

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2020

SAT 00:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rg19)

1. Foundation

Set up in the late 19th century, the aim of the Howard Foundation is to prolong human life

Selective breeding via financial encouragement has led to groups of people living for hundreds of years...

Robert Heinlein's sci-fi story first appeared as an expanded full-length novel in 1958.

Read by Paul Birchard

Abridged in six parts by Bert Coules.

Produced at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in November 2007.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b008jd1m)

When Will You Ever Learn

Dominic discusses our attitudes to errors slight and serious with historian Dominic Sandbrook, performer Dillie Keane and writer Isabel Losada.

Lively discussion series chaired by Dominic Arkwright. .

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SAT 01:00 Inspector Purbright - Naked Nuns (m000pt45)

6. A Question of Postage

Inspector Purbright finally learns the identity of the Naked Nuns.

John Rowe stars as Inspector Walter Purbright.

Concluding episode of Colin Watson's serial set in the market town of Flaxborough.

Inspector Purbright John Rowe

Sergeant Love Paul Downing

Lucy Teatime Ann Rye

Bernard Joseph Alessi

Pook Peter Rylands

Chubb Geoffrey Banks

Amis Daniel Coll

Tudor David Fleeshman

Dramatised by Christopher Denys.

Director: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

SAT 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jvbg)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 5

A chance observation by one of the family gives amateur detective, Miss Marple a key to try and solve the mystery.

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Lewis Serrocol Peter Howell

Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 02:00 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092g97b)

5. The Reckoning

The boy becomes a man.

General expectations of masculinity and role models from his past catch-up with Robert and there's a reckoning.

Robert Webb concludes his own funny and moving memoir.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SAT 02:15 Shardlake: Revelation (b08k4k7f)

Episode 10

Archbishop Cranmer has asked Shardlake to conduct a secret hunt for a serial killer who is enacting, through a series of gory tableaux, a prophecy from the Book of Revelation.

Though the extraordinary events at the seventh victim's house in Hertfordshire suggest that the prophecy is fulfilled, Shardlake is convinced that the killer has one final, terrible act planned and that it somehow involves Catherine Parr.

The conclusion of CJ Sansom's Tudor crime novel starring Justin Salinger as detective Matthew Shardlake.

Shardlake Justin Salinger

Barak Bryan Dick

Guy Vincent Ebrahim

Harsnet Carl Prekopp

Dorothy Emily Bruni

Cantrell David Seddon

Cranmer Sean Baker

Lockley Patrick Brennan

Adam Luke MacGregor

Tamasin Kirsty Oswald

Bunce Clare Perkins

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Colin MacDonald.

Director: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

SAT 02:30 The Day of the Jackal (b011v1b1)

Seminal thriller The Day of the Jackal was first published in 1971.

Patrick Humphries explores just what made the book so riveting for him and so ground-breaking for a whole generation of thriller writers influenced by its author, Frederick Forsyth. The novel was extraordinary for many reasons. For a start, it broke so many of the 'rules' of thriller writing. Harold Harris, Forsyth's editor at publisher Hutchinson and Co, noted all these, but still commissioned him for three novels.

The eponymous Jackal is a mercenary and in the novel he is hired by a real-life terrorist group, Organisation de l'Armee Secrete, whose members were intent on killing the French President Charles De Gaulle. The OAS wanted to retain Algeria as a French colony, and when de Gaulle reneged on his emotional avowal 'Vive l'Algerie francaise' ie 'Long Live French Algeria', and allow self-determination, he became the target of OAS assassins. Of course, as history proves, those assassins were never successful. Forsyth lived through those events as a Reuters correspondent in Paris, so it was an obvious choice of setting for his first attempt at thriller writing.

Patrick talks to an editor at Hutchinson, Tony Whitome, Professor of Modern English Literature John Sutherland, OAS expert Clement Steuer, writers Lee Child, Andrew Rosenheim, Sam Bourne and the Jackal's author, Frederick Forsyth.

Producer: Neil Rosser

A Ladbroke Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2011.

SAT 03:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b0084sb1)

When in Rome

1970s Rome. Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn is incognito and on the trail of a vast drugs syndicate - and some exceptionally unsavoury blackmail.

But he hasn't reckoned on murder...

Another tale of Dame Ngao Marsh's gentleman detective.

CDI Alleyn Jeremy Clyde

Nigel Bathgate Nick Waring

Sonia, Lady Bracely Pauline Jameson

Kenneth Dorne Tom George

Baron Van der Veghel David Swift

Baroness Van der Veghel Paula Jacobs

Sophy Jason Annabelle Dowler

Barnaby Grant Sean Arnold

Major Sweet Derek Waring

Sebastian Mailer Matthew Devereaux

Father Denys James Greene

Valdarno Stephen Critchlow

Violetta/Receptionist Carolyn Jones

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SAT 04:00 Wordaholics (b04hyrq3)

Series 3

Episode 4

Comedian Josh Widdicombe, lexicographer Susie Dent, astronomy enthusiast Helen Keen and comedian Natalie Haynes vie for word supremacy.

Gyles Brandreth is in the chair.

The letter of the week is 'L'.

The panellists are asked to invent new words or phrases - and there are rounds about terms for different occupations and Victorian slang terms.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

SAT 04:30 Bookcases (b00sv1m)

Series 1

Gone for a Burton

London 1855: Primus's latest publishing coup is the explorer Richard Burton, but drink and other substances seem to have destroyed Burton's sense of direction.

Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy stars Michael Cochrane and Maggie Steed.

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Katie Joiner Frances Jeater

Richard Burton Norman Rodway

Waiter David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

SAT 05:00 Clare in the Community (b061tppy)

Series 10

Family Values

A family funeral reveals some uncomfortable home truths for the Barker family.

Brian meanwhile has enthusiastically embraced a new fitness regime.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Nali Nina Conti

The Celebrant Richard Lumsden

Bernard Andrew Wincott

Sarah Barker Sarah Thom

Mrs Barker Brigit Forsyth

Roxy Alex Tregear

Producer: Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SAT 05:30 Dot (b0bd7rw0)

Series 3

Saucepans for Spitfires!

A national initiative to boost morale causes havoc in the personnel team, as Dot and the gals turn on each other.

Retro comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel in the rollicking Cabinet War Rooms comedy by Ed Harris.

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Peg Freya Parker

Peabody David Acton

Mrs Background Emma Handy

Ding Dong Ryan Whittle

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

SAT 06:00 Ronnie Smith - The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)

Eric Strapp is on the run, but he's innocent of any crime.

George Cole stars in Ronnie Smith's poignant comedy with music.

Eric Strapp - George Cole

Bottles Doone - Stratford Johns

Bosher Doone - Iwan Thomas

Lavenderia Frumpton Rachel Atkins

Doris Plank Tracy-Ann Oberman

Ace High Patel David Bannerman

Moocha Maguire Anthony Ofoegbu

Widow Brown Carolyn Jones

Albert Frumpton Hugh Dickson

Winifred Frumpton Jenny Lee

Slippery Eels Brian Parr

Shirl Sarah Rice

Detective Inspector Crodge David Brooks

Superintendent Beak John Rowe

Prison Officer Alastair Danson

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b06r7gqj)

Series 38

Roger Saul chooses Gertrude Jekyll

Matthew Parris invites fashion designer Roger Saul, who created the Mulberry brand, to nominate a great life. He has chosen the early 20th century garden designer Gertrude Jekyll

whose beautiful gardens instilled in him a love of plants and landscaping.

Inspired by William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement, together with architect Edward Lutens, Gertrude Jekyll designed many great gardens including Hestercombe in Somerset and at her home in Surrey.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b0075ryv)

Series 1

Episode 5

Everyone should have a therapist - and is it only sad people who have pets?

Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky debating game.

With Clive Coleman, Rhona Cameron, Niall Ashdown and John Maloney

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

SAT 08:30 Life in London (b011dg1t)

The Fancy

Tom and Jerry visit a cockfight, try to buy a horse, meet a sporting legend and lay a wager on which is better, London or the West Country.

Meanwhile, garrulous narrator Pierce Egan takes literary critic William Hazlitt to his first boxing match.

Starring Greg Wise, Mark Gatiss and James Bachman.

Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

Bob Logic James Bachman

Plausible Jack Ben Graves

William Hazlitt/Tom Cribb Alex McQueen

Mrs Egan Alys Torrence

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Music: Ben Walker

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 09:00 1953: Those Radio Times (b02108v6)

The Glums are thinking of buying a television set. Butter rationing is troubling the Any Questions audience. Stanley Matthews makes the Cup Final. Wilfred Pickles makes an appearance in some Cold War propaganda.

Nick Baker celebrates 1953: Those Radio Times. The year of the Coronation. Taking sounds, songs and radio highlights, he evokes a year shaking off its shabby post-war austerity and

preparing for fun, pomp and a great summer of sport. We hear from Robert Oppenheimer. We hear about Mary Whitehouse's first appearance on Woman's Hour in David Kynaston's Family Britain, read by Dominic West. Lord Hailsham rails against commercial television on London Forum and there's an extraordinary interview with novelist Evelyn Waugh for Frankly Speaking. His grandson claims the programme sent him mad.

Fancy a round of Twenty Questions? Want to know what listeners to the Light Programme woke up to? Listen to eye-witness accounts of flying saucers seen over Cheshire in People Talking. Meet a pre-Animal Magic Johnny Morris in a sweet factory for Pass The Salt.

1953: Those Radio Times pits radio against television in the year it took off and its audience outstripped that of the wireless, for the first time.

Could radio win the battle with a hit from the team at Take It From Here? Or could it do it by landing on the Moon?

Produced by Testbed Productions.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SAT 12:00 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pj3)

Series 2

The Wedding March

Things go from bad to worse on Woodpecker Tapping's wedding day. Everything that could go wrong, does.

