

## SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020

SAT 00:00 **Fantastic Tales (b007k30x)**

The White People by Arthur Machen

The nature of good and evil and the origins of sin are explored as two learned gentlemen hold a heated theological debate...

Arthur Machen's intriguing tale read by Ioan Meredith and Louise Collins.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

SAT 00:30 **Off the Page (b0076tdr)**

The Road to Hell

Matthew Parris asks Helen Walsh, Jay Benedict and poet Atila the Stockbroker about the sulphurous road to hell. From August 2005.

SAT 01:00 **Paul Temple (b014qncy)**

A Case for Paul Temple

5. In Which Mr Layland Tells the Truth

Hot on the heels of the Valentine gang, Paul and Steve set out on a high speed midnight drive to the coast.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heelled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple ..... Crawford Logan

Steve ..... Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham ..... Gareth Thomas

Major Peters ..... Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby ..... Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter ..... Melody Grove

Mary ..... Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin ..... Nick Underwood

Sir Gilbert Dryden ..... Michael Mackenzie

Layland ..... Robin Laing

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

SAT 01:30 **Vines On The Front Line (b00x97hw)**

"The message from a glass of Lebanese wine should be tolerance and openness between civilizations. It's more than fermented grape juice." Ramzi Ghosn, Massaya Wines.

The BBC's Middle East Editor, Jeremy Bowen, takes time out from reporting conflicts to give vinophiles a new perspective on an ancient story. Lebanon is not a place you naturally associate with winemaking.

It's a Middle Eastern country nestled between Arab neighbours whose religion forbids them to drink alcohol. It is also a country that has been scarred by war, from the 15-year civil war from 1975-1990, to the recent Israeli-Lebanon conflict in 2006.

But Lebanon is also an ancient civilisation, a country of merchants and traders - its history dating back to Noah, the first winemaker in the Bible. Fittingly the Temple of Bacchus, an impressive tribute to the God of wine, is situated amongst the ruins of Balbek, in the Bekaa Valley, a region these days better known for Hezbollah than hedonism. But the temple, like Lebanese wine, has survived centuries of war and the winemakers of the Bekaa are optimistic wine will outlive war.

Sharing stories with the wine makers who, in defiance and dedication to their craft, continue to grow their vines so close to the frontline, Jeremy delves into the cultural and ethnic mosaic of this unstable but extraordinary country.

Producer: Gemma Newby

An All Out production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 02:00 **Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068yhql)**

Episode 5

The children observe more strange adult behaviour and Harriet experiences something new.

Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks.

Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.

While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.

Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

SAT 02:15 **Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816tp3)**

Series 1

Toilets

It's the most celebrated period of British ingenuity, but are our Victorian forebears due a rethink?

Sci-curious sisters Kat and Helen Arney are on hand with some revisionist revelations that could turn what we think we know completely upside down.

Was the water-based toilet the pinnacle of 19th century hygienic invention, or did the Victorians literally flush away our most precious resource? Why did they choose the water closet over the alternatives that were available to them - the Earth Closet and the Air Closet? And was there a Fire Closet too (or was that just the result of that other great Victorian import, the curry?). Helen and Kat are holding their noses and diving in. Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics. A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SAT 02:30 **AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jskj)**

Still Life, Part 2/7

Frederica leaves for the south of France, while Stephanie and Daniel are celebrating.

Still Life is the second 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

Wilkie ..... James Callis

Alexander ..... Adam Kotz

Daniel ..... Shaun Dooley

Stephanie ..... Helen Longworth

Marcus ..... Carl Prekopp

Nurse ..... Hannah Clark

Midwife ..... Sandra Clark

All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SAT 02:45 **Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05spr507)**

Episode 5

Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area: Children, he reckons, are uniquely imaginative on their nature rambles, often inventing a language to express their little adventures.

Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester

Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015

SAT 03:00 **Jean de Coras - The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070wmg2)**

Episode 2

Martin Guerre's wife, Bertrande, has accepted him on his return after eight years' absence and borne him two further children. But then she accuses him of being an impostor... Conclusion of Guy Meredith's dramatisation from the trial notes of the 16th-century French judge, Jean de Coras.

Starring Sean Bean as Martin Guerre and Lesley Dunlop as Bertrande.

Jean de Coras..... Olivier Pierre

Bertrande's Mother... Jill Graham

Pierre Guerre..... Andrew Melville

Sanglas.... Steve Hodson

Mme Sanglas... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Francoise.... Jo Kendall

Carbon Barrau.... Peter Gunn

Guillem.... Eric Allan

Shepherd / Dominique Pujol... John Fleming

Magistrate .... Peter Penny Jones

Other parts played by Federay Holmes, John Church, Keith

Drinkel, Jonathan Adams, John Webb and Siriol Jenkins.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

SAT 04:00 **Funny You Should Ask (b0b5wyfl)**

From 10/02/1981

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Ben Travers, Ray Cooney and Leslie Phillips

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 February 1981.

SAT 04:30 **Molesworth (m000gccc)**

The Arts

In an attempt to win a posh radio prize, Nigel Molesworth presents his guide to Cinema, Theatre, Painting, Country Dancing.

Schoolboy 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

Grimes ..... Clive Swift

Louise ..... Penelope Nice

Peason ..... Bob Sinfield

Fotherington-Thomas ..... Phil Nice

Lady Eiderdown ..... Chrissy Roberts

Gillibrand ..... Robert Harley

Music by Onagh Bernon

Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.

SAT 05:00 **Bad Salsa (b06vk11w)**

Series 1

Mount Kilimanjaro

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. 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. Written by Kay Stonham, 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. Our characters have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." Everyday challenges must go on like boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents. But their brush with mortality gives them a new perspective.

So do they preserve their 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.

Chippy ..... Sharon Rooney

Jill ..... Natasha Little

Terri Camille ..... Coduri

Marco ..... Derek Elroy

Gordon ..... Andrew Obeney

Elaine ..... Ayesha Antoine

George ..... Emily Chase

Joel ..... Joe Johnsey

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

SAT 05:30 **Reluctant Persuaders (m00004z)**

Series 3

Because She's Worth It

Work at Hardacre's advertising agency is brought to a standstill when Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) becomes obsessed with a series of literary thrillers - the continuing adventures of John Soldier in titles such as Kill And Let Die and The Deathman Cometh. Soon he has Joe (Mathew Baynton) and Amanda (Josie Lawrence) hooked on them as well, and all work is put on hold as the team obsess over the most exciting books they've ever read.

Meanwhile, Hardacre (Nigel Havers) receives a visit from an old flame (guest star Frances Barber), and finds himself caught in a battle for her affections with a wholly unexpected opponent.

Cast:

Hardacre.....Nigel Havers

Joe.....Mathew Baynton

Amanda.....Josie Lawrence

Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker

Laura.....Olivia Nixon

Laurie Patterson.....Frances Barber

Book Launch Host.....Edward Rowett

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 **John Buchan - The Courts of the Morning (b001k9j)**

High adventure in South America, where The Republic of Olifa is rich in minerals, and ripe for revolution.

CAST:

Castor .... Ian McDiarmid

Janet Roylance .... Fiona Francis

Archie Roylance .... Andrew Wardlaw

Sandy Clanroyden .... Sandy Neilson

Babs .... Lynn Bains

Luis .... Richard Greenwood

Mayakovsky .... Finlay Welsh

Romanes .... Mark Coleman

Hamilton .... Derek Anders

Written by John Buchan and dramatised by Guy Slater.

Director: Patrick Rainer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.

SAT 07:30 **Recycled Radio (b053bq4j)**

Series 3

Recycled: Work

Welcome to the chopped up, looped up, sped up world of Recycled Radio.

This week Gerald Scarfe introduces the subject of work.

Joining the production line of grafters and skivers are Norman Tebbit, John Prescott, Sheila Hancock and the Mantovani Orchestra. We're taken back to a time when having a kip on the job was the done thing, and ask whether hard work is the route to true happiness.

Fun, silly, thoughtful radio ... recycled.

With contributions from Evan Davis, Margaret Thatcher, Jenni Murray, Tony Blair, John Fortune, Gordon Brown, Aristotle and William Hague.

Producer: Melvin Rickarby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 08:00 **Archive on 4 (b013rg2p)**

When the Eyes of the World Were on the Clyde

"We are not going to strike. We are not even having a sit-in strike. Nobody and nothing will come in and nothing will go out without our permission. And there will be no hooliganism, there will be no vandalism, there will be no bevvying, because the world is watching us." (Jimmy Reid)

Back in 1971, shipyard workers in Glasgow embarked on a paradigm-shifting piece of industrial action. The general public of the 1970s were used to strikes. But a mass work-in in the Clyde ship yards drew support from across the political spectrum, and delivered a humiliating blow to the Heath Government.

In June 1971 John Davies, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, declared there will be no more state subsidies for the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders - all part of Ted Heath's plans to remove "lame duck" industries from the public purse. Shop steward Jimmy Reid's responded: "We don't only build ships on the Clyde, we build men. They have taken on the wrong people and we will fight."

The eyes of the world's media fell on Clydeside for the fourteen month work-in. Radio Four revisits the dramatic confrontations at Westminster between John Davies and Tony Benn, the Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and reveals a private meeting between union leaders and Ted Heath at No 10, where they were reputedly offered whisky, but refused. Journalist John Lloyd looks back at the extraordinary story of how Clydesiders took their future into their own hands, and looks at its relevance to current day events.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

**SAT 09:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000gn54)**

Jessica Fosteckew charts the horrors and the highs of the 9 months of life with a bump, the moment of reckoning with birth, and the chaos, or not, that lies ahead.

