

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2020

SAT 00:00 The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (b00vfjsh)

5. Desperation
Will spy hero Lucifer Box reach cult leader Olympus Mons' Satanic lair, deep beneath the Swiss Alps, in time to prevent the sacrifice of the "perfect victim"?
Mark Gatiss concludes his own fiendishly gripping adventure.
Abridged by David Jackson Young.
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00cm9p8)

50 Ways To Leave Your Lover
Dominic Arkwright, Catherine Townsend, Neil McCormick and Kathy Lette discuss the tricky art of romantic bust-up.
From 2008.

SAT 01:00 VI Warshawski (b007j17g)

Bitter Medicine
6. Public Health
With her murder probe expanding, private detective V.I. Warshawski opts to employ some unusual methods in an attempt to trap the perpetrators.
Sharon Gless stars in the conclusion of Sara Paretsky's thriller.
Dramatised by Micheline Wandor

V.I. Warshawski Sharon Gless

Lottie Herschel Eleanor Bron

Bobby Mallory Bill Hootkins

Peter Burgoyne William Dufries

Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale

Sal/Nurse Alice Arnold

Mrs Rodriguez/Nurse/Woman Ann Beach

Alan Humphries Christopher Scott

Dick John Sharian

Max Jonathan Adams

Producer: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

SAT 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007ytww)

Murder on the Orient Express
Episode 5

Time is against Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot as he battles to unmask the murderer aboard the Orient Express.

John Moffatt stars as Hercule Poirot in the conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc André Maranne

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Princess Dragmifroff Sian Phillips

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Siriol Jenkins

Colonel Arbutnot Stephen Hodson

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

MacQueen James Telfer

Fraulein Schmidt Linda Polan

Music composed and played by Michael Haslam

From the book published in 1934 and dramatised by Michael

Bakewell

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

SAT 02:00 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y8c)

5. Corporate Hospitality
Ronnie comes up from down under, and gets a second wind.
One of Britain's best loved comedy stars recalls life after the Two Ronnies, with corporate gigs and OBES.

Written and concluded by Ronnie Corbett.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

SAT 02:15 EV Crowe - I Confess (b08n4hmc)

Anna
Four important people didn't turn up to Henry and Anna's engagement party, and Henry's been to see them all, as Anna wanted him to. They've blamed the way he's treated them in the past, but he swears he's changed.

However on his return home Anna, filled with misgivings and unnecessarily worried about an important exam, has told Henry that she doesn't want to marry him anymore.

It's time for Henry to choose who he wants to be...

The conclusion of EV Crowe's drama about one man's

investigation into himself.

Henry Lee Ross

Anna Kate O'Flynn

Miranda Jill Halfpenny

Gemma Karla Crome

Director: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SAT 02:30 Ladybird, Ladybird (b00765nt)

The story of a publishing phenomenon - and the last vestiges of a 1950s childhood.

Ladybird Books summons up ankle socks, sleeveless fairisle pullovers and days of innocence.

But as the Loughborough based company closes down its Midlands operation and is swallowed up by Penguin - it's the end of an era.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Lindsay Leonard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

SAT 03:00 DH Lawrence - Women in Love (b007k1yl)

Moonlight
Rupert proposes, but this decisive action leads to more questions rather than answers.
Starring Clare Holman, Stellaonet, Douglas Hodge and Nicholas Farrell.

DH Lawrence's passionate novel was first published in 1920

Ursula Clare Holman

Gudrun Stellaonet

Gerald Douglas Hodge

Rupert Nicholas Farrell

Hermione Geraldine Fitzgerald

Mr. Brangwen Christopher Scott

Winnie Tracy Wiles

Mrs Critch Ann Beech

Mr Critch Norman Bird

With Shirley Dixon, Rebecca Wright, Robert Harper and Gillian Goodman

Dramatised by Elaine Feinstein.

Music composed by Anthea Gomez.

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.

SAT 04:00 Wordaholics (b04kf5zv)

Series 3

Episode 6

Irish comic Ed Byrne, Tasmanian stand up and art expert Hannah Gadsby, punmaster general Milton Jones and classics boffin Natalie Haynes vie for word supremacy.

Gyles Brandreth is in the chair.

The letter of the week is 'Z'.

The panellists must coin their own topynyms and they also have to guess which foreign words are edible.

There's a chance to add their own new word to the dictionary, before they delve into 'A Dictionary of Americanisms' from 1848.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

SAT 04:30 Bookcases (b00szhvl)

Series 1

The Prosser Prize

London 1858: Primus is determined that Spavin and Spavin's entry should win this distinguished literary award, even if it means seducing the sponsors.

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

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Simeon Charles Simpson

Mrs Prosser Frances Jeater

Prosser Geoffrey Whitehead

Thackeray David Antrobus

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 05:00 Clare in the Community (b063drgb)

Series 10

Things That Go Bump in the Day

The Sparrowhawk team are forced to work together to overcome a little problem they discover in the office. Lead by Clare, they're thinking outside the box...

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/ 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

Producer Alexandra Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SAT 05:30 Dot (b0bfxw6l)

Series 3

Dig for Victory!

The very idea of the 'countryside' fills Dot with horror, so when she finds herself recruited by the Women's Land Army to work the land, she sets about planning a great escape.

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

Millicent Jane Slavin

Grimribbling Stephen Hogan

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

SAT 06:00 Tony Mulholland - Conan Doyle's Strangest Case (b063jp8z)

Tony Mulholland's play tells the true story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's obsession with a miscarriage of justice.

Starring Peter Jeffrey as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Convinced that George Edalji has been wrongly convicted of a

shocking crime, Doyle assumes the mantle of his famous

detective Sherlock Holmes and sets out to solve the case...

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ... Peter Jeffrey

Kathleen Moriarty ... Frances Jeater

George Edalji ... Kim Wall

Shapurji ... Kaleem Janjua

Anson ... Richard Avery

Campbell ... Terry Pearson

Disturnal ... Terry Molloy

Vachell ... Gerry Hinks

Other parts played by Roger Hume, Tina Gray, Simon Carter,

Daphne Neville, Alex Jones, Pat Quayle and Sheila Kelley.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b06s9dlw)

Series 38

Alvin Hall chooses James Baldwin

Alvin Hall is the friendly face of financial reality, lecturing, writing and broadcasting on the subject of managing money. But he is also passionately interested in fine art, music and literature, and his nomination for a Great Life is that of writer

and Civil Rights activist, James Baldwin.

Baldwin was born in 1924 in Harlem and his achievements in overcoming a difficult start in life were prodigious. For much of his life he lived outside the United States, returning in the

late 1950s to support the nascent Civil Rights movement, though the Movement itself had some problems with his homosexuality. Throughout his life he continued to write about

the experiences of being black in 20th century America and is now widely regarded as the pre-eminent African-American writer of the century.

Dr Douglas Field of the University of Manchester, who has written several books on James Baldwin, discusses Baldwin's life and achievements with Alvin and with Matthew Parris.

