

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2020

SAT 00:00 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 December 2010.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1)

8. Expedient Demise

Stein and Colonel Pitman are making their getaway with the Hitler papers when Pitman is struck down - and a Swiss agent picks them up.

Can Boyd Stuart get to Switzerland in time to collect them...? Conclusion of Len Deighton's riveting thriller dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Boyd Stuart Trevor Nichols

Charles Stein: Bruce Boa

Max Breslow: Bernard Hepton

Willi Kleiber: Clifford Rose

Shumuk: George Coulouris

Ivan: David Garth

Koch: Garard Green

Case officer: Alan Thompson

Mary Breslow: Helena Breck

Parker: Colin Starkey

Billy Stein: Ian Tyler

Kalkhoven: Stuart Milligan

Jennifer: Jenny Funnell

Producer: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985

SAT 01:30 Father Brown Stories (b0081lvr)

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.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

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

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Mundon Mandeville Peter Jeffrey

Mrs Mandeville Sheila Grant

Inspector Bagshaw Bill Wallis

Ashton Jarvis David Brierly

Norman Knight Charles Baillie

Lady Miriam Talbot Fleur Chandler

Miss Maroni Karen Ascoe

Mrs Sans Pauline Letts

House Manager Jonathan Scott

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 1835 (b012mbvj)

Down at the Old Bull and Bush

Belport falls in love with renowned music-hall artiste Emilia La Rue. But can he prise her away from Svyatitslav the strong man? Probably not.

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

Danvers Roy Barraclough

The Great Fettuccine Simon Greenall

Emelia Sue Cleaver

Written and directed at BBC Manchester by Jim Poyser.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 03:00 Virginia Woolf - Night and Day (b0076fym)

Episode 2

Katharine Hilbery is engaged to the eminently suitable, if faintly ridiculous, William Rodney. They've gone to Katharine's cousins in Norfolk for Christmas, where things are not going well.

Meanwhile, Katharine's secret admirer, solicitor and aspiring writer Ralph Denham has also gone to Norfolk for Christmas, at the invitation of Suffrage campaigner Mary Datchet. Mary's been carrying a torch for Ralph, whilst wrestling with her desire for an independent life...

Narrator Kristin Scott Thomas concludes Virginia Woolf's comic novel set in pre-first world war London, challenging all assumptions about the nature of love.

Ralph Denham Jamie Glover

Katharine Hilbery Dervla Kirwan

Mary Datchet Susannah Corbett

William Rodney..... John MacKay

Mrs Hilbery..... Phyllida Nash

Mrs Seal..... Jacqueline Tong

Aunt Millicent..... June Barrie

Cassandra Orway Rebecca Smart

Dramatised by Lavinia Greenlaw.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j3k5)

Eurovision, Prison, and Parenting

Amanda Litherland and Greg Cochrane recommend a selection of podcasts, including great new releases, podcasts for new parents and podcasts celebrating Eurovision.

Recommended this week:

James Acaster's Perfect Sounds (BBC Sounds)

Dom Joly's Earworm (Audible)

Prison Bag (Falling Tree)

Son of a Hitman (Spotify)

True Spies (Cup & Nuzzle)

Over The Road (Radiotopia)

Parenting Podcasts:

Crib Notes

Nappy Days

Rob Beckett and Josh Widdicombe's Lockdown Parenting Hell

Eurovision/European Podcasts:

Vision Again

Second Cherry

The Nordic Podcast

Britalian

SAT 05:00 Electric Ink (b01kkqc9)

Series 2

Episode 6

Maddox's future is uncertain as a rather shady character plans to buy the newspaper.

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

Andrei Zinoviev Ewan Bailey

Steward Adeel Akhtar

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Winston Graham - The Little Walls (b076wbmj)

Philip has returned to Europe from America after his brother appeared to commit suicide in Amsterdam.

His search for the truth takes him from England to Holland and Italy...

Winston Graham's novel was the first winner of the Crime Writers' Association award for best crime novel of the year in

1955.

Dramatised by Juliet Ace.

Philip Turner Alex Jennings

Martin Coxon Roger Lloyd Pack

Leonie Winter Kate Buffery

Charlotte Weber Vivian Pickles

Captain Sanbergh Norman Jones

Hermia Maas Helen Cooper

Van Renkum Terence Edmond

Tholen Timothy Morand

With Eric Allen, Ronald Herdman, Siriol Jenkins, Cassie

McFarlane, Neil Roberts, David Sinclair, Matthew Sim and

Auriol Smith.

Producer: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991

SAT 07:30 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.

SAT 08:00 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 April 2009.

SAT 08:30 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.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Philip Jackson

Violet Marcia Warren

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Ken James Vaughan

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley

Nurse Rosie Armstrong

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 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000j8wb)

Paul McCartney, Emeli Sande, Randy Newman, Elvis Costello, Lily Allen, Corinne Bailey Rae, Paul Weller, Ray Davis, Benjamin Clementine, Sinead O'Connor and many more leading musicians give a masterclass in the art of songwriting.

John Wilson has talked to 45 acclaimed songwriters for BBC Radio 4's series Mastertapes. In each episode, recorded with an audience of fans at the BBC Maida Vale Studios, the guest focuses a key album from their career, describing in detail how dozens of much loved hit songs were written.

Now the Mastertapes guests are brought together to offer a unique how-to guide to writing the perfect song. Sir Paul McCartney demonstrates the building blocks of songwriting, reveals how a chord 'borrowed' from a Picasso painting became the basis of a collaborative composition with Kanye West. McCartney also talks candidly about his songwriting partnership with John Lennon in The Beatles. Suzanne Vega and Emeli Sandé remember - and try to play - the very first songs that they wrote as children.

Ray Davies reveals how the character studies he created for his songs with The Kinks - including Dedicated Follower Of Fashion - were based on real people. Paul Weller breaks down the words and chords to A Town Called Malice, and remembers how, as a younger songwriter, he would ritually destroy his latest lyric books after completing a new album. Randy Newman offers unique insight into the art of songwriting for the big screen, showing how the bittersweet sentiments of You've Got A Friend In Me from Toy Story won him an Oscar.