Using the BBC Archive and interviews with lots of special guests including Jenny Eclair, Cariad Lloyd, Sara Barron, Richard & Catie Herring, Caroline Mabey, Jen Brister, Hatty Ashdown, Kirsty Newton, Katie Mulgrew, Taylor Glenn, Robin Ince, Laura Lexx, Sindhu Vee, Diane Morgan, and Holly Walsh. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2018.

**SAT 12:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b0731bvs)**

Series 16

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Jon Richardson, Susan Calman and Jack Dee are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as tattoos, milk, supermarkets and Vladimir Putin.

Devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

**SAT 12:30 Capital Gains (b00shdzt)**

Series 2

Seed Capital

Billionaire philanthropist Julius Hutch has never voted, but when his wife leaves home and a compulsory purchase order arrives, he takes action.

Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.

Written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch ..... Peter Jones

Pauline Tone ..... Celestine Randall

Kate ..... Justine Midda

Sexton Lewis ..... Jeffrey Wickham

Sir Gainford Blounty ..... Stephen Thorne

Dahlia Sprout ..... Jillie Meers

Other parts played by Collin Johnson, David Holt and Brian Perkins.

Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997 .

**SAT 13:00 Helen Dunmore - Your Blue-Eyed Boy**

**(Omnibus) (m000gnwq)**

Simone is a district judge whose husband Donald is on the verge of bankruptcy and breakdown.

She attends court, passes judgement on the lives of others when out of the blue a letter arrives; someone she has tried to forget has not forgotten her and Simone's private history is about to collide with her public world.

Simone - Pippa Nixon

Donald - Graeme Hawley

Michael - Andonis Anthony

Matt - Elija Wolf

Joe - Milo Robinson

Busker - Paul Cargill

Omnibus of five episodes dramatised by Fiona Evans.

Produced and directed by Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

**SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000gn56)**

Duff McKagan

Guns N' Roses bassist Duff McKagan chooses Funk 49 by The

James Gang and Little Doll by The Stooges.

**SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kflj)**

Series 2

St Austell

Pam is in Cornwall where she visits a china clay quarry, the Eden Project and drops in on singer-songwriter Peter Skellern.

Poet and raconteuse Pam Ayres is back on the open road, visiting nine more places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.

Photograph by Laurence Watts.

Producer: Jill Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2001.

**SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jqzx)**

Series 1

Three Star Comfort

Carter Brandon checks in for some room service, but his uncle has other ideas.

Uncle Mort ..... Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon ..... Sam Kelly

Pat/Receptionist ..... Liz Goulding

Narrator ..... Christian Rodska

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

**SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b013rg2p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SAT 16:00 John Buchan - The Courts of the Morning**

**(b001jk9j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Recycled Radio (b053bq4j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

**(b007jm3n)**

The Secondary Phase

Fit The Eighth

Zaphod and Roosta are being taken to the evil Frogstar, white Ford and Arthur are stranded on prehistoric Earth.

Starring Peter Jones as The Book, Simon Jones as Arthur Dent, Geoffrey McGovern as Ford Prefect, Mark Wing-Davey as Zaphod Beeblebrox, Alan Ford as Roosta. David Tate as Eddie and Valentine Dyll as Gargavarr.

The original scripts by Douglas Adams (1952-2001) went on to spawn a series of novels, a feature film, at least three stage shows, a TV series, a computer game, a collection of comic books - and various towels.

Radiophonic sound and music by Paddy Kingsland.

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1978.

**SAT 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jnhf)**

To My Dear, Dear Saladin

Horror legend Vincent Price introduces a tale of a cat - and its unusual inheritance.

To Emily, Great Aunt Hesta leaves her entire fortune, including her home, Longbridge Manor.

To her beloved cat, Saladin, she bequeaths continuing life on the estate. But Emily's husband, Freddie has other ideas and dearly pays the price...

Starring Edward Woodward as Freddie, Annette Crosbie as Emily, Steve Hodson as Smiley and Lewis Stringer as the Solicitor

Scripted by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.

**SAT 19:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond**

**(m000gn54)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nswqw)**

Series 1

Episode 2

John Humphrys gives 28 performers 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Justin Edwards

Alfie Joey

The Trap

Jo Enright

Dave Johns

Jim Jeffries

Joanna Neary

Danny Robins

Scott Capurro

Roger McGough

Toby Hadoke & John Warburton

Martin Hutton

Gary Le Strange

Debra-Jane Appleby

James Bachman

Steve Hughes.

Dan Antopolski

Sarah Millican

Patrick Monahan

Michael Redmond

Alan Cochrane.

Derek upon Tweed

Jayne Tunnicliffe

Glenn Wool

Kevin Day

Adam Bloom

Richard Herring

Slaughterhouse Live

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

**SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b074xvfg)**

Series 11

Roy Hudd interviews Alison Steadman

Series 11 of the show where one week's interviewee becomes

the next week's interviewer. The first episode of Chain Reaction was broadcast on BBC Radio Five in 1991 when John Cleese was the first comedian in the hot seat. Now, 25 years on, a new series sees another raft of the world's best-loved comedians talking to each other about their lives and work. This week, comedy legend and music hall expert Roy Hudd turns interviewer as he chats to the much loved actress, Alison Steadman.

Roy Hudd has clocked up more than 50 years in showbusiness, starting out as a Butlins redcoat in the 1950s and then developing a stellar career through numerous successes on stage, radio and screen. BBC Radio listeners know him best as the host of the much loved News Huddlines on Radio 2 for 26 years. More recently, Roy gained plaudits for his moving portrayal of Bud Flanagan in the BBC drama 'We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story'.

Alison Steadman is an actress who has been popular with the British public and worldwide since making her name in the critically acclaimed works of Mike Leigh in the 1970s. She went on to deliver much-loved and memorable performances across both drama and comedy in *Pride and Prejudice* and *Gavin and Stacey* amongst many others.

In this programme Roy talks to Alison about her early days growing up in Liverpool, her trip to the palace to get the OBE and her critically acclaimed work with Mike Leigh.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy Production.

**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gnws)**

Tolu Ogunmefun 2/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And Angela Barnes chats to Man Like Mobeen's Tolu Ogunmefun.

**SAT 23:00 Buy Me Up TV (b00718q0)**

Pilot

Every shopping channel you've ever seen, every product you've never wanted. Stars Justin Edwards. From May 2007.

**SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b00ct1wm)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store, with host Simon Bligh, John Mann, Marian Unfaithful and Paul Tonkinson. From

December 1998.

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**SUN 06:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus)**

**(b07g718g)**

The Virgin in the Garden and Still Life

The changing patterns of intimacy and family life in England from the '50s to the '70s told through four A.S. Byatt novels. The conclusion of 'The Virgin in the Garden' (1978) and start of 'Still Life' (1985).

CAST:

Older Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Young Frederica .... Hannah Watkins

Bill .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Alexander .... Adam Kotz

Winifred .... Barbara Flynn

Daniel .... Shaun Dooley

Crowe .... Dudley Sutton

Doctor/Salesman .... Gerard McDermott

Simmonds .... Adam Godley

Marcus .... Carl Prekopp

Jenny .... Hannah Dee

Wilkie .... James Callis

Young Doctor .... Peter Darney

Midwife .... Sandra Clark

Dramatised for radio by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**SUN 07:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s91p)**

Einstein Watch Maker

"As science and the microchip redesign the world in their image, it seems the most obsolescent piece of merchandise is man."

Technological advances in society and the humble wristwatch explained by Leonard Rossiter.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purslow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in March 1981.

**SUN 07:15 Someone Else's Bed by MJ Hyland (b07w6ft7)**

Mick seeks escape from his lack of a job and marital problems by doing something he's never done before, "good or bad, big or small", that no-one else need ever know about.

M J Hyland is an ex-lawyer, a lecturer at the University of Manchester and the author of three novels - How the Light Gets In, Carry Me Down (shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize) and This is How. She has twice been shortlisted for the National Short Story Award.

Writer: M J Hyland

Reader: Rob Jarvis

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4

**SUN 07:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b07756bd)**

Series 2

Ovid

Join Natalie Haynes and guests for half an hour of comedy and the Classics from the BBC Radio Theatre in London.

Natalie is a reformed comedian who is a little bit obsessive about Ancient Greece and Rome.

Tonight she stands up in the name of Roman poet, Ovid. Expect frothage at the races, Greek myths from a female perspective, and enough inspiration for painters, writers and sculptures to last a couple of millennia.

With special guests Llewelyn Morgan and Michael Squire.

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

**SUN 08:00 Home to Roost (m000gncx)**

Series 2

Bungalow in Bournemouth

Olive complains about the state of the house and wants to move to the seaside.

Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler play Olive and William Wheeler. After forty years working for the same company, William has retired and trying hard to adapt to his new life of leisure. Olive, on the other hand, is trying to adapt to having her husband under her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage.

This second series ran from 1st July to 23rd September 1975.

CAST:

William Wheeler .... Deryck Guyler

Olive Wheeler .... Mollie Sugden

Jack Bailey .... Norman Rossington

Kath .... Patricia Greene

Mr. Carmichael .... Ronald Herdman

Mrs. Chadwick/Agnes Carmichael .... Linda Polan

Writer: Anne Jones

Theme music composed and played by Alex Walsh and his Band.

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1975 .

**SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09xjb65)**

All At Sea

Time and tide wait for no man, as Harry and his friends go nature rambling along the Welsh coast.

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 December 1976.

**SUN 09:00 Shakespeare in a Divided America by James Shapiro (Omibus) (m000gncz)**

Leading scholar James Shapiro makes a timely exploration of what Shakespeare's plays reveal about deep divisions in the United States - from revolutionary times to the present day.