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 08:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m0mb4)

Series 2

Episode 1

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry

pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by

Mary Anne Hobbs and Dave Gorman, who also reveal their

favorite most bizarre musical moment.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 08:30 Life in London (b011q9fw)

High and Low Life

Pierce Egan is reduced to pawing himself.

He talks his way out of this bind by relating the adventures of

Tom, Bob and Jerry as they drink with the lower orders in the

East End, dance with high society up West and attend a

masquerade, where Jerry is smitten by a serial seductress...

Starring Greg Wise and Mark Gatiss.

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

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

Pickpocket Neil Edmond

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

With James Bachman, Neil Edmond, Morwenna Banks, Giles

Taylor and Alys Torrance.

Original music by Ben Walker

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 09:00 Floating In Space (b073bhqc)

Grab your space suit, climb on board and get ready for take-off,

as BBC Radio 4 Extra blasts off for an adventure into space!

With a three hour flight time - from launch, to spacewalk,

touchdown on the Moon and Mars, before crashing back to

earth.

Samira Ahmed (Radio and TV presenter, childhood space

obsessive) is our captain, navigating the course through a rich

mix of space themed radio dramas, readings and comedies.

Along the way, we explore the cultural influence of the space

race, examine the highs and lows of life as an astronaut, and see

just why the limitless possibilities of radio makes it the perfect

medium to capture the vastness of space.

Samira opens her communication channels to sci-fi writer

Simon Guerrier - and producer Dirk Maggs, who reveals why

Space makes for such good radio.

Samira also takes some giant leaps of her own in an astronaut's

space suit.

Our flight plan includes:

* The opening episode of Charles Chilton's ground breaking

'Journey In To Space'

* Alexey Leonov's first ever space walk in 'Two Sides Of The

Moon'

* Astronaut Kathryn Thornton on the solitude of space in the documentary 'Alone'
 * A reimagining of man landing the moon in 'One Small Step'.
 * Helen Keen looks at our obsession with travelling to Mars in 'It Is Rocket Science'.
 * Stephen Baxter heads to Mars in Dirk Maggs produced 'Voyage'
 * Chris Hadfield's nail-biting return from his biography 'An Astronaut's Guide To Life On Earth'.
 Along the way - extra insight with selected moments from 'Soul Music', 'Just A Minute', Nick Mohammed's 'Apollo 21', 'Saturday Live' and 'A Night With Helen Sharman'.
 So assume your launch position, this mission is set to take off in 5...4...3...2...1.....

SAT 12:00 Genius (b0076vc0)

Series 2

Johnny Vegas

From a robotic dog to friendly car horns.

Dave Gorman asks comedian and actor Johnny Vegas to select the public's best loopy idea
 Series in which award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SAT 12:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv61)

Series 3

Episode 1

Ad man Ken Handley snags a leggy model to spy on the work of a rival agency.

Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

Sandy Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Ambrose Paul Jesson

April Shelley Thompson

Hedley Robert Longden

Mr Cheater James Griffiths

With Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, David Tate, Sally

Grace, Enn Reitel and Anton Rogers.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

SAT 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b007yn6z)

Murder on the Orient Express

Episode 1

A train departs, but one person aboard the Orient Express is destined never to arrive.

Speeding through the snowy European landscape, a bizarre and terrible murder brings the train to an abrupt halt.

The high-class carriages are packed with passengers and one of them - Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot - soon realises the challenge that awaits him...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

From the book published in 1934 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Princess Dragmifoff Sian Phillips

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Mr Ratchett Joss Ackland

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Colonel Arbutnot Stephen Hodson

MacQueen James Telfer

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Hardman John Church

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Sirlol Jenkins

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

The Taurus Express Guard Vic Tablian

The Hotel Clerk Kevork Malikyan

Pianist: Michael Haslam

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007yp1g)

Murder on the Orient Express

Episode 2

The Orient Express is trapped in a snowdrift and in one compartment, a man lies murdered. Fortunately Hercule Poirot is aboard the train.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

MacQueen James Telfer

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Pianist: Michael Haslam

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 14:00 Hercule Poirot (b007yrng)

Murder on the Orient Express

Episode 3

Hercule Poirot has discovered the murder victim has a "past" - and is convinced that the murderer is still aboard the train.
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Princess Dragmifoff Sian Phillips

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Sirlol Jenkins

Colonel Arbutnot Stephen Hodson

Hardman John Church

Pianist: Michael Haslam

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 14:30 Hercule Poirot (b007ys7n)

Murder on the Orient Express

Episode 4

Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot discovers that someone aboard the train is lying to him.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Fraulein Schmidt Linda Polan

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Sirlol Jenkins

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

Pianist: Michael Haslam

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 15:00 Hercule Poirot (b007ytww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00zshnn)

Rageh Omaar and Stephanie Calman
 Journalist and writer Rageh Omaar, author and founder of the badmothersclub.com Stephanie Calman and presenter Sian Williams discuss three very different books by JRR Tolkien, Elisabeth Sanxay Holding and Emma Donoghue.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Publisher: Harper Collins Childrens

The Blank Wall by Elisabeth Sanxay Holding

Publisher: Persephone Books

Room by Emma Donoghue

Publisher: Picador

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SAT 16:00 Tony Mulholland - Conan Doyle's Strangest Case (b063jp8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b06s9dlw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Bram Stoker - Dracula (b04y9dlb)

1. No One

Bram Stoker's disturbing vampire tale of horror, re-imagined by Rebecca Lenkiewicz.

Nicky Henson stars as Count Dracula.

An all action adventure story, with ghosts, ghouls, lunatics, and seriously gripping chase sequences.

Narrated by various characters with different 'takes' on the progress of the story

A thrilling ride through the dark psyche of Victorian England dramatised in two parts.

Count Dracula Nicky Henson

Dr Seward Charles Edwards

Renfield Don Gilet

Jonathan Harker Michael Shelford

Mina Murray Ellie Kendrick

Lucy Westenra Scarlett Brookes

Dr Van Helsing John Duggall

Arthur Joe Sims

Landlord's Wife Christine Absalom

Driver Robert Blythe

Simmons Patrick Brennan

Vampires Sarah Thom, Ellie Crook & Stephanie Racine

Child Harper Bone

Singer Adriana Frestou

Director: Jessica Drumgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

SAT 19:00 Floating In Space (b073bhqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Night Fry (b00936hz)

Episode 5

Stephen Fry shares some fishy thoughts as he serves up more witty banter and sketches.

With Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent, Emma Thompson and her mother Phyllida Law.

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 (b00mjrxp)

Series 3

Episode 4

Interviewed 'in depth' by Cleaners' Weekly (incorporating The Scrubbers' Gazette), cleaner Eva Tattle manages to offend the entire museum in the process...