Presented and produced by John Wilson.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 12:00 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.

Recorded on Stanley's 90th birthday in 2016 marking 77 years of his work in broadcasting.

Tam Stanley Baxter

Robbie ... Scott Hoatson

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

SAT 12:30 London Calling (b05ndzw7)

In the Beginning

The man behind TV hits Dad's Army and Hi-De-Hi - Jimmy Perry's star-packed comedy about the early wireless days of the BBC.

Back in 1922, when a microphone jammed if a speaker talked too loudly, the letters of praise and complaint flooded in.

Then a new Director-General, John Brown, came to take over the British Broadcasting Company.

John Brown Graham Crowden

Colonel Beecham Jimmy Perry

Fred "Keep 'em Laughing" Hicks Roy Hudd

Sergeant Lucas Bill Pertwee

Roger Eccles Jeffrey Holland

Miss Nightingale Joanna Munro

Arthur Toby Longworth

Admiral Carpenter Peter Cellier

Jeffrey Stainton Chris Luscombe

Bobby Bright Leonard Kirby

Phyllis Godfrey Amanda Bellamy

Rex Murray Logan Murray

Music by Roy Moore.

Producer: Jo Clegg.

First broadcast nightly on BBC Radio 2 in September 1994.

SAT 13:00 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgw)

Series 2

The Perishing of the Pendragons

Mystery afloat as a Cornish family's curse starts to unravel. Who will come into his rightful inheritance - and will Father Brown be in time to avert a tragedy?

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

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

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Flambeau Olivier Pierre

The Admiral Edward Kelsey

Sir Cecil Fanshaw Brian Hewlett

Tregar Keith Kraushaar

Tommy/Walter James Goode

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986

SAT 13:30 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.

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Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Barnard Ed Bishop

Harris Guy Gregory

Wendell Andrew Branch

Norman Drage Sean Prendergast

Brander Merton Richard Durden

Peter Wayne Johnny Myers

Matt Harry Towb

Customs Officer Tim Reynolds

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

SAT 14:00 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?

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

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Father Brown Andrew Sachs

O'Connor TP McKenna

McGurk Billy Boyle

Usher Don Fellows

Prisoner Brian Haines

Todd Ed Bishop

Butler Manning Wilson

Convict Stuart Organ

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

SAT 14:30 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.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

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

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Professor Smail Tim Reynolds

Mr Tarrant Peter Marinker

Lady Diana Natasha Pyne

Leonard Smythe Peter Wickham

Steward Terry O'Brien

Driver Jonathan Tafler

Doctor Eric Stovell

Dramatised by John Scotney

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

SAT 15:00 Father Brown Stories (b0081lvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00qvm1h)

Kenneth Cranham and Adam Nicolson

Actor Kenneth Cranham and writer Adam Nicolson join Sue MacGregor to discuss their favourite paperbacks by David Niven, Helen Thomas and John Lahr.

Sue MacGregor - The Moon's a Balloon by David Niven

Publisher. Penguin

Adam Nicolson - Under Storm's Wing by Helen Thomas

Publisher. Carcanet

Kenneth Cranham - Prick up Your Ears by John Lahr

Publisher. Bloomsbury

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SAT 16:00 Winston Graham - The Little Walls (b076wbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04jk3qm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nlx)

The Tertiary Phase

Fit The Sixteenth

Arthur Dent has been diverted from arriving at the Longest Party Ever Held to find himself in a sinister labyrinth, leading him to a subterranean Cathedral of Hate in which a fifty-foot high statue of himself is depicted causing harm to various creatures. It turns out that the organisms that he has inadvertently been killed - and/or eaten - throughout his life have all been the same person, reincarnated over-and-over again, only to be killed - over and over again - by Arthur. Its last, most desperate incarnation, one it had to fight for, and one which gives it a last chance for revenge against his tormentor, is as a four-foot fruitbat with an orthodontic condition called Agrajag. Can Arthur escape Agrajag's clutches and get to the party?

The Book William Franklyn

Arthur Dent Simon Jones

Ford Prefect Geoff McGovern

Marvin Stephen Moore

Trillian Susan Sheridan

Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey

Startibartfast Richard Griffiths

Thor Dominic Hawksley

Agrajag Douglas Adams

Award Winner Bob Golding

Woman with the Sydney Opera House Head Joanna Lumley

Party Doorman Paul Wickens

Written by Douglas Adams

Music by Philip Pope and Paul 'Wix' Wickens

Adapted and Directed by Dirk Maggs

Produced by 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 (b00h31fd)

Series 1

Hide and Seek by Mike Carey

With her eyes bandaged, Amelia Stowe lies confined to a bed recovering from a major operation. With recuperation stretching before her, she agrees to take part in a psychiatrist's experiment to unlock early memories. But a chilling voice from the past come backs to haunt her...

Mike Carey's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Stars Abigail Hollick as Amelia Stowe, Joseph Millson as Doctor Bewlay, Janice Acquah as Nurse Sargent, Stephen Critchlow as the Demon and Jill Cardo as Amelia's Mother

Horrifying 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.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SAT 19:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m00j8wb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jmfjm)

Jungle

Howard and Vince set out to find the zoo's former owner Tommy. Stars Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding. From October 2001.

SAT 22:30 And Now in Colour (b00804ke)

Series 2

Astronaut Training

The sketch team take the audience to Nevada for selection by NASA. Stars Tim de Jongh and William Vandyck. From February 1991.

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mk7rm)

Series 4

Episode 4

A visit to Britain's only sanctuary for balloon animals. Stars David Mitchell and Robert Webb. From September 2009.

SAT 23:30 Earls of the Court (b00rpldt)

The Hangover

Is Lloydie ready for what is coming when Johnno makes a hungover, life-changing decision? Stars Stewart Wright. From March 2010.

