

SAT 07:30 The Voices of... (b08r1tsz)

Series 2
Andy Partridge
An intimate portrait of the songwriter, singer and frontman of the new wave rock band XTC, Andy Partridge. Brought up on a council estate in Swindon, Andy Partridge's escape from the poverty of his working class upbringing followed a classic path - art and music. At 15, he enrolled in what he calls the 'art floor' of the local college - Swindon didn't boast an actual art college. Then, he discovered the magnetic power of carrying around his Dad's old guitar. He didn't even have to play it to find himself the centre of attention. In the years that followed - and in the wake of the punk explosion - he tasted celebrity and success with his band XTC. His curious vocal style and angular compositions were distinctive and influential. XTC built a cult status with songs such as Making Plans for Nigel and Senses Working Overtime, as well as albums including the acclaimed Skylarking. But Swindon didn't lose Andy for long, despite the lure of London and New York. He lives there still, now with his American partner. And he's still writing songs - including for the recent album by the reformed Monkees. In this programme, he talks about the trajectory of his career and the 'art blood' that has consistently flowed through his veins.

Produced by Alan Hall
A Falling Tree production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b079lt8w)

Return to Subtopia
The distinguished architectural writer Gillian Darley retraces the story of "Subtopia", one of the most significant architectural debacles of the post-war era, and considers its long shadow. Her story starts with Ian Nairn, the maverick young architectural journalist, who invented the word "Subtopia" in the mid-1950s, when the Architectural Review ran a campaign against unsightly clutter and the blurring of distinctions between town and country. Nairn drew upon a recent road journey he had made, stating that the outcome of "Subtopia" would be that "the end of Southampton will look like the beginning of Carlisle; the parts in between will look like the end of Carlisle or the beginning of Southampton."

He continued uncompromisingly: "The whole land surface is becoming covered by the creeping mildew that already circumscribes all of our towns. Subtopia is the annihilation of the site, the steamrolling of all individuality of place to one uniform and mediocre pattern."

Gillian Darley brings together lively original archive featuring Nairn himself, Gilbert Harding, Sir Hugh Casson, Sir John Betjeman and others, to re-trace the story. She talks on location in Southampton with the architectural photographer Gareth Gardner about his new project to re-trace and photograph once more the locations which Nairn visited. In the studio, she explores the original and contemporary picture with the architect Janice Murphett, and the architectural writer, Gavin Stamp.

And she wonders whether, if the short-lived and unhappy Ian Nairn were alive today, what would he feel about the British landscape?
Producer: Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 09:00 Horne of Plenty: Beyond Our Ken to Round The Horne (b007k2b6)

The fascinating inside story behind two of BBC radio's all-time favourite comedies: 'Beyond Our Ken' and 'Round the Horne'. Presented by a former BBC Head of Radio Light Entertainment, Jonathan James-Moore
Featuring cast members: Ron Moody and Bill Pertwee. Plus, the son of Beyond Our Ken scriptwriter Eric Merriman - Andy Merriman, Lyn Took - who was married to Barry Took, writer for both series - and the last surviving Round The Horne scriptwriter, Brian Cooke.
Extracts from Kenneth Williams diaries are read by David Benson.

Beyond Our Ken ran for 7 series, while Round The Horne ran for 4. Hear the very first and last editions of both series starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden, Bill Pertwee, Ron Moody, Stanley Unwin and Douglas Smith.

The FIRST Beyond Our Ken - 1st July 1958:
Kenneth Horne's diary, poking fun at tax bills and Horn-o-rama. The LAST Beyond Our Ken - 16th July 1964:
Kenneth Horne's week, Horn-o-rama and Drama of the Week The FIRST Round the Horne - 7th March 1965:
Trends, the BBC's Backroom Boys and part one of "The Clissold Saga".

The LAST Round The Horne - 9th June 1968:
Nobody knew it was the last show, but a surprise was in store for Julian and Sandy
Producer: Peter Reed

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2004.
SAT 12:00 Counterpoint (b00hfz58)

Series 23
2009 Heat 1
Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out:
Brenda Mortimer from Camberley
David Roy from Bushey
Paul Tobin from Taunton
Producer: Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.
SAT 12:30 HR (b00tg1c3)

Series 2
Gassing
Sam is battling retirement blues with a part-time job working for the Saviours, manning telephone lines to help those in distress. And today's first client is of course Peter, in distress about their faulty boiler.
Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
George Sam Dale
Voice Alison Pettitt
Director: Peter Kavanagh.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 13:00 The Prelude (Omnibus) (m000h0mf)
William Wordsworth's autobiographical poem The Prelude is arguably the most important piece of poetic writing in our language. Recorded in Wordsworth's home in Grasmere, Cumbria, Wordsworth looks back over events in his early life. Wordsworth believed that poetry should be written in the natural language of common speech, and in that way it was revolutionary in its time.

Parts of the poem are famous, with lines quoted often, such as the description of the young Wordsworth stealing a boat. Other parts are more introspective. The young poet leaves Grasmere to go to university in Cambridge and is homesick. Wordsworth grapples with his political feelings - travelling to France at the time of the French Revolution. He enjoys the hustle and bustle of London, and is euphoric when crossing the Alps. All the time this poem is accessible, bursting with colour and description, full of gripping storytelling.

Omnibus of five parts read by Sir Ian McKellen.
With specially composed music by John Harle performed by John Harle on saxophone and Neill MacColl on guitar.
Directed in Manchester by Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000h0mh)

Robert Carlyle
Actor Robert Carlyle chooses 'Watching The Wheels' by John Lennon and 'Waiting On A Friend' by The Rolling Stones.

SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kfnf)

Series 2
Northumberland
Pam learns about the water themed gardens of Alnwick Castle and the rituals of the wild cattle of Chillingham.
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 (b007rprx)

Series 1
Admiral of the Night
After visiting Hampton Court, Carter's uncle spots a fellow war veteran.
Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne
Carter Brandon Sam Kelly
The Young Woman Liz Goulding
Tommy Faramond Brian Miller
Narrator Christian Rodska
Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Pete Aikin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

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SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm4s)

The Secondary Phase
Fit The Tenth
Arthur discovers his unique contribution to the history of Brontitall. And a close encounter for Ford and Zaphod...
Starring Peter Jones as The Book, Simon Jones as Arthur Dent, Geoffrey McGovern as Ford Prefect, Mark Wing-Davey as Zaphod Beeblebrox, David Tate as Eddie, Stephen Moore as Marvin, Ronald Baddileys as Bird One, John Le Mesurier as the Wise Old Bird, John Baddeley as Bird Two and Rula Lenska as Lintilla.

