

SATURDAY 09 MAY 2020

SAT 00:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b036j238)
Gift For Darkness

Since their plane crashed into a deserted island, the group of surviving schoolboys have awaited rescue by maintaining a signal fire.

But as tensions rose amongst the group factions have emerged causing a split. Jack and his hunters have set up camp at a rocky outcrop they call Castle Rock while Ralph, Piggy, Simon and a few stragglers have remained at the shelters with the signal fire. And it's the fire that the hunters so desperately crave.

Conclusion of William Golding's classic fable.

Ralph Finn Bennett
Jack Richard Linnell
Piggy Kasper Hilton Hille
Simon Jack Kane
Maurice Barney Herrin
Sam Bradley Shedden
Eric Tomi Fry
Roger Edward Bracey
Bill Gabriel Brody
Littleun Isaac Andrews
Mother Stephanie Racine
Officer Adam Nagatis
Narrator Ruth Wilson

Dramatised by Judith Adams.

Director: Sasha Yevushenko

Conch player: Eilon Morris

Sound design and choral arrangement: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076ww3)

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Dominic Arkwright and guests Mary Loudon, Morag Joss and Pip Utton discuss brothers, sisters and sibling rivalry. From 2006.

SAT 01:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hwpj)

3. An Egg Farm in Norfolk

On the trail of wartime secrets, Boyd Stuart has been sent to Los Angeles by the British Secret Service to investigate a film company.

But he's being followed and his contact dies....

Len Deighton's riveting thriller XPD stands for Expedient Demise. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Boyd Stuart Trevor Nichols

Charles Stein Bruce Boa

Max Breslow Bernard Hepton

Wever Carl Duering

Reader Colin Starkey

Case Officer Alan Thompson

Psychiatrist David Garth

Mrs Breslow Mary Wimbush

Mrs Wever Anne Jameson

Hitler David Sinclair

Producer: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1985

SAT 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jnl4)

A Murder Is Announced

Episode 5

A further murder has been committed, but just as Miss Marple is piecing her thoughts together - she disappears...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender

Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson

Colonel Easterbrook Jack Hedley

Laura Easterbrook Joanna McCallum

Bunch Harmon Molly Gaisford

Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover

Mitzi Jenny Funnell

Julia Simmons Angela Sims

Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999

SAT 02:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007bk0)

Series 9

University of Plymouth

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Plymouth with specialist subjects including History, Geology and Human Biosciences and questions ranging from deadly jellyfish to glowing jellyfish via Jack Straw, Krishna and Planck's Constant.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Ed Sheeran. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.

Other Universities featured in this series include Royal Holloway University of London, Aberdeen, St Catharine's

College Cambridge, Brighton and Oxford Brookes.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2019.

SAT 02:30 1835 (b012gpr4)

The Reluctant Aristocrat

In order to prove he's not a feckless, idle aristocrat, Belport manages to kick off the world's first rail strike - in the process proving to everyone that he's a feckless, idle aristocrat... Comic saga of an aristocrat and his servant who struggle to find things to do in the mid- 1830s.

Belport Paul Rider

Ned Jason Done

Arbuthnot Roy Barraclough

George Simon Greenall

Charlie Jonathan Keeble

Written and directed at BBC Manchester by Jim Poyser.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 03:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence (b008nsc3)

Episode 2

Despite Newland Archer's marriage to May, he is still obsessed with thoughts of Ellen Olenska.

Conclusion of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Newland Archer Ryan McCluskey

Ellen Olenska Susan Lynch

May Welland ... Kellie Bright

Augusta Welland Lorelei King

Sillerton Jackson/Riviere Kerry Shale

Julius Beaufort Conrad Nelson

Lawrence Martin T Sherman

Dramatised by Jane Rogers.

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)

Interviews to inspire

Amanda Litherland revisits the Podcast Radio Hour archive to see what budding podcasters can learn from some of her most inspirational guests:

Ira Glass talks about the beginnings of This American Life.

Dame Kelly Holmes discusses the challenge of moving from interviewee to interviewer.

Clare Balding highlights the importance of getting a great idea on its feet.

Jay Rayner talks about the joy of conversation over a good meal.

George The Poet reveals how he combined disciplines to create the award winning Have You Heard George's Podcast.

Jessie Ware and her mum Lennie talk about the much loved Table Manners.

David Dimbleby shows how it's never too late to start your own series

And Stephen Fry expresses his love for podcasts as a unique medium to feed our curiosity.

SAT 05:00 Electric Ink (b01k9wdn)

Series 2

Episode 5

Freddy punctures Maddox's literary pretensions and uncovers a scandal.

Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers.

A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories whilst grappling with the demands of a multi-platform environment, as circulation figures plummet as the recession means half the workforce is laid off.

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Miles Deanbrook Sean Baker

Waiter Adeel Akhtar

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

SAT 05:30 Just a Minute (b05nt9bf)

Series 71

Episode 8

After an incredibly successful debut earlier in this series, David Tennant is back on the show, joining Julian Clary, Stephen Fry and Paul Merton.

But will he manage to speak for an entire minute this time...? Subjects include "To Be or Not to Be" and "My Dog's Got No Nose".

Nicholas Parsons rules over BBC Radio 4's classic panel game in which the contestants are challenged to speak on a given subject for a minute without hesitation, repetition or deviation.

SAT 06:00 Stephen Lowe - Touched (b05qdv20)

8th May 1945, Nottingham: Three sisters gather to hear Prime Minister Winston Churchill pronounce the end of the war in Europe.

In the hundred days that follow, before VJ Day, they come to face the haunting reality of the future.

Stephen Lowe's wartime drama won the 1977 George Devine Award.

Sandra Sian Thomas

Mary Anne Jameson

Betty Sara Mair-Thomas

Mother Mary Wimbush

Johnny Michael Packer

Joan Joanne Pearce

Pauline Amy Pemble

Bridie Annie Hayes

Keith Robin Summers

Chef (Harry) Brian Smith

Director: Caroline Raphael

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04hvy0l)

Series 34

Andrew Adonis on Joseph Bazalgette

Matthew Parris hears from Labour peer Lord Adonis why Joseph Bazalgette, the Victorian engineer, has his nomination as a Great Life.

Bazalgette, the grandson of a French immigrant who made a fortune lending money to the Hanoverian royal family, is one of the most important of the great Victorian engineers. He not only built a sewage system for London which wiped out cholera in the city, he also built the famous Embankments, laid out several of the main thoroughfares and built or improved many of the city's landmark bridges. Yet he is far less well-known than his flamboyant contemporary Brunel and less celebrated than the creators of the railways. With the help of Joseph Bazalgette's great-great-grandson Sir Peter Bazalgette, the man responsible for Ready Steady Cook and Big Brother and now Chairman of the Arts Council, Matthew pieces together the story of Sir Joseph Bazalgette, "The Sewer King."