The plays of William Shakespeare are rare common ground in the United States. They are read at school by almost every student, staged in theatres across the country, and valued by conservatives and liberals alike. For well over two centuries, Americans of all stripes - presidents and activists, writers and soldiers - have turned to Shakespeare's works to explore the nation's fault lines, including issues such as race, gender, immigration, and free speech.

In a narrative arching across the centuries, from revolutionary times to the present day, James Shapiro traces the unparalleled role of Shakespeare's 400 year-old tragedies and comedies in illuminating the concerns on which American identity has turned.

Deeply researched, Shakespeare in a Divided America reveals how no writer has been more closely embraced by Americans, or has shed more light on the pressing issues in their history. Shapiro argues it is by better understanding of Shakespeare's role in American life that Americans might begin to mend their bitterly divided land.

Written by James Shapiro

Read by Kerry Shale

Abridged by Kerry Shale and Jill Waters

Producer: Lizzie Davies

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

**SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b06s9j78)**

Oscar and Isaac – Badges and Adventures

Fi Glover introduces a conversation recorded at the CBBC Live and Digital Festival in Hull, between ten year olds who are well aware of the life skills they can learn in the Cub Scouts.

Another conversation in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen, and this one can be seen,

animated, on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc>

The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before.

The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can learn more about The Listening Project by visiting [bbc.co.uk/listeningproject](http://bbc.co.uk/listeningproject)

Producer: Marya Burgess

**SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b095vgqj)**

Rock & Pop Stars

Alison Moyet

From Cilla Black to Talk Talk. Singer-songwriter Alison Moyet shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From May 2014.

**SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0b89kd4)**

Series 7

In the Name of Love

True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces stories that celebrate things we do in the name of love.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

**SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zt5xr)**

Series 2

Wallace

It was the great travel books written in the 19th century by Alfred Russell Wallace that inspired Sir David Attenborough himself to achieve great things in the realm of natural history.

But Attenborough tells us that Wallace was more than just a great travel writer. His power of meticulous observation and recording as he explored many parts of the world were in the highest league imaginable, even for Victorian standards - and his power of analysis very much akin with Darwin, his great contemporary.

Wallace independently came up with a theory of evolution that was in parallel to Darwin's thinking - two field naturalists breaking huge conventions of the time and coming up with the single most important theory in Biology. How did they resolve the conflict between themselves?

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

**SUN 12:00 Home to Roost (m000gncx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 12:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09xjb65)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 13:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omibus) (b07g718g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 14:10 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s9j9p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

**SUN 14:15 Someone Else's Bed by MJ Hyland (b07w6ft7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 14:30 Hilary Mantel - The Mirror and the Light (Omibus) (m000gnd1)**

Episode 1

The beheading of Anne Boleyn raises difficult questions as to who will succeed Henry VIII.

Anton Lesser reads the eagerly-awaited finale to Hilary Mantel's Booker-winning Thomas Cromwell series.

Omnibus of the first five of fifteen episodes.

Writer: Hilary Mantel is one of the UK's most distinguished writers. Her two previous Thomas Cromwell novels, Wolf Hall and Bring up the Bodies, both won the Booker Prize.

Reader: Anton Lesser

Abridger: Katrin Williams

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

**SUN 15:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00bydgm)**

The Oakwood Trio

Do you know a wood warbler from a redstart?

Brett Westwood is joined by bird watcher Stephen Moss and wildlife sound recorder Chris Watson. Producer Sarah Blunt

**SUN 16:00 Louis Robinson - Julie and the Prince (b0076kd0)**

Julie and the Prince

by Louis Robinson

The intriguing and romantic story of Queen Victoria's father, Prince Edward, and his long-term mistress, Julie, "Madame de St Laurent". Edward, the fourth son of George III, lived in the colonies with Julie until he was put under pressure to marry a German Princess and produce an heir to throne. He faced a choice between giving up his true love or giving up his status as Prince.

Julie Julia Hills

Edward Timothy Watson

Lord Sefton David Timson

Lady Sefton Janet Dale

Crawford Sam Graham

Mr Murchison/Philippe Paul Clarkson

Mrs Murchison Buffy Davis

Queen Victoria Jaimi Barbakoff

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000gnd5)**

The Lament of Swordy Well

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses The Lament of Swordy Well in which Paul Farley explores ecology, Englishness and 'home' through John Clare's landmark poem.

'My name will quickly be the whole

That's left of Swordy Well.'

So wrote John Clare in the 1830s, before he was committed to the asylum, in one of his most moving and proto-ecological poems. Swordy Well, a tract of limestone heath near Clare's home in Northamptonshire, is not just the subject though - astonishingly it's also the narrator. Through Clare, the place gained a voice - a rarity even today in English poetry.

The site - now Swaddlywell - is presently one of scientific interest, and has been preserved for its wildlife and habitat. However following Clare's time - and his poem's catalogue of the place's neglect and abuse following enclosure - the area found itself being used as a racetrack for stock cars, a site for illegal raves and parties, and even became a fly tipping eyecore.

Poet Paul Farley, who has edited John Clare's poems, goes back to the original location and takes the poem back to its source too, meeting with fellow writers, conservationists and locals who remember the partying and racing in Swordy Well. How would the place speak now, nearly two centuries after enclosure?

Responding with a new poem of Paul Farley's, and with a vivid soundscape, The Lament of Swordy Well reflects on the nature of location, ecology, 'home' and voice in the English landscape poem.

Producer: Aasiya Lodhi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

**SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b07756bd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 Drama (b07mz0h8)**

David Lemon - The Tunnel

Science Fiction drama by David Lemon set in Britain in 2056 following the collapse of the information age.

George and his granddaughter Chloe are fleeing a chaotic and economically desperate land in an attempt to reach a rumoured safe haven across the water. Can George deliver his granddaughter to safety with her faith in the future intact?

George ..... Jonathan Coy

Chloe ..... Georgia Groome

Simon ..... Neil Grainger

Mitch ..... Nicola Ferguson

Kenneth/The Captain ..... Sargon Yelda

Pamela ..... Adie Allen

Joel ..... James Lailey

French soldier ..... Scarlett Brookes

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

A writer for film, television and radio, David Lemon's radio work includes The Man In Black, starring Mark Gatiss. His second feature, Containment, premiered at the 2015 East End Film Festival.

**SUN 18:45 Jane Gardam - The Weeping Child (m000gnd7)**

"I have seen a ghost... it was the ghost of someone who is still alive."

Marion Reed reads Jane Gardam's short story.

Producer: Rob Ketteridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

**SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0b89kd4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zt5xr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

**SUN 20:00 Shakespeare in a Divided America by James Shapiro (Omibus) (m000gncz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b06s9j78)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

**SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b095vgqj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b07756bd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 Twenty Players (b06g65m6)**

Series 1

Doug and Demelza Davidson  
 Forgotten sporting heroes. David Vine tells the story of Britain's most intrepid mixed lugers. From May 1995.  
**SUN 22:45 The Music Teacher (b00s9gbs)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 An aural feast of a musical comedy written by and starring 2009 Writers' Guild Award winner Richie Webb as long suffering multi-instrumentalist music teacher Nigel Penny. Featuring Vicki Pepperdine as Arts Centre Manager Belinda.  
 Shut away in a tiny windowless practice room in a regional arts centre, music teacher Nigel Penny endures his usual succession of bizarre pupils whilst wrestling with the latest curveball thrown at him by panicked Arts Centre manager, Belinda.  
 Episode 2 sees Nigel faced with having to up the rate he charges his students; but he finds his negotiating skills somewhat thwarted by a guitarist with no strings, a Cameo tribute act and possibly the world's most confusing busker.  
 Belinda meanwhile is struggling to cope with the Arts Centre's new emergency procedures - and therefore so is everyone else.  
 Cast:  
 Nigel Penny ..... Richie Webb  
 Belinda ..... Vicki Pepperdine  
 Other roles by Dave Lamb, Jim North and Jess Robinson.  
 Written by Richie Webb.  
 Producer: Richie Webb  
 Director: Nick Walker  
 A Top Dog Production for BBC Radio 4  
**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gnxz)**  
 Tolu Ogunmefun 3/3  
 From **10.00pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And Angela Barnes chats to Man Like Mobeen's Tolu Ogunmefun.  
**SUN 23:00 Newsjack (m000gc7c)**  
 Series 22  
 Episode 6  
 An uncharacteristically quiet Newsjack this week, recorded behind closed doors and written by a Great British public living through unprecedented times.  
**SUN 23:30 Fabulous (b00dy23d)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 1  
 Faye is anxious. She knows that today's women are Fabulous; they have it all, the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe and they cope with the pressures modern life brings effortlessly, with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them. So why can't she pull it off? With the builders in to build her a brand new kitchen and an award ceremony to go to, life should be glorious...  
 Starring Daisy Haggard with Katy Brand, Stephen Critchlow, Justin Edwards, Mel Hudson, Joanna Neary, John Rowe, Jo Scanlan, Dan Starkey and Ann Reid  
 Written by Lucy Clarke  
 Music by Osymyso  
 Producer Simon Nicholls