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 January 1980.

SAT 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmxv)

Out of the Mouths
Horror legend Vincent Price introduces a tale about unforeseen danger as a scientist tries out advanced theories on his new born son.

Stars Hywel Bennett as Richard, Elizabeth Proud as Rachel and John Quail as David.
Scripted by William Ingram.
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00bfq1c)

The Lee Mack Show
Midge Ure

Midge Ure joins the quick-fire comic for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale and Steve Brown. From March 2005.

SAT 22:30 Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test (b0386j1j)

Episode 2
Paul Sinha is proudly British. He also loves a quiz. So you would have thought that the UK Citizenship Test, which newcomers to this country must pass to become citizens, would have been right up his street. But the questions in the 2012 and 2013 Home Office guides seem either bizarrely easy - "Where is Welsh most widely spoken?" - or infuriatingly vague - "What happened in the First World War?"

So Paul has created his own test, to better reflect the things that aspiring migrants should understand before they can call themselves British. In this second episode he deals with the health of the nation - our diet, our drinking habits and our athletic prowess. And he tests the studio audience on their knowledge, with those that answer incorrectly being deported. The series intertwines the sort of comedy Paul has become known for on The Now Show, The News Quiz, and Fighting Talk, as well as his own Radio 4 shows The Sinha Test and The Sinha Games, and the command of facts and figures he demonstrates on the ITV quiz show The Chase, with a dash of the patriotism that has seen him banned from the bar at the United Nations.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
Producer: Ed Morrish.

SAT 23:00 Buy Me Up Tv (b009fnlx)

Episode 2
Another chance to hear the comedy series inspired by every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.

The series features Justin Edwards, Colin Hout, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen MacIntosh, Alex MacQueen and Greg Proops. Tonight's special guest is Ruth Madoc.

SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b007jqn6)

Series 1
Episode 4
Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Matt Wellcome, Veronica McKenzie and Sean Meo. From December 1998.

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SUN 06:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07hp75x)

Babel Tower
In 'Babel Tower', the third novel of the quartet, Frederica finds herself embroiled in two court cases.

CAST:
Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Frederica Indira Varma
Daniel Shaun Dooley
Nigel Mark Bazeley
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Jude Mark Heap
Hugh Mark Umbers
Pippy Deborah Findlay
Alexander Adam Kotz
Thomas Gerard McDermott
Alan Kenny Blyth
Ruth Jasmine Hyde
Ginnie Hannah Dee
Leo Jack Langan
Will Alex Etchart
Mary Ruby Williams
Rupert Robert Portal

Begbie Ben Onwukwe
 Stephanie Helen Longworth
 Marcus Carl Prekopp
 Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.
 Producer: Sally Avens.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.
SUN 07:15 Crossing the Glacier by Berlie Doherty (b007jv9m)
 Gerda and Pam are two women who find themselves emotionally frozen in the past. Short story read by Janet Dale.
SUN 07:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b078xpfb)
 Series 2
 Agrippina
 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.
 Today she stands up in the name of one of the most powerful women of Ancient Rome and Caligula's big sister, Agrippina the Younger.
 Julia Agrippina was pretty well-connected all round given that her granddad was the Emperor Augustus, her husband (also her uncle: don't ask) was Emperor Claudius and her son was Emperor Nero.
 And she was no slouch. Turns out it was her handiness with the purse strings that kept the Empire going. Also, who else has survived an assassination attempt by a specially built collapsible boat?
 Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
SUN 08:00 Home to Roost (m000h0qd)
 Series 2
 Television Problems
 There's panic in the Wheeler household when the TV stops working. How will they cope?
 Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler play Olive and William Wheeler. After forty years working for the same company, William has retired and is 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
 Nev/TV Repairman John Baddeley
 Kath Patricia Greene
 Ange Ysanne Churchman
 Jack Bailey/TV Repairman Norman Rossington
 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 Jerome K. Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01cj229)
 Episode 2
 "I woke at six the next morning and set to work to wake up Harris with a scull. The third prod did it: and he turned over on the other side, and said he would be down in a minute."
 A tin of pineapple takes on a starring role, as George, Harris and J's holiday on the River Thames continues - with Montmorency the dog.
 Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas. Music by Jeremy Nicholas. Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.
SUN 09:00 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (Omnibus) (m000h0qj)
 Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of one of the nation's literary giants Charles Dickens is broadcast to mark the 150th anniversary of his death in June 2020
 Omnibus of five parts read by Penelope Wilton.
 Here Tomalin portrays Dickens as a writer "so charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality." The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield are just a handful of the characters he created and who continue to endure. He was also a hard-working journalist, a philanthropist, a supporter of liberal social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side which emerged with the breakdown of his marriage.
 Claire Tomalin was literary editor of the *The New Statesman* and then the *Sunday Times* before becoming a full time writer. Her biographies are award winning. *The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft*, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and *Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self* was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b06ycvr2)
 Graham and Natalie – It's Just A Piece Of Paper
 Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a couple who have never married; they reflect on the reasons why not, and whether or not their children will eventually tie the knot - another in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a

snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject
 Producer: Marya Burgess
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09xfjn4)
 Artists
 Paula Rego
 From Amalia Rodrigues to Giuseppe Verdi.
 Painter Paula Rego shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley.
 Born in Portugal, she was an only child, and spent her days sitting with the maids as they told tales around the kitchen table. Now she makes up stories about the people she knows and weaves them into her pictures. Like those early fairytales, her portraits always have a touch of danger about them. If you look the devil in the face, she says, face your fears and paint them - then they lose the power to scare you.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0b9v0t8)
 Series 7
 Confidence: Too Much, Too Little?
 True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces stories about confidence and uncertainty.
 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 (b0100j9q)
 Series 2
 Hummers
 Hummingbirds are given spectacular names motivated by their striking colours, patterns and shimmering metallic iridescence; their names are beautiful as are the birds.
 David Attenborough has filmed them on several occasions and is fascinated by their agility and flying skills to drink nectar from flowers inaccessible to any other animal. And propelled by this rocket fuel of nature they are capable of flying great distances and living life in the fast lane. Enchanting in this story is how moved David Attenborough is when recalling a story of their conservation; a rare piece of good news he comments.
 Written and presented by Sir David Attenborough
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
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SUN 14:30 Hilary Mantel - The Mirror and the Light (Omnibus) (m000h0qn)
 Episode 3
 Anton Lesser continues the long-awaited finale to Hilary Mantel's Booker-winning *Thomas Cromwell* series.
 After Henry's disastrous decision to surprise his new bride, Anne of Cleves, relations are delicate. Henry wants rid of Anne, but Cromwell fears this will mean the end of the alliance with Germany...
 Writer: Hilary Mantel
 Reader: Anton Lesser
 Abridger: Katrin Williams
 Producer: Justine Willett
SUN 15:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00c4mf9)
 The Big Stuff
 Brett Westwood, Stephen Moss and Chris Watson identify the sounds of jays, tawny owls, sparrowhawks and other larger woodland birds.
 Producer Sarah Blunt.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
SUN 16:00 Drama (b011wdx3)
 Paul Theroux - *The White Man's Burden*
 A radio adaptation of Paul Theroux's stage play about the young Rudyard Kipling's humiliating final months as an American resident. The great English writer plans to settle in Vermont with his American wife, but a clash with his brother-in-law results in death threats, a court case and public scandal. Will Kipling manage to keep his head when all about are losing theirs?
 Written by Paul Theroux
 Adapted and directed by Emma Harding.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000h0qv)
 Adventures In Poetry - Daffodils by William Wordsworth
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses *Adventures in Poetry* – Daffodils by William Wordsworth.
 Peggy Reynolds looks at the lasting impact of one of the best-known poems in the language with the help of an academic, a Lake District writer, the poet's most recent biographer, the secretary of the Daffodil Society, a rap artist, a teacher, her pupils and the poet Gillian Clarke. From the series exploring the background, effect and lasting appeal of some of our best-loved and most familiar poems.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b078xpfb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Mary Shelley - Frankenstein (b007jptw)
 Episode 1
 Classic dark tale of a young scientist's monstrous attempts to discover the secrets of creating life. Stars Michael Maloney. From October 1994.
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SUN 22:30 Twenty Players (b06jmc82)
 Series 1
 Gertrude Trelawny Ferris
 Forgotten sporting heroes. Gerald Sinstadt tells the story of the sporting all-rounder Gertrude Trelawny Ferris. From June 1995.
SUN 22:45 The Music Teacher (b00sgbh0)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Written by Richie Webb.
 Another tough week shut away in a tiny windowless practice room enduring challenging pupils for music teacher Nigel Penny, in this new musical comedy written by and starring 2009 Writers' Guild Award winner Richie Webb. Featuring Vicki Pepperdine as Arts Centre Manager Belinda.
 Episode 4 sees Nigel faced with the usual bizarre array of pupils: the midlands answer to Bob Dylan, a homemade keyboard hobbyist and a singing dog prove to be fairly hard going. But it is Arts Centre manager Belinda - so usually the cause of much of his misery - who offers Nigel the chance of a lifetime: to write a jingle advertising the Arts Centre to feature on local radio. This is the chance Nigel has been looking for. This is his way out. This is his ticket to the fame and fortune that he so nearly tasted as a Young Musician of the Year Finalist in 1975. If only he could get The Beatles 'Eight Days A Week' out of his head he'd be fine. But he can't. And the deadline is approaching fast.
 Cast:
 Nigel Penny Richie Webb
 Belinda Vicki Pepperdine
 Other roles by Dave Lamb, Jim North and Jess Robinson.
 Produced by Richie Webb
 Directed by Nick Walker
 A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4
SUN 23:00 The Secret World (b012b1z6)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Alan Titchmarsh - quaint gardener or ruthless murderer? Jon Culshaw and friends probe the private lives of the famous. From July 2010.
SUN 23:30 Fabulous (b00f41w5)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 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 family coming to dinner, life should be cozy...
 Starring Daisy Haggard with Katy Brand, Stephen Critchlow, Justin Edwards, Sally Grace, Martin Hyder, Geoffrey McGivern, Joanna Neary, Jo Scanlan, Laura Solon and Dan Starkey. The children were Bradley Ford, Renee Clark and

Chelsea Jabba.
Written by Lucy Clarke
Music by Osymyso
Producer Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

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MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)

Series 1
A Bit of Tomfoolery
Detective Sergeant Dave Brook is teamed-up with young Detective Constable Maxton from sleepy Epsom. How will he cope with the mean streets of his new London patch?
Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr. Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook. His new side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake
DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
DC Harrison Peter Cleall
Chief Inspector Roach David Daker
Harry Dean George Tovey
Doctor Briggs James Taylor
Lady Dennerly Aimee Delamain
Mr. Stimson Martin Friend

Former BBC war correspondent, Robert Barr is best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980
MON 06:30 Launching The Style Decade (b00s7dvt)
Launched in 1980, Robert Elms investigates the origins and influence of The Face, the 'style bible' of the 80s. The magazine was at the forefront of a remarkable change in the visual landscape of Britain in the 1980s: from Sunday newspaper supplements, to television ads, to ordinary high street shop fronts.

Until 1980 music magazines were black and white broadsheet papers like the NME and Melody Maker. Then in the summer of 1980 The Face changed all that. Started by the former NME and Smash Hits editor Nick Logan, it brought a flash of colour to the magazine industry, mixing pop, politics, photography, fashion and style, all tied together by the iconic design of art director Neville Brody.
The Face advocated that music didn't matter unless everyone looked good. With the innovative marriage of fashion and music, 'the best dressed magazine' quickly became the arbiter of style and cool in 1980s England.