SAT 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076dcq)

For You the War is Over

Has Sean's hobby of historical re-enactment gone too far? With Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March 2003.

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2020**SUN 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nlx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 The Man in Black (b00h31fd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp3p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Father Brown Stories (b0081lvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00qvm1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Winston Graham - The Little Walls (b076wbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b04jk3qm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:30 Father Brown Stories (b00f0sgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 07:00 Father Brown Stories (b007jp3p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 07:30 Father Brown Stories (b007jp44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 Father Brown Stories (b0081lvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rg17)

Honorias Glossop

When Bingo Little's new love lands Bertie Wooster in bother - who can save the day?

PG Wodehouse romp adapted by Chris Miller.

Starring Michael Hordern as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie, Andrew Cruickshank as Sir Roderick Glossop, Jonathan Cecil as Bingo Little, Joan Sanderson as Aunt Agatha, James Villiers as Lord Rainsby, Miriam Margolyes as Honorias Glossop and Denise Bryer as Oswald Glossop. Other parts by Brian Haines.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.

SUN 09:00 Floggit's (b00d06hc)

From 02/11/1956

Village shopkeepers Gert and Daisy prepare for a Bonfire Night party.

Starring Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daisy.

With Joan Sims, Hugh Paddick, Ronnie Barker, Doris Rogers and Ron Moody.

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: Bill Gates

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.

SUN 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.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Inspector Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Bob/Minister Robert Patterson

Dougie Matt Costello

Music arranged by Ollie Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09snb12)

Medicine, Science & Engineering

James Dyson

From Bob Dylan to Henry Purcell. Inventor Sir James Dyson shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 1999.

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002z5m)

Strangers Reunited

Warwickshire firefighter Tony Dumbarton reunited with LA police officer Andrew Dahring, a year after he helped save his life during a mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Andrew was shot when a lone gunman opened fire on a music festival - killing 58 people. Tony was at nearby hotel and ran to his aid.

Their emotional phone reunion was first aired on BBC Radio Coventry and Warwickshire.

Multi Story is a BBC podcast, presented and produced by Becca Bryers.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b4cx1)

Series 3

Nukes

Radiolab investigates what it actually means to be ordered to launch a nuclear attack? 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 in 2017.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (b0bj6qq6)

North: Catherine Heaney on Seamus Heaney

Daljit Nagra welcomes Catherine Heaney into 4 Extra's Poetry Extra studio to discuss life growing up with her father, the Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney.

And we hear 'North' featuring Seamus Heaney, first broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster in 1975.

Produced by Sarah Wade for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in September 2018.

SUN 12:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06zv3x5)

Series 5

Episode 6

John Finnemore - writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts, regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth - concludes the fifth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined as ever by a cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This final episode of the series finds John apologising for a delay, and wondering what his hobbies are. And, well, since you ask him for a tale of national mourning and robots...

"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 ... Susannah Pearce & Sally Stars

Producer: Ed Morrish

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

SUN 13:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000j8wb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 Tom McGrath - Laurel and Hardy (m000j8wd)

Tom McGrath ... Script Writer

Robbie Coltrane ... Oliver Hardy

John Sessions ... Stan Laurel

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bj6qq6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06zv3x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Peter Ackroyd - Hawksmoor (b0616q17)

Episode 2

18th century architect Nicholas Dyer is under suspicion, and a series of modern murders baffle Hawksmoor. Peter Ackroyd's tale of parallel investigations into killings across two centuries.

Peter Ackroyd ... Author

Nick Fisher ... Dramatist

Philip Jackson ... Nicholas Dyer/Nicholas Hawksmoor

Andrew Wincott ... John Vanbrugh/The Architect/Lud/Inspector/Man

Ben Crowe ... Nat Eliot/Male Tramp/Mr Dee (Dan's Dad)

Bradley Sowter ... Boy

Clare Corbett ... Penny (archaeologist)

Helen Ayres ... Mary (pathologist)

Jordan Calvert ... Thomas Hill/Thom Hill

Luke Smith ... Boy 1/Young Dyer

Miranda Foster ... Anne

Norman Rodway ... Sir Christopher Wren/Professor Ackroyd

Richard Johnson ... Mirabelis

Richenda Carey ... Mrs West/Mrs Best/WPC

Terence Edmond ... Dad/Assistant Commissioner/Vicar

Thomas Arnold ... Walter Pyne/Walter Payne

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b4cx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Tom McGrath - Laurel and Hardy (m000j8wd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09snb12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002z5m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06zv3x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007s5ds)

Series 1

Vanessa Feltz

Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth takes over the BBC airwaves. With Vanessa Feltz. From November 1998.

SUN 23:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b039q25j)

Series 2

Jury

Jury: DS Nick Mohammed has his day in court, but the judge seems unimpressed by his testimony. As ever, he is assisted by long-suffering constables Colin and Anna. Written and performed by Nick Mohammed, with Anna Crilly, Colin Hault, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Will Andrews. Producer: Victoria Lloyd and Tilusha Ghelani.

NEW SERIES

Call 999! Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (Life's Too Short, Miranda and 10 O'Clock Live) returns for a second series of his critically acclaimed Radio 4 sitcom. "Delightfully bonkers!" The Guardian.

This time around Nick is tackling some major crimes - and assisting with some major public events. He's joined by special constables Colin Hault (Being Human) and Anna Crilly (Lead Balloon), who aid and abet him in everything he does. With special guests Margaret Cabourn-Smith, and Will Andrews.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00dnyjs)

Series 2

Episode 5

It's charity week at Edge Falls retail park, but Sonya's daughter is after making money. Stars Mark Benton. From September 2008.

MONDAY 18 MAY 2020

MON 00:00 Peter Ackroyd - Hawksmoor (b0616q17)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000j8wb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 Tom McGrath - Laurel and Hardy (m000j8wd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bj6qq6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06zv3x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ckhy)

Series 1

The Vicious Vet

A handsome vet's arrival in the Cotswold village of Carsely sparks a murder trail for the amateur sleuth.

Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin ... Penelope Keith

Peter Bladen ... Ewan Bailey

James Lacey ... Malcolm Sinclair

Paul Bladen ... Jon Glover

Mrs Bloxby ... Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong ... Ben Crowe

Fred Huntington ... Jillie Meers

Mrs Josephs ... Joanna McCullum

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

MON 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9k)

The Smithfield Murders

Filth and Fat and Blood and Foam

A gruesome murder at London's Smithfield meat market sparks another troubling investigation for Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Julie Enfield's Father Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Sally Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

MON 07:00 Safety Catch (b017gxp)

Series 2

I Draw the Line

Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.

This week Simon is faced with even more of a moral dilemma than he's grown sadly accustomed to in his line of work and so finds himself finally drawing the line and resigning. When faced with a particularly tricky moral issue at work Simon finally decides enough is enough and quits his job. It's not great timing though as he and Anna find themselves contemplating having a baby.

Cast:

Simon McGrath.....Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg.....Joanna Page

Boris Kemal.....Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath.....Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath.....Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull.....Rachel Atkins

Marcus.....Dan Mersh

Produced by Dawn Ellis

Written by Laurence Howarth.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000hvbk)

Another half-hour of quality desk-based entertainment for all the family comes to you once more from the London Palladium, where Jeremy Hardy joins show regulars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer and reluctant chairman, Humphrey Lyttelton. At the piano - Colin Sell.

Producer - Jon Naismith

MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k018)

Computerising

Captain Povey hopes a fancy new communications system will help him keep better control of the crew aboard HMS Troutbridge.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldico as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Second Officer McClutty, Ronnie Barker as Policeman, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Flag Lieutenant.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jrh8)

Series 3

The Two and a Half Feathers

Corporal Jones fights back - as a new Home Guard platoon recruit rakes up their military past.

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, Larry Martyn as Private Walker, Michael Bates as Mr Clarke and Avril Angers as Edna.

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 August 1976.

MON 09:00 Whispers (b007k358)

Series 3

Episode 4

Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, Penny Junor and Julian Fellowes. From October 2005.

MON 09:30 London Calling (b05p73y9)

It Pays to Advertise

Back to the BBC's early wireless days of 1922.

Colonel Beecham and Admiral Carpenter are concerned that all their hard work producing the BBC's wireless output is beginning to affect their golf swing. Meanwhile, hard-up Children's Hour's Uncle Rex is made an offer he really ought to refuse.

Written by Jimmy Perry, the man behind Dad's Army and Hi-De-Hi.

Starring Graham Crowden as John Brown, Jimmy Perry as Colonel Beecham, Bill Pertwee as Sergeant Lucas and Jeffrey Holland as Roger Eccles.

Producer: Jo Clegg.

First broadcast nightly on BBC Radio 2 in September 1994.

MON 10:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr2f)

Overtures and Beginners

1913: Richard Hencastle leaves his dead-end job to join his Uncle Nick's act in the vulgar world of music halls to experience the glamour, jealousies and romances backstage...

Published in 1965, JB Priestley's classic stars Tom Baker as Nick Ollanton.

Dramatised in three parts by Bert Coules.

Nick Ollanton Tom Baker

Harry Burrard Freddie 'Parrot Face' Davies

Old Richard Bryan Pringle

Young Richard Richard Hollick

Tommy Beamish Steven Frost

Julie Blane Brigit Forsyth

Cissie Mapes Deborah McAndrew

Nancy Kathryn Hunt

Jenning Russell Dixon
Johnson John Lloyd Fillingham
Barney Mike Edmunds
Music: Chris Monks
Producer: Kate Rowland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000j7yw)
Series 7
Screen Time - Part 1
Guy Raz explores how we have become glued to our screens. How are they changing us, and how will they shape our future?
MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k018)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jrh8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ckhy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Whispers (b007k358)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 14:30 London Calling (b05p73y9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 15:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 TED Radio Hour (m000j7yw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 17:00 Safety Catch (b017gxp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000hvbk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jw4p)
The Unusual Soiree
When young poet Gabriel Syme meets Lucien Gregory, he is introduced to a mysterious Edwardian London secret society. Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.
Director: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in March 2005.
MON 18:30 World Book Club (m000j7z0)
Tracy Chevalier
Set in 17th century Holland, Tracy Chevalier's novel vividly imagines the story behind the gaze of the model and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been. The author answers questions from global listeners about Girl with a Pearl Earring.
Presented by Harriett Gilbert.
Produced by Karen Holden.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2004.
MON 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k018)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jrh8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ckhy)
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MON 20:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000j7yw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000hvbk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b008756f)
Episode 3
Darkly comic memoirs of growing up in the 1970s. Will father's lecture on sex dampen our hero's ardour? With Peter Bradshaw. From January 1999.
MON 22:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrlr)
From the Man Who Mistook his Bike for Olives
Spotlighting dictators, the producer, writer and performer presents his own collection of humorous essays. From 1997.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000j2vw)
Series 102
Episode 5
Angela Barnes hosts series 102, leading a panel of regular News Quiz comics and journalists in rounding up the news stories of the week. Joining Angela this week are Helen Lewis, Andy Zaltzman, Sindhu Vee and Andrew Maxwell.
Produced by Suzy Grant
A BBC Studios Audio Production
MON 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvwx)
Series 6
Radio Active Goes to the Movies
The team visits Nice only to discover that it doesn't have a film festival after all.
Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Steve Brown and Philip Pope.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