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

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecombe Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosey Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle Kjukia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pgjbt)

Series 2

Outlaws

Twm Sion Cati, Jesse James and Bartholomew Roberts.

Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.

With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.

Producer: Sharif Shahwan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2012.

SAT 23:30 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0081cbz)

Science and Progress

Humans like to think that even if evolution has dealt them a neat hand, they have made their own luck through their mastery of science and technology.

But many things, including penicillin and the light bulb, have been discovered accidentally.

A spoof exploration of the fascinating subject of human evolution.

Starring Chris Addison.

With Professor Austin Herring (aka Geoffrey McGivern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Written by Chris Addison and Carl Cooper.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2020**SUN 00:00 Bram Stoker - Dracula (b04y9dlb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b007yn6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007yp1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Hercule Poirot (b007yrng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Hercule Poirot (b007ys7n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Hercule Poirot (b007ytww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00zshnn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Tony Mulholland - Conan Doyle's Strangest Case (b063jp8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b06s9dlw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (Omnibus) (m000qcf9)

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars relates his life and times.

Omnibus of five programmes written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Born in Edinburgh, Ronnie recalls early life with his determined parents.

After school, Ronnie wants to be an actor - and it's National Service which leads him to meet others with similar aspirations...

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000qcf9)

Jamie Redknapp

Former footballer and pundit Jamie Redknapp chooses 'Easy' by The Commodores and The Notorious B.I.G. - Juicy.

SUN 07:20 I Confess by EV Crowe (Omnibus) (b08ns8fs)

One man's investigation into himself.

Police officers Henry and Anna are getting married, but their engagement party hasn't gone as planned...

Five part omnibus drama from award-winning writer EV Crowe.

Henry Lee Ross

Anna Kate O'Flynn

Miranda Jill Halfpenny

Gemma Karla Crome

EV Crowe won the Imison Award for the best debut radio drama in 2015 with HOW TO SAY GOODBYE PROPERLY, about a girl growing up in an army family.

Her first play KIN was nominated for the Most Promising

Playwright at the London Evening Standard Awards, her second Royal Court play, 'Hero' was part of the Olivier Award winning Season in the Theatre Upstairs. THE SEWING GROUP followed in 2016.

Other theatre work includes plays for Cardboard Citizens, the RSC and The Unicorn. TV includes GLUE for E4 and COMING UP for Channel 4.

Director: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SUN 08:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000qcff)

Series 1

The Bishop Pays a Visit

The Bishop's plan to embarrass the Dean backfires.

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

Adapted from their TV script by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.

The Archdeacon Robertson Hare

The Bishop William Mervyn

The Bishop's Chaplain Derek Nimmo

The Dean John Barron

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

SUN 09:00 Spike Milligan (b04vd21s)

The Naughty Navy Show

Spike Milligan's one-off festive show

Co-starring:

John Bird

Bernard Miles

Bob Todd

Phillipe Le Bars

Roddy Maude-Roxby

Music from Alan Clare's Naughty Navy Quartet.

Recorded before an audience of students at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. By permission of the Admiral President, Rear-Admiral P U. Bayley C.B.D.S.C.

Written by Spike Milligan.

Producer: Charles Chilton

Audio courtesy of The Goon Show Preservation Society.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1965.

SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b0081rcb)

Series 2

The Speech

Curmudgeonly Ed is speech ghost-writing and tries to fund his daughter's wedding.

Welcome back to the comical world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Featuring:

Stephanie Cole

John Fortune

Martin Hyder

Philip Jackson

Rita May

Geoffrey McGivern

Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Sally Grace

Geoffrey Whitehead

Tom Colebrook

Alice Lowe

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000q940)

Absent Friends

Harold Evans

From Bach to Vivaldi

Campaigning journalist and editor Harold Evans shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

One of the great campaigning journalists of all time, as editor of The Northern Echo in the 1960s - Harold Evans argued the case for cervical smear tests for women.

At The Sunday Times, he highlighted the problems of the Thalidomide children.

When Rupert Murdoch bought The Times he was given the job of editor and then sacked.

After writing a book which decried how a newspaper changes when the owner becomes editorially involved, he left for America where he lives a life of apparent glamour, with his wife, magazine editor Tina Brown.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)

Series 1

Dragons

What did Sir David do when he was confronted by a ten-foot-long grey-scaled reptile, with a long yellow forked tongue whipping in and out of its mouth?

He didn't run and, in fact, was one of the first to film it: the Komodo dragon.

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

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0002rnx)

Series 5

Playing God

When people are dying and you can only save some, how do you choose? Maybe you save the youngest. Or the sickest.

Maybe you even just put all the names in a hat and pick at random. Would your answer change if a sick person was standing right in front of you?

In this episode, we follow New York Times reporter Sheri Fink as she searches for the answer. In a warzone, a hurricane, a church basement, and an earthquake, the question remains the same. What happens, what should happen, when humans are forced to play god?

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.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000qcfj)

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats - 1/2

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects part one of TS Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.

On Christmas Day 1937, nearly two years before book publication, five of TS Eliot's Practical Cats poems were broadcast as readings by Geoffrey Tandy on BBC Radio. The Radio Times wrote:

'For some time past Mr Eliot has been amusing and instructing the offspring of some of his friends in verse on the subject of cats. These poems are not the kind that have been usually associated with his name'.

Now one of our greatest actors, Oscar-winning Jeremy Irons revisits the original five poems along with the further ten which make up the Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.

You'll hear much-loved familiar characters like Growltiger, Mungojerrie, Rumpelteazer, Old Deuteronomy, Mr

Mistoffelees, Macavity Gus and Skimbleshanks. These notorious cats lurk in shadows, baffle Scotland Yard, dance by the light of the moon and who must not be woken. They're found on trains, in the theatre, in the high street. They juggle, sleep, conjure, are curious and bore - but all show another side of one of our most important British poets.

TS Eliot's poems have been enjoyed by many in Andrew Lloyd Webbers' musical Cats, but here we return to the poems without any music and celebrate the inventiveness in the original words.

* The Naming of Cats

* Skimbleshanks The Railway Cat

* Growltiger's Last Stand

* The Rum Tum Tugger

* The Song of the Jellicles

* Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer

* Old Deuteronomy

* Of the Awefull Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles

* Mr Mistoffelees

* Macavity: The Mystery Cat

Directed at BBC Salford by Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SUN 12:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tlfsr)

Series 1

Music

Paul Sinha looks through all of human history and examines how we came to be where we are.

In this edition, he takes as his starting point Dolly Parton's standout performance at the 2014 Glastonbury Festival.

How did 120,000 people in a Somerset field, plus many millions more at home, come to be watching a 68-year-old woman from Tennessee on a Sunday afternoon?

The story inevitably takes in a Haitian rebellion, Slovenian hunting, Scottish whisky, Italian electronics and the American son of a Russian farmer who didn't like music. Because nothing and no-one exists in a vacuum.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

SUN 13:00 Unsuitable Men With Familiar Smiles (Omnibus) (b07grp8f)

Christine has hidden her past from her family.

