddie Lees.

Terry Freddie Lees

Thompson John Abineri

Sir James Simpson Conrad Phillips

Fortescue Hubert Rees

Manny Silverman Arnold Diamond

Linda Taylor Madeleine Cemm

Radio voice Roger Leach

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

SAT 01:30 The Life Sub-Aquatic (b04fzcm)

Marine biologist and avid scuba diver, Helen Scales, explores the human obsession with inhabiting the depths and meets aquanauts who want to go down and stay down. From Jules Verne to Jacques Cousteau, the dream of a life sub-aquatic has endured. But could it ever become a reality?

At the moment, there is one place on Earth where you can live deep underwater for weeks at a time: The Aquarius Reef Base, a research station run by Florida International University which sits on the seabed some 20 metres down. As Helen discovers herself on a short visit to Aquarius, this is paradise for marine scientists who can wave goodbye to the surface and conduct experiments in situ, 24/7. It also hosts astronauts who use the unique conditions to train for life on the International Space Station as well as voyages deeper into space. Helen talks to Commander Chris Hadfield (recently made famous through his rendition of Space Oddity) about his time testing space suits for NASA and meeting sharks face to face on night time sorties. Aquarius stands alone today but the dream of working – and living – under the sea has a rich history that began years before we ever stepped foot on the surface of the moon. It was undersea pioneer Jacques Cousteau, co-inventor of the Aqua-Lung, who captured the world's imagination when he created the Conshelf underwater village in the Red Sea. This was followed by the US Navy's Sea Lab and NASA's own 'Tektite' house (built in 1969 by General Electric and described by inhabitant Sylvia Earle as looking like a giant kitchen appliance).

Interest from philanthropists, corporations and even individuals is keeping alive the dream of life as an aquanaut. Helen meets Lloyd Godson, a young Australian adventurer who is working on his third project - BioSub 3 - a submerged habitat powered by sustainable energy. As Helen discovers, there's a long way to go to meet the many challenges this hostile environment throws up - not least how our bodies and our brains cope with the pressure and confined conditions that come with living underwater.

Producer: Helen Scales

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

SAT 02:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000fx1b)

Episode 5

Ursula grows up, ever closer to her young father Will.

Will himself is changing from the naive man he used to be, and his behaviour, rather than repulsing his wife, draws them together.

DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three

generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.

Read by David Bradley

Abridged in ten parts by Linda Cracknell

Producer: Lu Kemp

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004

SAT 02:15 Just So Science (b01pw5s8)

Series 1

The Cat That Walked by Himself

Do we keep cats, or do they keep us? The myths and the mysteries of felis catus explored by Patrick Bateson and John Bradshaw.

Vivienne Parry presents the science behind some of Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories, with wondrous tales of how things really came to be.

Rudyard Kipling tells us how the leopard got his spots, the camel his hump, the whale his throat and so forth. But what does science make of these lyrical tales? For the most part, just-so stories are to be dismissed as the antithesis of scientific reasoning. They're ad hoc fallacies, designed to explain-away a biological or behavioural trait, more akin to folklore than the laws of science. But on closer inspection, might Kipling's fantasies contain a grain of truth? And might the "truth" as science understands it, be even more fantastic than fiction? Vivienne meets researchers whose work on some of Kipling's 'best beloved' creatures is helping us to answer a rather inconvenient question: how do traits evolve? Why are some animals the way they are?

Excerpts from five of the Just So Stories are read by Samuel West.

Producer: Rami Tzabar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

SAT 02:30 Iris Murdoch: A Severed Head (b067b69s)

Episode 5

The merry-go round of partner swapping comes to a grinding halt but just who will end up with who?

There are shocks and surprises right up to the end of Iris Murdoch's blackly comic satire.

Martin Julian Rhind-Tutt

Antonia Victoria Hamilton

Honor Klein Helen Schlesinger

Palmer Anderson Matthew Marsh

Georgie Rhiannon Neads

Alexander Sam Dale

Dramatised by Stephen Wakelam.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SAT 02:45 Peter Moore - The Weather Experiment (b05tq3y6)

Prognostications and Forecasts

The first forecasts prove controversial among the scientific community, and Robert FitzRoy's reputation is threatened. Peter Moore's vivid account of the 19th century quest to understand the weather.

Concluded by Tim McMullan.

Abridged by Sara Davies

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

SAT 03:00 John Buchan - Mr Standfast (b00lwmv)

Episode 2

The action moves to France as intrepid hero Richard Hannay and British agent Mary Lamington attempt to track down the German spy, Moxon Ivory. When Ivory changes his identity, the trail goes cold – but Mary has a plan to flush him out. Ivory wants to marry her – and Hannay must agree to let Mary become the bait in a deadly trap....

Conclusion of John Buchan's rip-roaring First World War spy thriller first published in 1919.

Brigadier-General Richard Hannay/Cornelius Brand David Robb

Sir Walter Bullivant Clive Merrison

The Count von Schwabing Struan Rodger

Mary Lamington Jasmine Hyde

Peter Pienaar Jon Glover

Mrs Amelia Gore-Boothe Briony McRoberts

Forbes Chris Pavlo

The Prefect Ben Onwuke

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Director: Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

From 20/08/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Barry Cryer, Sid Colin and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1979.

SAT 04:30 Molesworth (m000fx16)

The Office

Grown-up Nigel Molesworth hates office life. Better to dream

of sun-kissed Caribbean beaches.

School boy terror Nigel Molesworth, formerly The Curse of St

Custard's, is now all grown-up and determined to share his

experience of life.

Starring Willie Rushton.

Series written by Simon Brett based on characters created by

Geoffrey Willans and by Ronald Searle.

Molesworth William Rushton

Grint Clive Swift

Louise Penelope Nice

Grabber Bob Sinfield

Darryl Robert Harley

Carole Chrissy Roberts

Music by Oonagh Bernon

Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

SAT 05:00 The Lentil Sorters (b06qkkzp)

False Positives

A sitcom set in the Office of Local and National Statistics which, depending on who you ask, is either where the real power of government resides, or the place where fun goes to die.

In this episode, a stag do, a stats conference and a blood test combine to make Graham's life substantially worse.

Meet the team:

Graham Quicks is Head of the People and Places Department of the LNS. There are three things in the world that Graham will always have faith in – statistics, the supremacy of filofaxes over computers and the idea that cardigans will never go out of style.

Audrey Carr is the Survey Researcher for the department. She believes passionately that statistics should be used as a tool to help the man on the street. Fortunately for her, she's never actually met "the man in the street". She's also passionate about Jane Austen, Les Misérables and pretending that she doesn't work in an office with Daniel.

Daniel Porter is the department's Data Analyst. He used to work in the City, until the City realised he was a colossal waste of space. Daniel divides his time between manipulating statistics to further his vision of capitalism, necking energy drinks and telling people his thighs are really, really strong. He's terrible.

Mrs. Wilkins has worked as tea lady, archivist and maintenance guru for fifteen years. She knows where the bodies are buried. We must stress that that is a figure of speech.

Graham Quicks Vincent Franklin

Audrey Carr Rebekah Staton

Daniel Porter Kieran Hodgson

Mrs Wilkins Julia Deakin

Special guests:

The Corporate Manager.....Paul Shearer

The Doctor.....Catriona Knox

The Stage Manager.....Tom Crowley

The Graham Gal.....Tessa Coates

With Jo Unwin as The Narrator

Written by Jack Bernhard

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

SAT 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000ngj)

Series 3

Episode 2: Happiest Place On Earth

The mood at Hardacre's advertising agency is black. After losing the biggest account of their careers – the Cosmos X10 smartphone – the team have slid back down the greasy pole and find themselves once again serving only the smallest and least interesting clients around.

While Joe (Mathew Baynton), Amanda (Josie Lawrence), and Hardacre (Nigel Havers) continue to feel sorry for themselves, Teddy (Ramus Hardiker) is determined to lift their spirits.

Appointing himself chief morale officer, he sets out to brighten the mood at the agency with a succession of increasingly ill-advised morale-boosting schemes.

What starts with an innocuous Hawaiian shirt day soon snowballs into a team-building and bonding exercise none of the staff will ever forget.

Cast:

Nigel Havers - Hardacre

Mathew Baynton - Joe

Josie Lawrence - Amanda

Rasmus Hardiker - Teddy

Olivia Nixon - Laura

Holly Morgan - WPC and Crystal

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Thomas Love Peacock - Headlong Hall (b06y048x)

Winter, 1815: Harry Headlong, like all Welsh squires, is fond of shooting, hunting and drinking. But he becomes seized with a passion to form the acquaintance of philosophers and dilettanti. Sir Michael Holdern narrates Thomas Love Peacock's novella.

Escot, the deteriorationist Daniel Massey

Foster, the perfectibilian Ronald Lacey

Jenkison, the statu-quo-ite John Grillo

Cranium, the craniologist John Horsley

Headlong William Simons

Cephalis Polly James

Gaster Alan Dudley

Milestone Andrew Branch

Gall Simon Cuff

Norman BirdPanscope

Tenorina Caroline Gruber

MacLaurel Michael Deacon

O'Prism John Tate

Chromatic John Baddeley

Graziosa Joan Walker

Dramatised by James Saunders.

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1988

SAT 07:30 Reimagining the City (b03tqx9v)

Series 2

Calcutta

In 1999, the novelist Amit Chaudhuri moved from England back to Calcutta. It was a place he had loved in his youth and the place he made his name writing about.

Growing up in Bombay, Amit Chaudhuri used to feel a charge of anticipation on visiting Calcutta. For him, it was his first taste of modernism, of a completely contemporary city.

"This is what I must have had an intuition of, even as a child. And this is why I feel, even now, that the most revealing places in Calcutta are not the museums or the monuments - there aren't many of those - but the houses and lanes."

That Calcutta was one of the great cities of modernity for Amit. He found himself changed by his encounters.

"By modern, I don't mean new or developed, but a self-renewing way of seeing, of inhabiting space, of apprehending life."

A colleague of Amit's told him that he loved the city because "you can feel that something happened here".