TUE 00:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jw4p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 World Book Club (m000j7z0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Agatha Raisin (b011ckhy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Whispers (b007k358)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 London Calling (b05p73y9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m000j7yw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Safety Catch (b017gxp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000hvbk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011d9p3)
Series 1
The Body in the Bathroom
Hunting the village killer, the amateur sleuth resorts to barefaced lies, burglary and badger-watching.
Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.
Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.
Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
Peter Bladen Ewan Bailey
James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair
Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy
DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe
Fred Huntingdon Jillie Meers
Director: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
TUE 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9y)
The Smithfield Murders
Blue Bummarees
Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's father gets on well with his paid carer, but her investigation darkens amidst the 'Blue Bummarees' of the market. There's also a surprise flirtation...
Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
Julie Enfield's Father Geoffrey Matthews
DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
Sally Jane Whittenshaw
Paulo Sean Barrett
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
TUE 07:00 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b0858lmz)
Series 8
Melancholy Baby
A lonely old gentleman receives an unexpected visitor and hears a story which changes his life.
Stanley Baxter is joined by Geoffrey Palmer, Penelope Wilton and Tracy Wiles to tell a heartwarming story of two babies from very different backgrounds whose lives become forever linked by events in Glasgow 90 years ago.
The play is written especially for Stanley Baxter by award winning TV writer Michael Chaplin.
Andrew Stanley Baxter
Charles Geoffrey Palmer
Mary Tracy Wiles
Rosalind Penelope Wilton
Directed by Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 07:30 My Teenage Diary (m000j22s)
Series 9
Jenni Murray
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 Olly Mann and writer Julie Myerson.
In episode two, Rufus talks to Jenni Murray about her years as a schoolgirl in Barnsley. Her diaries open with the bombshell that her mum and dad will be relocating to India, at which point the young Jenni moves in with her grandparents. Free of her mother's disciplinary ways, she experiments with makeup and miniskirts, and sings Joan Baez songs at the local folk club. This diary is a true snapshot of life in 60s Britain, complete with a Beagle!
Producer: Harriet Jaime
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007xt2f)
Series 6
The Case of the Missing CD Plates
Mown down and flattened, frustrated Neddie Seagoon falls foul of diplomatic immunity. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1955.
TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0st)
Bravo Chantal!
The veteran reveals how hunting for backers can lead a film producer into unusual by-ways. Stars Peter Jones. From July

1986.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000j2vw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b068r53r)
Series 2
Why Did You Marry a Writer?
Struggling writer Wodehouse hopes that a new biography will change his fortunes. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith. From December 1991.
TUE 10:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr2v)
First Night
It's the year before the Great War, and Richard Herncastle's music-hall apprenticeship continues.
Richard gets closer to Nancy, but Harry Burrard's fears deepen...
Published in 1965, JB Priestley's classic stars Tom Baker as Nick Ollanton.
Nick Ollanton Tom Baker
Harry Burrard Freddie 'Parrot Face' Davies
Old Richard Bryan Pringle
Young Richard Richard Hollicock
Tommy Beamish Steven Frost
Julie Blane Brigit Forsyth
Cissie Mapes Deborah McAndrew
Nancy Kathryn Hunt
Jenning Russell Dixon
Johnson John Lloyd Fillingham
Barney Mike Edmunds
Nonnie Ann-Marie Frater
Dramatised by Bert Coules.
Music: Chris Monks
Producer: Kate Rowland
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994
TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0003d3f)
Fi Glover
Fi Glover helps illustrate that life is sometimes stranger than fiction or, at the very least, just as compelling.
Fi has presented The Listening Project since it launched, in partnership with The British Library, back in 2012. Since then, a team of BBC producers based all around the UK, have been capturing the nation in conversation.
Over 1,600 conversations have been recorded, with tales of love, divorce, parenthood, grief, strange twists of fate, happy happenstance, and more.
We revisit some standout moments from the series, including an unforgettable poem about Auschwitz, a marriage proposal, and a question about birds on electrical wires.
This episode also features insights from producer Louise Pepper, who's got a great nose for a story; and Listening Project alumna Janet Hoggarth, whose post-divorce experience of communal living led to a book deal.
Produced by Ali Gardiner for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
First broadcast in 2019.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007xt2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011d9p3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j9y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008m74n)
Episode 3
Clive Anderson anchors the improvisations with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Jimmy Mulville and Nonny Williams. From January 1988.
TUE 14:30 Such Rotten Luck (b068r53r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 15:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr2v)
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TUE 17:30 My Teenage Diary (m000j22s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jw50)
The Anarchists' Council
In an underground HQ, poet Gabriel Syme witnesses Lucien Gregory addressing the Central Anarchist Council.
Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.
Director: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in March 2005.
TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b007602h)
Series 1
Summertime
Rodney Greenberg, Harolyn Blackwell and Lesley Garrett reflect on the impact of George Gershwin's classic lullaby. From 2001.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007xt2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011d9p3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0003d3f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 My Teenage Diary (m000j22s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b045xxt)

Series 3

Mortality

Stephen K Amos is joined by comedians Jason Cook, Brendon Burns and Robin Ince to present a guide to mortality.

Additional material by Stephen Grant and Hugh Singleton. Produced by Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 23:00 Nurse (b076mmtv)

Series 2

Episode 2

A bittersweet comedy drama about a community mental health nurse created by Paul Whitehouse and David Cummings.

Liz (played by 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.

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.

Written by David Cummings and Paul Whitehouse, with additional material by Esther Coles.

Cast:

Paul Whitehouse

Esther Coles

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Rosie Cavaliero

Sue Elliott-Nichols

Charlie Higson

Vilma Hollingbery

Jason Maza

Cecilia Noble

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 23:15 The In Crowd (b008j005)

Series 2

Episode 2

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 (b01jt0z0)

Series 3

Making Cuts

When is a pay cut not a pay cut? When Unthinkable Solutions have to sell it to the staff. Their diplomatic skills are tested to breaking point.

James Carey's sitcom about a clueless bunch of management consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up their clients' businesses.