Jonathan Coy stars as WS Gilbert in the second series of his short stories dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

WS Gilbert Jonathan Coy

Woodpecker Tapping Jason Chan

Bapp Paul Clarkson

Leonara Amy Shindler

Bopaddy John Rowe

Anna Maria Alex Tregear

Old Poppytop Sion Probert

The Marchioness Charlotte West-Oram

Playwright and humourist, Sir William Schwenck Gilbert

(1836-1911) is best known for his comic opera collaborations with Sir Arthur Sullivan, which first captivated audiences across the English-speaking world in the late 19th century.

Director: Jenny Stephens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

SAT 12:30 Married (b00cpw6)

Series 2

Churlish

Confirmed bachelor Robin Lightfoot wakes up to find himself married in a parallel universe in which the Lib Dems are in power, the Richard Whiteley Experience has just opened in London and alcohol is a class-A drug.

Now Robin's life is about to change again. He's about to be divorced from the woman he was never married to in the first place...

Hugh Bonneville stars in series two of Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Dame Jenny Hyde Stephanie Lawrence

Dirk Steve Frost

Murdo Lewis MacLeod

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

SAT 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 1

Miss Marple is invited to stay with her old school friend, Carrie at Stoneygates - a Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

As she mulls over Carrie's life history on the train journey, just what is the danger that the sleuth is sensing?

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as the

indomitable amateur detective, Miss Jane Marple.

From the book first published in 1952 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon

Lewis Serrocolld Peter Howell

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd/Railway porter Stephen Lucas

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SAT 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jv0)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 2

Clearly something's wrong at Stoneygates, but for Miss Marple, the most disquieting factors are the jealousies and simmering tensions within the family itself.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Jane Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocolld Peter Howell

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Christian Bulbranden Stephen Thorne

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SAT 14:00 Miss Marple (b007jv6)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 3

At Stoneygates, a murder has taken place in the Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

Amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple assists the police with their inquiries.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocolld Peter Howell

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 14:30 Miss Marple (b007jvbc)

They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 4

Someone is systematically trying to poison Miss Marple's old friend, Carrie Louise.

But who - and why?

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 15:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00zd12b)

Russell Kane and Hilary Bradt

Harriett Gilbert and her guests - comedian, Russell Kane and

travel guide writer, Hilary Bradt - discuss their favourite books

by Sandi Toksvig, Gustave Flaubert and Ruth Rendell.

Flying Under Bridges by Sandi Toksvig

Publisher: Sphere

Three Tales by Gustave Flaubert

Publisher: Oxford University Press

A Judgement in Stone by Ruth Rendell

Publisher: Arrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SAT 16:00 Ronnie Smith - The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b06ry7gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 H Rider Haggard - King Solomon's Mines (b08lgbwy)

Episode 2

Extraordinary tales from the golden age of adventure

Tim McInnerny stars as intrepid explorer Allan Quatermain in the second episode of this classic Victorian story - the

impossible quest for the fabled King Solomon's Mines, set in a mythical African interior. This gripping story is a treasure hunt,

a mystery, a psychological drama, and a kaleidoscope of sound.

Allan Quatermain is writing a journal for his son Harry as he believes he will never return from accompanying Sir Henry

Curtis on his mission to find the fabled King Solomon's Mines, in order to find out what has happened to Sir Henry's younger

brother George who set out on the same quest the year before. Quatermain, Sir Henry, Captain Good and their bearer Umbopa

are being escorted to the town of Loo by Chief Infadoos to meet the blood-thirsty King Twala of the Kukuana and his

witch-finder Gagoon. The adventurers watch the terrifying night of the great witch hunt when countless Kukuana perish. Their

mysterious bearer Umbopa is not what he seems and may be their only hope of survival and of finally finding King

Solomon's Mines.

Gagoon Adjoa Andoh

Sir Henry Curtis David Sturzaker

Foulata Emmanuella Cole

Twala Femi Elufowoju

George Finlay Robertson

Infadoos Maynard Eziashi

Umbopa Sope Dirisu

Captain John Good Simon Ludders

Allan Quatermaine Tim McInnerny

Scragga Tonderaj Munyevu

Written by Rider Haggard

Dramatised by Chris Harrald

Directed by Liz Webb

Adapter Chris Harrald's previous adaptations for Radio 4

include M.R. James' ghost stories, four series of the Edwardian

detective series The Rivals and several Classic Serials, including

The Lost World and Three Men in a Boat.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SAT 19:00 1953: Those Radio Times (b02108v6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Night Fry (b007jt29)

Episode 3

Stephen Fry serves up more witty banter and sketches.

With Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent and Julia Hills.

Written by Stephen Fry with additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.

SAT 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mbkhh)

Series 3

Episode 2

Walter has staff to fire and a broken heart to mend, but worst of all, his wife's come back to him and seems intent on pandering to his every whim...

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabour-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopoulos Chris Pavlo

Gloria Brindle Helen Atkinson Wood.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

SAT 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01p7107)

Series 2

Cultural Heroes

Iolo Morgannwg, Lady Llanover and Michael Heseltine.

Determining the ultimate heroes of Wales. From December 2012.

SAT 23:30 The Ape That Got Lucky (b008039f)

Language and Communication

Chris Addison's spoof lectures exploring human evolution. With Geoffrey McGivern as Professor Austin Herring. From August 2005.

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

SUN 00:00 H Rider Haggard - King Solomon's Mines (b08lgbwy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Miss Marple (b007jv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Miss Marple (b007jv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Miss Marple (b007jvbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Miss Marple (b007jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00zd12b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Ronnie Smith - The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b06ry7gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 How Not to Be a Boy (Omnibus) (b093m73b)

From comedy's award winning Robert Webb, the omnibus of his funny and moving memoir which looks back on his

bittersweet childhood in Lincolnshire, and also has wise words on masculinity's pitfalls.

Best known for his work with David Mitchell in Radio 4's Sony award winning series That Mitchell and Webb Sound and TV's

Peep Show, Robert Webb has written a memoir that is both laugh out loud funny and powerfully moving and tender. An

uneasy early childhood growing up in Lincolnshire, is followed by schoolboy crushes on girls and boys, to discovering a talent

for making people laugh, to grief, and to becoming a husband and father. As his life story unfolds, Robert questions the

expectations thrust on boys and men and reflects on how these have shaped the man he is today.

Written and read by Robert Webb

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000pw2k)

Michael Bond

The Paddington Bear creator chooses 'The Laughing Policeman' by Charles Penrose and 'All Or Nothing At All' by Frank Sinatra.

SUN 07:15 CJ Sansom - Shardlake: Revelation (Omnibus) (b08165z1)

Episode 2

Gripping adaptation of C. J. Sansom's bestselling Tudor crime novel, the fourth in the series featuring lawyer detective

Matthew Shardlake.

London, 1543. A serial killer is prowling the city, one who

treats murder as a holy mission: preying upon radicals and

creating gory tableaux inspired by a prophecy from the Book of Revelation. Archbishop Cranmer has asked Shardlake to conduct a secret investigation to catch the killer before word of the bloodshed reaches the King: one of the victims was close to Catherine Parr, Henry's current romantic obsession, and an ally of the reformers cause; Cranmer knows that such a taint will ruin any chance of her becoming Queen.

As the number of victims mounts, Shardlake and his trusty sidekick Barak are constantly wrong-footed - how does the killer know exactly what they plan to do next? Is there an informant amongst Cranmer's staff?

And Shardlake must also attend to another pressing case, that of a young man, Adam Kite, driven mad by the conviction that he is damned and that the Lord has forsaken him. Adam is being held in the Bedlam for his own safety - his wild rants about damnation verge on heresy - but Shardlake hopes his friend Guy the Apothecary can help to ease his suffering.

Cast:

Shardlake Justin Salinger

Barak Bryan Dick

Guy Vincent Ebrahim

Harsnet Carl Prekopp

Dorothy Emily Bruni

Cantrell David Seddon

Cranmer Sean Baker

Lockley Patrick Brennan

Adam Luke MacGregor

Tamasin Kirsty Oswald

Bunce Clare Perkins

Other parts are played by members of the cast.

Writer C. J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Producer and Director Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SUN 08:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp89)

Series 1

Give a Dog a Bad Name

Confusion reigns when Nooto does his aunt a favour - behind the Bishop's back.

Clerical comedy starring Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, William Mervyn as the Bishop, Derek Nimmo as Bishop's Chaplain - the Reverend Mervyn Nooto and John Barron as the Dean. With Joan Sanderson as Mrs Pugh-Critchley.

The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971.

Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.

Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

SUN 09:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pw2m)

5. All In A Good Cause

Felicity Willow decides to raise money for single mothers by staging a rhyming pantomime at her local church hall.

Rehearsals go from bad to worse.

Comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman

Felicity Willow Moira Lister

Paul Willow Terence Alexander

Nanny Doris Hare

Mrs Cadwalader Judith Furse

Mary Flynn Denise Coffey

Vicar Richard Goodlen

Mr Smith Harold Bennett

Bill McGuffie (piano)

Producer David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1971.

SUN 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007js43)

Series 1

Police, Camera, Amphibian

Robin's dream comes true as not one but two real criminal offences are committed on his doorstep and the police come to visit.

The only problem is he wasn't there when it happened but Wendy was...

Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall.

Robin Simon Greenall

Wendy Kay Stonham

Maureen Debra Stephenson

Derek Phil Cornwall

Sue Jan Ravens

Glenn Michael Simkins

Darnley Ewan Bailey

Carol Jo Enright

Pikeman Sean McKenna

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000pw2p)

Coding

Dame Stephanie Shirley

From Bach to Schubert, digital entrepreneur Stephanie Shirley makes her castaway choices. With Kirsty Young. From May 2010.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

Series 1

Songsters

Humans aren't the only species who sing. Many birds do and even another ape.

What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and repeated phrases, and who is listening?