Amit takes us on a guided tour of the city, and explores whether that city of his childhood still exists or is just a realm of his imagination.

Producer: Rachel Hooper

A Falling Tree production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b074vs1b)

The Art of the Lyricist

Actor and singer Clarke Peters explores the career and legacy of 'My Fair Lady' lyricist Alan Jay Lerner.

Alan Jay Lerner often said that he sweated for weeks to write a lyric for a song. His words highlighted the struggle that he and the other legendary wordsmiths of musical theatre had as they sought to hone the right words to fit their collaborator's music - words which would sometimes translate into the vernacular and speech of generations afterwards - expressions like "Get me to the Church on Time" (Lerner) or "Everything's Coming Up Roses" (Sondheim).

Clarke explores the art of Alan Jay Lerner as well as other musical theatre lyricists which fill the BBC archives.

Many of the songwriting greats are there - Yip Harburg, writer of "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?", Dorothy Fields (lyric writer of the hit show "Sweet Charity") and the great Oscar Hammerstein. Also the artists who delivered both words and music - like Irving Berlin and Stephen Sondheim Plus surprises like PG Wodehouse who, as well as writing the famous "Jeeves" books, also wrote lyrics for musical theatre.

Fresh interviews feature with lyricist Charles Hart (writer of words for "Phantom of the Opera" and more recently "Bend it like Beckham"), Millie Taylor, Professor of Musical Theatre at Winchester University and Alan Jay Lerner expert Dominic McHugh.

Clarke Peters presents this journey of crafting the words for the perfect musical theatre song. Discover the pleasures and pitfalls of a lyricist's life as he takes us through from first thought to the opening night.

Producer: Emma Kingsley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016 to mark the 60th anniversary of the musical "My Fair Lady."

SAT 09:00 The Lives and Work of Somerset Maugham (b054051p)

William Somerset Maugham was one of the most commercially successful English writers ever.

His plays, short stories and novels effortlessly sold in their millions; his work on stage, page and screen drew huge audiences. He remains the English writer most adapted for film and TV. And yet he described himself as possessing only a "knack" for writing and his place among the literary greats as being only "in the first row of the second rate". Despite his huge popularity with a mass audience, the literary establishment dismissed him as "middle brow".

The subjects he wrote about, and his complex and exotic lifestyle moulded the image of the successful 20th century writer - a wide circle of famous friends, a villa in the South of France, the adulation of readers across the globe and the ears of the Empire's leaders. His own long life, too, reads like the plot for a novel. Born when Disraeli was Prime Minister, he died when the 60s were in full swing. He trained as a doctor, dedicated himself to being a writer, and spent time as a First World War spy. He travelled the globe in search of material for stories - chronicling the boredom, frustration and scandals of the colonial class of empire builders.

His private life was complicated. In England he seemed a pillar of the establishment, yet he set up an exotic and promiscuous lifestyle in a villa on the Cote d'Azur with a succession of gay lovers. His last years were marked by an extraordinary, toxic family quarrel, betrayal and a public fall from grace. He died on December 16th 1965 in Nice, France. Simon Fanshawe examines the literary legacy and complex private lives of Maugham in the company of writers, performers, biographers and family members.

Producer: Mike Greenwood

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2015.

SAT 12:00 Booked (b0075sd8)

Series 4

Episode 1

Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent writing game.

Regular panellists Mark Thomas and Dillie Keane are joined by Mark Radcliffe and Miles Kingston.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

SAT 12:30 Ayres on the Air (b007k0pp)

Series 1

Human Deterioration

Pam Ayres kicks off her own poetry and sketch show starting with the theme of deterioration.. of eyesight, figure, memory.....the list goes on.

With poems about being Too Fat and buying a Wonderbra. Plus sketches about being Topless at 60 and how to spice up your love life with a little celebrity fantasy in a sketch called Me and Michael Aspel.

With Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

SAT 13:00 The Leopard (Omnibus) (m000g52h)

Episode 1

Giuseppe Di Lampedusa's The Leopard draws us into world of Don Fabrizio Corbera, the Prince of Salina - set in Sicily, during the Risorgimento: the unification of Italy.

An irresistible giant of a man whose hands are like paws and who makes the ground tremble when he rises to his feet, the Prince is clear-eyed, intelligent and languid, aptly represented by the leopard on his coat of arms.

Don Fabrizio is about the business of preserving what remains of his family's feudal power in a period of political turmoil. He realises their best hope lies in his charming and resourceful nephew, Tancredi, who knows that "everything must change so that everything can stay the same".

Set across New Year's Day, The Leopard is a gorgeous masterpiece of European political fiction: beguiling, beautiful and subtle, evoking a centuries-old way of life on the cusp of change.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts: The Prince and his family are assembling for dinner. Read by Alex Jennings

Translated by Archibald Colquhoun

Abridged by Sara Davies

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000g52i)

Brian Cox

Scottish actor Brian Cox chooses Sonny Boy by Al Jolson and God Only Knows by The Beach Boys.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b00j7txy)

Dame Jacqueline Wilson

Multi-award winning children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson shares her love of literature with a selection of favourite readings and anecdotes.

Including Shakespeare, Dickens, Dodie Smith and Virginia Woolf.

Readers: Tracy-Ann Oberman and Michael Fenton Stevens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrcs)

Series 2

2084

Carter Brandon takes his uncle off to ponder growing old over a pint.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon and his curmudgeonly uncle.

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of four series of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV from 1975 to 1979.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Peter Skellern

The Barmaid Liz Goulding

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1989.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b074vs1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Thomas Love Peacock - Headlong Hall (b06y048x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Reimagining the City (b03tqx9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 And When You Sleep You Remind Me of the Dead (b094281v)

Young Tracy has a terrifying recurring nightmare, which seems to be connected with the cottage where she lives with her mother.

Tracy dreams about a man hideously wounded in battle, and about a little girl who tries frantically, but in vain, to wake her mother.

What happens when the nightmare becomes real?

Supernatural thriller written by Trevor Walker.

Ross Graham Padden

Angela Natasha Pyne

Dr Craig Gareth Armstrong

John Andrew Branch

Lucy Susie Brann

George Alan Dudley

Alice Pauline Letts

Martin Elliot Peter Howell

Tracy Romy Tennant

Young Alice Emma Grinell

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Windows.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

SAT 18:45 Above The World by Ramsay Campbell

(m000g52p)

A man visits the mountainous Lake District location he used to go to with his ex-wife. It's also the spot where she and her new husband died during a later visit...

Sean Barrett reads Ramsay Campbell's eerie tale.

Producer: Mitch Raper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 19:00 The Lives and Work of Somerset Maugham

(b054051p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07wc11v)

Series 1

The Plan

Josh and his wife Monique's big day finally arrives. Josh has the birth ball and all meditation music but typically, at the crucial moment, disaster strikes.

Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.

Starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

With Jenny Bede, Carole Dance, Stella Duffy, Caroline Mabey, Debra Tammer and Wendy Wason.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2016.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0738kq0)

Series 11

Victoria Coren-Mitchell interviews Sandi Toksvig

Writer and presenter Victoria Coren-Mitchell asks the questions to comedian and writer, Sandi Toksvig about her long career in broadcasting, her foray into politics and gets some advice on how to behave when you're staying at the Icelandic Prime Minister's house.

Chain Reaction is the long running hostess chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer. Victoria Coren-Mitchell is a columnist for The Observer and GQ amongst other publications and has presented myriad documentaries on subjects as varied as The Bohemians and Mary Poppins. As well as a prolific writing career, she keeps order on the popular and fiendishly difficult television quiz, 'Only Connect'. She is also well-known as one of the world's top professional poker players and has achieved huge success at the card table.

Sandi Toksvig is a prolific writer and broadcaster who chaired the News Quiz on BBC Radio 4 for nine years and over 220 episodes. In 2015 she was a founder member of the Women's Equality Party and was named new host of the long-running BBC TV series, QI.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2016.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000g6cg)

Spencer Jones 2/2

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

SAT 23:00 Newsjack (m000fwyp)

Series 22

Episode 4

Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public.

Host Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined this week by Jason Forbes, Freya Parker and Henry Perryment.

Script Editors: Ed Amsden and Tom Coles

Production Coordinator: Mabel Wright

Producers: Leila Navabi and Hayley Sterling

Newsjack is a BBC Studios Production.

SAT 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b07qrrv)

Series 4

Cities

Comedian Elis James compares Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Bangor, St David's and St Asaph to determine which is Wales's greatest city.

With Benjamin Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

From the Glee Club, Cardiff.

Producer: Sharif Shahwan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in August 2016.