But now she must reveal her extraordinary history of relationships with unsuitable men and their adventures together.

These will feature the jazz scene, the Profumo Affair, Rome and her biggest - and most surprising - secret!

But she starts with the Queen's Coronation and the kidnapping of a very important horse...

Written by Caroline and David Stafford.

Omnibus of five episodes.

Christine Eleanor Bron

Sally Tracy Wiles

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000qcfj)

Jodie Prenger

Actress and singer Jodie Prenger chooses 'D.I.S.C.O.' by

Ottawan and 'Both Sides Now' by Joni Mitchell.

SUN 14:20 A House Full of Daughters by Juliet Nicolson (Omnibus) (b078mfx)

Juliet Stevenson reads Juliet Nicolson's journey through seven generations of women.

These include her Flamenco dancing great great grandmother Pepita, her grandmother Vita Sackville West and her mother Philippa - all of whom have shaped and formed, in extraordinary ways, exactly who she has become today.

Journey through the slums of 19th century Malaga to the political elite of Washington, from English boarding schools during the second world war, to London in the 60s and New

York in the 80s.

It's one woman's investigation into how her past forms and informs her future.

Omnibus of five parts.

Producer: Celia De Woolf -

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

SUN 15:30 This Are 2-Tone (b009pdfz)

Back in the 1980s bands like the Specials, the Beat, Madness and the Selector created a new sound born from a blend of punk, reggae and ska.

Phill Jupitus investigates the social importance of 2 Tone music in Britain.

Featuring:

Pauline Black

Neville Staple

Ranking Roger

Woody Barson

Mike Barson

Les Black

Jerry Dammers

Producer: Geoff Bird

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

SUN 16:00 Thornton Wilder - The Bridge of San Luis Rey (b09z66fd)

"Either we live by accident and die by accident, or we live by plan and die by plan."

The finest bridge in all Peru collapses and five people plunge to their deaths.

An eyewitness sets himself the task of explaining why it was the fate of those five to die...

Annette Badland stars in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel

Dramatised by Judith Adams.

Madre Maria del Pilar ... Annette Badland

Uncle Pio ... Michael Feast

Jaime / Boy ... Frederick Forge

Brother Juniper / Captain Alvarado ... Robert Glenister

Esteban / Manuel ... Tom Goodman-Hill

Pepita / Dona Clara ... Jasmine Hyde

Camila, la Perichole... Helen McCrory

Marquesa de Montemayor ... Sian Phillips

Director: Gaynor MacFarlane.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000qcfj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tlfsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (b007xrxt)

3. Dark Forces

Both fighting for the affections of the beautiful Katrina Van Tassel, the rivalry between Ichabod Crane and Brom Bones continues apace.

And now it seems that supernatural forces are about to get involved.

Washington Irving's supernatural classic about two love rivals and a headless horseman:

Concluded by Martin Jarvis.

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

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 Alex Barr - Futures (b099b3x4)

Torn between his wife and his mistress, Conrad seeks the help of a fortune-teller.

But she prophesies far more than he bargained for...

Mark Buffrey stars in Alex Barr's dark tale.

Conrad Mark Buffrey

Miriam Jenny Funnell

Doreen Mia Soteriou

Singer John Telfer

Quack Brian Gear

Vendor 1 Rex Holdsworth

Vendor 2 Hubert Tucker

Stranger Laurence Payne

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller

First broadcast in Thirty-Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in April 1984.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m0002rnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Thornton Wilder - The Bridge of San Luis Rey (b09z66fd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000q940)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tlfsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

From Scythians to Shakespeare
From the Scythians to the Crusades.
The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.
Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
With guest star Juliet Stevenson.
Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.
With thanks to
Patrick Barlow
Jim Broadbent
Martin Duncan
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.
SUN 22:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0bnv2s7)
Series 2
Episode 4
John Hegley performs poems and songs, with musical accompaniment from Nigel Piper and the Popticians.
This episode includes poems dedicated to Bonfire Night and not waving, plus a surreal adventure in a Tardis-like kennel. From September 1998.
SUN 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00gs2nj)
Series 3
Natural Science
The birds and the bees, blue plaques and the human body all on show this week. With Marcus Brigstocke. From August 2006.
SUN 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rgpbw)
Series 1
Gold Card
John Weak puts the man into management.
He's randy, devious, sexist and drink-sodden, a high-powered marketing director with the morals of a skunk, the skin of a rhino and the brain of a one-celled organism.
Series 1 of Guy Browning's sitcom.
Starring Alexander Armstrong as John Weak, Clare Perkins as Hayley, Geoffrey Whitehead as Sir Marcus, Ron Cook as Bill Peters, Ewan Bailey as Tim Smallwood and Colleen Prendergast as Debbie.
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

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MON 00:00 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (b007xrtx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Alex Barr - Futures (b099b3x4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Unsuitable Men With Familiar Smiles (Omnibus) (b07grp8f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000qcf1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]
MON 02:20 A House Full of Daughters by Juliet Nicolson (Omnibus) (b0788mfx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 This Are 2-Tone (b009pdfz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Thornton Wilder - The Bridge of San Luis Rey (b09z66fd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000qcfj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04tlfsr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Wimsey (b00s8kxl)
Have His Carcase
1. The Evidence of the Corpse
When crime author Harriet Vane finds a body, debonair sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey investigates.
Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey.
Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.
Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
Harriet Vane Maria Aitken
Inspector Umpelty Nigel Stock
Haviland Martin Warren Clarke
Mrs. Weldon Isabel Dean
Julian Perkins Richard O'Callaghan
Saunders John Webb
Mr. Hearn Alexander John
Narrator John Westbrook
British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have His Carcase was first published in 1932.
Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1981.
MON 06:30 Cadfael (b007k2mr)
Monk's Hood