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 08:00 Counterpoint (b00jm2np)

Series 23

2009 Heat 6

From London, chairman Paul Gambaccini hosts the wide-ranging music quiz spanning every era.

With Brian Haynes from London, Alistair Smith from Lymington and Nicholas Tucker from Lewes.

Producer Paul Bajoria.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 08:30 The Change (b0076p3r)

Series 3

Episode 3

With both couples' relationships seemingly over, another bombshell hits: there's a baby on the way. How on earth will the news be received?

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Philip Jackson

Violet Marcia Warren

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Ken James Vaughan

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley

Doctor Rosie Armstrong

Diana Aitchison Herself

Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife funk - Carol is hormonal and 15-stone George is a transvestite. Onlookers can't quite agree on the nature of their dynamic.

Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtlc)

1970s

Episode 1

Decade by decade, Barry Cryer keeps on truckin' with some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

Six favourites plucked from the sensational 1970s schedules of BBC Radio 2 and 4:

* The News Huddlines

From 7th November 1979

Roy Hudd's long-running topical comedy sketch series. Janet Brown and Chris Emmett help to poke fun at the week's news events featuring Margaret Thatcher, James Callaghan and ABBA.

* All Gas And Gaiters

Series 1 (6/13) Only Three Can Play

Will Noote's playing away ruin the clerics' game? Clerical comedy adapted from TV starring Derek Nimmo and William Mervyn. From February 1971.

* The Frankie Howard Show

Series 4 - from November 1975

The king of titlers reads some ditties and takes on some overgrown animals in a spoof sci-fi thriller! With Norma Ronald, Ray Fell and Timothy Davies.

* Parsley Sidings

Series 2 (6/10) A Bird In The Hand

A rare gull is spotted during a station spring-clean, causing chaos on the line. Railway station comedy starring Arthur Lowe, Kenneth Connor, Liz Fraser and Ian Lavender. From November 1973.

* Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads?

(11/13) Count Down

Terry helps stressed Bob prepare for his wedding. Adapted from TV's classic sitcom about mismatched friends. Starring James Bolam, Rodney Bewes, Joan Hickson and Bill Owen. From October 1975.

* Hello Cheeky

From October 1979

Red Rum and sound effects galore! Sketches galore with rapid pun-tastic fun starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Junkin and Barry Cryer. Music by the Denis King Trio.
Produced and scripted by Peter Reed
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in June 2003.
SAT 12:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)
Series 1
Episode 1
Sheila Hancock heads a stunning cast including Mackenzie Crook, Penelope Wilton, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon in this clever, funny and touching series about a small town in the middle of Northamptonshire as it prepares for a talent night.
Written by and also starring Katherine Jakeways.
Get to know the local supermarket manager who shares rather more than is usual about his private life over the store's tannoy system. Recently divorced Jan has been trying unsuccessfully to 'find herself' with a trip abroad to an elephant sanctuary. But it is at home in Wadenbrook that she starts to feel happier with herself as her friendship blossoms with ex-teacher Mary. And, joy of joys, could it be that Jan is going to experience a touch of romance at last?
Meet driving instructor and forthright self-defence teacher Esther and her gentle and put-upon Jonathan as they struggle to start a family and we meet possibly the only happy couple in town. Ken and Keith, as they attempt to teach their pet whippets to dance for the town talent night.
In this opening episode, Mary starts rehearsals for the town talent night and is shocked by 12 year old Gregory's slide show of Victorian ladies.
Meanwhile Esther sends her husband Jonathan out to collect money for the Leicestershire Infertile Males Project but he ends up at The Bricklayer's Arms looking at pictures of elephants with Jan.
Narrator Sheila Hancock
Rod Mackenzie Crook
Mary Penelope Wilton
Jan Felicity Montagu
Jonathan Kevin Eldon
Esther Katherine Jakeways
Keith John Biggins
Landlord Rufus Wright
Gregory Sam Cotton
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.
SAT 12:30 The Navy Lark (b007k2yc)
Have Been Redecorating
HMS Troutbridge needs a facelift preparation for the arrival of a new senior WREN.
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
Second Officer McClutty Heather Chasen
Commander Bell Ronnie Barker
Uncle Tenniel Evans
The Padre Michael Bates
Written by Lawrie Wyman.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.
SAT 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jn3)
A Murder Is Announced
Episode 1
The villagers of Chipping Cleghorn, including Miss Jane Marple, are agog with curiosity over an ad in the local gazette which reads: 'A murder is announced and will take place on Friday October 29th at Little Paddocks at 6.30pm'.
As the time approaches, the crowds gather at Little Paddocks and then the lights go out. Surely it must be a hoax...?
Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.
From the book first published in 1950 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender
Sir Henry Clithering Graham Crowden
Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson
Dora Bunner Judy Cornwell
Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover
Miss Hinchliffe Elizabeth Bell
Colonel Easterbrook Jack Hedley
Laura Easterbrook Joanna McCallum
Rev Julian Harmon Ioan Meredith
Bunch Harmon Molly Gaisford
Mitzi Jenny Funnell
Miss Murgatroyd Alice Arnold
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.
SAT 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jnp)
A Murder Is Announced
Episode 2
The invitation to a murder was not a game. Who wants Letty Blacklock dead? What did Mitzi overhear in the summerhouse?
Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender
Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson
Dora Bunner Judy Cornwell
Mitzi Jenny Funnell
Julia Simmons Angela Sims
Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.
SAT 14:00 Miss Marple (b007jnk6)
A Murder Is Announced
Episode 3
There is little doubt that the intended murder victim was Miss Blacklock. Will a second attempt be made on her life?
Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender
Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson
Dora Bunner Judy Cornwell
Bunch Harmon Molly Gaisford
Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover
Mitzi Jenny Funnell
Julia Simmons Angela Sims
Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice
Mrs Goedler Tessa Worsley
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999
SAT 14:30 Miss Marple (b007jnkp)
A Murder Is Announced
Episode 4
Everyone realises that the poison was meant for Miss Blacklock, not Dora Bunner. Suspicion falls on the members of the group.
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Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
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Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson
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Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover
Mitzi Jenny Funnell
Julia Simmons Angela Sims
Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice
Miss Murgatroyd Alice Arnold
Miss Hinchliffe Elizabeth Bell
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999
SAT 15:00 Miss Marple (b007jnl4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]
SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00qlyl)
India Knight and Richard Hawley
Columnist India Knight and musician Richard Hawley join Sue MacGregor to discuss favourite paperbacks. by Nora Ephron, John Steinbeck and Adeline Yen Mah.
India's choice: Heartburn by Nora Ephron
Publisher: Virago
Richard's choice: Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck
Publisher: Penguin
Sue's choice: Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah
Publisher: Penguin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.
SAT 16:00 Stephen Lowe - Touched (b05qdv20)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04hyv0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nj3)
The Tertiary Phase
Fit The Fifteenth
Slartibartfast provides a rather startling Informational Illusion to give Arthur and Ford the history of the Krikkit Wars, an intergalactic conflict of billions of years ago, where a seemingly innocuous and pleasant race of hominids journeyed beyond the black and opaque dust cloud surrounding their solitary planet with its solitary star and were appalled to discover they were not alone in the universe but surrounded by many other planets teeming with life.
The Krikkitmen built lethal white robots wielding war clubs which were used to propel small red grenades over vast distances, to destroy everything in their path - in fact, to kill everything everywhere but their masters. Eventually defeated, the People of Krikkit (along with robots and family pets) are sentenced to have their solar system with its Dust Cloud sealed in a Slo-Time envelope, locked by The Wikkit Gate, upon an asteroid which orbits it.
When all of Creation has become extinct the gate will automatically open, allowing them to finish their existence in a dying universe, alone at last as they have so craved.
Unfortunately eleven Krikkit Robots were unaccounted for at the time the punishment was carried out, and these unpleasant machines are now re-uniting the disparate elements of The Key to that Wikkit Gate. Having collected the Wooden Pillar (The Ashes, now reconstituted into a Cricket stump), The Steel Pillar (The Artificial Leg Marvin was fitted with by a kindly scrap collector), they now board the Heart of Gold to steal the Gold