**MONDAY 23 MARCH 2020**

**MON 00:00 Drama (b07mz0h8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:45 Jane Gardam - The Weeping Child (m000gnd7)**  
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**MON 03:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00bydgm)**  
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]  
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b07756bd)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b0151nxt)**  
 A Case for Paul Temple  
 6. In Which Valentine Strikes  
 Temple and Sir Graham go looking for the gang's hideaway - and fall into a deadly trap.  
 In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.  
 Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.  
 Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But

in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.  
 Paul Temple ..... Crawford Logan  
 Steve ..... Gerda Stevenson  
 Sir Graham ..... Gareth Thomas  
 Major Peters ..... Greg Powrie  
 Supt. Wetherby ..... Richard Greenwood  
 Sheila Baxter ..... Melody Grove  
 Mary ..... Eliza Langland  
 Charles Kelvin ..... Nick Underwood  
 Layland ..... Robin Laing  
 Sergeant Turner ..... Michael Mackenzie  
 Producer: Patrick Rayner  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.  
**MON 06:30 Stephen Sondheim in Conversation (b07156k2)**  
 Legendary composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim in conversation with Mark Lawson.  
 With a string of award-winning shows to his name - including A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Company, Follies, A Little Night Music, Sweeney Todd, Into The Woods and Passion - Stephen discusses his career and shares his views on musical theatre.  
 Recorded with an audience at the 2010 Cheltenham Literary Festival when Stephen was on a UK book tour, coinciding with his 80th birthday.  
 First broadcast in Front Row on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.  
**MON 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00f3xt3)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 5  
 Lucy's up for promotion, but Katie can't decide on naming her baby. Stars David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling. From June 2001.  
**MON 07:30 Nature Table (m000gwr)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 6  
 Nature Table is comedian, broadcaster and writer Sue Perkins' new comedy 'Show & Tell' series celebrating the natural world and all its 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 6  
 Recorded at London Zoo, this week Sue Perkins is joined by special guests zoologist Lucy Cooke, crustacean expert Miranda Lowe and actress and writer Sally Phillips.  
 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 (b007jv4w)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 5  
 Will Ken and Sandy's plan to use a lion to advertise Leo cosmetics be a roaring success?  
 CAST:  
 Ken Handley .... Martin Jarvis  
 John 'Sandy' Beach .... Christopher Godwin  
 Freddie .... Lockwood West  
 Deborah .... Rosalind Ayres  
 Ambrose .... Paul Jesson  
 Andy .... Chris Emmett  
 Christina .... Jo Manning Wilson  
 Film Director .... Scott Cherry  
 With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate  
 Written by John Canter and Guy Jenkin.  
 Producer: Pete Atkin.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.  
**MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jqvj)**  
 Series 3  
 A Question of Reference  
 Corporal Jones and Private Godfrey blunder on a Home Guard platoon exercise using live ammunition.  
 (The original TV episode has a very visual plot and is called 'The Desperate Drive of Corporal Jones', so changes were made to make it more meaningful for listeners).  
 Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Larry Martyn as Private Walker.  
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.  
 Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.  
**MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b076bz3n)**  
 Series 16  
 Episode 2  
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.  
 Joe Lycett, Sam Simmons, Richard Osman and Aisling Bea are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as kitchens, pigeons, the Vatican and breakfast cereal.  
 The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.  
 Produced by Jon Naismith  
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.  
**MON 09:30 Control Group Six (b00752n7)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 3  
 Agent Beatrice is Dr Heaven's girl of his dreams, but will she stick around long enough for him?  
 A 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.  
 Control Group Six is a company town, like any other with a high murder-rate. But only one man possesses the experience, the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist.  
 Producer: Colin Swash  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.  
**MON 10:00 Tom Stoppard - Albert's Bridge (b08ynt1d)**  
 Episode 1  
 Tom Stoppard's award winning play about a philosophy graduate named Albert, employed to help paint the cantilevered railway bridge-painter spanning Clifton Bay.  
 Starring John Hurt as Albert, Haydn Jones as Fraser, Barbara Mitchell as Kate, Victor Lucas as the Chairman, Ronald Herdman as Fitch, Betty Hardy as Mother, Alan Dudley as Father, Nigel Anthony as Bob, Alexander John as Charlie, Geoffrey Wincott as Dad, Anthony Jackson as George and Ian Thompson as Dave.  
 In 1968, 'Albert Bridge' won both the Prix Italia prize in Rome and the Czechoslovak International Radio Play Festival in Prague.  
 Producer: Charles Lefeaux  
 First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in July 1967.  
**MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000gnv8)**  
 Series 6  
 Everything Is Connected  
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED stage.  
 Every species plays a crucial role in our natural world. But when humans tinker with the equation, a chain reaction can cause entire ecosystems to break down. In this hour, TED speakers explain how everything is connected in nature, with some bold ideas about how we can restore the delicate balance and bring disappearing ecosystems back.  
 First broadcast on NPR in the USA in 2014.  
**MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000gs8b)**  
 Clara Amfo  
 Radio DJ Clara Amfo chooses Run to the Sun by N.E.R.D and Everything is Everything by Lauryn Hill.  
**MON 12:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)**  
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**MON 13:30 Stephen Sondheim in Conversation (b07156k2)**  
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**MON 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069rftk8)**  
 Episode 6  
 Today it is 1968 and Jill, mother to Harriet, Roland and Alice, is arrives unexpectedly at her parents home, children in tow. Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.  
 Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks. Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.  
 While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.  
 Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.  
 The reader is Sian Thomas  
 The abridger is Sally Marmion  
 The producer is Di Speirs  
**MON 14:15 The Robber Barons (b07z3zg0)**  
 Cornelius Vanderbilt  
 In the 19th century, so-called 'Robber Barons' - men like Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan - seized the great new opportunities thrown up by the United States' Industrial

Revolution.

The Robber Barons built vast businesses, and helped forged a radically new country - the basis of the America we know today. But did they sow the seeds of amazing progress, or did they steal the American Dream? Historian Adam Smith tells their stories and confronts their legacy.

In the opening episode, Adam tells the story of Cornelius Vanderbilt and his battle to wrest control of the shipping route from New York to San Francisco.

Vanderbilt was a farmboy from Staten Island who faced down the East Coast Establishment in the name of the Revolution. He fought his way up until he dominated New York shipping. He took on government-backed monopolies to win a part of the lucrative shipping route from New York to San Francisco, ferrying thousands of prospectors to the Gold Rush.

But then an adventurer seized his steamboats and threatened his whole business. Vanderbilt's astoundingly violent - and astoundingly effective - response secured his position as the first of America's great 'robber barons'.

And then, aged 69, he sold his ships and went into railroads...

With: TJ Stiles, Joanna Cohen

PRODUCER: PHIL TINLINE

**MON 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsld)**

Still Life, Part 3/7

Marcus visits his new nephew, Frederica assesses Cambridge men, and 'lively' new vicar Gideon arrives.

CAST:

Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Daniel .... Shaun Dooley

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Bill .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Winifred .... Barbara Flynn

Marcus .... Carl Prekopp

Gideon .... Stephen Critchlow

Clemency .... Sandra Clark

Jacqueline .... Alison Pettitt

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**MON 14:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jtzm)**

Episode 1

From his beginnings in Leeds to London's Windmill Theatre - comedy stalwart Barry Cryer reads his "autobiography of sorts". A regular panellist on I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue, Barry Cryer is a stalwart of the British comedy scene. With numerous appearances on radio panel games and quiz shows to his credit, he has also been a prolific writer for shows such as The Two Ronnies and Two Old Farts in the Night with Willie Rushton.

Here he tells his story in an autobiography (of sorts). Expect plenty of anecdotes about the great and the good!  
Producer: Richard Edis  
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1998

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**MON 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b0084sqg)**

Delhi by Vandana Singh

A man living in present-day Delhi is haunted by visions of the city as it was in the past - and how it will be in the future... Vandana Singh's story is read by Shiv Grewal.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00nk4wr)**

Catherine O'Flynn and Kate Pullinger

Sue MacGregor is joined by novelists Catherine O'Flynn and Kate Pullinger at the Birmingham book festival, to discuss favourite books, including titles by Gordon Burn, Don DeLillo and Alaa Al Aswany.

Books featured in this programme:

Kate's choice: White Noise by Don DeLillo

Publ: Picador

Catherine's choice: Alma Cogan by Gordon Burn

Publ: Faber & Faber

Sue's choice: Chicago by Alaa Al Aswany

Publ: Harper Perennial

Producer Mary Ward-Lowery.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00grv92)**

Series 2

Jo Brand Interviews Barry Cryer

Feisty comedienne Jo Brand and veteran gagsmith Barry Cryer in the tag talk show, where the guest is next week's interviewer. Based on the original BBC Radio 5 programme of the same name, Chain Reaction is a simple idea of big name stars from the world of entertainment interviewing others whose work they appreciate and admire.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

**MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000gc5k)**

Series 56

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical sketches and chat, we don't have an audience but we do have stand-ups Rosie Jones and Andy Zaltzman (who will probably sit down for this one) and Gemma Arrowsmith. Caution: May contain humorous content about the Coronavirus.

Written by the cast, with additional material from Gareth Gwynn, Katie Storey, Charlie Dinkin and Mo Omar.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios Production

**MON 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lqfm2)**

Series 1

Careless Talk

A security breach at Bletchley Park puts the wartime code-breakers under suspicion.

Set in Bletchley Park in 1941, three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut, as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate each other.

CAST:

Charles .... Robert Bathurst

Archie .... Tom Goodman-Hill

Minka .... Olivia Colman

Gordon .... Fergus Craig

Joshua .... Alex MacQueen

and Miranda Raison

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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**TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b015cmrw)**

A Case for Paul Temple

7. In Which the Net Tightens

Acting on a tip-off, and with the Flying Squad standing by,

Temple lays a trap in Piccadilly Underground Station.