1. Troubled Times
The year is 1138, and Brother Cadfael, herbalist of Shrewsbury Abbey, is asked to supply a healing potion for a sick monk.
But monk's hood oil can kill as well as cure....
Ellis Peters' medieval thriller stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.
Sir Michael Hordern is the narrator.
From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael dramatised in five-parts by Bert Coules.
Narrator Sir Michael Hordern
Brother Cadfael Phillip Madoc
Brother Mark Ian Targett
Prior Robert Geoffrey Whitehead
Brother Rees Norman Jones
Rishildis Burnel Pat Heywood
Father Heribert Timothy Bateson
Elfrick Mark Straker
Maerreg Kenneth Price
Aldith Jane Whittenshaw
Brother Edmund Timothy Carlton
Brother Petrus Fraser Kerr
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.
MON 07:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b083mrvf)
Series 1
Beef Olives
Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's comedy, set in a 1960s' bedsitter - inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.
In this opening episode, Trisha embarks on bedsit life, determined to make it as a get-ahead girl about town.
Trisha.....Beattie Edmondson
Deepak.....Nikesh Patel
June.....Alison Belbin
Len.....John Bowler
Tony.....John Dougall
Katharine Whitehorn.....Karen Bartke
Director: Emma Harding.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.
MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000q3gr)
Series 73
Huddersfield Town Hall
Tim Brooke-Taylor's final recording of Radio 4's 'antidote to panel games' comes from Huddersfield's Town Hall and see Tim and Rachel Parris pitched against Tony Hawks and Marcus Brigstocke, with Jack Dee in the chair. At the piano - Colin Sell.
The programme was recorded in March this year.
Producer - Jon Naismith.
It is a BBC Studios production.
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
Series 1
The Economist
Fuming Harold decides their rag and bone business needs more bite.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
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 featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H. Corbett
With Ian Burford.
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 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nbzs8)
Series 2
Work and Travel
Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue look at work and travel, plus "Missing Persons".
Series 2 of Bill Dare's sitcom stars Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.
Mike Robert Duncan
Sue Jan Ravens
With Roger Blake, Bill Dare, Alistair McGowan and Sally Phillips.
Music by Mark Burton.
Producer: Jo Clegg
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b0075xyh)
Petworth House
Check out your chattels and hang on to your heirlooms!
Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz from some of England's finest country houses.
Starting at Petworth House in West Sussex – there are mystery objects, several hidden treasures from the house itself and valuations.
With Eric Knowles and Bunny Campione.
Producer: Annie Bristow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.
MON 09:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (m00016s2)
Series 2
Tom Cobb or Fortune's Toy
Tom Cobb is engaged to Matilda O'Fipp - but the course of true

love never runs smooth.
Jonathan Coy stars as WS Gilbert in the second series of his short stories dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.
WS Gilbert Jonathan Coy
Tom Cobb Bertie Carvel
Matilda O'Fipp Sarah Corbett
Colonel O'Fipp Stephen Hogan
Tim Whipple James Howard
Caroline Effingham Bella Merlin
Bulstrode Jason Chan
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.
MON 10:00 DH Lawrence - Women in Love (b007k1zw)
Mountain Snows
A looming tragedy cements the future of Rupert, Gerald, Ursula and Gudrun.
Starring Clare Holman, Stella Gonet, Douglas Hodge and Nicholas Farrell.
The conclusion of DH Lawrence's 1920s passionate novel.
Ursula Clare Holman
Gudrun Stella Gonet
Gerald Douglas Hodge
Rupert Nicholas Farrell
Loerke Keith Drinkel
Pussum Sunny Ormonde
Halliday John Webb
Mrs Critch Ann Beech
Mr Brangwen Christopher Scott
Mrs Brangwen Gillian Goodman
With Robert Harper and Steven Critchlow
Dramatised by Elaine Feinstein.
Music composed by Anthea Gomez.
Director: Sue Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000q9h2)
Series 7
Don't Fear Maths
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Guy Raz explores why do many of us hate, even fear maths? Can we change our approach and unlock the beauty of mathematics?
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.
MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000q9h6)
Bernard Cornwell
Author Bernard Cornwell chooses Down to the River to Pray by Alison Krauss and Voces8 performing Pie Jesu from Fauré's Requiem.
MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nbzs8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Wimsey (b00s8kxl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Cadfael (b007k2mr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09jc69h)
1. Childhood
Derek Jacobi reads from a collection of Laurie Lee's writings, including newly discovered pieces by his daughter Jessie Lee, which return to the landscape and traditions of his rural home in Slad as well as a changing London in the last century.
Laurie Lee's classic memoir Cider With Rosie, his lyrical evocation of an early life in Gloucestershire, launched his writing career in the late 1950s and continues to be one of England's most popular books.
Writer: Laurie Lee
Reader: Derek Jacobi
Abridged and produced by Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
MON 14:15 Claudine Toutoungi - The Inheritors (b092lzhb)
1. Bombshell
Francois Chédid is the falafel king. Who knew there was so much money in Lebanese food? Or that his three delightful grown-up children would be sent into such a spin when he tries to share his good fortune? Comic drama by Claudine Toutoungi.
Jasmine Montserrat Lombard
Francois Kulvinder Ghir
Nadia Katie Lyons
Frank Samuel James
Diane Sanchia McCormack
Directed by Toby Swift
Claudine Toutoungi writes for stage, TV and radio. Previous work for BBC Radio 4 includes 'Deliverers' and 'Slipping' which starred Andrew Scott and Charlotte Riley and was a finalist for the Best Single Original Drama in the BBC Audio Drama Awards. Her poetry collection 'Smoothie' is published this year.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.
MON 14:30 Does Happiness Write White? (b0124pp1)
Everyone's talking about happiness: politicians want to measure

it, and self-help books explaining how to become ever happier are two-a-penny. So why have literary folk been reluctant to depict this emotion, when many philosophers and politicians see it as the very point of human existence? The French poet Montherlant may have the answer- he claimed that 'Happiness writes white', that it is too boring to depict or even unrepresentable.

Presenter Catherine Blyth explores the challenges facing award-winning writers, including Helen Simpson, novelist Ann Patchett, and poet Don Paterson when they try to put something as elusive and subjective as 'happiness' onto the page. Produced by Faith Lawrence.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

MON 15:00 DH Lawrence - Women in Love (b007k1zw)

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MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b0075xyh)

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MON 16:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (m00016s2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b083mrvf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000q3gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Man in Black (b00nlyg9)

Series 2

1. Phish Phood by Kim Newman

A silver-surfer takes on spammers – but the cyber-sharks are circling.

A tale from Kim Newman introduced by Mark Gatiss.

Jim John Rowe

Gina Melissa Advani

Internet Voices Nyasha Hatendi and Liz Sutherland

Horri-fying series of tales from The Man in Black. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you...

Directed by Gemma Jenkins.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2009.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b011jrh3)

James Walton and Lindsey Davis

This week's guests championing favourite paperback books are the journalist and critic James Walton and Lindsey Davis, the creator of the Ancient Roman detective Falco. Presenter Harriett Gilbert brings along a favourite read of her own and finds out why her guests love their choices.

Harriett Gilbert's choice

A High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes

Publ: Vintage Classics

James Walton's choice

The Anthologist by Nicholson Baker

Publ: Pocket Books

Lindsey Davis' choice

Royal Escape by Georgette Heyer

Pub: Arrow Books

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

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MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000q3gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 2000 Years of Radio (b00769xp)

Series 2

Greensleeves FM

It's a right royal knockabout as Henry VIII wants a son.

Recreation of the wireless archives with Al Holloway. From October 2002.

MON 22:45 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b07zztsy)

Series 3

Anthea's Round Robin

Four of the country's leading actresses star in this comic series about women facing a crisis in their lives.

Anthea always sends a round robin at Christmas time, only this year her news comes as a surprise even to herself.