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Produce: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0002h2p)

Series 5

Worth

Radiolab makes three, possibly foolhardy, attempts to put a price on the priceless. 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.

Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.

First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000pw2r)

Mother Tongue - The Observing Eye

Poet Daljit Nagra explores the BBC's poetry archive and selects

Mother Tongue ep 2/6 the globe-trotting poetry series presented by Helen Mort.

Poet Helen Mort explores exciting voices from around the world. This week, she hears poems in Persian, Spanish, German and Chinese - and in translation - all inspired by the everyday objects and people around them. She considers how through the observing eye of poetry, the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

Tea bags, mushrooms and mosquitoes have all inspired German poet Jan Wagner. His poems give surprising perspectives on the most commonplace objects - they are witty, compassionate and novel. Wagner reads from his collection Self-Portrait with a Swarm of Bees, and talks about the process of translation between German and English.

Nicknamed the Poet of Objects in his native Iran, Iraj Ziayi writes about ordinary household items - chairs, slippers - with heightened intensity. In his poem Six Green Polish Chairs, a collection of childhood memories are triggered by the sight of a particular shade of green. Alireza Abiz translates from the Persian.

Helen Mort travels to Oxford to speak to Theophilus Kwek. Kwek is a young poet and translator from Singapore, whose version of Moving House by Malayan-born poet Wong Yoon Wah, recently won second place in the Stephen Spender prize for poetry in translation. Moving House explores the ordinary details of a house move, with a fascinating personal and political subtext.

Finally, there's poetry by Oscar Cruz, direct from the streets of Santiago de Cuba. Speaking to Cruz's translator Serafina Vick, Helen Mort learns about his mission to bring the everyday life and language of his city - in all its frank reality - into his poems. Muy caliente!

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

First broadcast in 2017.

SUN 12:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04pss53)

Series 1

Football

In Paul Sinha's History Revision the acclaimed stand-up and eleventh best UK quizzer Paul Sinha looks through all of human history and examines how we came to be where we are. He starts with something everyday, something we all know to be true; he then reveals the quirks of history and the fascinating stories that led up to this point.

In this first edition, Paul takes as his starting point the World Cup Final in June 2014, the biggest sporting event on the planet, a billion people watching twenty-five or so Germans and Argentinians play football in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. How did we end up here? It's a story that takes in fifteenth-century explorers, the slave trade, mass immigration, industrialisation, and British Army medical tests. Because no-one and nothing exists in a vacuum.

Paul Sinha is an acclaimed stand-up who was nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy award for his show Saint or Sinha?. He frequently appears on The News Quiz, The Now Show, and Fighting Talk. He is a resident 'chaser' on the ITV quiz show The Chase. He wrote and starred in one-offs The Sinha Test (2011) and The Sinha Games (2012) on Radio 4 and in 2013 had his own four-part series, Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test. Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

SUN 13:00 The Workin's of Perkins: The Radio Life of Geoffrey Perkins (b00pk92h)

When British comedy stalwart Geoffrey Perkins died suddenly in 2008 aged 55, he left behind a legacy of programmes that few can equal.

He was involved in ground-breaking TV productions like Spitting Image, Father Ted and The Fast Show. He also kick-started the careers of the likes of Ben Elton and Harry Enfield. However, Perkins' roots were in radio.

His friend and colleague Angus Deayton presents this 3 hour showcase tribute to the producer, writer and performer:

Featuring:

* Radio Active,

Series 1 Ep 2/6: Bedrock (Mike Flex Breakfast Show)

The National Local Radio Station offers advice for nuclear war plus guests Status Quid. Stars Geoffrey Perkins, Angus Deayton, Helen Atkinson-Wood, Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope. From 1981.

* Hordes of the Things

Ep 1/4:

The kingdom of Albion is in peril. Andrew Marshall and John

Lloyd's epic Tolkien parody with Paul Eddington, Miriam Margolyes and Simon Callow. From 1980.

* Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful

Series 1 Ep 1/6:

Ken Handley pitches to a motorway services chain. Advertising satire starring Martin Jarvis and Wendy Richard. From 1982

* Ernest Fontwell Versus The Experts

The Communications Experts/The Holiday Experts

How to beat the fiends in white coats and overalls at their own game. Two episodes of this 1979 comedy starring Frank Thornton and Patsy Rowlands.

* The 27-Year Itch

Series 2: Ep 1/6 The Family That Stays Together Lives Apart

Marital mayhem comedy starring Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. From 1980.

* The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

The Secondary Phase (6/6) Fit The Twelfth

Arthur and Zaphod learn some unpalatable home truths. Stars Peter Jones. From 1980.

Producer: Mik Wilkoje

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SUN 16:00 Don Haworth - Ernest's Tower (b03b5408)

Ernest is a fairground stallholder, who lives in the baleful shadow of his Uncle Leo.

Leo allows him to lease a small stall or two, but Ernest has dreams of owning the tallest fairground tower in the country. Don Haworth's drama stars Paul Copley as Ernest, Stephen Thorne as Uncle Leo, Robin Herford as the Narrator, Alison Pettitt as Miranda, Elizabeth Bell as Rosie, Sam Kelly as Henson, Terence Edmond as Cech and Helen Ayres as the Waitress.

Original music composed by Simon Morecroft.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000pw2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04pss53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (b007wlpn)

Episode 1

In New York State, a few years after the American War of Independence, a tale of two love rivals and a headless horseman unfolds.

Sleepy Hollow school teacher, Ichabod Crane is determined to win the heart of wealthy farmer's daughter, Katrina Van Tassel.

Not only does he face opposition from local buck, Brom Bones, but it would also appear that supernatural forces are against him.

An eccentric New Yorker by the name of Diedrich Knickerbocker narrates this bizarre comic tale.

Washington Irving's classic tale set in 17th-century America.

Narrated by Martin Jarvis

Musical score and sound design by award-winning composer, David Pickvance.

The Sleepy Hollow choir:

Ayesha Antoine

Delroy Brown

John Cummins

Gerard McDermott

Carolyn Pickles

Sophie Roberts

Nick Sayce

Ella Smith

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2005.

SUN 18:30 Edgar Allan Poe (b007jpt5)

The Fall of the House of Usher

Episode 1

What power does the family's ancestral home hold over Roderick and Madeline Usher?

A man's descent into madness seems bound to the house of his ancestors.

Sean Barrett reads Edgar Allan Poe's gothic horror story, first published in 1839.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in September 2003.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m0002h2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Don Haworth - Ernest's Tower (b03b5408)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000pw2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04pss53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)

Episode 2

From Egypt to origami, the National Theatre of Brent presents the definitive history of Earth. Stars Patrick Barlow. From May 1990.

SUN 22:45 Hearing With Hegley (b007jr05)

Series 2

Episode 2

Songs and poems from the Luton Laureate including tales of the Tate, a jumble sale and an armadillo. From September 1998.

SUN 23:00 Bad Salsa (b062ztj7)

Series 2

The Cycle of Life

Each of the women get to grips with their own particular cancer after-shocks. In this last episode each of them must face their fears.

A second series of the sitcom about three women who meet during cancer treatment and start going to salsa class together to maintain their friendship. As they adjust to life after cancer they realise that they've all changed.

The series is not about cancer, but about life after cancer, how you cope the changes in your outlook, your desires and your expectations. It's also about how other people cope with the change in you.

Written by Kay Stonham

Directed by Alison Vernon-Smith.

SUN 23:30 We Are Klang: Amazing Lives (b007k3p8)

Explorer

Presumed dead after a 20-year trek, two explorers reveal their findings. Stars Greg Davies and Steve Hall. From April 2007.

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MON 00:00 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (b007wlpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04pss53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Falco (b007wfp1)

The Silver Pigs

Episode 1

Rome, AD 70: Roman sleuth Marcus Didius Falco chases upon an illegal trade in precious metal (the silver pigs) after mounting a rescue from a kidnap gang. Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventures set in the days of the Roman Empire. Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Sosia Felicity Goodman

Lenia Gillian Jones

Petronius Ben Crowe

Decimus Robert Lister

Publius Richard Derrington

Pertinax/Julius Sean Connolly

Falco's Mother Frances Jeater

Marcia Helen Monks

Directed in Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 06:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000pw5w)

1. Who Goes Home?

MP Mark Ritchie is on the run - tailed by MI5, but who else is chasing him?

Stars Richard Pasco and Annette Crosbie.

Christine Ritchie Annette Crosbie

Radio Announcer / Doorkeeper Astley Jones

Mark Ritchie Christopher Scouler

Det Chief Superintendent David Daker

Coombes Hugh Dickson

Irvine James Kerry

Patrick Cadwall Richard Pasco

Telephone Operator / Stewardess Rosalind Adams

Detective Constable Green Simon Hewitt

Marian Brown Thelma Whiteley

Narrator Ted Willis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

MON 07:00 Way Out East (b07mwqfh)

Cludopoly

Comedy by Guy Meredith about a group of expats sharing a flat in Hong Kong. Into the lives of unsuccessful architect James (Tony Gardner) and failed-everything Malcolm (John Gordon Sinclair) comes Zoe (Katherine Kingsley) on a one-way ticket from England to start a new life.

After an unpromising start, she moves in with James and Malcolm, convinced that she can get these two undomesticated alpha males to change their ways and become more organised at home and work. She also becomes part of the scene at the Shakes, the local expat pub run by Wanda (Samantha Bond) and visited by James's boss Mr Ampersand (Nicky Henson) who gives her a job as his PA.

The flatmates share many adventures including a very disorganised pub quiz, a series of domestic mishaps, attempts to fix the result of the Hong Kong Derby and a local marathon, and the annual Hong Kong New Year celebrations.