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Major Peters ..... Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby ..... Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter ..... Melody Grove

Mary ..... Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin ..... Nick Underwood

Sir Gilbert Dryden ..... Michael Mackenzie

Jules Condré ..... John Paul Hurley

Supt. Bradley ..... Simon Tait

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

**TUE 06:30 Nancy Storace: Mozart's English Soprano (b0413bqq)**

Soprano Catherine Bott investigates the career and voice of the woman who first performed one of Mozart's finest operatic roles - Susanna in The Marriage of Figaro - 21 year old Londoner Nancy Storace.

Nancy was an 18th century superstar, who sang personally for Marie Antoinette as well as Napoleon and Josephine, and whose life was as dramatic as the times she lived through. Nancy was musically talented from childhood and in 1778, aged 14, she was accompanied to Italy, where her reputation soon spread. Four years later, she was one of a company of performers recruited to work for Emperor Joseph II's court in Vienna.

Exploring Nancy's relationship with Mozart, Catherine meets the distinguished conductor, Jane Glover CBE, Director of Opera at the Royal Academy, Music Director of Chicago's Music of the Baroque, and author of the book Mozart's Women: His Family, His Friends, His Music. Jane is convinced there is no foundation in the rumours that the two were ever lovers, but she is certain they were very close, and that Nancy had important creative input into the development of Susanna, in the Marriage of Figaro.

But Nancy's personal life was a disaster - her mother forced her into an arranged marriage to a British actor, John Fisher, who beat her, and only the personal intervention of the Emperor rescued the situation.

Ian Page, founder, conductor and artistic director of the company Classical Opera, accompanies Catherine in a rendition of the concert aria Ch'io mi accordi di te? (You ask that I forget you?), written by Mozart for Nancy to perform the evening before she left Vienna to return to London, in 1787. Nancy never went back to Vienna.

Produced by Bob Dickinson

A Pennine Media production first broadcast BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**TUE 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b007klf9)**

Series 1

Children

A school play and parents discussing s-e-x. Poetry and sketches from Pam Ayres. With Geoffrey Whitehead. From June 2004.

**TUE 07:30 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

Episode 4

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.

There's an awkward atmosphere in Vicky and Rav's house, as Joe (Glenister) and Donna (Spiro) sort through the boxes in the garage and divide up the last of their belongings, remnants left over from their failed marriage. As they talk about old times, Vicky (Edwards) and Rav (Puwanarajah) are upstairs redecorating their spare room, and talking about the future. Meanwhile, Lisa (Redford) and Uncle Bob (Brandon) are on tea-cooking duties. Bob can handle it, but for Lisa, it's genuinely the challenge of a lifetime.

So: Joe and Donna have a chat in a garage, Vicky and Rav paint a bedroom wall, and Lisa and Uncle Bob cook some baked beans. Needless to say, events quickly spiral out of control. Teatime was produced by Sam Ward, and is a BBC Studios production.

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b0b0fty1)**

The Fireball of Milton Street

Neddie Seagoon springs into action when he discovers the sun is on fire.

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 (b007jn85)**

Series 3

Episode 18

Oh! Kenneth Horne heads to a Spanish bullring, while Julian and Sandy get switched on for Bona TV.

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 June 1967.

**TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000gc5k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b00cfz28)**

Series 2

Apocalypse Des

Felchester Rovers take a break in the socialist idyll of El Telvador - but a war is raging. Stars Alexei Sayle. From April 1989.

**TUE 10:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00sr4hr)**

Episode 1

In one of his most famous and personal novels, Dostoyevsky portrays the vivid inner life of Prince Myshkin, who has returned from years abroad spent trying to treat his epilepsy. It takes courage for him to reintroduce himself into Russian society. On the long rain journey home, he first learns the story of a woman who will dominate his life from now on.

Adapted by Melissa Murray.

Starring Paul Rhys as Prince Myshkin, Alex Jennings as Ganya, Roger Allam as Rogazhin, Lia Williams as Nastasya, David Swift as General Yepanchin and Paula Jacobs as Mrs Yepanchin.

Producer: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**TUE 11:00 Balm of Hurt Minds (b07yc9x2)**

Spinkej by Clare Wigfall

Three short stories on the theme of sleep and rest specially commissioned for Radio 4.

Spinkej by young British writer Clare Wigfall: An exhausted mother contemplates her sleeping newborn baby in a clinic in Czechoslovakia in 1945. Ludmila, a young girl falls unwittingly pregnant after a brief relationship with a German soldier. She is sent to a mother and baby unit where she is kept until the baby is born. In her naivety, she is totally unprepared for motherhood, but as she watches the sleeping child a bond begins to form. It is a bond that the staff at the clinic and her mother do not wish to support. When Ludmila, now exhausted, herself falls asleep what will happen?

Clare Wigfall is a young British writer living in Prague and Berlin. Her first collection *The Loudest Sound and Nothing* was published by Faber and Faber in 2007 to critical acclaim.

The reader is Sian Thomas and the producer is Julian Wilkinson.

**TUE 11:15 Nick Dear - Pure Science (m000gmq5)**

Every night for 50 years Harold Lamb, 'man of science' and OAP, has vanished into his secret laboratory to potter with his chemical experiments - or so his wife supposes - until what seems an idle hobby leads them to the edge of a great discovery involving elemental forces.

An allegory for radio by Nick Dear, starring Patrick Troughton as Harold Lamb. With Elizabeth Spriggs as Mary Lamb and Derek Fowlds as Perkins

"He will sit all night in his laboratory with his thinking cap on his head and at dawn go out for the dew. Come in, eat breakfast looking like a washed-up corpse. I am, says he, with a wink, so close to my goal, Halle-bloomling-lujah. says I."

Harold's belly/Ancient Chinese...Stephen Thorne

Directed by Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.

**TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b0b0fty1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 Round the Horne (b007jn85)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Paul Temple (b015cmrw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Nancy Storce: Mozart's English Soprano (b0413bqq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069vtmz)**

Episode 7

Today, a moment's indiscretion or time for a new direction - the past influences the present as

Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks.

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While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.

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The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs

**TUE 14:15 The Robber Barons (b07z7g0g)**

Jay Gould

In the 19th century, so-called 'Robber Barons' - men like Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan - seized the great new opportunities thrown up by the United States' Industrial Revolution.

The Robber Barons built vast businesses, and helped forged a radically new country - the basis of the America we know today. But did they sow the seeds of amazing progress, or did they steal the American Dream? Historian Adam Smith tells their stories and confronts their legacy.

In this episode, Adam tells the story of the most rascally of the Robber Barons: Jay Gould.

As railroad companies raced each other to spread across America, they presented a great chance for wealth and power to anyone brave and ruthless enough to join the competition.

Gould got a stake in the Erie Railroad Company, and ward off a takeover bid from the first of the Robber Barons, Cornelius Vanderbilt, by printing endless stock certificates to soak up Vanderbilt's huge spending power.

He fled the New York police by rowing to New Jersey, won bail, and went to New York's state capital to bribe as many politicians as he could get his hands on.

And then he decided to corner the Gold Market, by means of his connections with the Vice-Presidency.

He was so successful he needed bodyguards. Yet he was also one of the great railroad pioneers - helping to transform his country.

With: TJ Stiles, Joanna Cohen, Steve Fraser

PRODUCER: PHIL TINLINE

**TUE 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jslr)**

Still Life, Part 4/7

Stephanie escapes from her nagging mother-in-law and leaves Marcus to care for her baby.

CAST:

Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Daniel .... Shaun Dooley

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Gideon .... Stephen Crichtlow

Marcus .... Carl Prekopp

Winifred .... Barbara Flynn

Mrs Orton .... Bridget Turner

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**TUE 14:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jtzv)**

Episode 2

Showbiz stalwart Barry Cryer recalls his early years in comedy and the even earlier years of his childhood growing up in Leeds.

**TUE 15:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00sr4hr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Jest a Minute (b016w0m2)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.

With Chris Corcoran, Lloyd Langford, Rob Deering and Tom Craine.

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2006.

**TUE 16:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jltzd)**

Butterflics and Sewing Machines

Butterflics is getting a new museum - can Graham get an exclusive on the opening? Stars Jeffrey Holland. From June 1996.

**TUE 17:00 Ayres on the Air (b007k1f9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k3d0)**

The Silken-Swift by Theodore Sturgeon

A man is caught between a good witch and a wicked witch, but a unicorn holds the key to true happiness...

Written in 1953, Theodore Sturgeon's intense fantasy is read by Mark Bonnar.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in April 2007.

**TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b07dnxvk)**

Leslie Thomas

Leslie Thomas, Welsh born author of 'The Virgin Soldiers', talks to Robin Ray about the music which stirs his emotions.

In between his music choices, Leslie recalls becoming orphaned and life in a children's home, his national service and how he became a journalist and novelist.

Producer: Andrew Mussett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007jmsz)**

Series 1

People Should Start School at 35

Radical proposals to improve our lives, with the comedian's education shake-up. With Maria McErlane. From October 1992

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gn15)**

Glenn Moore 1/2

From **10.00pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And Rob Deering chats to the comedian Glenn Moore.

**TUE 23:00 Beauty of Britain (b00ndxjp)**

Series 1

Pastor Dave

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.

Beauty is quite taken with the charismatic Pastor Dave, a visiting clergyman at Mrs Blanchard's local church, but is he the real deal? Should she pursue him or the gorgeous double-breasted mini-trench coat she has seen in the Mencap shop?

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Sister Olu ..... Diveen Henry

Pastor Ndu ..... Javone Prince

Mrs Blanchard ..... Alison Steadman

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Karen ..... Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte ..... Indira Joshi

Minister Lee ..... Dan Tetsell

Pastor Dave ..... Felix Dexter

Female Assistant ..... Diveen Henry

Cabbie ..... Dan Tetsell

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

**TUE 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b01qkmws)**

Series 1

Timecop

Brand new character comedy from 2011 Edinburgh Award winner, Adam Riches. With fast-paced, offbeat sketches, songs (there are no songs) and a generous dollop of audience interaction. Also starring Cariad Lloyd and Jim Johnson.