Anthea Samantha Bond

By Jenny Eclair

Produced by Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m000q3mf)

Christmas Specials 2020

Episode 1

Topical satire from Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis McLeod, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

The writing squad for the series: Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain, Laurence Howarth, Sarah Campbell, Ed Amsden and Tom Coles, James Bugg, Jeffrey Aidoo, Alex Hardy.

Producer: Bill Dare. A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b00cl7xl)

Series 2

Money and Music

Mitch shares his musical experiences and wonders whether Cyberman costumes are tax deductible? With Robin Ince. From 2005.

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TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b00s9f4w)

Have His Carcase

2. Lord Peter Sets a Trap

Murder or suicide? Upper class sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey must trace a vital clue - a battered old razor.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Harriet Vane Maria Aitken

Inspector Umpleby Nigel Stock

Antoine Malcolm Ingram

Salcombe Hardy Patrick Newell

Doris Carole Harrison

Charis Deirdre Costello

Narrator John Westbrook

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Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

TUE 06:30 Cadfael (b007j9z)

Monk's Hood

2. The Inheritance

Brother Cadfael fears the worst over the sickness of

Shrewsbury Abbey's benefactor.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael dramatised by Bert Coules.

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Brother Cadfael Phillip Madoc

Sergeant William Warden Ian Hogg

Brother Mark Ian Targett

Prior Robert Geoffrey Whitehead

Brother Rees Norman Jones

Rishildis Burnel Pat Heywood

Elfrick Mark Straker

Maerreg Kenneth Price

Aldith Jane Whittenshaw

Brother Edmund Timothy Carlton

Edwin Gurney Richard Pearce

Sybil Bellecott Petra Markham

Edwy Bellecott Stephen Garlick

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

TUE 07:00 Showstopper (b00yb41f)

1. Organised Crime

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical is a brand new comedy in which the Showstopper team create a hilarious improvised musical on the spot - with the songs, plot and characters based entirely on suggestions from the live studio audience.

The cast includes Pippa Evans, Ruth Bratt, Dylan Emery, Lucy Trodd, Sean McCann and Oliver Senton.

This week: the musical world of organised crime.....

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

TUE 07:30 Under the Lid (m000q3gg)

F.U.D.G.E

Consumer journalist Hugh Spatchport takes a long, judgmental look under the lid of modern society and answers big questions,

uncovers huge conspiracies and exposes massive criminals.

This week, Hugh sets out to discover whether home made fudge really is home made.

Comedy featuring Henry Paker, Cariad Lloyd, Shivani Thussu, Mike Wozniak and guest starring This Country's Paul Chahidi.

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Mike Wozniak and Henry Paker

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer

A Camden production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00b5pg1)

Series 7

The Mysterious Punch-up-the Conker

Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe star in a

thrilling pursuit of a mysterious nose assailant! From February

1957.

TUE 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv6r)

Series 3

Episode 2

Leg model April's snoring inspires ad man Ken's quest to win a

nasal spray account. Stars Martin Jarvis. From October 1986.

TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (m000q3mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Married (b007zmd4)

Series 2

Identity

Struggling with the impact of his parallel worlds, Robin meets a

woman from his old life. Stars Hugh Bonneville. From May

2000.

TUE 10:00 Herman Melville - Bartleby the Scrivener (b007jx95)

A man employed as a copyist in a firm of lawyers starts

behaving strangely. It begins with him announcing there are

aspects of his work he'd 'prefer' not to do – although he's

excellent at the actual work. But then the list of things he'd

rather avoid doing becomes more sinister...

Herman Melville's tale dramatised by Martyn Wade.

CAST:

The Lawyer Ian Holm

Bartleby Adrian Scarborough

Turkey David Collings

Nippers Jonathan Keeble

Hudd Philip Fox

Norton John Rowe

Prison Officer Stephen Hogan

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b085hbz9)

The Many Faces of Ebenezer Scrooge

Christopher Frayling explores how Charles Dickens' classic A

Christmas Carol has endured in popular culture for over 170

years.

Victorian families sat around the fire to read Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol, published in 1843, over the festive season.

It became an annual ritual. Now we might sit around the TV and

watch It's A Wonderful Life - an Americanised version of the

story.

In between, there have been countless takes on the book -

adapted for public readings, radio, television, film and stage.

Cultural historian and writer Christopher Frayling considers

how this short novel has shaped Christmas as we know it today,

and discusses the circumstances in which it was written.

Hearing from Dickens performers Simon Callow and Miriam

Margolyes, as well as historians and fans, Christopher examines

how the book's potent mixture of nostalgia, social concern and

celebration has become part of the cultural bloodstream.

He assesses versions starring everyone from Alastair Sim to the

Muppets, via Blackadder and the Goons, getting to the very

heart of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Dickens wrote of his novel, "may it haunt your house

pleasantly". It has done so - in ways he could not have imagined

- for over 170 years.

Producer: Jane Long

A Hidden Flack production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00b5pg1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv6r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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TUE 13:30 Cadfael (b007j9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09jd32g)

2. The Street Where I Grew Up

Derek Jacobi reads from a collection of Laurie Lee's writings,

including newly discovered pieces by his daughter Jessie Lee,

which return to the landscape and traditions of his rural home in

Slad as well as a changing London in the last century.

Laurie Lee's classic memoir Cider With Rosie, his lyrical

evocation of an early life in Gloucestershire, launched his

writing career in the late 1950s and continues to be one of

England's most popular books.

Writer: Laurie

2. Fallout

Can Jasmine persuade her dad to rethink his latest scheme and put family first?

Jasmine Montserrat Lombard

Francois Kulvinder Ghir

Nadia Katie Lyons

Frank Samuel James

Diane Sanchia McCormack

Yoga Voice Chetna Pandya

Directed by Toby Swift

Claudine Toutoungi writes for stage, TV and radio. Previous work for BBC Radio 4 includes 'Deliverers' and 'Slipping' which starred Andrew Scott and Charlotte Riley and was a finalist for the Best Single Original Drama in the BBC Audio Drama Awards. Her poetry collection 'Smoothie' is published this year.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

TUE 14:30 Natalie Haynes' Brave New Algo-World (b03nt9vk)

Comic and critic Natalie Haynes attempts to find the algorithm to determine the perfect joke.

Data structures exercise a tight grip on financial trading, but algorithms are now breaking out into virtually all spheres of human activity - from politics to household cleaning. Both university students and schoolchildren are being encouraged to learn computer programming to stand a chance in the brave new algo-world.

Natalie traces the Western World's increasing reliance on big data and ponders how its analysis could transform comedy, including a University of Edinburgh research project on unsupervised computer joke generation.

Along her mathematical journey, Natalie charts some of the chaotic muddles that algorithms have led us into, from security scares to retail problems, such as the offensive computer generated T-Shirts available recently on Amazon.

Natalie explores how these complex computer programmes are being used to determine not just stock prices but espionage tactics, film scripts, architecture and online dating. She glimpses the future of algorithms and the effect they may have on the things we buy, the partners we choose and the politicians we elect.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2014.