Bail (the driving force behind its legendary Improbability Drive).
Bad as this might be, worse is to come when the robots are caught in the act by Zaphod Beeblebrox, who discovers they are about to go to a Party, but not intending to take him with them. In fact they add injury to insult and shoot him instead.
Attempting to reach the same party Arthur, Ford and Slartibartfast use the - surprisingly clean - toilet transportation cubicles of the Starship Bistromath. But something goes wrong and Arthur finds himself diverted to a labyrinth wherein dwells a creature who appears to nurse a very deep and ancient grudge against him...
The Book William Franklin
Arthur Dent Simon Jones
Ford Prefect Geoff McGivern
Marvin Stephen Moore
Trillian Susan Sheridan
Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey
Slartibartfast Richard Griffiths
Robot Waiter Roger Greff
Zem Andy Taylor
Judiciary Pag Rupert Degas
Wikkit Voice Dominic Hawksley
First Krikkit Man Philip Pope
Second Krikkit Man Michael Fenton Stevens
Henry Blofeld as Himself
Fred Trueman as Himself
Written by Douglas Adams
Music by Philip Pope and Paul 'Wix' Wickens
Adapted and Directed by Dirk Wagg
Producers: Helen Chattwell and Bruce Hyman
An Above the Title production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 2004.
SAT 18:30 The Man in Black (b00grv3d)
Series 1
The White Hare by Lucy Gough
When Izzie and Casper move to the country, they imagine an idyllic lifestyle. But the reality is very different. Izzie's nerves are already frayed, but with threats from a hostile farmer - she spots an ill-omen...
Lucy Gough's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.
Casper Tom Goodman-Hill
Izzie Janice Acquah
Farmer Stephen Critchlow
Café Owner Manjeet Mann
Kaddy Poppy Lee Friar
Horrorifying series of tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.
Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.
The Man In Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.
Director: Peter Leslie Wild
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtlc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jmf4)
Stolen
Zookeepers Howard Moon and Vince Noir try to catch an animal thief at Bob Fossil's Zoo - with the help of a deer costume.
Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.
The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on their Perrier Award-winning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil (Rich Fulcher).
Vince is a regular 'Mowgli in flares' due to his affinity with animals and adoration for all things Seventies, whereas Howard likes to think he's more the brains of the duo, destined for better things.
After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three series.
Producer: Danny Wallace.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.
SAT 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jqfb)
Series 2
The Great Outdoors
The sketch show team take their audience on an activity holiday.
Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutter and William Vandyck.
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.
SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mg8mx)
Series 4
Episode 3
A horse makes his own packed lunch and there's advice on how to become the next Zorro.
Plus a boy's effectiveness as a wolf early-warning system is compromised, and an evangelist refuses to tell people about Jesus.
Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.
Producer Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
SAT 23:30 Earls of the Court (b00rfhtp)
 The Ides of March
 The night of Lloydie's much-publicised toga party is fast approaching. But can Johnno raise his game in time, and play the crucial role in the Ides of March sketch?
 Comedy drama series by Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright about two Australians down on their luck in London.
 Lloydie Stewart Wright
 Johnno Will Adamsdale
 Woman 1 Alison Pettitt
 Woman 2 Keely Beresford
 Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.
SAT 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d8h)
 Placebo
 The duo tell Parky about their lean years. Stars Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March 2003.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jnjp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Miss Marple (b007jnk6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:30 Miss Marple (b007jnkp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]
SUN 03:00 Miss Marple (b007jnl4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]
SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00qply1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Stephen Lowe - Touched (b05qdv20)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b04hyv01)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]
SUN 07:00 Miss Marple (b007jnk6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]
SUN 07:30 Miss Marple (b007jnkp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]
SUN 08:00 Miss Marple (b007jnl4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]
SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007jvz6)
 Pearls Mean Tears
 When Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha sparks uproar - can his valet save the day?
 PG Wodehouse romp adapted by Chris Miller.
 Starring Michael Horder as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie, Joan Sanderson as Aunt Agatha, Pat Coombs as Aileen Hemingway, Miriam Margolyes as the Chamber Maid, Brian Oulton as Sidney Hemingway and Brian Haines as the Hotel Manager.
 Producer: David Hatch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.
SUN 09:00 Floggit's (b007jxmk)
 From 24/08/1956
 Chaos strikes village shopkeepers Gert and Daisy over a troublesome tree.
 Stars Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daisy.
 With Joan Sims, Anthony Newley, Ronnie Barker, Hugh Paddick and Iris Vandaleur.
 Originally popular regulars in 'Workers' Playtime' on the BBC Home Service during wartime, Gert and Daisy won their own series, Floggit's, where they've inherited a village general store in Russett Green. with a ragbag of local characters to deal with. It ran for 2 series between 1956 and 1957.
 Scripted by Terry Nation, John Junkin and Dave Freeman.
 Producer: Alastair Scott - Johnston
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1956.
SUN 09:30 Millport (b0076258)
 Series 2
 Story
 Everyone's telling tales and making up stories - while Moira's acting oddly, no-one's listening to Bob, Agnes has discovered the medicinal benefits of alcohol - and for once Irene doesn't know what to do...
 Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce who hankers after a better life on the mainland.
 Irene Lynn Ferguson
 Moira/Agnes Janet Brown
 Alberto/Robert/Doctor Lewis McLeod
 Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley
 Bob/Minister Robert Patterson
 Dougie Matt Costello
 Music arranged by Olly Fox.
 Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09rwg3y)
 Medicine, Science & Engineering
 Professor Dame Kay Davies
 From Eric Clapton to Schubert. Scientist, Professor Dame Kay Davies shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young
 Professor Kay Davies has dedicated much of her life to finding a cure for the severest form of muscular dystrophy. Before she was 40, she'd helped to develop the antenatal test which is now used around the world, then she isolated the gene sequence which could be instrumental in treating the condition.
 It's quite something for a woman who doesn't have an O-level in biology. Although, even as a child she did possess that critical quality crucial to scientific pioneers: "I loved solving problems," she says, "I was very tenacious and would sit in my room until I had finished the problem. I am a sticker."
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.
SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002rhp)
 Home
 As a teenager, Laura Rawlings couldn't wait to spread her wings and experience bustling city life. But priorities have changed. Join her on moving weekend - as the BBC Radio Bristol presenter makes an unexpected return to her rural roots.
 Plus Multi Story presenter, Becca Bryers shares some thoughts on her own idea of "home".
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b3g6cc)
 Series 3
 Saving Animals
 Radiolab explores what it means to be special when it comes to saving a particular animal. With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
 Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
 First broadcast on public radio in the USA.
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (b0bhfnq5)
 Lindsifarne: Poetry in Progress
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Lindsifarne: Poetry in Progress'.
 After four centuries - England the Lindsifarne Gospel-book returned to the North-East of England in in 2013 - not as far as the island itself, but to Palace Green Library in Durham.
 To mark the occasion, the Newcastle Centre for the Literary Arts commissioned 12 poets to respond to the book and to the almost-island on which it was created.
 Beaty Rubens followed the poets' progress - sharing crab sandwiches and beer on a coach-trip to the island back in the spring and hearing about their progress over the summer and early autumn as they each wrote and recorded their poems. Finally, she hears from the digital artist who created two installations where the poems could be enjoyed by the public. This is the story of their Poetry in Progress.
 Producer: Beaty Rubens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
SUN 12:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06z5240)
 Series 5
 Episode 5
 John Finnemore's fifth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined as ever by Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.
 This week finds John making a heartfelt serving suggestion and Lawry trying to keep himself busy. And, well, since you ask him for a curious tale of murder...
 John is the writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts, regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth.
 "One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" - The Guardian
 "The best sketch show in years, on television or radio" - The Radio Times
 "The inventive sketch show ... continues to deliver the goods" - The Daily Mail
 "Superior comedy" - The Observer
 Written by and starring ... John Finnemore
 Original music composed by ... Susannah Pearce
 Original music performed by ... Jason Hazeley
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
SUN 13:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtlc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]
SUN 16:00 Drama (b085hpjw)
 David Spicer - Munchausen
 Alistair McGowan stars as Baron Munchausen and all the other 43 characters in David Spicer's comic drama about truth, lies and credibility, bringing the exploits of the legendary Lord of Lies right up to date.
 Characters from history and fiction collide in a drama featuring radio's largest cast of characters but smallest acting company of the year.
 The original stories, The Surprising Adventures of Baron Munchausen, were the inventions of thief, swindler and satirist, Rudolph Raspe, and inspired by the notoriously tall stories of the real Baron Munchausen, a braggart soldier who spent most of his subsequent life attempting to sue Raspe. And well he might. Raspe's stories went viral and for the next two hundred years his name has become synonymous with outrageous lying - through books, television, film and even diseases.