Katherine Kingsley was Olivier nominated for her role in 'Piaf and Singin' in the Rain'. John Gordon Sinclair has performed in several musicals and is remembered for the title role in 'Gregory's Girl'. Tony Gardner is currently one of the stars of the award-winning 'Last Tango in Halifax', and Samantha Bond has starred in many award-winning television and theatre productions including Downton Abbey. Guy Meredith has written several very successful dramas and comedies for radio, including the long-running series 'Daunt and Dervish'.

Cast:

Zoe Katherine Kingsley

Malcolm John Gordon Sinclair

James Tony Gardner

Wanda Samantha Bond

Ampersand Nicky Henson

Sam Lobo Chan

Mr Kwok David K. Tse

Series Music Composer: David Chilton

Writer: Guy Meredith

Producer: Cherry Cookson

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b0938k91)

Compilation

Episode 6

Nicholas Parsons challenges Paul Merton, Rufus Hound, Jenny Eclair and Zoe Lyons to speak on the topics on the cards without deviation, hesitation or repetition.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

A BBC Studios Production.

From 2017.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

Series 1

65 Today

Albert's 65th birthday outing turns into a disaster for son

Harold.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as

Harold.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

MON 08:30 Harry Worth (b00rl56h)

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Burglar

Cat burglar Fingers Fogerty pays Harry Worth an unwelcome visit.

Starring Harry Worth. With Jacqueline Clarke, Roger John-Lee and Michael Robbins.

Script by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b080t0pc)

Series 17

Episode 5

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

John Finnemore, Frankie Boyle, Jeremy Hardy and Lucy Porter are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as Donald Trump, musicals, weddings and Oxbridge.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's 'I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue'.

Produced by Jon Naismith

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

MON 09:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pmf)

Series 2

A Sensation Novel

Ebenezer Fudge - writer of melodramatic sensation novels - is disturbed when his characters start coming to life and criticising his preposterous plots.

The second series of short stories by W.S. Gilbert dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

W.S. Gilbert Jonathan Coy

Ebenezer Fudge John Rowe

Demon of Romance Nicholas Boulton

Lady Rockalda Julia Hills

Sir Ruthven Glenaloon Hugh Dickson

Herbert Jason Chan

Alice Grey Wendy Baxter

Playwright and humourist, Sir William Schwenck Gilbert

(1836-1911) is best known for his comic opera collaborations with Sir Arthur Sullivan, which first captivated audiences across the English-speaking world in the late 19th century.

Director: Jenny Stephens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 10:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b079z6rw)

Episode 1

Lady Clonbrony, determined to be accepted by fashionable London society, has sunk her family into debt to the moneylender, Mordecai. She wants her son to make a good marriage, but his affections are not to be bought.

Lord Colambre... Stephen Rea

Grace Nugent... Anna Healy

Lord Clonbrony... T P McKenna

Lady Clonbrony... Francine Mulrooney

Whipp ... Ben Onwukwe

Paddy/Larry... Billy Boyle

Sir Terence O'Fay ... James Berwick

Moredecai ... Terence Edmond

Sir James Brooke ... David Bannerman

With Fraser Kerr, Danielle Allan, Emma Gregory, Jenny Howe,

Elizabeth Kelly, Auriol Smith, Ian Lindsay and Andrew

Wincott.

Published in 1812, Maria Edgeworth's novel is dramatised by Nick McCarty.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000pw5z)

Series 7

Approaching with Kindness

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Guy Raz explores how two simple words - 'thank you' - can change how you, and those around you, look at the world.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000pw61)

Tony Hadley

Singer and ex-Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley chooses My Boy Lollipop by Millie Small and Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Harry Worth (b00rl56h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Falco (b007wfp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000pw5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book of the Week (b05nkr6c)

Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre

1. A Typical Day

The inside story of twelve years at the helm of Britain's greatest theatre. It is a story of lunatic failures and spectacular successes such as The History Boys, War Horse and One Man, Two Guvnors; of opening the doors of the National Theatre to a broader audience than ever before, and changing the public's perception of what theatre is for.

It is about probing Shakespeare from every angle and reinventing the classics. About fostering new talent and directing some of the most celebrated actors of our times. Its cast includes the likes of Alan Bennett, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon and Helen Mirren.

Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

Today Hynter describes his typical day as the theatre's Director.

Written and read by Nicholas Hynter

Produced by Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

MON 14:15 15 Minute Drama (b08gswjd)

Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte

1. Agnes

Ellie Kendrick stars in Rachel Joyce's latest Bronte adaptation. Anne Bronte's debut novel is the story of Agnes, a young woman who is determined to take care of herself and help the family finances. But what can a young girl with no money, no connections and no prospects do? How does a young woman find her way in the world? - she becomes a governess.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey

Mr Grey John Bowler

Mrs Bloomfield Catriona McFarlane

Mr Bloomfield David Sterne

Tom Felix Lailey

Mary Ann Amy Jayne Leigh

Edward Weston George Watkins

Mr Hatfield Luke MacGregor

Rosalie Keziah Joseph

Matilda Natasha Cowley

Mrs Murray Karen Bartke

Nancy Alison Belbin

Agnes Grey, Anne Bronte's debut novel, is the least known of the Bronte novels. Agnes is nineteen and determined to take care of herself - but she has no money, no connections, and no job. She isn't even very confident. So how does a young woman with nothing find her way in the world? She has to be a governess. Even if she knows little about children. And even if they treat her like dirt. As a governess, Agnes is not a part of the family and neither is she a servant. She's isolated and an outsider. This compelling drama tells the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.

Rachel Joyce had adapted all of Charlotte and now Anne's

novels. An award winning writer for radio she is now a successful novelist. Her novels include The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, Perfect, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy and a collection of short stories, The Snow Garden & Other Stories.

Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

MON 14:30 The Real Apprentice (b010t5wk)

Seven unemployed men compete to win a builder's

apprenticeship in South Wales.

Jon Manel follows their progress, and explores how our concept of apprenticeship has changed over centuries.

The charity Construction Youth Trust took its Real Apprentice

scheme to Newport in the summer of 2010. Seven young people who weren't in education or employment were put to work on a building site, redeveloping two flats. The best performer won an apprenticeship with Newport City Homes. Jon Manel watches the competition and hears about the contestants' experience of trying to find work.

But what can the winner expect of his apprenticeship? And how does the experience of today's apprentices compare to that of their predecessors decades - even centuries - ago?

Jon meets a manager at Tata Steel - formerly British Steel - in Port Talbot, who is still with the company nearly forty years after he joined as an apprentice. And then we go back nearly six hundred years to discover the story of a fifteenth century butcher's apprentice from Newbury, recorded in a document in the Berkshire Record Office. Alison Fuller from Southampton University gives a potted history of how the lives of apprentices developed in the intervening years - for better and for worse. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

MON 15:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b079z6rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b080t0pc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Way Out East (b07mwqfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b0938k91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rhvz)

2. Immortality

The prospect of immortality sparks riots, so the Government starts mass arrests. Paul Birchard reads Robert Heinlein's novel.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00zlkng)

Andi Osho and Toby Young

Sian Williams and her guests - comedian, Andi Osho and journalist, Toby Young - discuss their favourite books by Stewart Lee, Kingsley Amis and Kathryn Stockett.

How I Escaped My Certain Fate by Stewart Lee

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis

Publisher: Penguin

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rlb08)

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MON 20:00 Falco (b007wfp1)

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MON 20:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000pw5w)

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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000pw5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000pw61)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b0938k91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 2000 Years of Radio (b007szjn)

Series 2

Beagle FM

1836: DJ Suzanne Canker joins Charlie Darwin aboard HMS

Beagle. Recreation of the wireless archives with Hazel Grain.

From 2002.

MON 22:45 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b07x5vsm)

Series 3

Hannah's Gone

Hannah's Mum Josie Lawrence

Produced by Sally Avens

Four of the country's leading actresses star in this comic series

about women facing a crisis in their lives.

When Hannah leaves home her mother is heartbroken, but a

visit to her daughter's room sheds some revealing light on

Hannah's personality.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000ptc3)

Series 57

Episode 5

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis get to grips (from a safe distance)

with all things 2020 in the form of sketches and guest

contributions.

This week Catherine Bohart dons The Crown, Eshaan Akbar

takes responsibility and musical duo Harry and Chris take us to

church...

Additional voices from Emma Sidi and George Fouracres

Written by the cast, with additional material from Jeffrey

Aidoo, Laura Major, Georgie Flinn, Charlie George and Simon

Alcock

Production Co-Ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Engineer and Editor: David Thomas

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b00cbv8k)

Series 2

The Love Song

Mitch goes in search of the Love Song - via a children's

encyclopaedia and ox-bow lakes. With Robin Ince and Alfie

Joey.

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TUE 00:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rhvz)

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TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00zlkng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Falco (b007wfp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000pw5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book of the Week (b08nkr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 15 Minute Drama (b08gwsjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Real Apprentice (b010t5wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b079z6rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b080t0pc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076pmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Way Out East (b07mwqfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b0938k91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Falco (b007wfp2)

The Silver Pigs

Episode 2

Roman detective, Falco is investigating the mystery of how a

stolen lead ingot containing silver came to be in the bank box of

a senator's daughter. And things have taken a turn for the worse,

as he's now probing a murder and - worse still - he's forced to

visit a remote and dangerous outpost of the Empire - Britain.

Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventure set in the days

of the Roman Empire. Dramatised by Mary Curter.

Falco Anton Lesser

Petronius Ben Crowe

Decimus Robert Lister

Publius Richard Derrington

Gaius Hilaris Ian Brooker

Helena Fritha Goodley

Aelia Susan Jeffrey

Triferus/Cornix

Directed in Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 06:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000pxmc)

2. Death in West Hampstead

British Intelligence inform Christine Ritchie that they have

been following her husband, MP Mark Ritchie, because they

suspect him of being a Soviet spy. Ritchie's loyal secretary

Marian Brown shares a flat in West Hampstead and feels Mark

has let her down.

Spy serial featuring its author Ted Willis.