At its most successful The Face was at the forefront of every major youth movement and was pivotal in launching the career of models Kate Moss and photographer Juergen Teller. Taking stock, publisher Nick Logan and Neville Brody reveal what they believe to be the lasting impact of The Face on style and design.
Producer: Barney Rowntree
A Somethin Else production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

MON 07:00 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)
Toothpaste

Disgraced American ad man Elliott Thurber is forced to transfer to the new London branch of Parabola Media.
CAST:
Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon
Esther Finn Samantha Bond
Hannah Walker Pippa Hayward
Zadie Joanna Tincey
Ted Bruckner Malcolm Tierney
Toothrot Chris Pavlo
Customs Officer Stephen Critchlow
Woman Janice Acquah
Child Manjeet Mann
Stewardess Donlma Hughes
Plaquet Inam Mirza

Written by Christopher Hill.
Producer: Liz Webb.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

MON 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)
Series 4

The Art Dealer
Milton's attempt to become an international art dealer leads to a deadly brush with danger.
Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!". Each week, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.
"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.
"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times
"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily Mail

Written by Milton with James Cary (Bluestone 42, Miranda), and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show House Of Rooms), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipment of new jokes.
The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill (Spamalot, Mr. Selfridge) as the ever-faithful Anton, Josie Lawrence and Ben Willbond (Yonderland, Ghosts).
With music by Guy Jackson
Produced and directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0084rjj)
Have Been Towing
HMS Troutbridge comes home, dragging vessels from around the world behind her.

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray. Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.
The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips
The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee
The Number One Stephen Murray
Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
Heather Heather Chasen
Captain Hardcastle Ronnie Barker
The Admiral Tenniel Evans
Captain Atchinson Michael Bates
Written by Lawrie Wyman
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.
MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jqzj)
Series 3
The Recruit
With Captain Mainwaring in hospital, the Vicar and the Verger spark unrest in the Home Guard platoon.
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, Bill Pertwee as Hodges, Frank Williams as the Vicar, Edward Sinclair as the Verger 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 July 1976.
MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b078xpfj)
Series 16
Episode 4

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 the jokes, ghosts, LEGO and reality TV.
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 Chambers (b007jp12)
Series 2
Only the Lonely
John Fuller-Carp uses his masculine charms on a lady judge, while Ruth decides to adopt a baby. Stars John Bird. From May 1998.

MON 10:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b00b9k9p)
The Saint Overboard
Lantern-jawed, haloed hero Simon Templar - otherwise known as The Saint - sets out to solve the disappearance of missing sunken bullion.
The seventeenth book in the adventures of The Saint, first published in 1936.
CAST:
Simon Templar Paul Rhys
Loretta Page Patsy Kensit
Roger Ivaloff Charles Simpson
Peter Quentin/Intruder Jonathan Keeble
Orace John Hollis
Vogel Geoffrey Whitehead
Murdoch John Guerrasio
Prof Yule David Timson
Arnheim/Helmsman Joshua Towb
Written by Leslie Charteris and dramatised by Neville Teller.
Director: Matthew Walters
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000h9cm)

Series 7
Overcoming
Guy Raz explores how people overcome struggles, whether they be mental, physical, or social - turning them into a strength. We all have our struggles, whether they be mental, physical, or social. But what is it that makes some of us keep trying and striving to overcome despite the odds? In this hour, TED speakers tell their stories about overcoming a weakness and turning it into a strength. Guests include Professor Temple Grandin, poet Shane Koyczan, psychologist Eleanor Longden, and educator Kakenya Ntaiya.

First broadcast on NPR in the USA in 2014.
MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0084rjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqzj)

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MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Launching The Style Decade (b00s7dvt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b06nnny)
Death in the Fifth Position by Gore Vidal
Episode 1

With McCarthyism reaching fever pitch in 1950s America, Peter Sargeant - a dashing PR man - is hired by the Grand St Petersburg ballet to fend off rumours that their star choreographer is a communist. But New York's ballet world is shocked when, on the opening night, the lead ballerina plummets to her death from a wire, maintaining her classical pose in the 'fifth position' as she hits the floor.

Gore Vidal's earlier novel The City and the Pillar was published in 1948 when the author was 23 years old. Its central story of a homosexual relationship caused such a scandal that the New York Times book critic refused to review any book by Gore Vidal. Others followed his lead and the author found himself at a loss as to how to continue to earn a living through his pen until a publisher suggested that he turn his hand to writing under a different name. Death In the Fifth Position was published in 1952 - the first of a trio of entertainments featuring Peter Cutler Sargeant II as a publicist turned private eye.
Episode 1:
Peter Sargeant, a young publicist, is invited to the offices of the Grand St Petersburg ballet.
Written by Edgar Box (Gore Vidal)
Read by Jamie Parker
Abridged by Isobel Creed
Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4
MON 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00fbpz)
The Sky's the Limit
Astronomer Heather Couper charts the history of our growing understanding of the universe and progress of astronomy. From 2008.

MON 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsqh)
Babel Tower, Part 6/8
Frederica's estranged husband Nigel demands to see his son Leo and she finds a new love interest. Stars Mark Bazeley.
MON 14:45 Leo McKern - Just Resting (m000h1zd)
Episode 6
Actor Leo McKern - 'Rumpole of the Bailey' - reads from his memoirs: actors, writers and struggling for parts and humility. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

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MON 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Host Planet Earth (m000h9cj)
The Price of Freedom