TUE 15:00 Herman Melville - Bartleby the Scrivener (b007jx95)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Dilemma (b03w0j4d)

Series 3

Episode 4

Sue Perkins puts Nick Doody, Angela Barnes, Dominic Lawson and Cush Jumbo through the moral and ethical wringer.

The panellists attempt to resolve dilemmas based around horses and awkward family situations, plus a real-life dilemma about identity and an attempt to help an audience member with affairs of the heart.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 16:30 Married (b007zmd4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Showstopper (b00yb41f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Under the Lid (m000q3qg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Man in Black (b00nr03)

Series 2

2. Death Us Do Part by Mike Bartlett

Following a freak accident, John hears voices warning him off marriage. Pre-nuptial nerves or something sinister?

A tale from Mike Bartlett introduced by Mark Gatiss.

John Carl Prekopp

Old Man Malcolm Tierney

Kate Tessa Nicholson

Clive Piers Wehner

Sarah Emerald O'Hanrahan

Old Woman Kate Layden

Doctor Stephen Hogan

Vicar Philip Fox

Horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you...

Directed by Lucy Collingwood.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2009.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00dvtpn)

Series 7

What a Wonderful World

What a Wonderful World

The story behind the Louis Armstrong classic.

Louis Armstrong recorded this classic in 1967, amidst civil rights demonstrations and protests against the Vietnam War. It was a song written for him.

Was it naive or a powerful anthem for peace?

Contributors:

Prof. Peter Ling

Laurence Bergreen

Simon Weston

Katie Melua

Troy Andrews

Milan Bertosa

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00b5pg1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv6r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Wimsey (b00s9f4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Cadfael (b007j19z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b085hbz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Under the Lid (m000q3qg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Secret World (b03ls15z)

Series 4

Episode 4

This week, the Queen hatches a plot to get Pippa Middleton out of the way, Ed Miliband is so keen to pally-up with some builders that he ends up helping them do their work, and Russell Crowe has a bizarre fixation with sprouts.

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Jon Culshaw, Julian Dutton,

Lewis Macleod, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

TUE 23:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (b08r1vvg)

Series 1

Episode 1

The so-called Millennial generation - those born between 1982 and 1994 - has been much maligned in the press for being lazy, entitled, vain, venal, self-involved, easily offended little emperors. But Alex Edelman thinks these criticisms are baseless. So in "Alex Edelman's Peer Group" he seeks to redress the balance. In this episode he discusses Millennials' attitude to work and institutions.

Written and presented by Alex Edelman.

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00mrc8n)

Series 5

Eddie Izzard interviews Alastair Campbell

Chat show in which one week's interviewee becomes the

following week's interviewer.

Eddie Izzard interviews former Labour spin doctor Alastair Campbell. He asks him about his breakdown, working for Tony Blair and his beginnings as a soft porn writer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2020

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WED 06:00 Wimsey (b00sbmdy)

Have His Carcase

3. A Dutiful Son

Keen to unmask the killer on the beach, Lord Peter Wimsey ponders the motives of Henry Weldon.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Harriet Vane Maria Aitken

Inspector Umpelty Nigel Stock

Henry Weldon Warren Clarke

Mrs. Weldon Isabel Dean

Mrs. Le Franc Betty Marsden

Mr. Bright Norman Bird

Antoine Malcolm Ingram

Salcombe Hardy Patrick Newell

Leila Garland Rosalind Ayres

Pollock Peter Tuddenham

Luis da Soto Haydn Wood

Narrator John Westbrook

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime

writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. Have His Carcase was first published in 1932.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1981.

WED 06:30 Cadfael (b007j1bb)

Monk's Hood

3. Hunted

Medieval monk Brother Cadfael harbours a young lad suspected of murdering his stepfather.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern with Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael dramatised by Bert Coules.

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Brother Cadfael Phillip Madoc

Sergeant William Warden Ian Hogg

Brother Mark Ian Targett

Prior Robert Geoffrey Whitehead

Brother Rees Norman Jones

Rishildis Burnel Pat Heywood

Elfrick Mark Straker

Maerreg Kenneth Price

Aldith Jane Whittenshaw

Brother Edmund Timothy Carlton

Edwin Gurney Richard Pearce

Sybil Bellecote Petra Markham

Edwy Bellecote Stephen Garlick

Brother Petrus Fraser Kerr

Brother Jerome Andrew Wincott

Groom Nigel Carrington

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b039rwch)

Series 1

Weekend Away

A new sitcom about three couples sailing off in to the sunset.

And sinking. This week the promise of a Weekend Away tests everyone's patience.

Producer Steven Canny

by Jack Docherty

Jack has an exceptional record of making stand-out comedy. He first performed at the 1980 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the comedy sketch group The Bodgers and went on to write for radio and television including: Spitting Image, Alas Smith and Jones, Vic Reeves Big Night Out, Absolutely, The Lenny Henry Show, Max Headroom, Weekending, The News Huddlines and a ton of other things.

He has also performed in a huge variety of comedy shows including in The Comic Strip Presents, The Morwenna Banks Show, Monarch of the Glen, Red Dwarf V, The Old Guys and Badults. He has also featured in the Radio 4 comedies Baggage and Mordrin MacDonald - 21st Century Wizard and has appeared on various comedy panel shows including Have I Got News For You and It's Only TV But I Like It. Jack presented his own show The Jack Docherty Show which ran for 2 years on Channel 5.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

WED 07:30 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000q3tm)

Episode 2

'Hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) along with 'tak' (the word for 'thank you' that we learnt from watching Borgen and other Scandi dramas) is one of the few Danish words to have become known to us in the UK.

It's a word that means comfort, contentment and cherishing the simple pleasures in life. In lifestyle magazines it's faux fur throws, cups of hot cocoa and scented candles; but to the Danish it has simpler and less commercial roots. As these cold Winter nights draw in after a difficult year of scant comfort, it feels like we all need some hygge and legendary Dane, Sandi Toksvig, will do her best to bring it to you.

Deep in the Danish countryside in her cosy wood cabin Sandi will explore the concept of hygge and the Danish way of life and welcomes celebrity guests who join her in front of the open fire to explore what brings them hygge. In this episode BBC News Broadcaster and Foreign Correspondent Clive Myrie talks about finding respite in Opera and Poetry, while comedian Bridget Christie talks about the joy of running and her comforting but miss-shaped radishes.

Guests for the series are Grayson Perry, Alan Davies, Sindhu Vee, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Bridget Christie, Clive Myrie, Professor Brian Cox, Zoe Lyons and presenters and podcasters Rose and Rosie . We look forward to you joining Sandi in her cabin (please bring biscuits).