Munchausen's previous exploits have included riding a cannonball, being swallowed by a whale and flying to the Moon. The Lord of Lies is now 231 years old, apparently alive and well and is arrested on a red carpet at the Cannes film festival. That's what he claims. But is he really the Baron? Or is he some kind of spy, assassin or international terrorist? Could he perhaps be lying?
 In a police interview room, the strange old man begins to tell the so-called story of his life to a tired, sceptical and overwrought detective. This is surely a masterclass in lying. But what if he is telling "the honest truth"? Because in this age of social networking, where increasingly the media is becoming the message and opinion passes as fact, who knows what the truth is?
 These days, Munchausen finds the world far more credulous and open to bamboozlement.
 Performed by Alistair McGowan
 Written by David Spicer
 Director: Frank Stirling
 A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bhfnq5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06z5240)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Peter Ackroyd - Hawksmoor (b007jq33)
 Episode 1
 Nicholas Dyer, an 18th-century architect, builds churches to the glory of God, but underpins them with his secret obsession with the old religion.
 Nicholas Hawksmoor, a detective in contemporary London, investigates murders that mirror the sacrifices from 300 years before...
 Peter Ackroyd's acclaimed 1985 novel dramatised in two parts by Nick Fisher.
 Dyer/Hawksmoor Philip Jackson
 Sir Christopher Wren Norman Rodway
 Anne Miranda Foster
 Walter Thomas Arnold
 Mirabelis Richard Johnson
 Nat Eliot Ben Crowe
 Thomas Hill Jordan Calvert
 Ned Andrew Wincott
 Hill Terence Edmond
 Tom's Mum Helen Ayres
 Woman Tramp (Annie) Richenda Carey
 Boy 1 Luke Smith
 Boy 2 Bradley Sowler
 Teacher Clare Corbett
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Recorded on location in London's Spitalfields and Clerkenwell and at Soundhouse Studios.
 Producer: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b3g6cc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Drama (b085hpjw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09rwg3y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002rhp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06z5240)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jw00)
 Series 1
 Patrick Moore
 Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter takes to the airwaves once more from his very own his front room!
 Aided by his producer (and sole agent) Ken Worthington, and his hard-to-please wife Mary, the inimitable John Shuttleworth presents celebrity interviews, dodgy keyboard music, and even dodgier jingles.
 Can special guest Sir Patrick Moore help John identify the red glow that appears outside the front bay window just before bedtime?
 With Sean Cullen and Dylan Goodhew.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
 Producers: Paul Schlesinger and Martin Willis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.
SUN 23:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b039cth4)
 Series 2
 Forgery
 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed finds himself immersed in the art world, when a forgery ring is discovered.
 Series two of the critically acclaimed sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed. ("Delightfully bonkers!" The Guardian).
 This time around Nick is tackling some major crimes - and assisting with some major public events.
 He's also joined by special constables Colin Hault and Anna Crilly, who aid and abet him in everything he does.
 With special guests Margaret Cabourn-Smith, and Wil Andrews.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani and Victoria Lloyd.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00djwdf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00qvm1h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j124)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 London Calling (b05ndzw7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 John Mortimer - Glasnost (b007jwds)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m000j128)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Safety Catch (b0178ncg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 47 Years Without A Clue: A Tribute to Tim Brooke-Taylor (m000hzwz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j1yg)
 5. Operation Siegfried
 Len Deighton ... Author
 Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist
 Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart
 David Garth ... Sydney Ryden
 Colin Starkey ... Reader
 Bernard Brown ... Section Head
 Melinda Walker ... Kitty
 Ian Tyler ... Billy Stein
 David Sinclair ... MI5 Man
 Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow
 Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein
 Helena Breck ... Mary Breslow
 Garard Green ... Deputy Secretary
 Alan Thompson ... Case Officer
TUE 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgy)
 Series 2
 The Arrow of Heaven
 An American millionaire safe in his fortress, death threats, a murky past and a bolt from the blue. Father Brown, on his first visit to the United States, unravels the mystery and exposes thereby a mire of hypocrisy.
 GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
 Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown, Ed Bishop as Barnard, Guy Gregory as Harris, Andrew Branch as Wendell and Sean Prendergast as Norman Drage.
 Dramatised by John Sconey Directed in Bristol by Alec Reid.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.
TUE 07:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b084xgyn)
 Series 8
 The Boy Who Ran Away From The Circus
 On a Glasgow rooftop, a former Circus trapeze artist and a sad and misunderstood young man become connected by circumstance and a shared experience of life, as each tells his story.
 TV sitcom star Scott Hoatson joins Stanley Baxter in another story written especially for him by award winning TV writer Michael Chaplin.
 The play was recorded on Stanley's 90th birthday earlier this year, marking 77 years of his work in broadcasting.
 Cast:
 Tam Stanley Baxter
 Robbie ... Scott Hoatson
 Directed by Marilyn Imrie
 A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.
TUE 07:30 My Teenage Diary (m000hvlp)
 Series 9
 Shazia Mirza
 Rufus Hound returns for another series of honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.
 Guests this series are Woman's Hour host Dame Jenni Murray, former Goodie Bill Oddie, comedian Shazia Mirza, impressionist Jan Ravens, podcaster Ollly Mann and writer Julie Myerson.
 In this first episode of new series, Rufus talks to the comedian Shazia Mirza about her experiences growing up in a strict Muslim family in the UK. In her teenage diaries, the young Shazia Mirza describes arguing with her parents, getting a Saturday job in McDonalds, bumping into a Rick Astley lookalike in a pub and dreaming about becoming a grand slam tennis ace.
 Producer: Harriet Jaime
 A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007wvvh)
 Series 6
 Napoleon's Piano
 Neddie Seagoon is conned into pinching the keyboard played at the Battle of Waterloo. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1955.
TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)
 The Rich Brothers
 The veteran of many parts recalls a slapstick act, and reveals all on showbiz cliches. Stars Peter Jones. From July 1986.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000hwsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b0686zvc)
 Series 2
 Hunting, Shooting and Wishing
 Woodhouse arrives at the Pomeroy's country house hoping to find a patron. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith. From December 1991.
TUE 10:00 Moll Flanders (b07jw1j7)
 Episode 1
 By Daniel Defoe, adapted by Nick Perry.
 Daniel Defoe, once more in need of ready money, finds inspiration for a new book when he meets Elizabeth Atkins in Newgate gaol. She tells him her stranger-than-fiction story; of how she was born in prison to a petty thief and of how she loved and bargained her way from rags to riches, from prostitution in the streets of London to prosperity on a Virginia plantation, and then lost it all again. Defoe interprets it all in his characteristic manner, blending fact with fiction, and re-inventing his interlocutor as the lusty and resourceful Moll Flanders.
 Nick Perry ... Dramatist
 Jessica Hynes ... Moll Flanders
 Ben Miles ... Daniel Defoe
 Brian Protheroe ... Mist
 Elizabeth Bennett ... Lady Cholmondeley
 Clare Perkins ... Nurse
 Alex Jarrett ... Young Moll
 Blake Ritson ... Jemmy Cole
 Sam Rix ... Robin
 Tom Forrister ... John
 Nick Underwood ... Rob
 Kirsty Oswald ... Lucy
 Sean Baker ... Jailer
 The Harpsichord was played by Peter Ringrose.
 Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m00035pd)
 Tim Key
 This week's episode takes a delightfully surreal turn, with the award-winning writer and comedian Tim Key.
 Tim won the 2009 Edinburgh Comedy Award with a show that combined poetry, stand-up and film, and drew praise for the beauty peeping through the silliness.
 As well as appearing on stage and screen - most recently as Sidekick Simon, on Mid Morning Matters, alongside Alan Partridge - Tim has been a radio regular since 2006. He has starred in sketch shows, dramas and documentaries which have explored first lines in literature and Russian writers.
 We'll delve into the archives to enjoy highlights, including Tim's Late Night Poetry Programme. Since it first aired in 2012, and over four series, Tim has taken listeners on adventures from the studio, to the Shard, St Albans and space.
 All while sharing poems, quips, and the regular torment of Lord, a long-suffering musician played by Tom Basden.
 We hear an episode from 2018, titled Cars, in which Tim picks up a hitchhiker whilst heading to a boutique hotel with Lord. It's a A BBC Cymru Wales Production, directed by James Robinson. Plus, we briefly explore Russian absurdist poetry, with a short clip from his 2016 documentary Tim Key Delves Into Danill Kharms And That's That.
 Made for Radio 4 Extra by Ali Gardiner.
 First broadcast in 2019.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007wvvh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j1yg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008kty5)
 Episode 2
 Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game with Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, John Sessions and Enn Reitel. From January 1988.
TUE 14:30 Such Rotten Luck (b0686zvc)
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TUE 17:30 My Teenage Diary (m000hvlp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wv6ln)
 Seaton's Aunt
 Two boys on holiday stay in the creaking house of an eccentric and sinister aunt, an experience that will mark them forever...
 Read by Toby Jones.
 Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.
 Abridged by Doreen Estall.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2010.
TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0075zyd)
 Series 1
 Beethoven's Ode to Joy