Curly Alex Jennings

Bedayev Andrew Sachs

Christine Ritchie Annette Crosbie

Det Chief Supt Dell David Daker

Willie Jim Reid

Patrick Cadwall Richard Pasco

Marian Brown Thelma Whiteley

Nurse Theresa Streetfield

Letitis Wendy Murray

Narrator Ted Willis

Directed by Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1982.

TUE 07:00 Relativity (m000222b)

Series 2

Episode 3

Drawing on his own family, the second series of Richard

Herring's comedy drama, Relativity, builds on the warm, lively

characters and family dynamics of the first series. His

affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding,

sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone

who has ever argued with their dad about who the current Pope

is.

Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs

and lows of family life.

Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster

and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker

player.

Episode 3:

Ian and Chloe's wedding day is a typically chaotic,

argumentative, loving affair. Ken eats the lip balm and Chloe's

estranged parents test Ken and Margaret's patience.

Cast:

Margaret Alison Steadman

Ken Phil Davis

Jane/Lorelei Fenella Woolgar

Clive Tony Gardner

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Tia Bannon

Mark Fred Haig

Nick Harrison Knights

Registrar Danny Kirrane

Written by Richard Herring

Sound Design by Eloise Whitmore

Produced by Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2019.

TUE 07:30 Earwig (m000pmx9)

Earwig is a new naturalistic sketch show by BAFTA-winning

comedy writer Brian Dooley (The Smoking Room).

While not immediately topical, our characters will of course

discuss the main talking points of the day. As people do. They

say the age of the expert is over, but this is what you get when

amateurs wade in on the big issues.

Every episode we hop around different conversations the length

and breadth of Britain. Covering every age, sex, race and class.

A snapshot of the country today. An everyday family in

Cardiff, a young couple dining out in Canterbury, an office of

app-developers in Newcastle, a couple of bricklayers in

Sheffield - as varied as possible.

Much of the comedy is observational, but noting everyday

eccentricities - and how enjoyably surreal those can be.

Each episode takes a different theme, but loosely so, and not

grandly tackling the big questions, though they do of course

arise. The theme will be obvious after the first couple of

sketches. The theme of the pilot episode is Britain is going

through a November heatwave.

At the heart of Earwig is the comedy of overheard

conversations, played deadpan and real; a look at what's

happening when nothing's happening. To aid this, we recorded

on location with an excellent diverse comedy cast (Debbie

Chazen (Sherlock, The Smoking Room), Nimisha Odedra

(Newsjack), Nathan Bryon (Benidorm), Jason Forbes (Daphne)

and Duncan Wisbey (Dead Ringers) that brought genuine

regionality to the series.

Earwig is written by Brian Dooley

The cast are Debbie Chazen, Nimisha Odedra, Nathan Bryon,

Jason Forbes and Duncan Wisbey.

Production co-ordinator Mabel Wright

Produced by Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jps0)

Series 7

The Histories of Pliny the Elder

The Romans hit Britain, but Seagoon, Eccles and Bluebottle are

off to Rome's Colosseum. Stars Spike Milligan. From March

1957.

TUE 08:30 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008wd18)

6. Benjamin Luxon

Acclaimed baritone star Benjamin Luxon joins the dear ladies

for songs and conversation. From December 1990.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000ptc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Married (b007tm4g)

Series 2

The Truth Is Out There

Robin's money-making scam in his parallel universe attracts

some unwanted attention. Stars Hugh Bonneville. From April

2000.

TUE 10:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b07b2phd)

Episode 2

In Ireland, Lord Colambre has become the target of marriage

for Lady Dashfort's daughter. Stars Stephen Rea and Anna

Healy.

Lord Colambre... Stephen Rea

Paddy... Billy Boyle

Whipp... Ben Onwukwe

Sir Terence O'Fay... James Berwick

Lord Clonbroony... T P McKenna

Lady Clonbroony... Francine Mulrooney

Grace Nugent... Anna Healy

O'Halloran... Shay Gorman

Garraghty... John O'Mahoney

With Fraser Kerr, Danielle Allan, Emma Gregory, Jenny Howe,

Elizabeth Kelly, Auriol Smith, Ian Lindsay, Andrew Wincott

and Terence Edmond.

Published in 1812, Maria Edgeworth's novel is dramatised

that Maria Margaronis has brought her mother's old machine and it is here she begins her story, unpicking the threads of time. This machine was one of millions made on Glasgow's Clyde Side. Singer's European heartland until 1980. A place that produced some 36 million machines. Maria Margaronis travels to both Glasgow and to the site of the vast American Singer factory in Elizabethport New Jersey to piece together the story of a once all powerful empire. From the Amazon river where they were traded for emeralds to St Petersburg where the Bolsheviks had the temerity to nationalize the Singer factory. Drawing on oral history, newly recorded interviews and rare gems Maria follows the many threads of Singers presence in the world.

Producer: Mark Burman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

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TUE 14:00 Book of the Week (b08ns9sm)

Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre 2. Shakespeare

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Today Hynter recalls his first production of Shakespeare at The National Theatre - Henry V, starring Adrian Lester.

Written and read by Nicholas Hynter

Produced by Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

TUE 14:15 15 Minute Drama (b08gxndf)

Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte

2. Rosalie

Ellie Kendrick stars in Rachel Joyce's new Anne Bronte adaptation. With the family fortune lost and her father ill, Agnes is making her way in the world. But she has already been beset with great disappointment. What should she do?

Agnes Grey ... Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey ... Juliet Aubrey

Mr Grey ... John Bowler

Mrs Bloomfield ... Catriona McFarlane

Mr Bloomfield ... David Sterne

Tom ... Felix Lailey

Mary Ann ... Amy Jayne Leigh

Edward Weston ... George Watkins

Mr Hatfield ... Luke MacGregor

Rosalie ... Keziah Joseph

Matilda ... Natasha Cowley

Mrs Murray ... Karen Bartke

Nancy ... Alison Belbin

Agnes Grey, Anne Bronte's debut novel, is the least known of the Bronte novels. Agnes is nineteen and determined to take care of herself - but she has no money, no connections, and no job. She isn't even very confident. So how does a young woman with nothing find her way in the world? She has to be a governess. Even if she knows little about children. And even if they treat her like dirt. As a governess, Agnes is not a part of the family and neither is she a servant. She's isolated and an outsider. This compelling drama tells the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.

Rachel Joyce had adapted all of Charlotte and now Anne's novels. An award winning writer for radio she is now a successful novelist. Her novels include The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, Perfect, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy and a collection of short stories, The Snow Garden & Other Stories.

Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

TUE 14:30 Ladies of the Links (b012zww0)

Marking the bi-centenary of the first ever women's golf tournament, Rhona Cameron plays a round at Musselburgh, both the scene of that historic competition and also her home course.

Records show that during the 19th century a women's golf competition was held annually on New Years Day among the fishwives of Musselburgh. The earliest known reference to an open women's golf competition at Musselburgh dates from 9th January 1811.

To ensure a bumper entry from the hard-working women of the fishing community the winner's prize was a 'creel' and a 'skull' (the headdress and basket used to carry fish). The consolation prizes were 'two fine silk handkerchiefs from Barcelona'. Musselburgh Links is the site of the oldest remaining golf course in the world. This nine-hole course is a relic from the

'cradle of golf' and remains as a testimony to what was the centre of Scottish golf during its greatest era. The course itself is fascinating. Unexpectedly it is on the infield of a race course, slap-bang in the middle of a horse racing track.

Rhona Cameron was born and raised in Musselburgh and is a keen golfer. For this programme she will play a round on the famous Musselburgh links course, whilst exploring the history of this famous game and considering the origins of women's golf more generally.

Producer: Kevin Dawson

A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2011.

TUE 15:00 Maria Edgeworth - The Absentee (b07b2phd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Dilemma (b03ts4fp)

Series 3

Episode 2

Sue Perkins puts Tony Law, Isy Suttie, Gemma Cairney and Tim Harford through the moral and ethical wringer.

The panellists collectively attempt to resolve dilemmas based around footballing allegiance, supermarket deliveries, getting free 4G technology and a career in statistics.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

TUE 16:30 Married (b007tm4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Relativity (m000222b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Earwig (m000pmx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rk4)

3. New Frontiers

Lazarus Long leads the families on board the colony spaceship 'New Frontiers'. Paul Birchard reads Robert Heinlein's novel.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00dnjrn)

Series 7

So What

On 2nd March 1959, Miles Davis and his sextet began recording a new album: "Kind of Blue".

The first track was "So What" and the album became the best selling Jazz album of all time.

This programme tells the stories of people whose lives have been changed by this piece of music.

Featuring:

Clemency Burton-Hill

Jonathan Eno

Estelle Kokot

Ashley Kahn

Dr Richard Niles

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosa Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

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TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b07z2j3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Earwig (m000pmx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Secret World (b03k2bt9)

Series 4

Episode 2

Sean Connery, Griff Rhys Jones, Pam Ayres, Kirsty Young,

Peter Sallis, all have one thing in common. They enjoy nothing more than coming together every week or so for a bit of bare knuckle fighting. Well, they do in the strange alternative universe that is The Secret World. The impressions show with a difference.

With Jon Culshaw, Julian Dutton, Lewis MacLeod, Jess Robinson, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

TUE 23:00 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01nxwnd)

Money

Sketches, stand-up and song in a comic exploration of money.

With Andrew Lawrence and Sara Pascoe. From November 2012.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00mgd83)

Series 5

Dave Gorman interviews Frank Skinner

Chat show in which one week's interviewee becomes the next week's interviewer.

Dave Gorman interviews Frank Skinner, asking him about his return to stand up, censorship in comedy and the merits of outdoor toilets.

WEDNESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2020

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WED 06:00 Falco (b007wpz2)

The Silver Pigs

Episode 3

Probing the illegal imports of the ingots, Roman sleuth Falco has chanced upon a sinister plot to overthrow the Emperor Vespasian. And he's also discovered the identity of Helena's ex-husband: which has made him realise the pot is much closer to home than he thought.

Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventure set in the days of the Roman Empire. Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Lenia Gillian Goodman

Petronius Ben Crowe

Decimus Robert Lister

Falco's Mother Frances Jeater

Marcia Helen Monks

Helena Fritha Goodey

Titus Jonathan Keeble

Domitian Declan Wilson

Directed in Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

WED 06:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000py8h)

3. The Executioner

MP Mark Ritchie has fled to Tangier with both MI5 and the KGB on his tail. His secretary has been killed by his exploding suitcase and his wife, Christine, is escorted to a 'safe house'. Meanwhile, his secretary's flatmate disappears.

Spy serial by Ted Willis

Joseph Gaul Allan Cuthbertson

Badayev Andrew Sachs

Christine Ritchie Annette Crosbie

Newsreader / Driver Astley Jones

Set Chief Supt Dell David Daker

Coombes Hugh Dickson

Irvine James Kerry

Operator / Secretary Madi Hedd

Willie Jim Reid

Patrick Cadwall Richard Pasco

Ray Markham / Det Sergeant Gunn Simon Hewitt

Marian Brown Thelma Whiteley

Letitia Wendy Murray

Narrator Ted Willis

Directed by Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1982.

WED 07:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln)

Series 1

Episode 4

Martin Jarvis directs the masterly comic series written by Michael Frayn, the author of Noises Off and the most comic philosophical writer of our time. The outstanding cast is led by Ian McKellen, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry, Alfred Molina, Alex Jennings and Jarvis himself.

It's an astonishing tour de force of comic imagination and satire.

Each of the four episodes reveals Frayn's infectious delight in writing between the lines of theatre, fiction, television and the media, the church, relationships - life in general.

In this final episode of the series, Joanna Lumley presents a surprising travel programme, Janie Dee and Alex Jennings have memory lapses, and the ensemble provides an unusual restaurant menu. Meanwhile, Alex Jennings fronts a manic infomercial and Gyles Brandreth chairs the TV-watching Championships, assisted by Nigel Anthony and George Blagden, Alfred Molina and Yeni Alvarez speak "international English", and Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres wonder what's really happening on the radio.

Cast:

Joanna Lumley, Alfred Molina, Yeni Alvarez, Rosalind Ayres,

Nigel Anthony, Gyles Brandreth, George Blagden, Martin

Jarvis, Lisa Dillon, Edward Bennett, Janie Dee, and Alex

Jennings.

Written by Michael Frayn.

Director: Martin Jarvis.

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

WED 07:30 The Wilsons Save the World (m000pp91)

Series 3

Marrow

Mike, high on a Good Life binge, is throwing himself properly into self-sufficiency. He's turned the front garden into a veg patch and is enjoying feeling like a massive farmer. His joy is shattered when someone starts stealing his veg. Meanwhile Max has developed an unhealthy obsession with True Crime documentaries.

Mike: Marcus Brigstocke

Max: Kerry Godliman

Cat: Aine McNamara

Lola: Jasmine Sakyama

Jennifer: Vicki Pepperdine

BMW Paul: Mike Wozniak

Writers: Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan

Producer: Suzy Grant

A BBC Studios production

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpl8)

Series 6

The Elopement

With Bill suffering heartache, can The Lad and Sid smooth the path to true love?

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Lillian Grasson, Wilfred Babbage, Fraser Kerr and Lee Crutchley. Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

WED 08:30 After Henry (b007jqj)

Series 4

Little Women

"I don't know which of the two masculine approaches is the more offensive - Gary's straight boorishness or Vernon's patronising, undervaluing gallantry".

Trying to put up a new shelf, Sarah's goes to war in the battle of the sexes.

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, Gerry Cowper as Clare, Frederick Treves as Vernon and Ian Michie as Gary.

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 February 1989.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075s3q)

Series 1

Episode 6

Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Pete Sinclair, Steve Punt, Michael White and Simon Fanshawe. From November 1998.

WED 09:30 Life in London (b011kpfk)

Mr Lushington

If Pierce can't meet his deadline, how will the audience hear about a visit to the slums, George IV's interior decorating, and a dog fighting a monkey?

Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted in six-parts by Dan Tetsell.

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Hustle Alex Macqueen

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

Pickpocket Neil Edmond

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

Jarvey Ben Graves

Bob Logic James Bachman

Fishwife Laura Shavin

Mrs Egan Alys Torrence

Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbington

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

WED 10:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07g8d11)

1. The Midnight Bell

London, 1927: Bob meets a prostitute called Jenny and Ella is invited to the theatre by Mr Eccles.

Starring Steven Pacey as Bob, Annette Badland as Ella, Emily Morgan as Jenny and John Moffatt as Ernest Eccles

Patrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy set in working class, inter-war London.

Violet.... Alice Arnold

Rex.... Christopher Good

Andy ... David Goudge

Tom ... Paul Downing

Marian Margot Boyd

Bella Joan Matheson

Ella's mother Anna Cropper

Guvnor David King

Mrs Guvnor Jo Kendall

Other parts Vincent Brimble, Brian Miller & Joan Walker

Dramatised for radio in three parts by Frederic Bradnum.

Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

WED 11:00 Neil Innes: Dip My Brain In Joy (m000py8k)

1. Bangs, Belches, Smut & Smoke

Diane Morgan celebrates the life and work of Neil Innes, the

music and comedy legend of The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band & The Rutles. A towering talent, occasionally known as the 7th Python & regularly found with a duck on his head. His legacy of music and comedy is rich, inspiring and inspired.

Neil said of his work, "Shakespeare wrote comedies as well as dramas. I'm just like Shakespeare, except with better songs."

His influence permeates modern comedy and his back catalogue is diverse and prolific. Neil wrote and performed anarchic rock with The Bonzos, he penned and performed pitch-perfect pastiches of the Beatles for The Rutles, he appeared in Monty Python and the Holy Grail and Monty Python's Life of Brian and he is one of only two non-Pythons with a writing credit on Monty Python's Flying Circus – the other being Douglas Adams. He released over 20 albums including How Sweet To Be An Idiot, Innes Book of Records, and Recycled Vinyl Blues. And on top of being comedically and musically gifted, he was also a really nice man. A beautiful, kind, gentle soul. Considered, absurd, and delightful.

Over the next three weeks, we're going to celebrate his life, work and absurdist tendencies in this three hour collage of scraps and archive. There are old interviews, performances and programmes, conversations with family, friends and fans including his wife of over fifty years Yvonne, Stephen Fry, Adrian Edmondson, Kevin Eldon, Rick Wakeman and Arthur Smith, bandmates Rodney Slater, Phil Jackson, Ken Thornton, and John Halsey (better known to Rutles fans as Barry Wom), TV producer Ian Keill, record producer Martin Lewis, studio engineer extraordinaire Steve James, musical arranger extraordinaire John Altman, and Pythons Terry Gilliam and Michael Palin.

In Part One, Bangs, Belches, Smut & Smoke, we look at Neil's early life and his musical and artistic influences. And we go out on the road, and into the recording studio, with the group of absurd young men who came together by chance, to mutilate the trad jazz movement of the 1920s, to subvert the new wave of psychedelic pop and to nurture a quite deliberate misunderstanding of anarchy - The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band. Neil died on Sunday 29th December 2019. He was 75. At the time of his death, he was working on a new album, and a project called Radio Noir, part-audio memoir, part-experimental work of art, part- exploration of the human brain and you will hear some extracts and some unreleased songs throughout the programme – that have never been broadcast. Produced by BBC Radio 4 Extra by Laura Grimshaw.

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Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre

3. Alan Bennett

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Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre. Today Hytner describes his fecund creative relationship with Alan Bennett. How they came to meet and the incredible performances they created together. He remembers fondly their highly successful play 'The History Boys', and how it was brought to life.

Written and read by Nicholas Hytner

Produced by Simon Richardson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 14:15 15 Minute Drama (b08gy165)

Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte

3. Weston

Ellie Kendrick stars in Rachel Joyce's new Anne Bronte adaptation. Agnes has been a governess in the Murray household for two years. Her charges a pair of ignorant girls. She is lonely and desperate for a friend.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Edward Weston George Watkins

Rosalie ... Keziah Joseph

Matilda Natasha Crowley

Mr Hatfield ... Luke MacGregor

Nancy Alison Belbin

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Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

WED 14:30 In Search of the Ideal Music Venue (b04hv9y4)

Trevor Cox Professor of Acoustics from Salford University goes in search of the best venues for different types of music. Trevor is fascinated by the effect that the acoustics have on the enjoyment of different types of live music. He visits various music venues and tries out their acoustics by playing his saxophone. He talks to musicians, sound engineers and experts in acoustics about the venues and the effect that their design has on the audience's enjoyment of music. He asks whether the size and shape of venues has had an effect on the way music is composed. And he travels to Finland to meet Professor Tappio Lokki who can replicate the sound of famous concert halls in his laboratory.

With contributions from acousticians Adrian James, Rob Harris and Niels Adelman-Larsen, sound engineer Derrick Zieba, and musicians Jessica Cottis and Trish Clowes.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

WED 15:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07g8d11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b0075s3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Life in London (b011kpfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b066phln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Wilsons Save the World (m000pp91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rq8d)

4. The Unknown

100,000 family members settle into their prolonged lives aboard the colony ship. Paul Birchard reads Robert Heinlein's novel.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b09tds6x)

Series 15

Unearthly

Josie Long presents short documentaries and stories about unearthly happenings - from the myths surrounding Lake Stechlin, which is said to boil whenever a major catastrophic event happens anywhere in the world, to an uneasy evening at a conference for exorcists.

Possession

Produced by Geoff Bird

Psychic Blob

Originally made for KCRW's Radio Race

Music by The Black Spot

Produced by Jeff Entman

Lake Stechlin

Featuring Jessica J Lee

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.