The Starfarer has returned from space, but the men inside it are dead.
The creatures which have killed them and the obscene horror which threatens to overwhelm the earth have at last been made plain...
Conclusion of the sci-fi serial first broadcast in Summer 1967.
At that time, concerns were being raised about microbes being brought back to Earth by the American and Russian space programmes. Set in England, the British space programme is eager to compete and has gained an advantage with the invention of a propulsion system that enables exploration of distant regions of the universe within weeks instead of years.
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Written by Colin Cooper and Anne Howell.
 Music and FX by the Radiophonic Workshop.
 Producer: Nesta Pain.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00nvmfz)
 Erica Wagner and Francis Gilbert
 Sue MacGregor talks to a husband and wife team, literary editor at The Times Erica Wagner and teacher and writer Francis Gilbert, about their favourite books, which include Ursula Le Guin's Wizard of Earthsea.
 Books featured in the programme:
 Erica's choice: A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin, Puffin
 Francis's choice: The Boy with the Topknot by Sathnam Sanghera, Penguin
 Sue's choice: Deaf Sentence by David Lodge, Penguin.
 Produced by Mark Smalley.
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2009.
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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000h9cm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00gsb83)
 Series 2
 Mark Thomas Interviews Alexei Sayle
 One tough-talking funny man chats to another 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 2005.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000gvmx)
 Series 56
 Episode 5
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis get to grips with the continuing COVID-19 lock-down and disruption with sketches and guests. With comedians Geoff Norcott and Robin Morgan plus music from Tim Sutton and Sooz Kempner. Additional voices from Luke Kempner and Gemma Arrowsmith.
 Written by the cast, with additional material from Mike Shepherd, Laura Major, Donald Alexander and Charlie Dinkin.
 Producer Adnan Ahmed
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lxzyd)
 Series 1
 Food
 The Bletchley Park code-breakers think of some new ways to improve wartime rations. Stars Robert Bathurst. From July 2007.

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TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00nvmfz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Launching The Style Decade (b00s7dvt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b06nnnlv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsqh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:45 Leo McKern - Just Resting (m000h1zd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b00b9k9p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b078xpfg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000gt6b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pckm9)
 Series 1
 Operation Homecoming
 DS Dave Brook and his new young partner are drafted into a Scotland Yard operation to tackle an armed gang.
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS

Dave Brook. His side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 DC Harrison Peter Cleall
 Chief Inspector Roach David Daker
 Chief Inspector Benbow Godfrey Kenton
 Judie Jacqueline Tong
 Glenville John Quayle
 Jarman Timothy Carlton
 Jennings Adrian Egan
 Former BBC war correspondent, Robert Barr is best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980
TUE 06:30 Mallorca and Middle-Aged Men in Lycra (b047w54s)
 Each year thousands of Middle-Aged Men in Lycra flock to Mallorca for sun, sea and saddles. Described by Sir Bradley Wiggins as a 'Scalextric for cyclists', we find out why the island is such a Mecca for cyclists.
 Cycling in the UK is nothing like this. It can be wet, windy and cold and traffic can make riding a bike risky business. But in Mallorca the climate is perfect, the terrain is varied and drivers are considerate. We speak to self-confessed 'Mamils' - Middle-Aged Men In Lycra - about their love for cycling, and visit Mallorca to meet the riders who follow the pedals of their heroes, most notably Sir Bradley Wiggins who has a regular base on the island and trains here to prepare for his epic races. Ahead of the Tour De France that this year begins in Yorkshire, we trace the emergence of the Mamil; we look at their bikes, their kit, their love of lycra and their motivation and discover why cycling has become the boom sport it has in the UK.
 Presented and Produced by Martin Poyntz-Roberts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
TUE 07:00 HR (b001j5qm)
 Series 2
 Dogging
 Comedy drama series by Nigel Williams that charts the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.
 Sam, determined to help depressed Peter find a sense of purpose in his retirement, gets him a dog. But will the scruffy mongrel help Peter? Or will it add to his aggression and sense of injustice?
 Peter Jonathan Pryce
 Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
 Nasty Man Tony Bell
 Woman Christine Kavanagh
 Man Sam Dale
 Director: Peter Kavanagh.
 First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2010.
TUE 07:30 A Normal... (m000gtng)
 Universe
 Henry Normal: A Normal... Universe
 "Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal"
 Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times
 The sixth instalment in this acclaimed, occasional series in which acclaimed, occasional writer Henry Normal uses poetry, stories and comedy to tackle those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.
 In this new episode Henry explores our relationship to the vastness of the universe throughout eternity and beyond, taking us on a curious journey of time and space with the aid of a very big microscope and some dodgy rhymes.
 Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.
 He has published several volumes of poetry, including Travelling Second Class Through Hope, Staring Directly at the Eclipse, Raining Upwards and his new volume This Phantom Breath. And his memoir, A Normal Family: Everyday adventures with our autistic son.
 Praise for previous episodes in this series:
 "It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down"
 "It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny"
 "Not heard anything that jumps from hilariously to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show"
 Written and performed by Henry Normal
 Production Coordinator - Beverly Tagg
 Produced by Carl Cooper
 This was a BBC Studios production.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007td29)
 Yehti
 Neddie Seagoon goes Yehti hunting - in deepest, darkest Yorkshire. Stars Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan. From March 1955.
TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b00nnpz7)
 Series 3
 Episode 20
 Kenneth Horne in the sinister tale of 'The Head of the BBC