Starring:

Marcus Brigstocke

Robin Ince

Catherine Shepherd

Beth Chalmers

With Ewan Bailey, Tilly Gaunt, Simon Greenall and Neil Edmond.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2020

WED 00:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jw50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 My Teenage Diary (m000j22s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011dg1r)

Series 1

The Potted Gardener

Competition for a new garden festival in the village turns nasty, with the Grim Reaper on the prowl.

Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith

James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair

Roy David Holt

Bernard Spott Paul Brooke

Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

WED 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1b9)

The Smithfield Murders

Chef's Special

There's a fresh dead body found at Clerkenwell, but Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's love affair is hotting up - before she becomes a victim of extreme cold.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Julie Enfield's Father Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Sally Jane Whittenshaw

Alex Wild Deborah Berlin

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

WED 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)

Series 2

Countess Natasha and the Red Menace

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.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan guest stars in the same week that the programme is infiltrated by a spy.

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles

Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell

Godfrey Winnard John Fortune

Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn

Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska

Douglas Bennings/Harold Macmillan Jon Glover

Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon

Roger Aspinall Simon Treves

Secretary Laura Molyneux

Miss Thurwell Anna Bengo.

Directed by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 07:30 Quanderhorn (m000j2sd)

Quanderhorn 2

3. Wasp

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 Guuuurk (Kevin Eldon) and Quanderhorn's part-insectoid son Troy (Freddie Fox), along with factotum Jenkins (John Sessions) – travel back to the laboratory three weeks before the bombs are due to fall and wipe out reality.

The Professor has a plan, but to pull it off, the crew have to avoid their previous selves, who are, of course, also still there. If they fail, they could unravel their own timelines. On top of which, they're desperate not to activate the annoying musical sheep. They must also evade the squirrilla, the gorirrel and, most of all, the deadly enraged Penguinelope!

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 Guuuurk

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 (b007vh34)

Series 4

Hancock in the Police

When Bill and the lad take to the beat, the crime rate soars after they meet Sid.

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 (b007jnwH)

Series 2

The Other Married Man

Sarah tries keeping her affair secret, but her mother Eleanor can sniff out deceit. Stars Prunella Scales. From September 1986.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00jwxzz)

Series 23

2009 Heat 8

Paul Gambaccini hosts the wide-ranging music quiz, with contestants from Wales and the North of England. From 2009.

WED 09:30 The Change (b0613287)

Series 3

Episode 5

The family learn about Carol's condition - and Sonia finally confronts Dave about his suspicious behaviour.

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 middle life 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 December 2004.

WED 10:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr39)

Final Curtain

The glamour of the music halls begins to fade as Richard Hencastle embarks on a dangerous affair - and tragedy strikes the company.

Meanwhile, war is on the horizon...

Conclusion of JB Priestley's classic starring Tom Baker as Nick Ollanton.

Nick Ollanton Tom Baker

Old Richard Bryan Pringle

Young Richard Richard Hollick

Sam Freddie Davies

Tommy Beamish Steven Frost

Julie Blane Brigit Forsyth

Cissie Mapes Deborah McAndrew

Nancy Kathryn Hunt

Jenning Russell Dixon

Johnson John Lloyd Fillingham

Barney Mike Edmunds

Nonnie Ann-Marie Frater

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Music: Chris Monks

Producer: Kate Rowland

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1994

WED 11:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j815)

2. Over the Edge

Adam Roche presents the story of the life and radio times of prolific, and notorious, producer Harry Alan Towers.

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.

In this episode, Adam is joined by radio historian Professor Sean Street

Featured programmes:

'March of the Movies' interview with Humphrey Bogart and John Huston

'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Final Problem'

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 (b007vh34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 After Henry (b007jnwH)

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WED 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011dg1r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b00jwxzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 The Change (b0613287)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 15:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j815)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Quanderhorn (m000j2sd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w5jd)

The Tale of a Detective

When Gabriel Syme turns the tables on Lucien Gregory, the Central Anarchist Council take action.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in March 2005.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b06pb74b)

Series 8

Wild Water

From finding your way in a cold, dark sea swim to coping with the isolation at the bottom of the ocean, Josie Long hears stories of wild water.

The items featured in the programme are:

Mirage

Produced by Cicely Fell

Pool Party

Produced by Phil Smith

Diver

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4

The Swim

Produced by Jodie Taylor with Jenny Horwell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007vh34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 After Henry (b007jnhw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011dg1r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j815)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Quanderhorn (m000j2sd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 What's Funny About ... (m000j819)

The Thick Of It

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 Armando Iannucci and Rebecca Front about their biting political satire *The Thick Of It*.

Was Nicola Murray just a nice (if hapless) person, thrust into a nest of political vipers, or was she just as bad as the rest of them? Who came up with the line "about as much use as a marzipan dildo"? And who was Malcolm Tucker really based on (it's probably not who you think).

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.

We'll do our very best to winkle out some backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, as we hear the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put these iconic shows on the telly.

Written by:

Jesse Armstrong

Sam Bain

Simon Blackwell

Rob Colley

Roger Drew

Dan Gaster

Sean Gray

Armando Iannucci

Ian Martin

Georgia Pritchett

David Quantick

Tony Roche

Will Smith

Additional material: The Cast

Producer: Owen Braben

An Expectation production made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

WED 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b01075pz)

Series 3

Episode 2

Arthur Smith with more music and comedy from his actual flat in Balham. Jenny Eclair is in the front room, Simon Evans on the landing, John Smallshaw delivers poetry and Alex Wilson and his salsa combo are in the kitchen.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith.

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020

THU 00:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w5jd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Short Cuts (b06pb74b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Agatha Raisin (b011dg1r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Counterpoint (b00jwzxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Change (b0613287)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 JB Priestley - Lost Empires (b007jr39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000j815)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Quanderhorn (m000j2sd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f3p9)

Series 1

The Gardener's Legacy

When her garden festival arch-rival is murdered, the amateur sleuth digs deep to root out the wrongdoer.

Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith

James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair

Roy David Holt

Bernard Spott Paul Brooke

Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

THU 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlbm)

The Smithfield Murders

A Mushroom Diet

The Smithfield community play throws Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's meaty murder trail into confusion.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Julie Enfield's Father Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Sally Jane Whittenshaw

Alex Wild Deborah Berlin

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sv6fw)

Series 1

Episode 3

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.

Recently divorced Jan gets two compliments in one day.

Meanwhile her ex husband Frank performs the most embarrassing version of Je T'Aime ever heard, with his new love, Angela.

Across town Rod the local supermarket manager (Mackenzie Crook) is still sharing rather more than is usual about his private life over the store's tannoy system. Could he be getting closer to Tanya on till 4?

Written by Katherine Jakeways

Produced by Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:30 Ankle Tag (m00013vn)

Series 2

The Falklands

Alice's mum has a new boyfriend, and Bob doesn't like him.

Bob – Steve Speirs

Gruff – Elis James

Alice – Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Jeffrey – Simon Greenall

Elaine – Felicity Montagu

Anthony – Mike Wozniak

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)

Series 4

Episode 2

Kenneth Horne in a roaring 1920s film spoof 'Thoroughly Modern Willy', Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of a nagger and Julian and Sandy come over all transcendental with Bona Gurumat.

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 March 1968.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tr6nm)

Series 4

Episode 13

'The Curse of the Flying Wombat' climaxes - or does it?

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 Graeme Garden 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 Light Programme in December 1966.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b01b8zw3)

Series 2

Episode 6

Angus Deayton presides over another episode of the show where the format is, there isn't one. Instead, each of the four panellists has brought their own round for the other panellists to play. How will each round play out? And, more importantly, who will be beaten at their own game?

The rounds featured this episode are:

Alex Horne's "Font, Fighter or Fragrance" in which panellists are given a word and they must guess whether that word refers to a typographical font, the name of a Gladiator from ITV's show "Gladiators" or a "Lynx deodorant" fragrance.

Roisin Conaty's "Four Second Pitch" in which panellists have but four seconds to pitch Angus the elements of an idea for a blockbuster film and a new religion.

Paul Sinha's "World Record Recall" in which panellists have to fill in the missing details from the description of a real record from the Guinness Book of World Records.

And Rufus Hound's "Which Lady Done Say That Thing" in which panellists must guess which audience member said a certain phrase. As the title suggests.

Producer: Sam Michell.

THU 09:30 Millport (b00762cq)

Series 2

The Verdict

The islanders unite to try and save The Cumbrae Bar from closure.

Will Irene stay and fight with them or will she take the last ferry of the day to the mainland to the new life she's always dreamed of?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce.

Stars Lynn Ferguson as Irene, Janet Brown as Moira/Agnes, Lewis McLeod as Alberto/Robert/Ferryman, 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 June 2001.

THU 10:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vhg)

Episode 1

'Faith is like love; it does not let itself be forced.'

A uniquely frank memoir of a Victorian childhood. Edmund Gosse was raised in the strictly non-conformist Plymouth Brethren.

Tender, comic and lyrical, this is his account of the spiritual struggle between a lonely boy and his charismatic father.

Dramatised in two parts by Nick Warburton.

Starring Derek Jacobi as Edmund Gosse, Roger Allam as Philip Henry Gosse, Steven Williams as Young Edmund, Kate Buffery as Emily Gosse, Colleen Prendergast as Miss Marks, Sophie Roberts as Mary Grace, Ann Beach as Miss Flaw, Ayesha Antoine as Kate and Geoff Felix as Mr Punch.

Other parts played by Gerard McDermott, Delroy Brown, Nick Sayce and members of the cast.

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09snb12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002z5m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tr6nm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f3p9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 It's Your Round (b01b8zw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Millport (b00762cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09snb12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002z5m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sv6fw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Ankle Tag (m00013vn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w43w)

The Feast of Fear

Gabriel Syme meets his fellow anarchists at a breakfast meeting in London's Leicester Square.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
 First broadcast in March 2005.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04tjft0)
 Series 35
 Arthur Smith on Emil Zátopek
 Matthew Parris – himself current holder of the House of Commons marathon record time – meets comedian Arthur Smith, who also turns out to have been a runner when he was younger, and whose choice for a Great Life is an athlete whom he has admired since his childhood.
 Emil Zátopek emerged onto the international stage in 1948 when he became a sensation at the Olympics in London, but it was his performance in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics which put him in the record books. Already an established distance runner, he bagged gold in the 5000 and 10000 metres and then, having previously given no hint that he would be a champion marathon runner, he also won that race.
 The expert witness is Pat Butcher, writer and ex-runner, who is working on a biography of Zátopek, and he argues that no-one is likely ever to equal Zátopek's achievement in winning gold in three different distance events.
 Zátopek retired from competitive running in 1957 and later fell heavily out of favour with the post- Dubcek regime in Czechoslovakia but was rehabilitated after 1989 and remains a much-cherished hero in Czech Republic and among the running community.
 Producer Christine Hall.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b007w4df)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tr6nm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f3p9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1bn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09snb12)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002z5m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 22:00 Ankle Tag (m00013vn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jpyh)
 Series 2
 Last Word to the Mastersons
 Living off the land, will there be family tears before milking time? Improvised saga with Paul Merton. From June 1994.
THU 23:00 Listen Against (b00fgt0r)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 An Archers convention, a live pitbull on the Today programme and a Popmaster crisis. Stars Jon Holmes. From November 2008.
THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076js0)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 The complication of ordering coffee and finding Captain Oates. Sketch show with Robert Webb and Olivia Colman. From August 2002.