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 When Martin Lynch-Gibbon's wife runs off with her analyst and his best friend, Palmer Anderson, the three characters attempt to behave in a civilised manner; but there is the matter of Martin's mistress and Palmer's sister to contend with and undoubtedly the thin veneer of civilisation will crack. Iris Murdoch's witty and wise story dramatised by Stephen Wakelam.
 Omnibus of five episodes.
 Martin Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Antonia Victoria Hamilton
 Palmer Anderson Matthew Marsh
 Honor Klein Helen Schlesinger
 Georgie Rhiannon Neads
 Alexander Sam Dale
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast in on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
SUN 07:15 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)
 Do You Know Where I Am? by Andrew O'Hagan
 Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany. In Andrew O'Hagan's short story, a man remembers the moment in 1960 when his home town in Ayrshire first felt connected to the rest of the world.
 Read by Finn Den Hertog
 Producer Eilidh McCreadie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.
SUN 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01rr495)
 Series 1
 Little Green Lights
 Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents. But when she tried to head back to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village and were refusing to let anyone in or out. Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself. In the cricket pavilion.
 Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village. Uljabaan's superior officer Gryvook is coming for an assessment visit. Uljabaan is hoping to get the go-ahead to invade the rest of Earth - but first he has to prepare a welcome banquet. Tradition dictates he should serve a human child... which could create an awkward atmosphere in the village. Meanwhile Richard is helping him with the invasion budget, and the figures just aren't adding up. It seems set to be a disaster - can Katrina exploit this to get the invasion cancelled permanently?
 Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan
 Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Margaret Lyons Jan Francis
 Richard Lyons Peter Davison
 Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray
 Computer John-Luke Roberts
 Special guest: Geoff McGivern
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.
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SUN 08:00 Whack-O! (m000g553)
 Series 2
 The Factory
 When Major Prosser takes advantage of rent arrears, Jim has to employ all his wiles to fight against the industrialisation of the school playing fields.
 Starring 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards.
 Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentfolk".
 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 and pupils played by Jane Whitfield, Roddy Maude-Roxby, Frederick Treves, Edwin Apps, Joan Young, John Cazabon, Roy Dotrice, John Coxall and Roger Shepherd
 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 April 1962.
SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09w2ccw)
 Going for a Song
 Harry is determined to grab a sale bargain by spending the night outside a department store.
 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 November 1976.
SUN 09:00 Guest House for Young Widows (Omnibus) (m000g555)
 Azadeh Moaveni's acclaimed, insightful and considered account about a cast of young women from Tunisia, Germany, the UK and the Middle East who joined ISIS.
 Azadeh Moaveni's book is an intimate portrait of a handful of young women who made the shocking decision to join the Islamic State. Moaveni takes us into the inner world and daily lives of an unforgettable cast of girls and women. We encounter Nour from Tunis; Emma from Frankfurt; Asma who has just moved from Damascus to Raqqa with her family, and the Bethnal Green girls who made the headlines when they left their successful school careers and boarded a plane bound for Istanbul.
 The decisions each woman makes shock, but as Azadeh Moaveni delves into their motivations, empathetic and unsettling complexities emerge.
 Journalist, writer and academic, Azadeh Moaveni has covered the Middle East for almost two decades. She is the author of Lipstick Jihad and Honeymoon in Tehran. Together with the Nobel Peace Laureate, Shirin Ebadi, she wrote Iran Awakening. Guest House for Young Widows: Among the Women of ISIS is her latest book and was shortlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize for non-fiction.
 Omnibus of five parts read by Nadia Albina.
 Abridged by Penny Leicester
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b06d9rlv)
 David and Mairead - A Pregnant Pause
 Fi Glover introduces a first for the Project, a conversation about the forthcoming birth between the prospective parents, recorded when the Booth was in Suffolk, only hours before their baby arrived... Another conversation in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen.
 The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject
 Producer: Marya Burgess
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09483jp)
 Rock & Pop Stars
 Debbie Harry
 From Nina Simone to Mahler.
 Singer and punk icon Debbie Harry shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.
 Her group Blondie started out in seedy New York bars and went on to achieve international success - selling tens of millions of albums along the way. She was ultra cool - a striking beauty with platinum hair and a sneer.
 Her trademark look continues to serve her well, Debbie says: "As far as ageing goes it's rough - I try my best - I'm healthy and I exercise like a fiend. I'm glad that I've had all the radical experiences in my life - it suits me."
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000g556)
 Series 7
 Shocks and Surprises
 True stories told live in in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces tales of people taken by surprise by discoveries and events. The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling.
 Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room. The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
 The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.
 Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
 The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
 Series 2
 Cicada
 One of the great wild sounds of North America is the purring of insects in the evening, especially that of Cicadas, one of the great stridulating sounds in the wild.

This is the tale of one Cicada; the 17-year periodic Cicada that stunned the community in New England thirteen years after the Pilgrim Fathers had landed. There was a plague of insects, all with red eyes on stalks - and all emerging continuously out of the soil. When the plague subsided a few weeks later the people of Plymouth Rock were braced for another onslaught, but nothing happened until 17 years later.
 Sir David Attenborough recalls a filming trip to New England to film this species of Cicada with both fascinating natural history and a hilarious twist.
 Written and presented by David Attenborough
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
SUN 12:00 Whack-O! (m000g553)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09w2ccw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
SUN 13:00 Iris Murdoch - A Severed Head (Omnibus) (b067wz5c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 14:15 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SUN 14:30 Colum McCann - Apeirogon (Omnibus) (m000g558)
 Episode 2
 Colum McCann's epic new novel of friendship, love, loss, and belonging.
 Bassam and Rami inhabit a world of conflict that colours every aspect of their daily lives, from the roads they are allowed to drive on, to the schools their daughters, Abir and Smadar, each attend, to the checkpoints, both physical and emotional, they must negotiate. Their worlds shift irreparably after ten-year-old Abir is killed by a rubber bullet and thirteen-year-old Smadar becomes the victim of suicide bombers. When Bassam and Rami learn of each other's stories, they recognise the loss that connects them and attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace.
 In Apeirogon - named for a shape with a countably infinite number of sides - Colum McCann creates an epic novel inspired by the real experiences of Palestinian Bassam Aramin and Israeli Rami Elhanan who, after each losing a child, came together to promote peace.
 Writer
 Colum McCann is the author of seven novels and three collections of stories. Born and raised in Dublin, Ireland, he has been the recipient of many international honours, including the National Book Award, the International Dublin Impac Prize, a Chevalier des Arts et Lettres from the French government, election to the Irish arts academy, several European awards, the 2010 Best Foreign Novel Award in China, and an Oscar nomination. In 2017 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts. His work has been published in over 40 languages.
 Music
 Original music composed and performed by Colm Mac Con Iomaire, inspired by his and the authors time in the West Bank with the non-profit global exchange group Narrative 4.
 Reader: Stanley Townsend
 Writer: Colum McCann
 Abridger: Doreen Estall
 Music: Colm Mac Con Iomaire
 Producer: Michael Shannon
SUN 15:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (m000g55b)
 Classic Woodland Birds
 Brett Westwood presents the guide to help identify your local woodland birds.
 Beginning in the Forest of Dean, Brett's joined by bird watcher Stephen Moss and wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson where they find woodland birds including nuthatches and tree creepers.
 Producer: Sarah Blunt
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.
SUN 16:00 John Clifford - Madeleine (m000g55d)
 The 1857 trial of Madeleine Smith, accused of murdering her lover Emile L'Angelier.
 Clare Grogan stars in John Clifford's dramatised account.
 Young Madeleine Clare Grogan
 Older Madeleine Stella Quilley
 Emile L'Angelier Pascal Besson
 Mr. Smith/William Minnoch/Defence Lawyer Sean Barrett
 Clerk/Robert/Curate John MacKay
 Bessie/Mary Jane Sally Cookson
 Mother/Miss Aitken/Anne Jenkins Carol Brannan
 Prosecutor David Collins
 Judge Paul Nicholson
 Director: Kate McAll
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000g55g)
 Poetry for the Spring Equinox
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses Four Seasons - Spring to mark the spring equinox and the new season.
 The programme features an anthology of old and new poems read by actors and poets for Radio 4's Four Seasons. Poems by Charlotte Mew, William Wordsworth, Louis MacNeice, Christopher Marlowe, Philip Larkin, Seamus Heaney and Edward Thomas are read by Juliet Stevenson, Noma Dumezweni, Ray Fearon, Simon Russell Beale, Sinead Cusack, Alex Jennings and Anton Lesser. Alice Oswald, Gillian Clarke

and Patience Agbabi read their own work.
 Producer: Tim Dee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
SUN 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01rr495)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Nightfall (m000g55j)
 Series 3
 Young Goodman Brown by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 At the time of the Salem Witch Trials, a man wanders into the woods near his home and has a devilish encounter.
 Nightfall is a series of supernatural and horror dramas made by Canada's CBC Radio that ran from 1980-83. It went on to become one of the most popular shows in the network's history. During 100 episodes over three seasons, Nightfall featured a mix of original stories and adaptations of classic tales.
 Young Goodman Brown Jay Bowen
 Lucifer David Calderisi
 Faith Brown Louisa Martin
 Goody Cloyse Marian Waldman
 The Minister George Merner
 Deacon Gookin Richard Curnock
 A short story by Nathaniel Hawthorne dramatised by John Douglas.
 Producer: William Lane.
 First broadcast on CBC in November 1982.
SUN 18:30 Brian Aldiss - Hothouse (b00mtpl0)
 Episode 5
 A parting of the ways for the Morel and Gren, but the search for a home goes on.
 Millions of years in the future, a colossal banyan tree covers much of the Earth. In its boughs, the last remnants of humanity are fighting for survival, terrorized by carnivorous plants and grotesque insect life.
 The Earth has stopped rotating and the Sun's output has increased. Plants are engaged in a constant tropical forest-style frenzy of growth driving other life forms to extinction...
 Conclusion of Brian Aldiss's 1962 sci-fi fantasy read by Gareth Thomas.
 Abridged by Lu Kemp.
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.
SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000g556)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
SUN 20:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55l)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The First
 On the 42nd anniversary of its radio debut Dan Mersh and Helen Keen begin a five hour Hitchhiker's spectacular with the opening episode of the first series, in which Arthur Dent is trying to stop his house being demolished. But what about Planet Earth?
SUN 20:35 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55p)
 Vagon Poetry Extra with Daljit Nagra
 The poet Daljit Nagra discusses Vagon Poetry. Should it be lauded as the third worse poetry in the universe?
SUN 20:40 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55r)
 We Love H2G2 with Lucy Porter, Brian Cox and Robin Ince
 Lucy Porter along with Brian Cox and Robin Ince from The Infinite Monkey Cage share their affection for Douglas Adams' sci fi comedy, as Dan Mersh and Helen Keen continue their Hitchhiker's celebrations.
SUN 20:50 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55t)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The Second
 As part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular Dan Mersh introduces the second episode of the first series, in which Arthur and Ford have escaped Earth's demise only to be cornered by Vogons and their poetry.
SUN 21:20 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55w)
 No Such Thing as a Babel Fish with Dan Schreiber and Andrew Hunter Murray
 The QI Elves and fact hunters, Dan Schreiber and Andrew Hunter Murray, investigate some of Douglas Adams' predictions and inventions, as Dan Mersh and Helen Keen continue their Hitchhiker's celebrations.
SUN 21:30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g55y)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The Third
 On the 42nd anniversary of its radio debut Dan Mersh introduces the third episode of the first series as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular, in which a whale meets an unfortunate end as Arthur Dent and company meet the Earth's creators.
SUN 22:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g560)
 Geoffrey McGivern
 As part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular the original Ford Prefect, the actor Geoffrey McGivern, talks to Dan Mersh and Helen Keen.
SUN 22:10 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g562)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The Fourth
 As part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular Dan

Mersh introduces the fourth episode of the first series, in which Arthur learns the lucrative answer to the question of Life, the Universe and Everything.
SUN 22:40 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g564)
 Why 42? with Matt Parker
 The standup mathematician Matt Parker, from Festival of the Spoken Nerd, delves into the rich significance of the number 42.
SUN 22:45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g566)
 Bookclub: Douglas Adams
 Dan Mersh and Helen Keen talk about the late Douglas Adams ahead of a special edition of Bookclub featuring The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy creator.
SUN 23:50 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g568)
 We Love H2G2 with Angela Barnes and Neil Sleet
 Angela Barnes and BBC Radio 4 Extra's Neil Sleet share their affection for Douglas Adams' sci fi comedy.
SUN 23:55 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g56c)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The Fifth
 As part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular Dan Mersh introduces the fifth episode of the first series, in which Arthur and company are blown up but still find time for a bite at a very exclusive eatery.