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WED 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b00fqbsz)

Series 2

Episode 4

A dizzy Indian ad agency, a lovesick lament to Lahore - and the blundering Bhangra Muffins.

Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Nitin Sawhney, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.

Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Sanjeev Kohli and Nina Wadia.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

WED 23:00 Great Unanswered Questions (b00txh88)

Series 2

Episode 2

The show which introduces the funny part of your brain to the intelligent part. Joining comedian Colin Murphy, scientist Dr David Booth and computer nerd Matthew Collins is Irish comedy star Neil Delamere. Who will make the most sense - the geeks or the comedians?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

WED 23:30 The Shuttleworths (b007m950)

John Shuttleworth's Open Mind

Vampires

Sheffield's premier singer-songwriter goes in search of the blood-suckers of Whitley, with Fame Academy's Alistair Griffin. From April 2006.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Wilsons Save the World (m000pp91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Falco (b007wpc1)

The Silver Pigs

Episode 4

Falco battles to discover who killed Sosia - and to unmask the plotters against the Emperor. He also discovers that true love can cross the boundaries of the strict Roman class structure...

Lindsey Davis's witty and enthralling adventure set in the days of the Roman Empire. Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Decimus Robert Lister

Publius Richard Derrington

Falco's Mother Frances Jeater

Marcia Helen Monks

Helena Fritha Goodey

Titus Jonathan Keeble

Vespasian Michael Tudor Barnes

Directed in Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 06:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q13v)

4. Reunion in Tangier

The disgraced MP Mark Ritchie has fled to a hotel in Tangier. Back in England, friends and foes are making plans to follow him there.

Spy serial written by Ted Willis

Hotel Clerk / Sweeney Alex Jennings

Badayev Andrew Sachs

Christine Ritchie Annette Crosbie

David Hume Barry Dennen

Mark Ritchie Christopher Scouler

David Hume Eric Lander

Shirley Graham Frances Jeater

Coombes Hugh Dickson

Patrick Cadwall Richard Pasco

Jules Simon Hewitt

Narrator Ted Willis

Directed by Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

THU 07:00 Safety Catch (b00vkzy1)

Series 3

Better the Devil You Know

Simon McGrath is a generally nice chap who just happens to be an arms dealer. It's not something he planned, he just fell into it, and despite all his best intentions he just doesn't seem to be able to leave because he has to pay his mortgage like everyone else. Of course his real love is electronic music and this is just a stop gap until he finds the perfect outlet for his music - okay so the gap has lasted five years but that's not the point. Once he can get himself motivated he'll be out of there and, as his ever supportive mum says, people will always want to kill each other. So that's alright then.

This series sees Simon going to some bizarre lengths to excuse his profession: his attempt at gaining redundancy when an American firm puts in a takeover bid somehow winds up with his promotion; he desperately attempts to give himself compassion fatigue so he won't have to feel guilty about all the bloodshed in the world; he unsuccessfully tries to seek forgiveness and he finally tries to self-motivate himself to sit down in front of a keyboard to compose his electronic masterpiece.

His personal life is as unsatisfactory as his work life and not

only do he and Anna have to try and find reasons why they love each other but they have to survive a visit from her parents and his mum's new job at Heathcote Sanders and, as Judith eloquently puts it, to have one member of the family working in the arms trade may be regarded as misfortune, to have two looks like genetic wickedness.

Simon McGrath Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg Joanna Page

Boris Kemal Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull Rachel Atkins

Charles John Schwab

Written by Laurence Howarth

Produced By Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m000pqdt)

Series 10

Mark Steel's Online

Mark Steel returns to Radio 4 with a short series of shows recorded during the coronavirus pandemic.

Following two COVID-friendly live outdoor episodes Mark is back for a special, one-off show performed to a remote, virtual audience where he'll be talking about some of the places he has visited over the course of 10 series of Mark Steel's in Town. He'll explore what's happened since his visits and tell us about some of the things that never made it in to the broadcast shows.

Written and performed by Mark Steel

Production co-ordinator Beverly Tagg

Sound Manager, Marc Willcox

Producer, Carl Cooper

Picture Credit, Tom Stanier

THU 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q13x)

Series 4

Episode 15

Kenneth Horne reveals 'The Kenneth Williams Story' - and 'Hornorama' probes Housing. With Betty Marsden. From January 1961.

THU 08:30 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)

Episode 5

Charles and George hire a secretary to boost their new business offering anything legal...

A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly

Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as

George, Sherrie Hewson as Belinda Bustrom and Helena Breck as the Job Applicant.

Theme music by Jim Parker

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000q140)

Series 6

Jane Austen

James Walton presides over team captains Sebastian Faulks and

John Walsh with guests Sue Limb and Joanne Harris. The

Author of the Week is Jane Austen and the reader is Beth

Chalmers.

Producer Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3lp)

Series 2

Rogue Mail

After his windfall, the curmudgeon is writing about royalty in a remote cottage. Stars Christopher Douglas. From December

2005.

THU 10:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gbpn0)

2. The Siege of Pleasure

London, 1927. Prostitute Jenny tells of her fall from grace and

Mr Eccles makes plain his feelings for Ella.

Starring Steven Pacey as Bob, Annette Badland as Ella, Emily

Morgan as Jenny and John Moffatt as Ernest Eccles

Patrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy set in working

class, inter-war London.

Rex.... Christopher Good

Andy David Goudge

MarianMargot Boyd

Bella Joan Matheson

Tom ... Paul Downing

Violet ... Alice Arnold

Prunella Elizabeth Mansfield

Guvnor David King

Mrs Guvnor Jo Kendall

Dramatised for radio in three parts by Frederic Bradnum.

Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000pw2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q13x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Falco (b007wpc1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q13v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book of the Week (b08ns9p5)

Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre

4. Pullman & Morpurgo

The inside story of twelve years at the helm of Britain's greatest theatre. It is a story of lunatic failures and spectacular successes such as The History Boys, War Horse and One Man, Two Guvnors; of opening the doors of the National Theatre to a broader audience than ever before, and changing the public's perception of what theatre is for.

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Today Hynter shows us how the seemingly impossible can become the most magical when it comes to putting animals on stage, through his productions of Philip Pullman's Dark Materials and Michael Morpurgo's War Horse.

Written and read by Nicholas Hynter

Produced by Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 4 May 2017.

THU 14:15 15 Minute Drama (b08h0656)

Agnes Grey by Anne Brontë

4. Mirth and Mourning

Ellie Kendrick stars in Rachel Joyce's new Anne Brontë

adaptation. Agnes is falling in love but she has a rival.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Edward Weston George Watkins

Rosalie ... Keziah Joseph

Matilda Natasha Cowley

Agnes Grey, Anne Brontë's debut novel, is the least known of the Brontë novels. Agnes is nineteen and determined to take care of herself - but she has no money, no connections, and no job. She isn't even very confident. So how does a young woman with nothing find her way in the world? She has to be a governess. Even if she knows little about children. And even if they treat her like dirt. As a governess, Agnes is not a part of the family and neither is she a servant. She's isolated and an outsider. This compelling drama tells the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.

Rachel Joyce had adapted all of Charlotte and now Anne's novels. An award winning writer for radio she is now a successful novelist. Her novels include The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, Perfect, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy and a collection of short stories, The Snow Garden & Other Stories.

Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

THU 14:30 Ay Mariachi (b00xmv28)

Hustling troubadours hit Mexico City by night - Neil McCarthy descends into the meaning, madness and music of mariachi.

THU 15:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gbpn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000q140)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3lp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Safety Catch (b00vkzy1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m000pqdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rsz2)

5. New World

After entering the alien temple, a colonist returns as a broken man. Paul Birchard reads Robert Heinlein's novel.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0076v1v)

Series 8

Mae West

Writer Kathy Lette chooses Hollywood's 'queen of the quip', Mae West. With Simon Louvish and Francine Stock. From 2005.

THU 19:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q13x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Falco (b007wpc1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q13v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000pw2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000pqdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Big Booth (b007k2fv)

Series 1

Episode 5

Boothby Graffoe sorts it out - with monologues and sketches.

With Simon Evans and singer Richard Thompson. From January 2000.

THU 23:00 The Kneebone Bonanza (b01rggg5)

Episode 4

The Kneebones are in serious financial trouble. Slick has been carted off to a special unit to cool his temper and Maddy finds a

long lost relative.

Maddy Alex Tregear

Loretta Amanda Lawrence

Nurse Keith Ed Gaughan

Receptionist Philippa Stanton

By Carl Grose.

Directed by Claire Grove.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

THU 23:15 Sir Henry at Rawlinson End (b00s8lgd)

The Hatching

Surreal saga of a dynasty delicately balanced on the edge of sanity. Written by and starring Viv Stanshall. From December 1996.

THU 23:30 Listen Against (b017cjmj)

Series 4

Episode 4

Listen Against is the comedy that takes the back off your radio and television, fiddles round with the programmes inside and then puts them all back the wrong way round.

Using "beautifully crafted, scalpel sharp" (Gillian Reynolds) mash-ups of current and archive programmes Listen Against creates a "sly, sharp, smart, surreal, satirical" world (Sunday Telegraph) where Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes look back in amplitude of at a week's worth of broadcasting like a media tapeworm going through a dog.

Like "the mischievous offspring of Points of View and The Day Today" (Observer) fictional listeners bombard Listen Against with fictional letters and emails complaining about half-fictional programmes while fictional guests and real life presenters (this series includes Melvyn Bragg, Jeremy Vine and Vanessa Feltz) argue with each other in "a gem of a satirical swoop at radio and television." (Guardian).

Written and created by Jon Holmes

Presented by Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes

Cast:

Kevin Eldon (Brass Eye, Big Train)

Justin Edwards (The Thick of It)

Sarah Hadland (Miranda)

James Bachman (Mitchell & Webb)

Kim Wall (Big Train, IT Crowd)

David Mara (RSC & Donmar Warehouse)

Produced by Sam Bryant.