This week, Timecops visit the BBC to try and prevent Adam from making an offensive radio programme.

Written by Adam Riches

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer and Rupert Majendie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 February 2013.

### WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

**WED 00:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k3d0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 The Tingle Factor (b07dnxvk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Paul Temple (b015cmrw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 Nancy Storce: Mozart's English Soprano (b0413bqq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069vtmz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 The Robber Barons (b07z7g0g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

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**WED 05:00 Ayres on the Air (b007k1f9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b015p864)**

A Case for Paul Temple

8. In Which Paul Temple Meets Valentine

Paul and Steve return to the Esplanade Hotel for a final showdown with a ruthless enemy.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'...

Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple ..... Crawford Logan  
 Steve ..... Gerda Stevenson  
 Sir Graham ..... Gareth Thomas  
 Major Peters ..... Greg Powrie  
 Supt. Wetherby ..... Richard Greenwood  
 Sheila Baxter ..... Melody Grove  
 Mary ..... Eliza Langland  
 Charles Kelvin ..... Nick Underwood  
 Sgt. Hodson ..... John Paul Hurley  
 Supt. Bradley ..... Simon Tait  
 Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

**WED 06:30 The Waiting (b04dmxw6)**

Waiting is an inescapable fact of life - it invades so much of our daily activity. We barely notice that we are waiting, unless the wait is accompanied by frustration, impatience, boredom, restlessness and helplessness. The pleasurable acts of waiting often pass us by.

The physician and writer Raymond Tallis examines the nature of waiting - how it operates and how it causes both pleasure and anguish.

He considers the ways in which waiting plays with our sense of time. He looks at how waiting invades the workplace and is frequently used as a way of exerting power. He describes the various ways in which waiting is used in music and literature and how it appears in the language of love. He talks to a prisoner about the life of waiting and considers the role of waiting within spiritual life.

Why do we wait? And how best should we be waiting?

Producer: Eric Denslow

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

**WED 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**

Series 1

Dib Dib Dib

Lovelorn Jason must face life without Debbie. Can Michael and the Sweater Girls' first gig take his mind off being single?

The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 1 of Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.

Starring Dominic Monaghan as Jason, Jason Done as Michael, Stefan Escuret as Dave, John McArdle as Eddie, Emma Clarke as Collette, Beverley Callard as Maureen, Jo-Anne Knowles as Debbie and Dan Maier as Mr Bickerstaff.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

**WED 07:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000gbg8)**

Series 3

Episode Three: Autumn

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 time, it's Jen Brister.

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 this third episode, Mark and his guests take on Autumn - the season of falling leaves and (in some cases) falling expectations of life. 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 guests 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 (b007jrp7)**

Series 4

Cyranoid Hancock

Chaos looms when Sid confesses he's in love with the lad's secretary, Grizelda.

Starring Tony Hancock, 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 December 1956.

**WED 08:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k2d0)**

A Study in Starlets

Clever sleuth Melcroft Dupont gets his comeuppance, but Inspector Chalker's on the case. Stars Fulton Mackay. From January 1987.

**WED 09:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)**

Series 1

Episode 6

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 Sara Cox, Elis James, Isy Suttie and Gary Delaney.

Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis

Producer: Jane Berthoud and Adnan Ahmed.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2015.

**WED 09:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gv1)**

Episode 3

A health inspector calls. Will the struggling catering team have

to halt pie production?

Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.

Stars Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Roger May as Juan Jose, Jane Whittenshaw as Carol and Anthony Zaki as the Health Inspector.

Director: Cat Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

**WED 10:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srkfv)**

Episode 2

Despite the dark tales he's heard about her, Prince Myshkin eagerly heads to Nastasya's birthday party. Stars Alex Jennings.

**WED 11:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gl70)**

3: The Ditch and Six House Parties

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 this programme we hear some of Chris's favourite radio moments.

Programmes include:

'The Ditch' [BBC R4 2010]

'Six House Parties' from Ross Sutherland's 'Imaginary Advice' [Podcast]

Producer: Jessica Treen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2018.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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**WED 13:30 The Waiting (b04dmxw6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069x94y)**

Episode 8

Today we return to the present as romance blooms, under the children's watchful eyes, and the stakes are rising. Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

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**WED 14:15 The Robber Barons (b07z7g5p)**

Andrew Carnegie

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In this episode, Adam explores the paradoxical career of steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie.

Carnegie was born poor in Scotland and seized the opportunities America offered.

He clambered up through the burgeoning telegraph and railroad industries through determination, hard work and intelligence.

But along the way he was making money by corrupt means. With the help of this money, he launched himself into the steel industry. His deployment of innovations in production helped him dominate it.

And then he sold up and spent decades giving away his money to pay for libraries and concert halls.

And yet he was also one of America's leading strike-breakers, not averse to using violence to crush trade union activity.

With: TJ Stiles, Joanna Cohen, Steve Fraser

PRODUCER: PHIL TINLINE

**WED 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsly)**

Still Life, Part 5/7

Frederica discovers Raphael, Stephanie's baby, is on its way, but what is Gideon up to at the coast?

CAST:

Older Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Young Frederica .... Hannah Watkins

Faber .... Jonathan Keeble

Winifred .... Barbara Flynn

Marcus .... Carl Prekopp

Jacqueline .... Alison Pettitt

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Daniel .... Shaun Dooley

Gideon .... Stephen Critchlow

Bill .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Nurse .... Hannah Dee

Alexander .... Adam Kotz

Ruth .... Jasmine Hyde

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**WED 14:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jv01)**

Episode 3

Comedy stalwart Barry Cryer recalls his Leeds school years - and the stars he met when working at the city's Empire Theatre.

**WED 15:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srkfv)**

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**WED 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jt6t)**

The Silent Scream

Episode 1

Tom Harris disappears into space but returns with new and astonishing powers. Put to good use, they will benefit humanity - but in the wrong hands they could have horrifying and nightmarish implications.

Wally K. Daly's sequel to 'Before the Screaming Begins'.

CAST:

Tom Harris .... James Laurenson

A.P. Smith .... Donald Hewlett

Prime Minister .... Colin Douglas

Silkin .... Peter Wickham

Sally Harris .... Hannah Gordon

Opposition MP/Colonel .... Peter Williams

Andy .... Elizabeth Lindsay

Gloria/Cabinet Minister .... Brenda Kaye

Second Pilot/PC .... Gregory de Polnay

Alien Controller/Cabinet Minister .... Manning Wilson

Second Boy .... Tim Bentinck

First Girl .... Alison Draper

Audio from Wally K. Daly's own collection and reversioned into three parts by BBC Radio 4 Extra

Producer: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday Night Drama on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

**WED 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)**

Series 1

Frank Randle

He was 'a gargyle, a grotesque - and the funniest man alive'. Mark Radcliffe tells the story of 'the bad lad of showbiz'. Frank Randle - the rebel from Wigan who kicked his way to stardom.

A six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.

Producer: Bernadette McConnell

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**WED 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b03m7zn1)**

Series 2

Episode 3

A trip to Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms. This week, the Wunderlanders' thoughts turn to the future and all that it could bring.

Sketch show by Alice Lowe.

Also starring Richard Glover, Simon Greenall, Rachel Stubbings, Clare Thompson and Marcia Warren.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

**WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000gnl7)**

Glenn Moore 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And Rob Deering chats to the comedian Glenn Moore.

**WED 23:00 Clare in the Community (b014qxbj)**

Series 7

The Prisoner

Clare in the Community returns with Sally Phillips as Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control

both her professional and private life. In her private life Clare is struggling to come to terms with Brian's infidelity. Will their relationship survive?

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Clare: SALLY PHILLIPS

Brian: ALEX LOWE

Megan/Nali: NINA CONTI

Ray: RICHARD LUMSDEN

Helen: LIZA TARBUCK

Simon: ANDREW WINCOTT

Libby: SARAH KENDALL

WPC Petherington: SOPHIE THOMPSON

Mr. Chisholm: GERARD MCDERMOTT

Mr Barton: SIMON BUBB

Shuliman Olibaju/Annabel: VICTORIA INEZ HARDY

School Girl: GEORGIA LOWE

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Produced by Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**WED 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxzc8)**

Captain Chapel and the Crabs

Milford sets out to rescue the Crab Prince. Stars Mark Heap,

Nick Frost, Kevin Eldon and Peter Serafinowicz. From

November 2002.

#### THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020

**THU 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007j16)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Paul Temple (b015p864)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 The Waiting (b04dmxw6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069x94y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:15 The Robber Barons (b07z7g5p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsly)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jv01)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srkzf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gv1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000gbg8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Stand By For West (m000gmjz)**

Inspector West at Home

The Voice of Doom

When Roger West finds the dead body of a former small-time crook, he runs into opposition from the formidable Superintendent Abbott, his superior at the Yard, and starts on a trail which involves conspiracy, corruption and murder. Chief Inspector Roger West is the creation of John Creasey, who authored more than 40 Roger West novels between 1942 and 1973.

Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West... Patrick Allen

Janet West... Sarah Lawson

Detective Inspector Bob Cornish... Frederick Treves

Mark Lessing... Edward de Souza

Superintendent Abbott... Grant Taylor

Pep Morgan... Harry Landis

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

**THU 06:30 The Lunatic Line (b012krr9)**

Episode 1

The 600-mile railway line from the Kenyan coast to Uganda became known as The Lunatic Line for the astronomical financial and human costs of construction.