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MON 00:25 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is 42 (m000g56f)
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit The Sixth
 Dan Mersh and Helen Keen bring BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hitchhiker's spectacular to a close with the final episode of the first radio series, in which Arthur and company escape from a war but exactly where have they escaped to?
MON 01:00 Nightfall (m000g55j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:30 Brian Aldiss - Hothouse (b00mtpl0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrcs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Saturday]
MON 02:15 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Colum McCann - Apeirogon (Omnibus) (m000g558)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (m000g55b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 John Clifford - Madeleine (m000g55d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000g55g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01rr495)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b1zss)
 Mrs McGinty's Dead
 Episode 1
 A senior Police Officer is not convinced of the guilt of a young man sentenced to hang for the savage murder of an elderly woman.
 So he seeks the help of his old friend and colleague, a certain celebrated but rather bored Belgian detective - Hercule Poirot.
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt.
 From the novel published in 1952 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell in five parts.
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Superintendent Spence George Baker
 Maureen Summerhayes Molly Gaisford
 Major Summerhayes Ian Masters
 Maud Williams Beth Chalmers
 Mrs Burch Connie Walker
 Mrs Sweetiman Jillie Meers
 Mr Scuttle Geoffrey Beevers
 James Bentley Tom George
 Director: Enyd Williams.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
MON 06:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00n6v4f)
 Episode 1
 With the collapse of The Iron Curtain in the 1980s, a new frontier was open for Western Music acts to exploit.
 For years, fans in Eastern Europe had been starved of live performances by Western bands and singers due to the difficulties involved in trying to perform in countries cut off by ideology and politics. So where is the new frontier now?
 Perhaps bands should look east? With the rise of India and China as economic powerhouses, complete with growing middle classes, are these now the new territories for bands and artists to target as they seek new audiences and revenue streams?
 Rajan Datar follows legendary British band Iron Maiden as they head to Bangalore for a sold out festival appearance. With exclusive access Rajan hangs out backstage with singer Bruce Dickinson, who not only fronts the band, but is also the pilot of the specially-converted plane which they use to travel the world whilst on tour.

Rajan speaks to the promoters who are trying to make India the new destination of choice for Western music artists and hears from fans who have travelled for days from all parts of the sub continent to be at the concert. He also discovers, with surprising results, which musical genres sell in India and which don't.
 Producer: Tim Mansel.
 A Bite Yer Legs production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.
MON 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 The trauma of Andy and Katie's impending parenthood spells the end of Daniel and Lucy's plans for a quiet weekend to themselves.
 David Tennant and Liz Carling star in David Spicer's sitcom. Modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of a 30-something couple with no kids.
 Daniel David Tennant
 Lucy Liz Carling
 Katie Meera Syal
 Peter Rob Harley
 Andy Tony Gardner
 Alison Joanna Brookes
 Charlotte Polly Frame
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.
MON 07:30 Nature Table (m000fwcw)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Nature Table is comedian, broadcaster and writer Sue Perkins' new comedy 'Show & Tell' series celebrating the natural world and all it's funny eccentricities.
 Taking the simple format of a 'Show & Tell', each episode Sue is joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history. Each of the natural history guests brings an item linked to the wild world to share with the audience, be it an amazing fact or funny personal anecdote. Each item is a springboard for an enlightening and funny discussion, alongside fun games and challenges revealing more astonishing facts. We also hear from some of the London Zoo audience, a mix of London Zoo staff and members of the public, as they bring us their own natural history 'show and tells' for Sue and the guests to discuss.
 Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate and promote the importance of all our planet's wonderfully wild flora and fauna in an fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.
 Episode 4
 Recorded at London Zoo, this week Sue Perkins is joined by special guests zoologist and author Lucy Cooke, fly expert Dr. Erica McAlister and comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean.
 Written by: Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler & Jon Hunter
 Researcher: Catherine Beazley
 Music by Ben Mirin. Additional sounds were provided by The Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.
 Produced by: Simon Nicholls
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 08:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv2q)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 A seven foot squirrel drives ad man Ken Handley nuts, but can some face cream help?
 Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising
 Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
 Sandy Christopher Godwin
 Freddie Lockwood West
 Deborah Rosalind Ayres
 Ambrose Paul Jesson
 Leo Gale Glyn Owen
 Christina Jo Manning Wilson
 Receptionist Maggie McCarthy
 George Peter Tuddenham
 With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.
MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jqlx)
 Series 3
 We Know Our Onions
 Jones's van is commandeered for the platoon's anti-tank gun exercise - but the trouble is it's also full of Hodges' consignment of onions.
 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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Private Pike Ian Lavender
 Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
 Private Walker Larry Martyn
 Captain Ramsay Alan Tilvern
 Sergeant Baxter Michael Middleton
 Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.
MON 09:00 Whispers (b00cbszf)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.
 Charles Collingwood and Simon Fanshawe join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
MON 09:30 Control Group Six (b007529q)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Control Group Six is an experimental company town, like any other with a high murder-rate.
 President Frank is dead, leaving it without a leader.
 But only one man possesses the experience, the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist.
 Can the Director of the Company help?
 Bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller.
 Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman.
 With Geraldine Fitzgerald and Mandy Knight.
 Producer: Colin Swash
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
MON 10:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g3sx)
 Episode 1
 Of Mr Joseph Andrews, his birth, parentage, education, and great endowments, with a word or two concerning ancestors.
 Henry Fielding's 18th century comic masterpiece is a riotous journey through the morals and manners of high and low society.
 In this opening episode, Joseph accompanies the flirtatious Lady Booby to London whilst Parson Adams campaigns to educate him to achieve his potential.
 Joseph Cornelius Garrett
 Lady Booby June Barrie
 Parson Adams John Franklyn-Robbins
 Henry Fielding John Rye
 Sir Thomas Booby William Fox
 Mrs Slipslop Anne Jameson
 Mr Peter Pounce Peter Woodthorpe
 Mr Grogglossom Bill Wallis
 Mr Mockgallant Graham Blockey
 Lady Tittle Tessa Worsley
 Lady Tattle Karen Ford
 Dramatist: John Scotney
 Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000g3t0)
 Series 6
 The Story Behind The Numbers
 Guy Raz explores the idea of whether life today is better than ever before? Does the data bear that out?
 This hour, TED speakers explore the stories we tell with numbers — and whether those stories portray the full picture. A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2018.
MON 12:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv2q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqlx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b1zss)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00n6v4f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g3t2)
 Episode 6
 Ursula's grandfather, Tom, returns home drunk to the farm one night to find the whole place beneath water.
 DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.
 Read by David Bradley
 Abridged in ten parts by Linda Cracknell
 Producer: Lu Kemp
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004
MON 14:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07q2zxh)
 Grey Squirrel
 Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?
 The grey squirrel is considered one of the worlds greatest natural invaders. It's been on UK shores for over a hundred years and it's two million strong population dwarfs that of our native red squirrel.
 It is maligned by many, but does the grey squirrel deserve its reputation as an unstoppable invader? Derek Mooney intends to find out.
 Producer: Ellie Sans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
MON 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsfz)
 The Virgin in the Garden, Part 1/8
 In 1950s Yorkshire, Frederica Potter is still living at home, but senses something exciting...
 The first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the

lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
 The Frederica Quartet comprises of 'The Virgin in the Garden' (1978), 'Still Life' (1985), 'Babel Tower' (1996) and 'A Whistling Woman' (2002).
 Dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
 Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
 Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
 Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
 Stephanie Helen Longworth
 Alexander Adam Kotz
 Winifred Barbara Flynn
 Daniel Shaun Dooley
 Producer: Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b05vwpwb)
 Tom Fort - Channel Shore
 Episode 1
 Where exactly do the North Sea and the English Channel merge, and what did Noel Coward get up to at St. Margaret's?
 Tom Fort's maritime journey takes us from the White Cliffs to Lands' End. About 675 miles in all.
 Abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams.
 Read by Jonathan Coy
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.
MON 15:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g3sx)
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MON 16:00 Whispers (b00cbszf)
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MON 16:30 Control Group Six (b007529q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 Nature Table (m000fvcw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn3c)
 Series 2
 The Return of the Sun God
 On patrol in Egypt - scanning the sky for asteroids - the crew of Space Force witness a massive ball of light coming towards Earth...
 Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series in six parts starring Barry Foster.
 Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
 Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson
 Magnus Carter Nigel Stock
 Lodderick Sincere Tony Osoba
 With Wendy Murray, Willoughby Goddard, Bernard Brown and Mia Soteriou.
 Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' - charting the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. This fired the imagination of millions, years before the first moon landing. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart television!
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1985.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00n88d1)
 Tony Juniper and Katie Hopkins
 Sue MacGregor talks to environmental campaigner Tony Juniper and former BBC Apprentice contestant Katie Hopkins about their favourite books.
 Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet by Mark Lynas
 Publisher: HarperPerennial
 Heartsnatcher by Boris Vian
 Publisher: Dalkey Archive
 Sue's Choice: Gigi, and The Cat by Colette
 Publisher: Vintage Classics
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
MON 19:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv2q)
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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000g3t0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 22:00 Nature Table (m000fvcw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00wdjvk)
 Series 4
 A Now Tricky Life Woefully Miseried Up
 Pip and Harry have escaped the exploding desert island, but Harry has been transformed into a dinosaur.
 Now they must catch Mister Benevolent and prevent him taking over the world, but the trail has led them to France. Here they must face unimaginable horrors including a bacon free breakfast and a deadly confrontation in a cheese mine.
 But there is a glimmer of hope in the form of The Scarlet Pimple.
 Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.
 Sir Philip Richard Johnson
 Young Pip Bin Tom Allen
 Gently Benevolent Anthony Head
 Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead
 Ripely Sarah Hadland
 Pippa Susy Kane
 Reverend Godly Fecund David Mitchell
 Frenchman Mark Evans
 Producer Gareth Edwards.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000fx2x)
 Series 56
 Episode 1
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches
 This week we tackle the news from the UK and look further afield at Super Tuesday – Lucy Porter snoops on her shopping and Darren Harriott explores his environmental credentials.
 With music from Rachel Parris and additional voices from Joe Barnes...
 Written by the cast, with additional material from Laura Major, Liam Biernie, Helena Langdon and Charlie Dinkin
 Producer: Adnan Ahmed
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Hut 33 (b001jn73)
 Series 1
 Bridge Too Far
 Three wartime code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut as they try to break German ciphers.
 Unfortunately, they hate each other.
 James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.
 Charles Robert Bathurst
 Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
 Minka Olivia Colman
 Gordon Fergus Craig
 Mrs Best Lill Roughley
 Joshua Alex MacQueen
 Producer: Adam Bromley.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

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TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn3c)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Nature Table (m000fvcw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b2vb6)
 Mrs McGinty's Dead
 Episode 2
 Hercule Poirot is convinced that the brutal murder of an elderly woman is connected to a lurid article in a Sunday newspaper Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt.
 From the novel published in 1952 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Ariadne Oliver Julia MacKenzie
 Superintendent Spence George Baker
 Mrs Wetherby Rosalind Knight
 Deirdre Henderson Teresa Gallagher
 Mrs Upward Jill Balcon
 Robin Upward Nick Waring
 Eve Carpenter Angela Sims
 Guy Carpenter Dominic Colchester
 Dr Rendell Gerard McDermott
 Director: Enyd Williams.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
TUE 06:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00s0b0v)
 Episode 2
 Rajan Datar follows Iron Maiden to India to seek out opportunities for Western music.
 Are the new economies of India and China ripe for Western music acts to exploit? Rajan heads to Beijing to find out why China is another market western bands are targeting. With a growing, affluent middle class bands ranging from Mumford and Sons to Shakira are heading to the Far East in the hope of breaking this huge country.
 However, touring China is not an easy proposition for bands. On his travels Rajan discovers a litany of problems for bands trying to become popular in China. Tickets can often be

expensive, especially if a band is not popular enough to play stadium venues. Then there is Government censorship - one festival had to drop all the foreign artists on the bill after it was discovered one of the bands, The Buzzcocks, once had some songs banned in the UK back in the 1970s.

Then there is the local police who can cancel gigs on a whim and an audience who have few cultural links to the West and are still relatively isolated from Western culture.

Rajan also discovers why the Icelandic singer Bjork has made touring China even harder for Western bands, and hears from the strange French band trying to tour this huge country, complete with all their instruments and equipment, using the rail network.

Producer: Tim Mansel

A Bite Yer Legs production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

TUE 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b008p9vh)

Series 1

Holidays

Pam Ayres's poetry and sketch show looks at holidays. With poems about packing too much and learning to ski at 50-something.

Plus sketches about booking a holiday online and getting shingles up the Orinoco

With Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 07:30 Teatime (m000fq41)

Episode 2

Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving family. Starring Philip Glenister, Samantha Spiro, Aimee-Ffion Edwards, Prasanna Puwanarajah, Katie Redford and Steven Brandon.

Sensing he might be in with a chance to win her back, Joe (Glenister) decides to ambush his ex-wife Donna (Spiro) with an impromptu date night. Donna isn't sure what to think, and neither are Vicky and Rav (Edwards and Puwanarajah) - Joe's decided to stage this ambush in their kitchen.

Meanwhile, Vicky's sister Lisa (Redford) is #livingherbestlife as a single lady about town. Now that she's got nothing to look forward to except a lifetime of married routine, is Vicky just a little jealous? And Uncle Bob (Brandon) has some excellent advice for Rav.

Teatime was produced by Sam Ward, and is a BBC Studios production.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b09z7br2)

The Missing Scroll

Can ace translator Neddie Seagoon recover the lost ancient manuscript of Purdom?

Starring Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe.

Beginning in May 1951 as 'Crazy People', The Goon Show ran for 10 series stretching the boundaries of radio comedy in new and influential directions concluding in January 1960.

The team reunited in October 1972 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the BBC for The Last Goon Show of All.

Scripted by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

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 February 1955.

TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b00n53d4)

Series 3

Episode 16

Kenneth Horne heads 'The Muffplaster Saga', while Julian and Sandy are offering some bona guided triptettes of London.

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 May 1967.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000fx2x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvel)

Series 2

Ghosts and Ghoopies

Ricky Lenin decides to write a column in a tabloid newspaper, but ends up learning a few painful lessons about life, love, truth, and Gloria Hunniford.

More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers starring Alexei Sayle.

Ricky Lenin Alexei Sayle

Jeff Frankly John Sessions

Frank Lee Brian Kenneth Wolstenholme

Colonel Brace Cartwright Donald Hewlett

Stevie Stalin Andrew McLean

Terry Trotsky Phil Cornwell

Curvy Corinne Jacqueline Ashman

Announcer John Witty

Written by Marcus Berkmann.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

TUE 10:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g52y)

Episode 2

'Being very full of Adventures, some scarce credible to those who have never travelled in a Stage Coach'

After being dismissed by Lady Booby, misfortune strikes as Joseph Andrews returns to Somerset.

Henry Fielding's 18th century comic masterpiece is a riotous journey through the morals and manners of high and low society.

Joseph Cornelius Garrett

Lady Booby June Barrie

Mrs Slipslop Anne Jameson

Henry Fielding John Rye

Dr Cuttle Peter Copley

Parson Adams ... John Franklyn-Robbins

Tow-Wouse ... Ronald Herdman

Mrs Tow-Wouse ... Mary Wimbush

Fanny/Betty Jane Leonard

Lady in the coach Ingrid Hafner

Coachman John Church

Robber Sean Barrett

Dramatist: John Scotney

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986.

TUE 11:00 About the Mountain by Frances Leviston (b07fdm23)

The snow is falling and it's the end of the day on the mountain.

A young snow-boarding instructor does a head count of her charges - a group of schoolboys. One has been left behind and she sets off to find him.

Emily Beecham reads award-winning poet Frances Leviston's short story.

Commissioned and produced for the BBC by Jill Waters.

Read by Emily Beecham

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016

TUE 11:15 Drama (b05vy5ns)

Stephen Wyatt - The Shadow of Dorian Gray

It's 1895, and Oscar Wilde has just been convicted of gross indecency. London is in a moral panic.

It's a dangerous time to be John Gray, the man rumoured to have inspired Wilde's scandalous novel 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'.

Summoned to the Cafe Royal by a mysterious telegram, the whole course of John's life will have changed by the time the evening is over.

Written by Stephen Wyatt.

John Gray ... Blake Ritson

Lord Henry ... Nicholas Farrell

Andre Raffalovich ... Joshua McGuire

Waiter ... Chris Pavlo

The Voice of the Novel ... Mark Edell-Hunt

Director: Abigail le Fleming

Writer Stephen Wyatt has worked widely as a playwright in theatre, radio and TV. In 2008, his play, Memorials to the Missing, won the Tinniswood Award for best original radio script of 2007 as well as Silver in the Best Drama category of the 2008 Sony Radio Academy Awards. In 2012 he won the Tinniswood Award again for his play, Gerontius. He spent two years as Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellow at the University of Sussex and a further year as RLF Writing Fellow on Greenwich University's Maritime campus.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00sb0gy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 14:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g52x)

Episode 7

Ursula finds love.

But when her lover leaves to fight in the Boer War, it is her teacher, Miss Inger, that intrigues Ursula.

DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.

Read by David Bradley

Abridged by Linda Cracknell

Producer: Lu Kemp

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004

TUE 14:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07q7y16)

Japanese Knotweed

Japanese knotweed evolved to grow on the slopes of Japanese volcanoes. It's harsh home makes it a thug of a plant outside its natural range with a seemingly magical ability to grow in the most unlikely places.

In the more than 100 years since a few female specimens were brought to UK shores as an ornamental garden plant it has spread across the country and is now probably the most hated plant in the UK. But is it really the Great Invader we believe it to be? Derek Mooney intends to find out.

Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?

Producer: Ellie Sans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

TUE 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsge)

The Virgin in the Garden, Part 2/8

Desperate Frederica Potter adaptations for a play about Elizabeth

I written by her father's colleague, the beautiful Alexander

Wedderburn.

The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.

Older Frederica Rosemary Leach

Young Frederica Hannah Watkins

Crowe Dudley Sutton

Alexander Adam Kotz

Wilkie James Callis

Jenny Hannah Dee

Stephanie Helen Longworth

All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b05vx8qc)

Tom Fort - Channel Shore

Episode 2

Wandering the 'shabby end' of the Royal Parade in Eastbourne, which houses the fishing fleet, the author is reminded of his own fishing exploits. This involved prawn-hunting.

Tom Fort's maritime journey takes us from the White Cliffs to Lands' End. About 675 miles in all.

Read by Jonathan Coy

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015

TUE 15:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g52y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b070cz5y)

Series 8

Lucas, Scott, Hartston

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah

Millican welcome:

* Comedian Matt Lucas

* Neuroscientist Sophie Scott

* Goggleboxer and former British chess champion, William

Hartson

Researchers: Anne Miller and Molly Oldfield of QI.

Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.

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

TUE 16:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01j0sfn)

Royal Flush

Frustrated reporter Graham Carpenter lands an unexpected scoop.

John Gradwell's six-part sitcom about life in Butterthwaite's local newspaper office.

Bert Ball Jeffrey Holland

Graham Carpenter Robert Beck

Brenda Thistlethwaite Frances Jeater

Arnold Beasley David Ryall

Vicky Cox Sue Devaney

Lawrence Stevens Dean Williamson

All other parts played by Mark Gatiss, Peter Serafinowicz,

Peter Silverleaf and Margaret Stallard.

Producer: Kathy Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

TUE 17:00 Ayres on the Air (b008p9vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Teatime (m000fq41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn4d)

Series 2

The Red Planet

The Space Force crew make a discovery in Egypt - while stowaways are reported on the Mars-bound ship.

Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series starring Barry Foster.

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson

Magnus Carter Nigel Stock

Lodderick Sincere Tony Osoba

With Wendy Murray, Willoughby Goddard, Bernard Brown and

Mia Soteriou.

Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and

successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' - charting the adventures of

Captain Jet Morgan. This fired the imagination of millions, years before the first moon landing. It was the last radio drama

to record higher ratings than the new young upstart television!

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1985.

TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b07cmbgy)

George Martin

Beatles record producer and composer Sir George Martin, talks to Jeremy Nicholas about the music which stirs his emotions. In between his music choices, George looks back over his wide-ranging career.

From early classical music record making, through comedy records to signing The Beatles in 1962 - he reveals what it was like to work with John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Born in 1926, Sir George Martin died in 2016.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00sb0gv)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 21:15 Drama (b05vy5ns)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
TUE 22:00 Teatime (m000fq41)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007jms1)
 Series 1
 No-One Should Live in the Same Family for More Than One Year
 Radical proposals to change our lives for the better - a family and relations revolution.
 Written by Mark Steel and Pete Sinclair, who also perform with the help of Maria McErlane.
 Give him 30 minutes and Mark will convince you of anything in the series that aims to prove that the ridiculous really is very sensible indeed.
 Producer: Turan Ali
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in October 1992.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gdfn)
 Tom Neenan 1/2
 From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Sarah Campbell chats to Tom Neenan.
TUE 23:00 Beauty of Britain (b00n4zgv)
 Series 1
 The Lord Lieutenant's Lady
 Beauty is caught between a warring couple, which is a good distraction from her disastrous crush on worship leader Wayne.
 Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.
 Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.
 See Britain through her eyes - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese.
 Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien
 Nancy Snow Rosemary Leach
 Miss Macleod Anne Reid
 Worship Leader Wayne Javone Prince
 Sally Felicity Montagu
 Karen Nicola Sanderson
 Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi
 Anil Paul Sharma
 Mrs Daly/Choir Member Nicola Sanderson
 Music by The West End Gospel Choir.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
TUE 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b01kblfd)
 Pilot
 2011 Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Adam Riches' fast-paced, fully-loaded bandolier of character comedy.
 Bringing you such man-weapons as 'Coach Coach', 'MasterMind', 'Daniel Day Lewis', 'The Drifter' and 'Cube-Voice Guy'.
 Plus live music and improvisation from whoever happens to be sat on the front row!
 Pilot show that sparked the following series.
 Written by Adam Riches.
 Producers: Simon Mayhew-Archer & Rupert Majendie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b2vb6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Big in Bangalore, Big in Beijing (b00sb0gv)
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WED 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b2zzr)
 Mrs McGinty's Dead
 Episode 3
 In the respectable village of Broadhinny, Hercule Poirot has established several possible suspects of appropriate ages, as the murderer of the elderly woman...
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt.
 From the novel published in 1952 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Ariadne Oliver Julia MacKenzie
 Superintendent Spence George Baker
 Mrs Upward Jill Balcon
 Robin Upward Nick Waring
 Eve Carpenter Angela Sims
 Deirdre Henderson Teresa Gallagher
 Maureen Summerhayes Molly Gaisford
 Mrs Rendell Susannah Corbett
 Mrs Sweetiman Jillie Meers
 Director: Enyd Williams.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
WED 06:30 The Art of the Loop (b03wgpyg)
 Most current pop music is created not with live instruments, but from pre-formed, off the shelf chunks of music known as loops.
 Musician Matthew Herbert explores the art of the loop and the million-dollar industry that has grown up around it, and asks whether it is setting music makers free from the constraints of traditional instruments or killing creativity.
 Loops are pre-recorded performances, typically of a solo instrument, and typically 1 or 2 bars long. Looping isn't new – it started soon after the advent of tape recorders. But recent advances in computer technology and software mean that effects which once needed a full-scale studio costing thousands of pounds can be created for little or no cost on a laptop or even a mobile phone. A CD of loops costing £10 can be used to make a million-selling international hit, but who is the real composer?
 Matthew once made an entire album from the sounds of a single pig's life, so he's no stranger to the benefits of loops and sampling. He talks to producers, musicians and loop-creators and experiments with technology ancient and modern; he hears from looping's defenders and detractors and looks into a musical future which he finds fascinating but many find terrifying.
 And, along the way, he builds a dance track out of a BBC Radio 4 Continuity announcer.
 Producer: Micky Curling
 A Folded Wing production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.
WED 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b0082f0w)
 Series 1
 Barbie
 It's school reports time - and Eddie needs a loan to start up his own taxi business.
 The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family in the first series of Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.
 Jason Dominic Monaghan
 Michael Jason Done
 Dave Stefan Escreet
 Eddie John McArdle
 Collette Emma Clarke
 Maureen Beverley Callard
 Debbie Jo-Anne Knowles
 Music: Big George
 Producer: Neil Mossey
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.
WED 07:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000fvzp)
 Series 3
 Episode One: Spring
 Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed quest to make sense of the human experience. He's aided by the sardonic musical brilliance of Flo and Joan, and by a different comedy friend in each programme. This week, it's Lou Sanders.
 This new series examines the four seasons of the year and the seasons of a human life, as Mark - at the halfway point of his expected lifespan - considers what might come next. In his first programme, Mark and his guests discuss Spring - a time of new beginnings, lambs and other cliches.
 As always, there's a huge number of jokes, some songs and an awful lot of other stuff crammed into each show as the much-loved comic and his team make their way through life at dizzying speed.
 Produced by Lianne Coop
 An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)
 Series 4
 Michelangelo 'Ancock
 The lad takes up sculpting. But when he runs out of rocks, it's Sid to the rescue.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.
 Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
 Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry

Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.
WED 08:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)
 The Inaudible Man
 1903: a murky autumn day. The Honourable Clarence Green enters the lobby of what turns out to be one of the queerest clubs in London.
 In the Smoking Room he eagerly listens to the first creepy tale of an otolaryngologist.
 Starring Terence Stamp, Joss Ackland and Spike Milligan.
 Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie
 Dr Bates Terence Stamp
 Wyvern Joss Ackland
 Psychiatrist Spike Milligan
 Arturo Andrew Sachs
 Green Royce Mills
 Mrs Boyle Sheila Steafel
 Felch Michael Ripper
 Policeman Arthur Smith
 Horny Adam Wide
 Music by Max Harris.
 Producer: Paul Spencer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.
WED 09:00 Listomania (b0b0fty3)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the list - from the magnificent to the mundane - from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...
 With Lucy Beaumont, Nat Luytsema, Alun Cochrane and Richard Herring.
 Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.
 Producer: Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2015.
WED 09:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)
 Episode 1
 Martina's not sure if she wants to be a nun anymore, so she takes work with a catering company and soon lands in a crisis of epic proportions...
 Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.
 Stars Catherine Harvey as Martina, Mark Straker as Kingsley, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Roger May as Juan Jose and Marlene Sidaway as Mrs Olney.
 Director: Cat Horn
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
WED 10:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g3xy)
 Episode 3
 A very learned Part in which Parson Adams meets a wise Judge and a virtuous Clergyman.
 Joseph Andrews proposes to his darling Fanny and they travel towards Booby Hall with Parson Adams.
 Henry Fielding's comic masterpiece about the morals and manners of high and low - 18th century - society.
 Joseph Cornelius Garrett
 Lady Booby June Barrie
 Parson Adams John Franklyn-Robbins
 Henry Fielding John Rye
 Sir Thomas Booby ... William Fox
 Mrs Slipslop Anne Jameson
 Mr Peter Pounce Peter Woodthorpe
 Mr Grogglossom ... Bill Wallis
 Mr Mockgallant ... Graham Blockey
 Lady Tittle Tessa Worsley
 Lady Tattle Karen Ford
 Dramatist: John Scotney
 Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986.
WED 11:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
 1: Under Water and in the Garden
 Since he was first given a tape recorder in 1967, musician and wildlife sound recordist, Chris Watson, has been fascinated by the possibilities of sound. In three one-hour instalments, he tells the story of the technological advances in radio from the first Outside Broadcast, through the Radiophonic Workshop and to advent of podcasting.
 In the first of three programmes, Chris fires up his first ever tape recorder and we hear some of Chris's radio moments.
 Featuring:
 * Orchestra Under The Waves - presented by Evelyn Glennie [BBC Radio 4 1996]
 * Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird [BBC Radio 3 2000]
 * Oh, Whistle and I'll Come To You [BBC Home Service 1963]
 Producer: Jessica Treen
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2018.
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WED 14:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g3y8)
 Episode 8