John Suchet, Hans Rhiburg and Susan Greenfield reflect on the impact of Beethoven's last symphony 'Ode to Joy'. From 2000.
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TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m00035pd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 22:00 My Teenage Diary (m000hvlp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b045fzcm)
 Series 3
 Penny Pinching and Austerity
 Stephen K Amos is joined by Sufi Ruffell, Tom Rhodes and Andy Zaltzman to present a guide to penny pinching and austerity.
 Additional material by Stephen Grant and Hugh Sington.
 Produced by Colin Anderson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
TUE 23:00 Nurse (b075szst)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 A bittersweet comedy drama about a community mental health nurse created by Paul Whitehouse and David Cummings.
 Liz (Esther Coles), the community psychiatric nurse of the title makes her rounds to visit "service users" in their homes. Most of those patients are played by comedy chameleon Paul Whitehouse himself - with supporting roles for Rosie Cavaliero, Vilma Hollingbery and Cecilia Noble.
 Paul Whitehouse brings us an obese bed-bound mummy's boy, an agoraphobic ex-con, a manic ex-glam rock star, ageing rake Herbert who hoards his house with possessions and memories, a Jewish chatterbox in unrequited love with his Jamaican neighbour, and a long-suffering carer and his Alzheimer's-afflicted mother.
 There are new characters too in the guise of a self-proclaimed DJ and a Geordie struggling with his wife's job in the world's oldest profession.
 We follow their humorous, sometimes sad and occasionally moving interactions with Liz, whose job is to assess their progress, dispense medication and offer support.
 Nurse gives a sympathetic insight into the world of some of society's more marginalised people in a heartfelt and considered way.
 Cast:
 Paul Whitehouse
 Esther Coles
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 Rosie Cavaliero
 Sue Elliott-Nichols
 Charlie Higson
 Vilma Hollingbery
 Jason Maza
 Cecilia Noble
 Written by David Cummings and Paul Whitehouse, with additional material by Esther Coles.
 A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 23:15 The In Crowd (b00fbc9x)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store with Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward. From March 2002.
TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01jdck)
 Series 3
 Episode 5
 The hapless consultancy tackle a council's problem with a zoo.
 Stars Marcus Brigstocke and Robin Ince. From August 2004.