Built by the British between 1895 and 1901 through hostile tribal lands and malarial swamps, it was an enormous engineering challenge. Thousands of workers died during the railway's construction, mostly from disease, although the man-eating lions of Tsavo also devoured many. Little wonder then that it was opposed as a gigantic folly.

In the first of two programmes, Ayisha Yahya looks back at the history of the railway that transformed East Africa beyond recognition.

Producer: Ruth Evans

A Ruth Evans production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**THU 07:00 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)**

Series 1

The Minister Has a Window

Clare's in a flap when the Minister from the Northern Ireland office comes for dinner with this dog.

So cleaner Sally is booked for overtime to make sure the evening runs smoothly...

Series one of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom.

Starring Frances Tomelty as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Alan Mckee as Victor, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Robert Patterson as Tony, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Joel McElroy as Ben and Alfie Lloyd as Sam.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

**THU 07:30 The Break (b0b5sqkb)**

Series 2

The Clench

Andy and Jeff clash with The Mayor (Rasmus Hardiker) as a missing sweet shop sets off a tale of kompromat, corruption and coastal erosion. Starring Philip Jackson and Mark Benton.

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 08:00 Frankie Howerd (m000gmk7)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Frankie Howerd is commissioned by 'steam radio' to serialise his memoirs.

Aby assisted by June Whitfield, Bob Todd, Geoffrey Beevers and John Samson, Francis titters and teeters through his eventful life and illustrious career, from soup to nuts. Ooh! No! Missus ...

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1973.

**THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0011tkk)**

Series 4

Episode 5

The Spy With My Cold, and Cabaret at the Café Au Lait.

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, Graeme Chapman, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle. Peter & David Lund and Bill Oddie.

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 (b0075sxx)**

Series 4

Episode 4

Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Mark Thomas, Arthur Smith, David Stafford and Dillie Keane. From 1998.

**THU 09:30 Capital Gains (b00slqv8)**

Series 2

Stake Capital

When an act of civil disobedience centred around a tea break fails to bring results, Julius Hutch, the leader of The Tree Party, turns to games of chance.

CAST:

Julius Hutch .... Peter Jones

Pauline Hutch .... Celestine Randall

Sexton Lewis .... Jeffrey Wickham

Kate .... Justine Midda

Sir Gainford Blouney .... Stephen Thorne

Dahlia Sprout .... Jillie Meers

Haiku Jack .... Collin Johnson

Ted Smoothie/Dr Heinz Strudel .... David Holt

Brian Perkins as Himself

Switten by Collin Johnson.

Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

**THU 10:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srqfj)**

Episode 3

Prince Myshkin analyses his feelings for the spoilt but captivating Nastasya - and the more timid Aglaya. Stars Paul Rhys.

**THU 11:00 Balm of Hurt Minds (b07x1svs)**

Waves by Niven Govinden

Niven Govinden's tale of dwindling machismo and the uncertain benefits of rest. Part of a specially commissioned series of stories about sleep and rest for Radio 4. Waves is read by Nicky Henson.

Niven Govinden (born 1973) is an English novelist. He was born in East Sussex and then educated at Goldsmiths College where he studied film. He has written four novels: We Are The New Romantics (2004), Graffiti My Soul (2007), Black Bread White Beer (2013), and All the Days and Nights (2014). He has also written a number of short stories.

Author: Niven Govinden

Reader: Nicky Henson

Producer: Simon Richardson

**THU 11:15 Sebastian Backiewicz - Language of Angels (m000gmkc)**

An art dealer is all set to sell an ancient illustrated manuscript to a steel billionaire but his partner and the text have gone missing. American film actor M Emmet Walsh makes his radio debut in Sebastian Backiewicz's snappy drama set in 1920's New York.

Betteridge .... M Emmet Walsh

Devanovich ... Brendan Coyle

Teller ... Nicholas Boulton

Larry ... Nathan Osgood

Jeanie ... Helen Longworth

Lulu ... Kate Harper

Ali ... Jason Chan

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

**THU 12:00 Frankie Howerd (m000gmk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0011tkk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Stand By For West (m000gmjz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 The Lunatic Line (b012krr9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069y6sk)**

Episode 9

Today: Passions boil over with disastrous consequences as Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks.

Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.

While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.

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The reader is Sian Thomas

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs

**THU 14:15 The Robber Barons (b0726w09)**

John D. Rockefeller

In the 19th century, so-called 'Robber Barons' - men like Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan - seized the great new

opportunities thrown up by the United States' Industrial Revolution.

The Robber Barons built vast businesses, and helped forged a radically new country - the basis of the America we know today. But did they sow the seeds of amazing progress, or did they steal the American Dream? Historian Adam Smith tells their stories and confronts their legacy.

In this episode, Adam explores how Rockefeller spotted a huge business opportunity amidst the dynamic chaos and ruthless competition of the growing oil trade in America in the 1860s and 1870s.

Early Robber Barons like Cornelius Vanderbilt had begun their careers exulting in the anti-Establishment rebellion signalled by business competition. But Rockefeller saw another way: consolidation.

He cut secret deals with railroad companies, pressured his rivals into selling out to him, and so built Standard Oil - a gargantuan corporation that dominated US oil and 'vertically integrated' the production process, handing Rockefeller huge power.

Some condemned him as a monster - but he saw his company's actions as those of an angel of mercy, saving his fellow businessmen from the storms of the free market.

And all the while he was a devout Baptist, who spent his later decades giving away huge sums as one of America's pioneering philanthropists.

With: Joanna Cohen, Steve Fraser.

PRODUCER: PHIL TINLINE

**THU 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsm8)**

Still Life, Part 6/7

Frederica has decisions to make and Alexander's play has its First Night. What will Raphael make of it all?

CAST:

Older Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Young Frederica .... Hannah Watkins

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Winifred .... Barbara Flynn

Faber .... Jonathan Keeble

Bill .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Wilkie/Speaker .... James Callis

Daniel .... Sean Dooley

Alexander .... Adam Kotz

Clemency .... Sandra Clark

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**THU 14:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jv08)**

Episode 4

Showbiz legend Barry Cryer charts his path to fame - and how recording his first record sparked a short-lived singing career.

**THU 15:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srqfj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 Booked (b0075sxx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Capital Gains (b00slqv8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]



**THU 17:00 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 17:30 The Break (b0b5sqkb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007k3zb)**  
 The Silent Screen  
 Episode 2  
 The aliens are standing by to invade, but is there an even bigger threat to humanity?  
 Wally K. Daly's sequel to 'Before the Screaming Begins'.  
 CAST:  
 Tom Harris .... James Laurensen  
 A.P. Smith .... Donald Hewlett  
 Prime Minister .... Colin Douglas  
 Silkin .... Peter Wickham  
 Sally Harris .... Hannah Gordon  
 Opposition MP/Colonel .... Peter Williams  
 Andy .... Elizabeth Lindsay  
 Gloria/Cabinet Minister .... Brenda Kaye  
 Second Pilot/PC .... Gregory de Polnay  
 Alien Controller/Cabinet Minister .... Manning Wilson  
 Second Boy .... Tim Bentinck  
 First Girl .... Alison Draper  
 Audio from Wally K. Daly's own collection and reversioned into three parts by BBC Radio 4 Extra  
 Producer: Martin Jenkins  
 First broadcast as a ninety-minute Saturday Night Drama on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.  
**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04dm9d2)**  
 Series 34  
 Baroness Oona King on Ida B Wells  
 Matthew Parris leads a discussion on Ida B. Wells the African American civil rights and women's rights activist who was a political trailblazer. She is the great life chosen by Baroness Oona King.  
 Throughout her life, Wells was militant in her demands for equality and justice for black Americans and she encouraged the African American community to fight for positive change through their own efforts. She was an investigative journalist who highlighted the practice of lynching in the United States, showing how it was used as a way to control or punish blacks, often under the guise of trumped up rape charges. Ida was also active in women's rights and the women's suffrage movement, establishing several notable women's organizations. She was a skilled and inspiring rhetorician, and travelled internationally on lecture tours.  
 With Madge Dresser.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.  
**THU 19:00 Frankie Howerd (m000gmk7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0011tkk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 20:00 Stand By For West (m000gmjz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 20:30 The Lunatic Line (b012kr9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 21:00 Balm of Hurt Minds (b07x1svs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**THU 21:15 Sebastian Baczkiewicz - Language of Angels (m000gmkc)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]  
**THU 22:00 The Break (b0b5sqkb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 22:30 Newsjack (m000gmkg)**  
 Newsjack Unplugged, Series 5  
 Episode 1  
 Newsjack's plucky younger sibling where each week, Eshaan Akbar transforms the news into sketches and one-liners with the help of the Great British public.  
 Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies. A BBC Studios Production  
**THU 22:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b007xy7)**  
 Big Head  
 The Quando brothers' hair salon is thrown into pandemonium when the President of Uruguay arrives for his annual trim. No one must mention his enormous head...  
 Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimp their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon.  
 Six-part comedy written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maie. With Stephen Greif and Catherine Tate.  
 Producer: Claire Jones  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.  
**THU 23:00 Elvenquest (b00kfgcx)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 4  
 Sirens interrupt a sea crossing. Are they what they seem?  
 Fantasy comedy starring Darren Boyd and Dave Lamb. From May 2009.  
**THU 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00ftk3n)**  
 It's a Dog's Life  
 The eager trio whizz up to Jupiter and perform a musical. Stars Ben Miller and Alistair McGowan. From December 1992.