Ursula's interest in her affair with Miss Inger is beginning to wane.
She decides to pursue a career in teaching but is horrified to see her romantic illusions about the profession shattered...
DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.
Read by David Bradley
Abridged by Linda Cracknell
Producer: Lu Kemp
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004
WED 14:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07qcb)
Harlequin Ladybird
In years since the harlequin ladybird first hopped across the English Channel, its spread has been scrutinised by an army of scientists and amateur naturalists.
Its rapid colonisation has given it the unfortunate title of the world's fastest invader. Derek Mooney talks to ladybird expert Dr Helen Roy to find out how this little beetle came to be a great invader.
Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?
Producer: Ellie Sans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
WED 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsgn)
The Virgin in the Garden, Part 3/8
Marcus Potter's increasingly strange behaviour is making his sisters very concerned.
The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
Marcus Carl Prekopp
Simmonds Adam Godley
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Stephanie Helen Longworth
Daniel Shaun Dooley
All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
Producer: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b05vzvs)
Tom Fort - Channel Shore
Episode 3
Once upon a time on Cogden Beach near Chesil, 'a mermaid was thrown up by the sea, thirteen feet long'.
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Series 2
The Great Martian Pyramid
Landing on Mars, the Space Force crew start explorations - but find their welcome is far from warm.
Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series starring Barry Foster.
Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson
Magnus Carter Nigel Stok
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Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1985.
WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b0076xj5)
Stateside
Episode 3
Geoffrey Wheeler concludes his series about the history of American vaudeville with a look at how some of the finest vaudeville theatres reinvented themselves in order to survive after vaudeville itself withered and died in the 1930s.
The Boston Opera House, the Orpheum and the Pantages in Minneapolis are now flourishing theatrical and musical venues, but it took millions of dollars of investment and many long years of painstaking restoration and rebuilding, as well as a change of attitude towards the preservation of the past.
Producer Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b2zzr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 The Art of the Loop (b03wgpyp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000fvzp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b03kv491)
Series 2
Episode 1
A trip to the woods of Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms. This week, it's the Wunderwoods Widderdays.
Sketch show by Alice Lowe.
Also starring Richard Glover, Simon Greenall, Rachel Stubbings, Clare Thomson and Marcia Warren.
Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gg4d)
Tom Neenan 2/2
From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Sarah Campbell chats to Tom Neenan.
WED 23:00 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac (b007v120)
Episode 3
Comedian Will Smith is obsessed with 1980s detective series Bergerac, so uses an audio book of his star, John Nettles, reading the Tao, to navigate the minefield of his life with the help of a special guest.
Will explores his bad luck with romance, helped by a special guest from the world of Bergerac.
With Amelia Bullmore, John Nettles, Dan Tetsell, Olivia Poulet and Tara Blaise.
WED 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxnfl)
Where the Brave Go Shopping
With heroics to perform, Milford and Parker pop into Bravemart. Stars Mark Heap, Nick Frost and Kevin Eldon.
From October 2002.

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020

THU 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn4v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 The Palace of Laughter (b0076xj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b2zzr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 The Art of the Loop (b03wgpyp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g3y8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07qcb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsgn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b05vzvs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g3xy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Listomania (b0b0ty3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b0082f0w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000fvzp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b35f2)
Mrs McGinty's Dead
Episode 4
Hercule Poirot is very excited because someone has tried to kill him - so he knows he's on the right track.
However, there is somebody else for whose life he particularly fears...
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt.
From the novel published in 1952 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Ariadne Oliver Julia MacKenzie
Superintendent Spence George Baker
Robin Upward Nick Waring
Mrs Upward Jill Balcon
Mrs Rendell Susannah Corbett
Deirdre Henderson Teresa Gallagher
Maud Williams Beth Chalmers
Maureen Summerhayes Molly Gaisford
Michael Kim Wall
Director: Eynud Williams.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
THU 06:30 The Tudor Tarantino (b00s936x)
Dominic Arkwright charts the rise and fall of Thomas

Middleton, the bad boy of Renaissance drama.
He wrote stories of murder, incest and sexual blackmail in the backstreets of London and was hugely popular in his day, occasionally out-selling Shakespeare at the box office. So why were his plays banned from the stage for over three hundred years?
Gary Taylor, editor of The Complete Middleton, argues that this dangerous genius was just too controversial to survive and thrive. Skakespeare's stories of kings and queens, of hope and redemption, outlasted the disturbing visions of the trouble-maker Middleton. But more controversial is the claim that Middleton had a hand in the Bard's success.
Dominic examines the evidence for Middleton's "collaborations" with Shakespeare, and looks at Middleton's claim to greatness. Also assessing the case for Middleton as Professor Jonathan Bate, Professor Sir Brian Vickers, and actress Harriet Walter, about to take to the London stage as one of Middleton's most villainous anti-heroes.
THU 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)
Series 1
Drilling for Hamsters
The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.
Series one of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom.
Starring Frances Tomelty as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon and Gerard McSorley as Trevor.
Director: Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
THU 07:30 The Break (b0b42v6)
Series 2
The Mystery of Room 66
To win back Corinne's heart, Jeff takes her to an escape room. But no-one expects a puzzle set by Death himself. Philip Jackson, Alison Steadman and Mark Benton star.
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05zljdy)
From 14/09/1975
Shocks, suggestions, banjos and sackings are tickling the King of Knotty Ash.
Starring Ken Dodd.
With Jo Manning Wilson, Gretchen Franklin, Talfryn Thomas, Chris Emmett and Michael McClain.
Devised and written by Ken Dodd with Dave Dutton, David McKellar-Philip, Norman Beadle and John Pye.
Doddy's Diddy Orchestra conducted by Geoff Alderson.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in September 1975.
THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00skxlf)
Series 4
Episode 3
It's bath night for John Cleese, plus a nude surprise in an art gallery.
More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.
Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, Peter Hutchins and Leslie Sellers.
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 and Bill Oddie.
Producer: Humphrey Barclay
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1966.
THU 09:00 Booked (b0075skq)
Series 4
Episode 2
Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Mark Thomas, Dillie Keane, Arthur Smith and David Stafford. From 1998.
THU 09:30 Married (b007wqdc)
Series 1
Episode 6
Branded a wife-beater in his parallel universe, a joke backfires for bachelor Robin. Stars Hugh Bonneville. From April 1999.
THU 10:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g53s)
Episode 4
"The final part, containing several new Matters, not expected" Joseph and Fanny are desperate to marry but explorations into her true identity raise complications.
Conclusion of Henry Fielding's 18th century masterpiece about the morals and manners of high and low society.
Joseph Cornelius Garrett
Fanny Jane Leonard
Lady Booby June Barrie
Parson Adams John Franklyn-Robbins
Henry Fielding John Rye
Mrs Slipslop Anne Jameson
Pedlar ... Sean Barrett
Squire Booby ... Geoffrey Bateman
Gammar Andrews ... June Tobin
Lawyer Scout Trevor Nichols
Pamela Sarah Benfield
Beau Didapper Ronald Herdman
Dramatist: John Scotney
Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1986.
THU 11:00 Singularity by Andrew Crumey (b07dp1rr)

A professor of astronomy who has spent his career scanning distant galaxies finally turns his gaze closer to home in this story by Andrew Crumey.
Read by Grant O'Rourke
Producer Eilidh McCreadie
Andrew Crumey is senior lecturer in creative writing at Northumbria University. He has a PhD in theoretical physics and is former literary editor of Scotland on Sunday.
THU 11:15 Peter Tinniswood (b036y49b)
The Sitter
Bulldog is 82. While his wife goes out for a tootle in the SS Jaguar, he is visited by a sitter with tired, lank hair and woebegone eyes.
But before the war Bulldog was an aviator who skimmed the Andes and who flew the mail from Singapore to Casablanca and who loved dusky beauties the world over.
Bulldog ... Maurice Denham
The Sitter ... Liz Goulding
Written by Peter Tinniswood.
Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05z1jdy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sxk1f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b35f2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Tudor Tarantino (b00s936x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g53v)
Episode 9
Ursula leaves the school to attend teacher training college, but when Sebrensky returns she quickly loses interest in her studies. They become lovers but, while she enjoys their illicit affair, Ursula is loath to enter into a contract of marriage.
DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.
Read by David Bradley
Abridged in by Linda Cracknell
Producer: Lu Kemp
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004
THU 14:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07qb15m)
Ring-necked Parakeet
In many parts of the world including its native range, the ring-necked parakeet is considered an invasive species.
In the UK we still think of it as either an exotic curiosity or local nuisance. Should we be worried or continue to welcome this unlikely addition to British bird life?
Derek Mooney intends to find out.
Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?
Producer: Ellie Sans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
THU 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsh1)
The Virgin in the Garden, Part 4/8
Stephanie and Daniel declare their feelings for each other but her father reacts badly.
The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
Daniel Shaun Dooley
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Stephanie Helen Longworth
All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
Producer: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b05w456f)
Tom Fort - Channel Shore
Episode 4
At Slapton Ley there are musings on Pallas sand grouse, shipwrecks, and 'Cornish sardines' - whose numbers turned the water black from Lands' Journey to Bigbury bay.
Tom Fort's maritime journey takes us from the White Cliffs to Lands' End. About 675 miles in all.
Read by Jonathan Coy
Abridged by Katrin Williams.
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015
THU 15:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g53s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Booked (b0075skq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Married (b007wqdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 The Break (b0b42v6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn58)
Series 2
A Test of Endurance
Held captive in an underground city on Mars, the Space Force crew are set to learn their fate...
Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series starring Barry Foster.
Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson
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Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1985.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04cc7cr)
Series 34
Jonathan Meades on Edward Burra
Writer Jonathan Meades nominates the English artist Edward Burra, who died in 1976, for "great life" status, arguing that he deserves to be better known.
Burra painted sailors, drinkers and prostitutes in Toulon; jazz musicians in Harlem; surreal wartime pictures of soldiers in terrifying bird masks; and, in his later years, landscapes in which anthropomorphic and malevolent machines bite chunks out of the countryside. Disabled with rheumatoid arthritis from an early age, Burra barely went to school and so escaped the Edwardian upper class upbringing that would otherwise have been his destiny. At once camp yet apparently celibate, Burra was intensely private and disliked talking about either himself or art - or, as he called it, "fart".
Matthew Parris chairs the discussion, and is joined by Burra's biographer Jane Stevenson.
Producer: Jolyon Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b05z1jdy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sxk1f)
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THU 21:15 Peter Tinniswood (b036y49b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (m000g53y)
Series 22
Episode 5
Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public. Hosted by Kiri Pritchard McLean
THU 23:00 Elvenquest (b00k49s9)
Series 1
Episode 2
Lord Darkness has Amis and wants the sword. Can Sam stop him? Fantasy comedy starring Darren Boyd and Dave Lamb. From May 2009.
THU 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00fkp61)
Tour de France
The surreal escapades of a trio of 'posties'. Stars Ben Miller, John Thomson and Felicity Montagu. From November 1992.