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WED 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j35p)

A Safe House for Moscow
 Len Deighton ... Author
 Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist
 Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart
 David Garth ... Sydney Ryden
 Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein
 Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow
 Clifford Rose ... Willi Kleiber
 Colin Starkey ... Reader
 Bernard Brown ... Prime Minister
 Melinda Walker ... Kitty
 Garard Green ... Secretary
 Stuart Milligan ... Kalkhoven
 William Roberts ... Seymour
 Lou Hirsch ... Wyn
WED 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp3p)
 Series 2
 The Mistake of the Machine
 A suspect is locked away, but has a prison governor got the right man? Can Father Brown discover the answer as he makes his way across America?
 GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
 Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown, TP McKenna as O'Connor, Billy Boyle as McGurk and Don Fellows as Usher.
 Dramatised by John Scotney
 Directed in Bristol by Alec Reid.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.
WED 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b0178s5n)
 Series 2
 Prey of the Bog Monster
 Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1962. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.
 Prey of the Bog Monster: The show avoids censorship by becoming an outside broadcast.
 Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles
 Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell
 Godfrey Winnard John Fortune
 Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn
 Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska
 Douglas Bennings Jon Glover
 Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
 Veronica Walters Johannah Tincey
 Henderson Ben Crowe.
 Produced by Liz Webb
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
WED 07:30 Quanderhorn (m000htxd)
 Quanderhorn 2
 2. Shoveleth in More Hazelnuts!
 Professor Quanderhorn (James Fleet) and his rag-tag crew – test pilot Brian Nylon (Ryan Sampson), clockwork-emotioned Dr Gemini Janussen (Cassie Layton), caddish Martian hostage Guuurrk (Kevin Eldon) and Quanderhorn's part-insectoid son Troy (Freddie Fox), along with factotum Jenkins (John Sessions) – have been scattered through time.
 Reunited in Roman Britain, Brian, Guuurrk and Troy are trying to make their way to the rendezvous point in Londinium, when they find themselves arrested and condemned to death for crimes against Interior Decoration.
 Can they escape with the help of Brian's enormous mahogany phallus (don't ask)?
 Or will it require some slightly more subtle intervention from Dr Janussen?
 Starring
 James Fleet as Professor Quanderhorn
 Ryan Sampson as Brian Nylon
 Cassie Layton as Dr Gemini Janussen
 Freddie Fox as Troy Quanderhorn
 Kevin Eldon as Guuurrk
 John Sessions as Sergeant 'Jenkins' Jenkins and Churchill Rachel Atkins as Delores
 Created and Written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall
 Directed by Andrew Marshall
 Studio Engineer and Editor: Alisdair McGregor
 Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
 Special Thanks to Edward Rowett
 Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios
 Produced by Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)
 Series 4
 Agricultural 'Ancock
 The lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.
 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 February 1957.
WED 08:30 After Henry (b007jnsf)
 Series 2
 The Married Man
 Clare's latest love affair proves difficult to keep secret from granny Eleanor.
 Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women -

struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
 Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell and Gerry Cowper as Clare.
 Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.
WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00jrnw6)
 Series 23
 2009 Heat 7
 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:
 David Dean from London
 Gillian Hensley-Gray from Croydon
 Peter Whitehead from Bromley, Kent
 Producer: Paul Bajoria
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.
WED 09:30 The Change (b0076p6t)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 With George's big birthday looming, he gets two surprises - one from his wife and the other from his mother.
 Starring Lynda Bellingham as Carol, Philip Jackson as George, Maureen Beattie as Maureen, Marcia Warren as Violet, Emma Kennedy as Sonia and James Vaughan as Ken.
 Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife funk - Carol is hormonal and 15-stone George is a transvestite. Onlookers can't quite agree on the nature of their dynamic.
 Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.
WED 10:00 Moll Flanders (b07k17m5)
 Episode 2
 By Daniel Defoe, adapted by Nick Perry.
 After meeting Elizabeth Atkins in Newgate gaol, Daniel Defoe has begun to turn her stranger-than-fiction life story into the narrative of Moll Flanders. He's convinced it will make a best seller and so placate his many creditors. But he has only managed to pen half a manuscript when Elizabeth is arrested and sent back to Newgate, charged with numerous capital offences. Defoe tracks her down so that she can conclude her story, but can she be saved from a certain fate at the Old Bailey? Will Defoe find a happy ending for his Moll Flanders?
 Dramatist Nick Perry plays fast and loose with this 18th century classic, melding fiction and reality in a manner inspired by Daniel Defoe.
 Nick Perry ... Dramatist
 Jessica Hynes ... Moll Flanders
 Ben Miles ... Daniel Defoe
 Alison Steadman ... Mother Midnight
 Blake Ritson ... Jemmy Cole
 Sean Baker ... Jailer
 Nick Underwood ... Rob
 Elizabeth Bennett ... Mother
 Jason Barnett ... Merchant
 Clare Perkins ... Landlady
 Alex Jarrett ... Child
 Brian Protheroe ... Mr Mist
 Kirsty Oswald ... Lucy
 James Lailey ... Mercer
 Tom Forrister ... Colin
 Sam Rix ... Apprentice
 Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.
WED 11:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j35t)
 1. Overcoats and Acid Baths
 Best remembered today as the notorious producer of over a hundred cheaply made exploitation movies, Harry Alan Towers began his long career in radio, a medium in which he created dozens of high quality classic shows including, most famously, 'The Lives of Harry Lime', starring Orson Welles.
 From his first successful attempts to get his programmes on air in the late 1930s, via some unwanted attention from American law-enforcement authorities, through to his star-studded productions of the '50s, 'The Lives of Harry Towers' is the story of that pioneering and globe-trotter's radio career.
 Featured full-length programmes:
 'Theatre Royal: The Overcoat by Nikolai Gogol' starring Sir Michael Redgrave.
 'Secrets of Scotland Yard: The Acid Bath Murder'
 Presenter: Adam Roche
 Producer: Dominic Delargy
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January 2019.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007v1p4)
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WED 18:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wvd6t)
 Crewe
 In the chilly waiting-room of a railway station, an old man relates a disturbing history of a haunting in a job he formerly held...
 Read by Kenneth Cranham.
 Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.
 Abridged by Doreen Estall.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2010.
WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b06np61j)
 Series 8
 Inheritance
 From the sounds of the womb to fading memories - Josie Long hears stories of what we inherit from past generations.
 Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
 A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4
 The items feature in the programme are:
 George Bernard Shaw
 A Conversation
 Feat. Walter Murch
 Produced by Niccolò Castelli
<https://vimeo.com/136595444>
 The Waves
 Feat. Sian Phillips
 Interview recorded for the Empathy Museum
<http://www.empathymuseum.com/>
 Every Heart has a Limited Number of Heartbeats
 Produced by Martin Johnson and Ann Heppermann
 Originally featured in the Serendipity Podcast
<http://thesarahawards.com/subscribe/>
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WED 22:00 Quanderhorn (m000htxd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 What's Funny About ... (m000j35w)
 The Vicar of Dibley
 TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers, and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.
 In this episode, Peter and Jon talk to Dawn French and Richard Curtis about their much-loved sitcom The Vicar of Dibley.
 They discuss how to make a fundamentally nice character funny, Richard's curious appetite for writing quite so many weddings, and Dawn's strangest ever Vicar of Dibley gig.
 With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how they went about making a great bit of TV comedy? Who came up with it? How did it get written? We'll talk about the commissioning, the casting, and the reception the show received when it first aired.
 Producer: Owen Braben
 Newly made by Expectation Entertainment for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
WED 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b0101g5j)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Arthur Smith presents music and comedy from his home in Balham, South London. There's music in the kitchen, comedy in the front room and poetry on the landing. This week, finding a decent sized performance space amongst the accumulated debris that is Arthur's life are Katie Melua, Róisín Conaty, Alun Cochrane and Nick Helm
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith.