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2020**

**FRI 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007k3zb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b04dm9d2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Stand By For West (m000gmjz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 The Lunatic Line (b012kr9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b069y6sk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:15 The Robber Barons (b07z6w09)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jrm8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jv08)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srqfj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Booked (b0075sxxg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:30 Capital Gains (b00slq48)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:30 The Break (b0b5sqkb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 Stand By For West (m000gn3w)**  
 Inspector West at Home  
 Crisis for a Copper  
 Roger West is suspended from duty and hires Pep Morgan to help prove that he's been framed.  
 Chief Inspector Roger West is the creation of John Creasey, who authored more than 40 Roger West novels between 1942 and 1973.  
 Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.  
 Chief Inspector Roger West... Patrick Allen  
 Janet West... Sarah Lawson  
 Mark Lessing... Edward de Souza  
 Pep Morgan... Harry Landis  
 Pickereff... Robert James  
 Detective Inspector Bob Cornish... Frederick Treves  
 Assistant Commissioner Sir Guy Chatsworth... Maurice Hedley  
 Mrs Fleming... Margaret Robertson  
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.  
**FRI 06:30 The Lunatic Line (b012qq7x)**  
 Episode 2  
 The 600-mile railway line from the Kenyan port of Mombasa to Uganda, built by the British between 1895 and 1901 through hostile tribal lands and malarial swamps, became known as "The Lunatic Line". Spiralling costs and massive engineering challenges were just a few of the problems facing the railway. Hundreds of Kenyan and indentured Indian labourers died during the railway's construction, mostly from disease, although the man-eating lions of Tsavo also devoured many.  
 Yet the railway created modern Kenya, and Nairobi hardly existed until the railway workers set up camp there just over a century ago.  
 Today, the old British-built railway still runs - but only just - and more as a tourist curiosity than a functioning service. Semi-privatised 25 years ago, it has suffered woefully from lack of investment, and today is but a decrepit relic of its former self. Now Kenya has announced hugely ambitious plans to shunt its rail network into the 21st century by commissioning a new high-speed line with double-decker passenger and freight trains cruising at up to 100mph, reducing the journey time from Mombasa to Nairobi from 13 hours to three.  
 Ayisha Yahya travels on the existing creaking line and asks whether plans to rebuild and expand the railway network are little more than another lunatic notion? Or will they have as great an economic and social impact on the region as the Lunatic Line's original construction?  
 Producer: Ruth Evans  
 A Ruth Evans production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.  
**FRI 07:00 Bad Salsa (b049y3mp)**  
 Series 1  
 All Change  
 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 twenty 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!"  
 The series follows the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.  
 Writer .... Kay Stonham  
 Producer ..... Alison Vernon-Smith.  
**FRI 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)**  
 Series 3  
 The Appliance of Science  
 Hardacre's ad agency are pitching to the University of Oxfordshire, an online-only institution dedicated to internet learning. Their efforts are complicated by the arrival at the agency of Elgin Hardacre (James Northcote), hired by his father (Nigel Havers) as a copywriter - despite having no relevant skills or experience.  
 While Hardacre shows no interest in his son and Amanda (Josie Lawrence) dismisses him as an idiot and resolves to fire him by the end of the week, Joe (Mathew Baynton) and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) take pity on Elgin and take him under their wing. In the process, they discover that however bad Hardacre might be as a boss, he's infinitely worse as a father - and Elgin in turn reveals some peculiar beliefs.  
 Cast:  
 Hardacre.....Nigel Havers  
 Joe.....Mathew Baynton  
 Amanda.....Josie Lawrence  
 Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker  
 Laura.....Olivia Nixon  
 Elgin.....James Northcote  
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (m000gn3y)**  
 The Big Rocket  
 The civil servants bungle in Britain's space race, with a mix-up over Mildred.  
 The adventures and mishaps of the General Assistance Department, which ran to thirteen series, 145 episodes, between 1962 and 1977.  
 CAST:  
 Roland Hamilton-Jones [Number One] .... Wilfred Hyde-White  
 Richard Lamb [Number Two] .... Richard Murdoch  
 Mildred Murfin .... Norma Ronald  
 April Adams ... Diana Olsen  
 With Roy Dotrice, John Graham and David Graham  
 Written and produced by Edward Taylor.  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1962.  
**FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0085j9l)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 6  
 Shady lawyer Waldorf T. Flywheel heads to Hollywood and makes a movie.  
 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.  
 CAST:  
 Groucho Marx as Waldorf T. Flywheel .... Michael Roberts  
 Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli .... Frank Lazarus  
 Miss Dimple and Other Female Roles .... Lorelei King  
 Von Blitzen ... Graham Hoadly  
 Tyrone Price ... 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 (b006q46w)**  
 From 10/03/1981  
 Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Arthur English, Roy Hudd and Sandy Powell.  
 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 March 1981.  
**FRI 09:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k11n)**  
 A Tale of Two Tenting  
 The two friends head off on a surreal camping trip, with Herman Hessian - a dog made out of an old potato sack.  
 The first of four comic journeys written by John Hegley in which John and his best mate Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses.  
 Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnery, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and John Korne.  
 Original music by Nigel Piper.  
 Director: Anne Edyvean  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.  
**FRI 10:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srkn)**  
 Episode 4  
 Nastasya and Aglaya meet to talk over their feelings for Prince Myshkin - as he begins to fear for his life. Stars Paul Rhys.  
**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000gn40)**  
 Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.  
**FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (m000gn3y)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and**

**Flywheel (b0085j9l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Stand By For West (m000gn3w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 The Lunatic Line (b012qq7x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b06b3pp5)**

Episode 10

Today Finding the lost and living without love as Sian Thomas reads the final, tender part of Tessa Hadley's new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

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The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs

**FRI 14:15 The Robber Barons (b07z7bwf)**

JP Morgan

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In this episode, Adam explores how New York banker J.P. Morgan used ruthless pressure not to win in the free market but to end 'ruinous' competition.

Morgan strong-armed rival railroad companies into agreeing not to compete.

He bought out Andrew Carnegie's steel empire, in the great such deal in history, to forge the huge corporation US Steel. And he did the same in the fields of electricity, farming and telecommunications, creating General Electric, International Harvester and AT&T to close down competition through consolidated companies.

And then in 1907 he played a crucial role in stopping the American economy collapsing.

And in this final episode, Adam takes a walk down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, to explore how the Robber Barons have shaped our world. They helped to create crucial aspects of our world, which we now take for granted - such as vast corporations and paid employment, cheap travel and technology and huge gaps between rich and poor.

But is their legacy really more about the ruthless dynamic innovation of the free market, or big companies cosily closing down competition?

With: TJ Stiles, Joanna Cohen, Steve Fraser

PRODUCER: PHIL TINLINE

**FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsmm)**

Still Life, Part 7/7

Daniel becomes disillusioned with home and the church, and there is some disturbing news for Stephanie.

CAST:

Older Frederica .... Rosemary Leach

Bill .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Alexander .... Adam Kotz

Stephanie .... Helen Longworth

Marcus .... Carl Prekopp

Clemency .... Sandra Clark

Gideon .... Stephen Critchlow

Daniel .... Sean Dooley

William .... Tom Glenister

Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**FRI 14:45 Barry Cryer - You Won't Believe This But (b007jv0f)**

Episode 5

Charting his path to fame, comedy legend Barry Cryer recalls his big writing break - thanks to a famous female impersonator.

**FRI 15:00 Fyodor Dostoevsky - The Idiot (b00srkna)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b6q46w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k11n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 Bad Salsa (b049y3mp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007k406)**

The Silent Scream

Episode 3

As the alien takeover deadline approaches, can humanity fend

off enemies from without and within?

Wally K. Daly's sequel to 'Before the Screaming Begins'.

CAST:

Tom Harris .... James Laurensen

A.P. Smith .... Donald Hewlett

Prime Minister .... Colin Douglas

Silkin .... Peter Wickham

Sally Harris .... Hannah Gordon

Opposition MP/Colonel .... Peter Williams

Andy .... Elizabeth Lindsay

Gloria/Cabinet Minister .... Brenda Kaye

Second Pilot/PC .... Gregory de Polnay

Alien Controller/Cabinet Minister .... Manning Wilson

Second Boy .... Tim Bentinck

First Girl .... Alison Draper

Audio from Wally K. Daly's own collection and reversed into three parts by BBC Radio 4 Extra

Producer: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a ninety-minute Saturday Night Drama on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

**FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076tj9)**

The Book By Its Cover

Matthew Parris, Robert Elms, James Delingpole and Joolz Denby discuss whether 'apparel oft proclaims the man'. From 2005.

**FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (m000gn3y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0085j9l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 Stand By For West (m000gn3w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 The Lunatic Line (b012qq7x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000gn40)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b0639xp0)**

Series 2

Sugar

Comedian Simon Evans' new series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - to which we're addicted.

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 sugar. Some people say sugar could be the new tobacco - exposed as a health risk that's been knowingly concealed for decades. And the trouble is sugar is in almost everything now - even things that 'look' savoury. What part does economics have to play in how we have got to this point? How do we make sense of what the food industry is doing with sugar? And if we want to invest in this addiction, how do we do it?

With the help of economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset Webb, plus author David Gillespie, Simon walks us around the economics of this very familiar commodity and pokes fun at our relationship with it.

Presented by Simon Evans, with regular guests 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 (b077gjk1)**

Series 2

The Wake

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 final episode of the series, the group leave their meeting room to take Andy (Eddie Marsan) to his mum's wake. Andy hasn't seen the rest of his family in a long time and he's nervous, anxious and a little angry. He just wants to say goodbye to his mum and leave. But it's not as simple as that.

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.

Written and created by Pete Jackson

Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00wvj28)**

Series 2

Episode 1

With the museum stuck in the past, modernising deputy curator Rod wants to make it sexy. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.