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2020

FRI 00:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w43w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b04tjft0)
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FRI 01:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f3p9)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Ankle Tag (m00013vn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f5km)
 Series 1
 The Walkers of Dumbley
 Keen to get closer to James - the sleuth gets embroiled in a saga of murder, lust and Wellington Boots.
 Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.
 Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.
 Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
 James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair
 Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy
 DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe
 Deborah Camden Rachel Atkins

Mr Boggle David Holt
 Sir Charles Whitaker Philip Fox
 Jessica Keller Alice Hart
 Kelvin Bertie Carvell
 Director: Carol Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
FRI 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)
 The Smithfield Murders
 A Passion for Hunting Something
 With big business involved, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield finds herself trapped with hired killers underneath Smithfield meat market...
 Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
 Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
 Julie Enfield's Father Geoffrey Matthews
 DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
 Sally Jane Whittenshaw
 Alex Wild Deborah Berlin
 Rachel Jones Jilly Bond
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 07:00 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)
 Flux
 Caroline (Deborah Findlay) is running Household Solutions on her own from the student rooms she is renting - just leaflets through doors, offering a family back-up service. After a chance meeting with Sylvia (Anna Massey), Sylvia is sure she could be helpful to the business. Caroline is sure she couldn't. Sylvia persists and, against her better judgement, Caroline gets drawn in. And gradually, gradually, throughout the series, a mutual respect is formed and a strong business, MiraclesRus, is built up.
 Sylvia Anna Massey
 Caroline Deborah Findlay
 Tanya Alison Pettitt
 Written by Lesley Bruce.
FRI 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)
 Series 1
 Abu Dhabi
 Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam star in the sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult. Written by John Finnemore, writer for The News Quiz, The Now Show, and That Mitchell & Webb Sound.
 In this week's episode, the town of Bristol, a cat and a thermostat combine to present Martin with a career-breaking crisis.
 Cast:
 Carolyn Knapp-Shapley Stephanie Cole
 1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
 Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
 Arthur Shapley John Finnemore
 ATC Fitton Ewen MacIntosh
 Written by John Finnemore
 Produced and directed by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 08:00 Something to Shout About (m000j9xv)
 Series 3
 Episode 9
 Can the advertising team create a status building campaign...for toe ointment? Stars Fenella Fielding.
 "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 Tuftell Eleanor Summerfield
 Mavis Willis Joan Sims
 Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps
 Mr Blythe/Variou Warren Mitchell
 Written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.
 Producer: John Simmonds.
 First broadcast on the Light Programme in November 1961.
FRI 08:30 Never Too Late (b011j605)
 Down Memory Lane
 Feisty Hilda's senior citizen holiday sees man-mad Mildred after a nostalgic destination.
 A surviving episode from Terry Gregson's sitcom series about a group of highly active pensioners.
 Starring Thora Hird as Hilda Spriggett, Kenneth Connor as Albert Pickles, Joe Gladwyn as Tommy Preston, Megs Jenkins as Emily Holroyd and Avis Bunnage as Mildred Emmett.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.
FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007qbm)
 Series 9
 University of Brighton
 A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Brighton with specialist subjects including Biomedical Sciences, Marketing and History and Globalization and questions ranging from Chinese state infrastructure to the heraldic name for a squirrel via Trypanosoma and tzatziki.
 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, St Catharine's College Cambridge and Oxford Brookes.
 Produced by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 09:30 Dry Slopes (b0075178)
 Series 2
 Emma
 Does the fact that Emma is married, has a son and is moving to Mauritius mean that she's no longer interested in Angus - or is she just playing hard to get?
 It would be a lot easier to dine out if he could talk to her instead of her answer machine, even though it is a good Listener.
 Written by and starring Nick Ball. With Louisa Rix as Mum, Robert Hartley, Wayne Forester and Julie Gibbs.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
FRI 10:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vm0)
 Episode 2
 Father and Son by Edmund Gosse
 Dramatised by Nick Warburton
 2/2 'Faith is like love; it does not let itself be forced.' Edmund Gosse's tender memoir of his Victorian childhood, raised in the Plymouth Brethren. Edmund is baptised at the precocious age of ten. But as he grows, the lonely boy is torn between love for his charismatic father, and the terrible secret in his heart.
 Producer/Director: Jonquil Panting
 Edmund Gosse ... Author
 Nick Warburton ... Dramatist
 Derek Jacobi ... Edmund
 Steven Williams ... Young Edmund
 Roger Allam ... Henry Gosse
 Jane Whittenshaw ... Eliza Brightwen
 Colleen Prendergast ... Miss Marks
 Ella Smith ... Mrs Brown
 Gerard McDermott ... Brother Fawkes
 Wayne Foskett ... Preacher/Carter
 John Cummins ... Teacher
 Delroy Brown ... Brethren/Villagers
 Sophie Roberts ... Brethren/Villagers
 Nick Sayce ... Brethren/Villagers
 Ayesha Antoine ... Brethren/Villagers
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j9yh)
 Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.
FRI 12:00 Something to Shout About (m000j9xv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Never Too Late (b011j605)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f5km)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
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FRI 17:00 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w525)
 The Exposure
 Sunday unmasks one of the anarchists as a Scotland Yard detective, leaving Gabriel Syme in despair.
 Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.
 Director: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
 First broadcast in March 2005.
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076x2p)
 It's Not You, It's Me
 Victoria Coren on how we avoid uncomfortable moments, with Martin Newell, Dr Cosmo Hallstrom and Susannah Jowett.
 From February 2006.
FRI 19:00 Something to Shout About (m000j9xv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 Never Too Late (b011j605)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f5km)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j9yh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Paperback Hell (m000j945)

Series 2

Stop the Dodgems, I Want to Throw Up

Not-entirely-true autobiography on Radio 4, as Jack Sunglasses

Ramsey reads from his personal account of life in the 1960s

criminal underworld: "Stop The Dodgems, I Want To Throw

Up"

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 (b007ju0b)

Series 1

Normal Science

The cartoonist aims to prove that science will make the natural

world entirely redundant. Stars Paul McCrink. From August

2001.

FRI 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00hv1rj)

Episode 3

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 and Jane are due to meet at the solicitors.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock.

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007qx6y)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 3

On a chaotic overseas tour, the star cricketer's private life takes

a turn for the worse. Stars Chris Douglas. From May 2001.