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020

THU 00:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wvd6t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 Short Cuts (b06np61j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j35p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp3p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Counterpoint (b00jrnw6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Change (b0076p6t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Moll Flanders (b07kl7m5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j35t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b0178s5n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Quanderhorn (m000htxd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j2hk)
The Geneva Raid
Len Deighton ... Author
Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist
Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart
David Garth ... Sydney Ryden
Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein
Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow
Clifford Rose ... Willi Kleiber
Colin Starkey ... Reader
Barry Morse ... Colonel Pitman
Mary Wimbush ... Madame Maurig
Stuart Milligan ... Kalkhoven
Lou Hirsch ... Wyn
Garard Green ... Koch

THU 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)
Series 2
The Curse of the Golden Cross
What do an itinerant gambler, an English lady, a steward, a vicar and a professor have in common? And who has the right to it? Father Brown finds the answer.
GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown, Tim Reynolds as Professor Small, Peter Marinker as Mr Tarrant and Natasha Pyne as Lady Diana Wales.
Dramatised by John Scotney
Directed in Bristol by Alec Reid.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00ss2cq)
Series 1
Episode 2
Sheila Hancock heads a stunning cast including Mackenzie Crook, Penelope Wilton, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon. This is a clever, funny and touching series about a small town in the middle of Northamptonshire as it prepares for a talent night. It is written by and also stars Katherine Jakeways.
Rehearsals for the town talent night are well underway, with some of the worst acts ever seen on stage.
Recently divorced Jan has a surprise visit from neighbour and ex-teacher Mary and finds they have more than an untidy hedge in common.
Jan's ex, Frank, thinks his new love Angela may be eating too many peanuts.
Esther knocks Jan to the floor in her self-defence class but wait - could this be Jonathan coming to Jan's rescue?
And meanwhile supermarket manager Rod (Mackenzie Crook) gets trapped in an overturned shopping trolley.
Written by Katherine Jakeways.
Produced by Claire Jones.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:30 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)
Series 2
The Nappy Advert
The family need to increase their income, so Big Bob gets a job.
Bob – Steve Speirs
Gruff – Elis James
Alice – Katy Wix
Lauren – Ruth Bratt
Receptionist – Adelayo Adedayo
Canteen Guy – Naz Osmanoglu
Nappy Advert v/o - Anna Leong Brophy
Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn
Produced by Victoria Lloyd
A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00nth15)
Series 4
Episode 1
Kenneth Horne is a doctor who talks to animals, tune into wonderful Radio Balls Pond Road and Julian and Sandy troll west to The Lazy Bona Ranch.
With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. 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.
For series 4, Marty Feldman was replaced by Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and Brian Webster
Music by the Max Harris Group.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1968.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tp8gx)
Series 4
Episode 12

Meet the Aristocracy of Britain - and take a driving test with a difference...
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 Eric Idle, Graeme Garden, David Hatch 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 December 1966.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b019rgtc)
Series 2
Episode 5
Angus Deayton hosts the show which is totally different every time, as it's the panellists themselves that devise the format. Each of the contestants has brought their own round for the other panellists to play. But will they be beaten at their own games?
The rounds featured this episode are:
Lucy Porter's "Who's the Daddy?" in which the other three, childless, male panellists must complete the quote from a 70's parenting bible.
Tom Wigglesworth's "Dodo's Den" in which each contestant must pitch their idea for a new invention that they think will make them their millions. Examples include the "Herring Aid" and the intriguingly titled "Bam".
Robert Popper's brilliant parlour game, "ORAG" aka "The Opposite Rhyming Animal Game", which is pretty much, er, self-explanatory...
And Lloyed Langford devises a quiz based on Welsh talisman and eccentric, Dr William Price, in his round "The Price Is Right".
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 09:30 Millport (b0076287)
Series 2
Growth
Bunty's nowhere to be found when an EU official arrives to inspect her vegetables.
Meanwhile the rest of Millport is bitten by the fitness bug, but the lack of any sports facilities poses a few logistical problems...
Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.
Stars Lynn Ferguson as Irene, Janet Brown as Moira/Agnes, Lewis McLeod as Alberto/Robert/Inspector, Gabriel Quigley as Ena/Bunty, Robert Patterson as Bob/Minister and Matt Costello as Dougie.
Music arranged by Olly Fox.
Producer: Lucy Bacon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

THU 10:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fwb)
Episode 1
Virginia Woolf ... Author
Lavinia Greenlaw ... Dramatist
Kristen Scott Thomas ... Narrator
John Mackay ... William Rodney
June Barrie ... Aunt Millicent
Jacqueline Tong ... Mrs Seal
Paul Nicholson ... Mr Clacton
Jonathan Nibbs ... Mr Hilbery
Phyllida Nash ... Mrs Hilbery
Susannah Corbett ... Mary Datchet
Jamie Glover ... Ralph Denham
Dervla Kirwan ... Katherine Hilbery
Mark Meadows ... Henry Otway

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09rww3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002rhp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00nth15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tp8gx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j2hk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 It's Your Round (b019rgtc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Millport (b0076287)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fwb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09rww3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002rhp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00ss2cq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00ww8sr)

A Recluse
One hot evening in the English countryside, a traveller is forced to stay the night at the remote house of a sinister gentleman...
Read by Anthony Head.
Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.
Abridged by Doreen Estall.
Producer: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2010.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04jk3qm)
Series 34
Professor Edith Hall on Lucille Ball
Matthew Parris discovers that Edith Hall, Professor of Classics at King's College, London, has a surprising nomination for a Great Life – that of Lucille Ball, the vivacious redhead who in the 1950s and 1960s was one of the best-known and best-loved actresses on television, both in the United States and here. What makes a professor of Greek and Roman writing such a great fan of a zany American actress? What was Lucy like behind the television persona? Matthew finds out in the company of Carole Cook, Lucy's long-time friend and protégée.
Producer Christine Hall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00nth15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tp8gx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j2hk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09rww3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002rhp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jpvx)
Series 2
The Quest for the Other Rabbit's Foot
Myths and mucking out at the court of King Arthur. Improvised family saga with Paul Merton and Josie Lawrence. From June 1994.