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020

FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn58)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b35f2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Tudor Tarantino (b00s936x)
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FRI 02:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g53v)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b05w456f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Henry Fielding - Joseph Andrews (m000g53s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Booked (b0075skq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Married (b007wqdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Break (b0b42v6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b35f2)
Mrs McGinty's Dead
Episode 5
The chaos of Long Meadows provides Hercule Poirot with his final clue to unveiling the pitiless murderer.
But there's also another surprise in store for the Belgian detective...
Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John

Moffatt.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Ariadne Oliver Julia MacKenzie
Superintendent Spence George Baker
Robin Upward Nick Waring
Maud Williams Beth Chalmers
Maureen Summerhayes Molly Gaisford
Major Summerhayes Ian Masters
Eve Carpenter Angela Sims
Guy Carpenter Dominic Colchester
Mrs Rendell Susannah Corbett
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Director: Enyd Williams.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
FRI 06:30 Death of An Orchestra (b04v381r)
Alan Bennett recalls his regular boyhood visits to hear the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. With other keen supporters and former members, he tells the Orchestra's history from 1947 to its demise in 1955.
Amid the austerity of the post-war years, the YSO was founded in a spirit of great optimism to provide first class orchestral music for the citizens of Yorkshire. It was based in Leeds Town Hall, and funded entirely out of the Rates. The inaugural concert book expressed the hope that it would "find a permanent place in the musical life of Yorkshire and rank with the finest orchestras of this country".
The founder conductor was Maurice Miles, who appears in the only recording of the YSO to survive in the BBC Archive. There were guest appearances by Sir Malcolm Sargent, Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir Adrian Boult, and visits from glittering soloists such as Joan Hammond and Tito Gobbi. As a Leeds schoolboy, Alan Bennett found these figures from the outside world "tinged with great glamour". Violinist Rodney Friend, another supporter, was a winner of the YSO's competition for young soloists before becoming leader of the LPO, the New York Philharmonic and the BBC SO. Eight former members of the orchestra, now scattered around the country, describe life in the YSO: cold rickety buses, romance, and the thrill of the great conductor Nikolai Malko arriving for the final season. They recall their shock on discovering that the Orchestra was to be disbanded and the sadness of the final concert.
Produced by Susan Kenyon
A Whistledown production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
FRI 07:00 Bad Salsa (b048jj9b)
Series 1
A New Perspective
After treatment for ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles. In 'Bad Salsa', two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!
Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death. Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.
For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. The characters in the series have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." As in the real world, the challenges of everyday life go on for our characters; like us they have boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents, but unlike us their brush with mortality has given them a new perspective. The fun and excitement of the series is in watching them decide to preserve the pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"
Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.
FRI 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000qq8)
Series 3
Connecting People
Hardacre's ad agency find themselves competing for an unusual account - Befriendr, a dating-style app designed to help lonely city-dwellers make friends.
Amanda (Josie Lawrence) recruits Joe (Mathew Baynton), as the most normal member of the agency, to accompany her to the Befriendr launch event - a chance to network, and maybe even make some new friends themselves.
Meanwhile Hardacre (Nigel Havers) and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) - both banned from attending the event for not being normal enough - seek solace in each other's company. Hardacre resolves to remake Teddy in his own image, teaching him how to be A Real Man.
Cast:
Hardacre.....Nigel Havers
Joe.....Mathew Baynton
Amanda.....Josie Lawrence
Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker
Laura /
'Gram Woman.....Olivia Nixon
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)
Series 5

Wave Goodbyes to CBEs the Burkiss Way
The cult sketch show team's last-ever episode.
Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.
With special guest David Jason.
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 November 1980.
FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0082crd)
Series 2
Episode 4
Can shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel save a struggling department store from closure?
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.
Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli
With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.
Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.
Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.
Producer: Dirk Maggs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1991.
FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b91jt2)
From 20/01/1981
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Bob Monkhouse, Larry Adler and George Axelrod.
Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982. Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.
FRI 09:30 Molesworth (m000g4js)
Leisure
Leisure means watching sport on TV with plenty of beer and cigs, not playing it.
Nigel Molesworth, formerly The Curse of St Custard's, is now all grown-up and determined to share his experience of life.
CAST:
Molesworth William Rushton
Grimes Clive Swift
Fotherington Thomas Phil Nice
Louise Penelope Nice
Darryl Robert Harley
Peason Bob Sinfield
Lucinda Chrissy Robert
Music by Oonagh Bernon
Written by Simon Brett, based on characters created by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle.
Producer: Mark Robson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.
FRI 10:00 Peter Tinniswood (b00758gq)
A Very Rare Bird Indeed
At a small family-run hotel on the Welsh coast, lonely Avril observes the guests while waiting for her philandering husband. Peter Tinniswood's drama stars Judi Dench as Avril, Peter Jeffrey as Maynard, John Moffatt as Morgan, Lou Hirsch as Clayton, Carolyn Jones as Marion, Jeff Shankley as Gilbert and Derek Waring as Major Rackham.
Music by Simon Morecroft.
Director: Gordon House
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1997.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000g4jv)
Storytelling
Amanda Litherland and Becca Bryers explore podcasts that blend fact and fiction. Includes interviews with Ross Sutherland (Imaginary Advice) and Eleanor McDowall (Short Cuts).
FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Death of An Orchestra (b04v381r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g4jx)
Episode 10
Ursula has broken off with Sebrensky and he has left for India without her.
After his departure Ursula finds that she is pregnant - she must decide whether to follow him to India to live as his wife, or stay in England as an outcast from society.
DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.
Concluded by David Bradley
Abridged by Linda Cracknell
Producer: Lu Kemp
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004
FRI 14:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07qc3gf)
Ash dieback fungus
When trees infected with the ash-dieback fungus were first recorded in the UK in early 2012 there was widespread alarm.

By 2016, are we closer to knowing what the final toll will be on our ash trees and with an uncertain political future how do we limit the risks posed by other invisible invaders? Derek Mooney intends to find out.
Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?
Producer: Ellie Sans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jshd)
The Virgin in the Garden, Part 5/8
In the year of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, Bill Potter has difficulty in accepting his daughter Stephanie's desire to marry the local curate, Daniel Orton
The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Stephanie Helen Longworth
Daniel Shaun Dooley
Mrs. Thone Sandra Clark
Alexander Adam Kotz
Mrs. Orton Bridget Turner
All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
Producer: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b05w84zh)
Tom Fort - Channel Shore
Episode 5
The Loos. Then Lizard Point. Then Lands' End, where a cream tea is enjoyed, but the place itself?
The end of Tom Fort's maritime journey taking us from the White Cliffs to Lands' End. About 675 miles in all.
Concluded by Jonathan Coy
Abridged by Katrin Williams.
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn5r)
Series 2
Living With Death
Elevated to the priesthood of God-King Ra - the captive crew of Space Force seize a chance to escape.
Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series starring Barry Foster.
Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson
Magnus Carter Nigel Stock
Lodderick Sincere Tony Osoba
With Wendy Murray, Willoughby Goddard and Bernard Brown.
Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' - charting the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. This fired the imagination of millions, years before the first moon landing. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart television!
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1985.
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076t95)
A Nudge and a Wink
Matthew Parris pleads for more gravity in public life in the company of Arabella Weir, Martin Newell and Dave Cohen.
From 2005.
FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b00dghc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0082crd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b3fdv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Death of An Orchestra (b04v381r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000g4jv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000qq8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b061t68k)
Series 2
Tobacco
Comedian Simon Evans returns with a new series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - we are addicted to. If you crave your daily coffee, can't get by without a cigarette, feel that mid-afternoon slump without your sugar-fix, or can't face an evening without a glass of wine, you are definitely not alone. But have you ever thought about the economics that has made your addiction possible? Who does it profit? And would you want to make some canny investments that take advantage

of our human weaknesses?
In this series, Simon Evans looks at the economics, history and health issues behind these oh-so-addictive commodities.
This week it's tobacco. It's been called the single biggest avoidable cause of death in the world today yet it has remained an investment goldmine, with a single pound invested in tobacco stocks in 1900 now being worth over 6 million pounds. Simon speaks to Robert West, Professor of Health Psychology and Director of Tobacco Studios at University College London about current global trends in smoking. He is also joined by economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset-Webb, as he walks us around the economics of these very familiar commodities and pokes fun at our relationship with them.
Presented by Simon Evans, with Professor Robert West, Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset-Webb.
Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.
Produced by Claire Jones.
FRI 23:00 Love in Recovery (b075q02q)
Series 2
Coming Clean
Second series of the award-nominated comedy drama set in Alcoholics Anonymous, written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery. Stars Sue Johnston, John Hannah, Eddie Marsan, Rebecca Front, Paul Kaye and Julia Deakin.
Love in Recovery follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Taking place entirely at their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and - most importantly - tell their stories.
In this fourth episode, Julie (Sue Johnston) is having a tough time with her new bloke, and Danno (Paul Kaye) has a secret to share with the group. A big secret. A shameful secret. A secret he thought he'd never have to reveal.
Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found support from the unlikely group of disparate souls - with one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.
There are lots of different kinds of AA meetings. Love in Recovery is about meetings where people tell their stories. There are funny stories, sad stories, stories of small victories and milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and those stories that you really shouldn't laugh at - but still do, along with the storyteller.
Cast:
Marion.....Julia Deakin
Fiona.....Rebecca Front
Simon.....John Hannah
Julie.....Sue Johnston
Danno.....Paul Kaye
Andy.....Eddie Marsan
Written and created by Pete Jackson
Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield
A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007wz2p)
Dave Podmore's Cricket Night
Episode 3
Loyalties are split for our hero, as a billionaire plans to demolish his home ground. Stars Christopher Douglas. From May 2004.