Who Came From Out of the Cold' - and Julian and Sandy reveal how to get massive lallies at Body Bona.
 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 (m000gvmx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Gossip from the Garden Pond (b04g7d6q)
 The Tadpole and the Dragonfly
 The Tadpole played by Julian Rhind Tutt and the Dragonfly played by Alison Steadman, reveal the truth about life in a garden pond, in the first of three very funny tales, written and introduced by Lynne Truss, with sound recordings by Chris Watson.
 The jaunty Tadpole revels in his youth as he darts about the pond, generally avoiding his neighbours because most of them want to eat him! "When are you going to grow up?" asks the Dragonfly. This is far from easy as the tadpole is quick to point out, as he has to go through a whole traumatic body-changing metamorphosis. The only disadvantage, he reckons, of being young and immature of course, is that you have no hands, which makes things tricky when you want to wave at anyone or take a selfie, but it's a small price to pay for the freedom of youth reckons our happy-go-lucky fellow, until a strange dream signals a life-changing event. "One minute you're wiggling, wiggling, and the next you look absolutely daft waving your bottom around, coz there's nothing on the end of it"
 The Dragonfly is lighter than air, quick, beautiful; all dazzling wings and observant eyes. She is also quite highly sexed and living life at a great rate knowing that she doesn't have much time. Having spent months and months living in the murk and mud of the garden pond as an ugly, aggressive nymph, her life was transformed when she felt impelled to climb up a stem and was transformed into an adult. She is dazzling; with her aerial acrobatics, fine wings and long slender limbs. But she knows she hasn't long to live and before she dies, she must feed and find a mate "I'm gorgeous, I'm ready ... and I'm hot, hot, hot".
 Producer Sarah Blunt.
TUE 10:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b00b9xgx)
 The Saint Closes the Case
 Simon Templar is confronted by arch-villain, Doctor Rayt Marius, in a deadly struggle to save the world from an evil weapon.
 The third book in the adventures of The Saint, first published in 1930 under the title 'The Last Hero'.
 CAST:
 Simon Templar Paul Rhys
 Patricia Holm Kim Thomson
 Roger Conway Charles Simpson
 Orace John Hollis
 Norman Kent Joshua Towb
 Doctor Rayt Marius Sandor Eles
 Inspector Claude Eustace Teal John Baddeley
 Professor Vargan John Turner
 Captain Harding Ross Livingstone
 Cynthia Linda Regan
 Janos Paul Jenkins
 Gabor/Rudolph Jonathan Keeble
 Bela Stephen Critchlow
 Golter/Hale/Lazlo Geoffrey Whitehead
 Malone/Tibor/Foreshaw David Timson
 Written by Leslie Charteris and dramatised by for radio by Roger Danes.
 Director: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
TUE 11:00 Shorts (b06zqk36)
 Scottish Shorts
 Everyone's The Same Inside by Wayne Price
 Guilt, laughter and death come to mind as a man recalls his family's long connection to a reclusive outsider.
 Read by Steven McCnoll
 Producer Eilidh McCreadie
 Author Wayne Price was born in south Wales and has lived and worked in Scotland since 1987. He is an award-winning fiction and poetry writer and has twice been a finalist for the Manchester International Poetry Prize. He teaches at the University of Aberdeen and his debut novel, 'Mercy Seat' was published in 2015.
TUE 11:15 Drama (b066vcmy)
 Sarah Wooley - Fifteen Minutes
 By Sarah Wooley
 "Making money is art, and working is art and good business is the best art." - Andy Warhol
 Set in New York in the heady days of Studio 54, in the late 1970s and early 80s, "Fifteen Minutes" looks at the later period in Andy Warhol's life when he was painting portraits to commission and running 'Interview' magazine. Young editor,

CAST:

Simon Templar Paul Rhys
 Patricia Holm Kim Thomson
 Valerie Fiona Fullerton
 Inspector Claude Eustace Teal/Usher John Baddeley
 Peter Quentin Jonathan Keeble
 Fairweather John Hartley
 Luker Geoffrey Whitehead
 General Sangore John Turner
 Orace John Hollis
 Knightley/Foreman Andrew Branch
 Marteau/Constable/Pietri/Sergeant Roger May
 Coroner/Bravache David Collings
 Bream/Senappe David Timson
 Written by Leslie Charteris and dramatised by for radio by Neville Teller.
 Director: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
WED 11:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)
 2: Strange Days
 Had Jim Morrison of The Doors not died in mysterious circumstances at the tender age of 27 in 1971, he would have celebrated his 75th birthday in 2018.
 Over three sixty-minute episodes, Paul Gambaccini mixes the music and poetry of the man with the influences that moulded the self-proclaimed 'The Lizard King'. Paul first encountered Morrison in 1967 when, as a young music director on a New Hampshire radio station, he eagerly opened The Doors' first single 'Break On Through'. He followed his career from beginning to end and, to this day, visits Morrison's grave in Paris.
 In addition to Paul's memories and observations, we delve into the Radio Archive and feature:
 'The Marriage of Heaven and Hell' [Radio 3 29/03/1995]
 A unique interpretation of William Blake's 18th century masterpiece
 'Dreadzone Aldous Huxley Readings' [Radio 1 1995]
 Greg Roberts [now Greg Dread] reads excerpts from 'Brave New World'
 Producer: Mik Wilkojc
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first heard in 2018.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007r3dg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnpk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p8g0h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 A Gripping Yarn (b0418p75)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b06q79tr)
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 It becomes clear that Ella Sutton's death was not an accident. What is also clear is that one of the ballerinas is pregnant and the father of the child (as the whole company knows) is Miles Sutton, the conductor and widower.
 Written by Edgar Box (Gore Vidal)
 Read by Jamie Parker
 Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4
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 Stories of the Sky
 Astronomer Heather Couper reflects on how early man mapped the stories of his mythology onto the constellations in the sky.
WED 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsr3)
 Babel Tower, Part 8/8
 The day of Frederica's divorce finally arrives and she learns whether she has won custody of her son, Leo. Stars Indira Varma.
WED 14:45 Leo McKern - Just Resting (m000h1z7)
 Episode 8
 Actor Leo McKern - 'Rumpole of the Bailey' - reads from his memoirs: life before and after becoming a TV legal legend, Rumpole.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
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WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b00j3vct)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)
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WED 17:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Wilsons Save the World (b09f39tt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4bh)
 Episode 2
 Eleanor discovers more about the work of Abbotsville, where the clones reveal very human-like feelings. Stars Alison Carney.
WED 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp11)
 Series 1
 Les Dawson
 "Hardship? He knew all about it..."
 Mark Radcliffe profiles the career of the Mancunian wordsmith who started out playing piano in a Parisian brothel - and went on to become one of this country's most popular comedians. Featuring Roy Barraclough.
 A six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.
 Producer: Bernadette McConnell
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 Series 3
 Episode 1
 First in a new series of the world's best-loved epistolary equine comedy-romance, as we reveal more of the recently-discovered, passionate letters between the Duke of Wellington's horse Copenhagen (played by Daniel Rigby) and Napoleon's steed Marengo (played by Stephen Fry), with an introduction by Tamsin Greig.
 Beginning at the height of the Battle of Waterloo and Marengo's close brush with death our heroes deal with the aftermath of battle as Marengo becomes part of the spoils of war. Will defeat bring him exile to St Helena at his master's side, or will he be united with his true love Copenhagen? And if the latter, should they rebrand themselves as hot new power-couple Mopenhagen? Or Carengo?
 Written by Robbie Hudson and Marie Phillips
 Produced by Gareth Edwards.
WED 22:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076mv2)
 Series 2
 How to Kiss
 The writer enumerates the many and varied methods of engendering facial contact, and where it might lead. From August 2004.
WED 23:00 Clare in the Community (b015ctw6)
 Series 7
 Rude Girl
 Social Worker, Clare Barker, is concerned she may be linguistically out of touch with today's youth. Brian fails to impress Clare with numerous romantic gestures. A Heating Engineer causes a stir in the Family Centre and Megan causes chaos.
 Sally Phillips is 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 today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Episode Three 'Rude Girl' Cast:
 SALLY PHILLIPS Clare
 ALEX LOWE Brian
 NINA CONTI Megan / Nali / Beautician
 RICHARD LUMSDEN Ray
 LIZA TARBUCK Helen
 ANDREW WINCOTT Simon / John Harris / Youth Leader
 SARAH KENDALL Libby
 NATHAN CATON Daniel
 GERARD McDERMOT Mr Truscott / Barman / Paramedic
 STEFAN RAMSDEN Thomas
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
 Producer Katie Tyrrell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
WED 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00j0hqt)
 Here Comes Bod
 Can Milford and Parker overcome Raamen Bod and find the Sofa of Time? Stars Mark Heap and Nick Frost. From November 2002.
THURSDAY 09 APRIL 2020
THU 00:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p8g0h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 A Gripping Yarn (b0418p75)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b06q79tr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsr3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:45 Leo McKern - Just Resting (m000h1z7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b007jtvj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b00j3vct)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jrfl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 The Wilsons Save the World (b09f39tt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p8g0h)
 Series 1
 Bedtime Story, part 2/2
 Can Detective Sergeant Dave Brook drive a wedge between two notorious crime families?
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr. Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook. His side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Roach David Daker
 Jimmy Lowrie Tom Bowles
 Station Officer Gordon Reid
 Hughie Crerand Michael Packer
 Ma Lowrie Hilda Fennemore
 Billie Sellars Colin Bell
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.
THU 06:30 Picking Round Apples (b014qxbg)
 Steve Carver lives the life of a seasonal apple picker on a farm in Herefordshire.
 In his previous programmes for Radio 4 'Dancing Round the Mediterranean' and 'Touring Round Torquay', Steve immersed himself in a new line of work, living alongside co-workers and experiencing their way of life.
 Now he is 'Picking Round Apples' in Herefordshire:
 For a week in mid-August, Steve gave up his home comforts and moved into a small campervan parked in the corner of a field in rural Herefordshire.
 Every year a small band of retired people establish a make-shift and temporary, but close community. Every day, all day, they pick apples. The money they earn boosts their pensions, and a simple and quietly sociable life is also a great draw.
 However it's hard work - bad backs, scratched arms, and sore feet are the wounds that must be borne.
 The retired pickers live in their motor-homes for the summer, with many over-wintering in Spain when the weather begins to cool. No such luxury (or destination) for Steve - we gave him a basic campervan, with no electrical 'hook-up'; the use of a microwave in a farm-building, which also houses the showers and loos.
 He was cold at night (trekking socks a necessity in bed, even in August), he got a little sick of microwave meals, but he enjoyed meeting the other pickers, appreciating what they meant by 'getting into the zone' of apple picking: reach... pick... put in bucket... reach... pick... put in bucket... almost - as Steve said - like a form of meditation.
 Join Steve to find out how he got on 'Picking Round Apples' at Tillington Fruit Farm near Ledbury in Herefordshire.
 Producer: Karen Gregor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
THU 07:00 The Architects (b03xgslr)
 Series 1
 What's the Point?
 Jim Poyser and Neil Griffiths' comedy series set in a struggling architectural practice. With Sir Lucien's signature brutalist style hopelessly out of fashion, he seeks to overcome his creative block in the spas of Baden-Baden. Unfortunately for Tim, he needs someone to share the experience with.
 Directed by Toby Swift.
THU 07:30 Ability (b0b0v537)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad. Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.
 Now Matt's left home for the first time and moved in to share a flat with his best mate, Jess. But when Bob (Allan Mustafa) shows up as the new carer, the fun really starts. Bob is new to

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.
FRI 06:30 Past Presence (b0076mgw)
Why has King John's Magna Carta of 1215 endured through wars and even European Union arguments?
Presenter Tristram Hunt traces the background and interpretation of Magna Carta from its inception through to modern times.
Producer: Matthew Dodd.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
FRI 07:00 Electric Ink (b01jjtn5)
Series 2
Episode 1
By Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.
A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Maddox has lost the job of news editor and now faces being sued.
Maddox John Sessions
Oliver Alex Jennings
Freddy Stephen Wight
Carol Polly Frame
Masha Debbie Chazen
Keith Sam Dale
Producer Sally Avens
Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's satire is set in the world of modern newspapers.
A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.
At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic Editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.
Alistair Beaton is one of our best known political satirists. He won the Evening Standard comedy award for his play 'Feelgood', was a founding member of 'Not The Nine O'clock News' and also wrote 'A Very Social Secretary' and 'The Trial of Tony Blair' for television. Tom Mitchelson is a writer and journalist.
John Sessions takes on the role of Maddox Bradley. John is best known for his improvisation work on Whose Line is It Anyway and Stella Street. Stephen Wight was last seen in Whites on BBC2 and won the Evening Standard Award for Best Newcomer in 2007. He recently appeared at the National Theatre in The Habit of Art alongside Alex Jennings. Polly Frame was most recently seen in Earthquakes in London at the National and Debbie Chazen is currently on tour with Calendar Girls.
FRI 07:30 Just a Minute (m000h9y5)
The panel game hosted by Nicholas Parsons comes from The Mermaid Theatre in London where the panellists are Paul Merton, Sue Perkins, Graham Norton and Ross Noble.
FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00y2xmy)
French Cricket
The hapless duo set out to sell the national game overseas. A weekly tribute to all those who work in government offices and to all the others who spend their days there as well.
Stars Wilfrid Hyde White and Richard Murdoch.
With Norma Ronald, Roy Dotrice, David Graham and Betty Marsden.
Written and produced by Edward Taylor.
'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1962.
FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)
Series 3
Episode 2
An escaped murderer is after the shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel.
Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.
Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli.
With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadley and Vincent Marzello.
Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark

Brisenden.
Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.
Producer: Dirk Maggs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)
From 24/03/1981
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Leslie Crowther, Barry Cryer and Dick Vosburgh.
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 (b009pn8p)
The Total Hotel Experience
John and his best friend Tony find themselves taking part in a seaside hotel's murder-mystery weekend.
John just wants to play dominoes, but amongst the guests is a woman from his past - with her potatoes.
Written by John Hegley
Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnery, Terry Malloy, Sunny Ormonde and Andy Hockley.
Original music by Nigel Piper.
Director: Anne Eadyvean
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
FRI 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6q1)
Episode 2
By Evelyn Waugh
Dramatised in 2 parts by Bill Matthews
Episode 2
Tony's life is shattered by Brenda's revelation of adultery.
With Tara Fitzgerald as Brenda Last and Jonathan Cullen as Tony Last.
CAST:
Beaver Ronan Vibert
Jock James Simmons
Milly Dariel Pertwee
Mrs Beaver Sally Grace
Dr Messinger Robert Glenister
Rosa Vivienne Rochester
Mr Todd Jack Klaff
Teddy Last Daniel Philpott
Reggie David Timson
Ambrose Kim Wall
Babs Jane Whittenshaw
Polly Colleen Prendergast
Tony's Solicitor Denys Hawthorne
Senior Detective Geoffrey Whitehead
Winnie Jade Williams
Jenny Alice Arnold
Director Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000h9cy)
Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.
FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00y2xmy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h6xz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Past Presence (b0076mgw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b06q7gwp)
Death in the Fifth Position by Gore Vidal
Episode 5
With McCarthyism reaching fever pitch in 1950s America, Peter Sargeant - a dashing PR man - is hired by the Grand St Petersburg ballet to fend off rumours that their star choreographer is a communist. But New York's ballet world is shocked when, on the opening night, the lead ballerina plummets to her death from a wire, maintaining her classical pose in the 'fifth position' as she hits the floor.
Gore Vidal's earlier novel The City and the Pillar was published in 1948 when the author was 23 years old. Its central story of a homosexual relationship caused such a scandal that the New York Times book critic refused to review any book by Gore Vidal. Others followed his lead and the author found himself at a loss as to how to continue to earn a living through his pen until a publisher suggested that he turn his hand to writing under a different name. Death In the Fifth Position was published in 1952 - the first of a trio of entertainments featuring Peter Cutler Sargeant II as a publicist turned private eye.
Episode 5:
The story continues with the members of the Grand St Petersburg ballet anticipating the imminent arrest of the husband of the murdered ballerina. Not only had Miles Sutton been asking his wife for a divorce, he was also hiding a serious drug habit. Questions remain however over the murder weapon - the pair of shears found by our narrator, Peter, after the murder took place. The performances of the now sell-out ballet continue as does the investigation, and tonight a wealthy patron holds a party for the company.
Written by Edgar Box (Gore Vidal)
Read by Jamie Parker
Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 14:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzw)

Three Wise Men
Heather Couper reviews ancient associations of stars and planets with deities and astrology's link to maths and the 24-hour day.
FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsrt)
A Whistling Woman, Part 2/7
Frederica has doubts about her television career and her brother, Marcus, makes a shocking discovery. Stars Karl Prekopp.
FRI 14:45 Paper Gardens (m000h2p5)
The Plant Hunters
Leslie Forbes pays a visit to London's Kew Gardens to investigate the enthusiasm of plant hunters and botanical artists.
FRI 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6q1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 16:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 17:00 Electric Ink (b01jjtn5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 17:30 Just a Minute (m000h9y5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Jefferson 37 (b007k4s9)
Episode 4
Dr Abbotts finds his 'party trick' used against him, and Paul Smith takes full advantage of the chaos. Stars David Birrell.
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076tr2)
Your Inner Child
Matthew Parris, Pat Kane, Matt Harvey and Hilary Mantel discuss the idea of being young at heart. From September 2005.
FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00y2xmy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h6xz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Past Presence (b0076mgw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000h9cy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 22:00 Just a Minute (m000h9y5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Bird Island (b01jxslg)
Series 1
Episode 2
On one hand, Ben is on the trip of a lifetime to Sub-Antarctica. On the other, he's trapped in an icy hell with one other person, a dodgy internet connection and a dictaphone. Loneliness is something of a problem. His fellow travelling scientist Graham should alleviate this, but the tragicomic fact is, they are nerdy blokes, so they can only stumble through yet another awkward exchange. Ben experiences all the highs and lows that this beautiful, but lonely place has to offer but fails miserably to communicate this to Graham. So, Ben shares his thoughts with us in the form of an audio 'log'.
Apart from his research studying the Albatross on the Island, Ben attempts to continue normal life with an earnestness and enthusiasm which is ultimately very endearing. We're with him as chats awkwardly with Graham, telephones his mother and as he tries to form a long distance relationship with a woman through Chemistry.com. In fact, we follow Ben as everything occurs to him. We also hear the pings and whirrs of machinery, the Squawks and screeches of the birds and the vast expanse outside. Oh, and ice. Lots of ice.
EPISODE TWO:
Bird Island is the story of Ben, a young scientist working in Antarctica, trying to socially adapt to the loneliness by keeping a cheery audio diary on his Dictaphone. An atmospheric 15 minute non audience comedy.
Ben and Graham are short on food supplies and can't radio main base. Tensions rise as they are forced to survive on porridge.
Written by Katy Wix
Produced by Tilusha Ghelani.
FRI 22:45 Paperback Hell (b0076ch5)
Series 1
Paddy Murphy's Ghost
A tale of a miserable Irish childhood in another spoof chapter of a bestseller. Starring Michael Fenton Stevens. From January 2003.
FRI 23:00 Little Britain (b008gh5h)
Series 1
Episode 2
Back where it premiered, Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball TV smash hit without the cameras. From March 2001.
FRI 23:30 The Maltby Collection (b00xn9fp)
Series 2
Episode 3
Will the museum's first ever Sunday opening run smoothly?
Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt and Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.