THU 23:00 The Skivers (b0080rd1)
Series 2
Spike Milligan
In the final recording at the famous BBC Paris Studios, Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh welcome Spike Milligan. From March 1995.

THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jns)
Series 1
Episode 2
Temping at NASA and planning permission for the Death Star. Sketch show with Robert Webb and Olivia Colman. From August 2002.

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FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b04jk3qm)
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FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00ss2cq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1)
Expedient Demise
Len Deighton ... Author
Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist
Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart
David Garth ... Sydney Ryden
Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein
Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow
Clifford Rose ... Willi Kleiber
Colin Starkey ... Reader
Jenny Funnell ... Jennifer
Ian Tyler ... Billy Stein
George Coulouris ... Shumuk
Stuart Milligan ... Kalkhoven
Helena Breck ... Mary Breslow
Alan Thompson ... Case Officer
Garard Green ... Koch

FRI 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b00811vr)

Series 2

Actor and Alibi

A theatrical murder amid much back-stabbing is announced in the Chop-House. Father Brown finds himself in the midst of a School for Scandal.

GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown, Peter Jeffrey as Mundon Mandeville, Sheila Gram as Mrs Mandeville and Bill Wallis as Inspector Bagshaw.

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed in Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

FRI 07:00 Electric Ink (b01kkqc9)

Series 2

Episode 6

by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. The paper is on the verge of being sold to a Russian gangster.

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Andrei Zinoviev Ewan Bailey

Steward Adeel Akhtar

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.

FRI 07:30 Just a Minute (b07bbd50)

Series 75

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons and guests return for the 75th series of the panel show where participants must try to speak for 60 seconds without hesitation, deviation or repetition. No repetition? That's no small order after nearly 50 years.

Paul Merton, now the second most prolific player of the game after Kenneth Williams, will be joined by guests including series regulars Josie Lawrence, Sheila Hancock, Marcus Brigstocke and Gyles Brandreth. Comedian Alexei Sayle, and Broadcaster of the Year John Finnemore make their first appearances.

Episode one features Paul Merton, John Finnemore, Gyles Brandreth and Sheila Hancock talking about such diverse topics as Halley's Comet, Carbon Dating and Answering the Telephone.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

FRI 08:00 Something to Shout About (m000j3k3)

Series 3

Episode 8

Adrian's colleagues must cover for him, when DIY calamities at home force his absence from the agency.

"A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.

Michael Lightfoot Michael Medwin

Janet Harris Fenella Fielding

Maggie Tufnell Eleanor Summerfield

Mavis Willis Joan Sims

Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps

Mr Blythe/Variou Warren Mitchell

Series three written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.

Producer: John Simmonds.

First heard on the Light Programme in November 1961.

FRI 08:30 Never Too Late (b011d6rc)

Mildred and the Man

Man-mad Mildred's passions are aroused by the return of an old flame.

A surviving episode from the BBC archive of Terry Gregson's sitcom a group of highly active pensioners starring Thora Hird.

Hilda Spriggett Thora Hird

Tommy Preston Joe Gladwyn

Emily Holroyd Megs Jenkins

Mildred Emmett Avis Bunnage

Albert Pickles Kenneth Connor

Producer: Edward Taylor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007k6j)

Series 9

St Catharine's College, Cambridge

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from St Catharine's College, Cambridge, with specialist subjects including Geography, French and Veterinary Medicine and questions ranging from French gender to horse teeth via James Bond and Dick Dastardly.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Ed Sheeran. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.

Other Universities featured in this series include Royal Holloway University of London, Aberdeen, Plymouth, Brighton and Oxford Brookes.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2019.

FRI 09:30 1835 (b012mbjv)

Down at the Old Bull and Bush

Aristocrat Belport tries escapology to woo a music hall singer, but servant Ned is smitten too. Stars Paul Rider. From July 2004.

FRI 10:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

Episode 2

Virginia Woolf ... Author

Lavinia Greenlaw ... Dramatist

Kristen Scott Thomas ... Narrator

Jamie Glover ... Ralph Denham

John Mackay ... William Rodney

Dervla Kirwan ... Katherine Hilbery

Susannah Corbett ... Mary Datchet

Jacqueline Tong ... Mrs Seal

June Barrie ... Aunt Millicent

Phyllida Nash ... Mrs Hilbery

Rebecca Smart ... Cassandra Otway

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j3k5)

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

FRI 12:00 Something to Shout About (m000j3k3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Never Too Late (b011d6rc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Father Brown Stories (b00811vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007k6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 1835 (b012mbjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j3k5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Electric Ink (b01kkqc9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Just a Minute (b07bbd50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wwd8m)

The Almond Tree

A man looks back on the complex relationship between his parents and a female friend of his father's. It's one that will influence the rest of his life...

Read by Julian Wadham.

Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2010.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076wzf)

Crime Sells

Victoria Coren discusses the morality of crime writing with Will Self, Martin Short and Maxim Jakubowski. From February 2006.

FRI 19:00 Something to Shout About (m000j3k3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Never Too Late (b011d6rc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Father Brown Stories (b00811vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j3k5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Just a Minute (b07bbd50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Paperback Hell (m000j3k7)

Series 2

Episode 3

Another chapter from a novel you think you've read before... The Napoleonic wars invade the airwaves as suspiciously fictional author Alexander Cromwell reads from his military adventure, Thrust's Eagle.

Starring Michael Fenton Stevens, Rebecca Front, Mel Hudson, Alex Lowe and Dan Tetsell.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

FRI 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jmzw)

Series 1

Normal Death

The cartoonist sells his soul to the devil in the hope of securing eternal life. Stars Paul McCrink. From August 2001.

FRI 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00hr4mz)

Episode 2

Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.

Alan has come to the conclusion that he needs to talk to Jane about their relationship.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock.

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007qcsw)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 2

The star cricketer injures Felicity Kendall in a charity celebrity cricket match. Stars Chris Douglas. From May 2001.