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FRI 00:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007rsz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0076v1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Falco (b007wpcd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q13v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Book of the Week (b08ns9p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 15 Minute Drama (b08h0656)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Ay Mariachi (b00xmv28)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gpbp0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000q140)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3lp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Safety Catch (b00vkyz1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m000pqdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 VI Warshawski (b007j14z)

V.I. Warshawski - Bitter Medicine

1. Friendship

Private eye V.I. Warshawski suspects all is not well at a hospital

after a young pregnant girl dies.

Author Sara Paretsky's character is comfortable packing heat

and trailing violent suspects, without losing touch with her basic

femininity. Dramatised for radio by Michelene Wandor.

CAST:

V.I. Warshawski Sharon Gless

Fabiano Robert Harper

Bobby Mallory Bill Hootkins

Alan Humphries Chris Scott

Malcolm Tregiere Colin McFarlane

Lottie Herschel Eleanor Bron

Carol Joanna Monro

Mrs Alvarado Shirley Dixon

Consuela Teresa Gallagher

Peter Burgoyne William Dufres

Producer: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 06:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q2bi)

5. Domino

With all the main characters neatly assembled in Tangier there

are deals to be done - and Patrick Cadwall is running out of

time. Conclusion of spy drama.

Written by Ted Willis

Sweeney Alex Jennings

Bedayev Andrew Sachs

Christine Ritchie Annette Crosbie

Svanidze Barry Dennen

Mark Ritchie Christopher Scouler

Det Chief Supt Dell David Daker

David Hume Eric Lander

Shirley Graham Frances Jeater

Ronald Mills Nigel Graham

Patrick Cadwall Richard Pasco

Mrs Dunning Teresa Collard

Marian Brown Thelma Whiteley

Narrator Ted Willis

Directed by Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

FRI 07:00 Clare in the Community (b062n4nb)

Series 10

Sisters

Clare and her estranged sister are forced to co-operate with one another, in between some Sparrowhawk team lead self-defence training.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

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

Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Nali/ Megan Nina Conti

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Pippa Haywood

Simon Andrew Wincott

Libby Sarah Kendall

Joan/ Sarah Barker Sarah Thom

Scarlett Eleanor Curry

Stine Wetzel Amelia Lowdell

Hunter Neet Mohan

Dylan Elliot Steel

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Producer Alexandra Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

FRI 07:30 Dot (b0bf56gh)

Series 3

Dial M for Myrtle

By Ed Harris

Dark doings in the War Rooms as a suspicious death leaves the gals from personnel with no options other than to investigate.

Comic adventures in Ed Harris' witty and quirky wartime comedy.

Director Sasha Yevtushenko.

FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b018tx2t)

Operation Cowes Barge

HMS Troubridge heads to the Isle of Wight and Captain Povey

needs a favour from the crew.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding

Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral, Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey, Michael Bates as Rear

Admiral Ironbridge and Norma Ronald as Belinda.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troubridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen

series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman and George Evans.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1971.

FRI 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jpxr)

Series 2

Assemblies

A new term sees radical plans for assembly. But where have

half the children gone? Stars Peter Davison. From February

1987.

FRI 09:00 Wordaholics (b04jpn3)

Series 3

Episode 5

Stand up comedians Lloyd Langford, Holly Walsh and Paul

Sinha and novelist and classicist Natalie Haynes join chair

Gyles Brandreth for the panel game for word fans.

Today's Letter of the week is the sinuous letter 'S'. Lloyd

Langford has to work out what the Victorian term 'Smothering

a parrot' meant. Natalie Haynes works out what a 'Saint Giles

Carpet' was. Holly Walsh works out what she'd be doing in the

1700s if she were to ride on 'Shank's mare'. And Paul Sinha

works out what a 'spermlonger' is.

In a round about portmanteau words Natalie is asked what a

'chork' is; Holly a 'geep'; Paul 'smirting' and Lloyd a

'flexitarian'.

Next the panellists are asked to guess the meaning of some

foreign words which have no direct equivalent in English. Lloyd

tries to guess the meaning of the Central American word

'chaquetor' and Holly works out what the Chilean phrase 'pagar

el piso' means.

The panel then try and ban the words which drive them most

mad including 'foodie' and 'chillax'.

Finally they try and decipher what the long-forgotten words from the early 1600s are: 'mulct', 'matrice', 'pistated' and 'obnubilate'.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Producer: Claire Jennes.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

FRI 09:30 Bookcases (b00sxt6h)

Series 1

The Man in White

London 1858: A little bored by Gerald, Cordelia is having fun with the novelist Wilkie Collins, who's having a spell of writer's block with The Woman in White.

Primus has the answer...or does he?

A four-part comedy written by Martyn Wade.

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Wilkie Collins David Timson

Simeon Charles Simpson

George Eliot David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 10:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gcj61)

3. The Plains of Cement

London, 1927. Bob gives Jenny an ultimatum and Ella confronts

Mr Eccles.

Starring Steven Pacey as Bob, Annette Badland as Ella, Emily

Morgan as Jenny

and John Moffatt as Ernest Eccles

Patrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy set in working

class, inter-war London.

Ella's mother Anna Cropper

Prosser Geoffrey Whitehead

Prunella Elizabeth Mansfield

Sammy Tina Marian

Andy ... David Goudge

Guvnor David King

Mrs Guvnor Jo Kendall

Other parts Donald Gee, Michael Kilgariff & Marcia King

Dramatised for radio in three parts by Frederic Bradnum.

Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000q2bn)

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

FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b018tx2t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q2bi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book of the Week (b08ns9w1)

Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre

5. 50 Years

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Leigh, Daniel Day-Lewis, Michael Gambon and Helen Mirren. Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate

exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre. Today Hynter looks back at the birth of NT Live and recalls

The National's 50th Anniversary commemorations. Written and read by Nicholas Hynter

Produced by Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

FRI 14:15 15 Minute Drama (b08h0c9f)

Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte

5. Seaside

Ellie Kendrick stars in Rachel Joyce's new adaptation of Anne

Bronte's debut novel. Agnes's father is seriously ill so she

returns home with a heavy heart.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey

Edward Weston George Watkins

Rosalie Keziah Joseph

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Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

FRI 14:30 State of Grace (b045y41s)

The girls' name Grace fell out of fashion in the 1930s but has recently become very popular again. The journalist Grace Dent sets out to discover what makes her name – and the notion – so captivating, by exploring the modern state of grace.

Grace's Nan once told her she was related to real-life Victorian heroine, Grace Darling. It was the first time Grace sensed her name had enviable properties, after years of wanting to be called Joanne.

The word 'grace' is associated with more than twenty different meanings and phrases. Many are theological, but one early definition – of pleasing quality – suggests Grace has some work to do if she wants to achieve the standards inherent in her name. She's not entirely sure she does.

From Greek mythology to Grace Jones, via philosophical reasoning and a morning at The Royal Ballet, Grace reflects on the modern merits of charm, poise and elegance as she searches for inner calm and acceptance in a more secular age.

With contributions from Olivia 'damegrace' Cowley, a soloist with The Royal Ballet; names expert, Carole Hough; Grace Kelly fan and film studies academic, Stella Bruzzi; philosophy professor Miranda Fricker; and Grace Maxwell, whose memoir *Falling and Laughing* documents the recovery of her husband Edwyn from a near-fatal brain haemorrhage.

Producer: Nick Baker

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2014.

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FRI 17:30 Dot (b0bf56gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Methuselah's Children by Robert A Heinlein (b007s5dq)

6. The Secret

Heartbroken Lazarus Long's thoughts begin to turn to home on Earth. Paul Birchard concludes Robert Heinlein's novel.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b008kj7x)

Fatherhood

Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series.

Fatherhood

BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson became a father for the third time at the age of 61. He joins writer Will Cohu, a self-confessed middle-class would-be super dad, and charity worker Shaun Bailey, determined to defy the negative stereotype of a black father, to discuss the challenges of modern fatherhood.

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FRI 20:30 Ted Willis - The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q2bl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000q2bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Dot (b0bf56gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 What The Future? (b04pshdr)

Series 1

Drugs

Britain, in a desperate attempt to look fashionable, legalises marijuana.

Soon her majesty the Queen lights up the first ceremonial joint on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Now perpetually stoned, politicians legalise other drugs to perk us all up a bit. But soon a drug addled nation turns to beat poetry, henge sell-offs and injury claims to fund its habit.

Kirsty Wark presents a documentary from the future... Starring Nadia Kamil, Geoffrey McGivern, Kieran Hogson, and Alistair McGowan. With Alice Scott-Gemmill, Max Olesker and Jane Slavin.

Recorded 30 years from now, *What the Future* plunges into the world of tomorrow and investigates how decisions and actions concerning the current topics of today could have massive repercussions on our later lives. Dealing with issues ripped from the headlines, torn from the news agenda and hacked to shreds from Facebook feeds, *WTF* investigates how a single alteration now could create a chain reaction that permanently compromises the future for all.

Written by Madeleine Brettingham, Steve Burge and Dale Shaw.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

FRI 23:00 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme

(b03qf2rn)

Series 2

Medicine

Comedian Tim Key grapples with the concept of medicine by telling poems. He also attempts to cure his guitarist, Tom Basden, of an ailment.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

With Tom Basden.

Produced by James Robinson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

FRI 23:15 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00snqqs)

Series 2

Normal Sleep

The cartoonist searches for the secret meaning of life, said to be written on a sausage. Stars Paul McCrink. From March 2003.

FRI 23:30 My Teenage Diary (b07j4qx6)

Series 7

Chris Packham

Naturalist Chris Packham reads from the nature diaries he kept as a teenager, and is interviewed by Rufus Hound about his formative years – which were mostly spent up trees, looking for birds.

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.