Host...Sandi Toksvig

Producer...Julia McKenzie

Material for Sandi's script opening script... Charlie Dinkin and Simon Alcock

Production Coordinator...Carina Andrews

Sound Recordist and Editor...Rich Evans

A BBC Studios Production

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)

Series 6

The Waxwork

The lad is set to be immortalised in wax, but it's not quite how he'd envisaged.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Warren Mitchell.

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 (b007t59f)

Series 4

Keeping Faith

"Anyone brought up on the Bible would automatically know that it's wrong to have a milk bottle on the table."

When Clare revokes her faith in God, her mother and granny are none too pleased.

Stars Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell and Gerry Cowper as Clare.

Written by Simon Brett

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.

WED 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m52zh)

Series 2

Episode 2

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by David Quantick and Stewart Lee to be put through their musical paces

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 09:30 Life in London (b011vjfn)

The Show Folks

Desperate for money, Pierce Egan tries to get Tom, Bob and Jerry's adventures onto the stage.

Jerry rescues a damsel at Bartholomew fair who leads him once more to the rapacious lady wanton...

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

Geoffrey McGivern stars as Pierce Egan.

With Greg Wise, Mark Gatiss, James Bachman, Chris Douglas, Dave Lamb, Morwenna Banks, Neil Edmond and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Original music by Ben Walker

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

WED 10:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - The Scarlet Letter (m0003czj)

1. The Birth

Boston 1642. Hester Prynne is forced to wear a letter "A" for adultery. But who should stand at her side?

Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1850 novel, 'The Scarlet Letter: A Romance' dramatised in two-parts by Greg Snow.

Set in a 17th century Puritan Boston Bay colony during the years 1642 to 1649 - the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter – Pearl – following an affair with a respected, unnamed figure.

CAST:

Hester Prynne Deborah Findlay

Pearl Caroline Graham

Roger Chillingworth Nigel Anthony

Arthur Dimmesdale Michael Maloney

Reverend John Wilson John Webb

Governor Bellingham Aubrey Woods

Mistress Cork Siiriol Jenkins

Goodwife Spivey/Widow Whitehead Melinda Walker

Goodwife Purvis/Alice Federay Holmes

Master Cadbury Eric Allan

Brackett, the Jailor John Church

Beadle/Sexton David Holt

Man/Servant Julian Rhind-Tutt

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 11:00 Neil Innes: Dip My Brain In Joy (m000q8vr)

3. Ouch!

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.

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, bandmates Phil Jackson, Ken Thornton, John Halsey (better known to Rutles fans as Barry Wom), producer Ian Keill, and engineer Steve James, musical arranger for the Rutles John Altman and Pythons Terry Gilliam and Michael Palin. In Part Three, Ouch!, we take a look at Neil's work with the Monty Python team on television, film and record, his work with Eric Idle on Rutland Weekend Television and The Rutles, and how the fictional outfit with a "legend that would last a lifetime" became a living, breathing, and touring band with adoring fans.

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 for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Laura Grimshaw.

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WED 14:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09jdz9m)

3. Chelsea Bun

Derek Jacobi reads from a collection of Laurie Lee's writings, including newly discovered pieces by his daughter Jessy Lee, which return to the landscape and traditions of his rural home in Slad as well as a changing London in the last century. Laurie Lee's classic memoir Cider With Rosie, his lyrical evocation of an early life in Gloucestershire, launched his writing career in the late 1950s and continues to be one of England's most popular books.

Writer: Laurie Lee

Reader: Derek Jacobi

Abridged and produced by Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.

WED 14:15 Claudine Toutoungi - The Inheritors (b092p3ny)

3. Home Economics

The Chédids are united in their quest to thwart their father's plan to divert his fortune into Lebanese business. So how come Jasmine seems to have swapped sides? By Claudine Toutoungi. Jasmine Montserrat Lombard

Francois Kulvinder Ghir

Nadia Katie Lyons

Frank Samuel Lyons

Diane Sanchia McCormack

Mark Simon Ludders

Directed by Toby Swift

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First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

WED 14:30 Mark Rylance - Golden Lads And Girls (b0075fm7)

Mark Rylance discovers the astonishing appeal of Shakespeare for very young children in a programme featuring their poems, letters and thoughts, as well as performance extracts.

Mark played Hamlet for the first time while he was still at school which set him on the road to stage stardom and his acclaimed and award-winning Shakespearean roles. Mark was the first artistic director of The Globe Theatre in London. Mark was created a Knight Bachelor in 2017's New Year Honours for services to the theatre.

Producer: Philippa Ritchie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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WED 18:00 The Man in Black (b00p1gh8)

Series 2

4. Angels in Disguise by Nicola Jones

For years, Emily has entertained her friend Nathaniel for tea. Her son David and his wife think Nathaniel is a figment of the old lady's imagination. But when they move into the family home, they find the table laid for two...

A tale from Nicola Jones introduced by Mark Gatiss.

Emily Auriol Smith

Andrea Rachel Atkins

David Stephen Hogan

Nathaniel Piers Welner

Jenny Tessa Nicholson

Policeman Philip Fox

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2009.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b09w0g08)

Series 15

The Answer

Josie Long presents short documentaries and stories about the quest for resolution. Years spent in search of a solution to Elgar's Enigma, an adult seeks an answer to a childhood letter and a mother records her young son's responses.

The Being Sound

Produced by Stephanie Rowden

Get Pierced

Produced by Duncan Cowles

Counter Melody

Featuring Bob Padgett (who runs the website The Enigma Theme Unmasked)

Produced by Daniel Estrin, Jessi Carrier, Steven Jackson and Nick van der Kolk.

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b001k09w)

Series 1

Episode 2

Arthur Smith invites an audience into his home for music and comedy.

Benjamin Zephaniah, Stephen K Amos and Matt Holness join regular contributor Pippa Evans, as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine.

WED 23:00 Great Unanswered Questions (b00v6lnb)

Series 2

Episode 4

Sometimes there isn't an obvious answer to an obvious question but this won't stop comedians Ardal O' Hanlon and Colin Murphy pressing resident nerds Dr David Booth and Matthew Collins to find out the answers to questions such as: why do people kiss? Why do pizzas come in a square box? Do snails think slowly? And how much fat you need to become bullet-proof?

You may not get the answers you were expecting but you'll certainly have a few laughs.

Produced by Jackie Hamilton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

WED 23:30 The Shuttleworths (b007p1np)

John Shuttleworth's Open Mind

The Bermuda Triangle

The Sheffield singer-songwriter tries to solve the Atlantic Ocean mystery. With Sir Robin Knox-Johnston. From April 2006

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THU 06:00 Wimsey (b00sbqhr)

Have His Carcase

4. The Snake in the Grass

Lord Peter Wimsey exchanges harsh words with Harriet Vane - and a dinner date leads to a shocking revelation.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Harriet Vane Maria Aitken
 Inspector Umpelly Nigel Stock
 Henry Weldon Warren Clarke
 Blacksmith Ronald Herdman
 Judd Spencer Banks
 Narrator John Westbrook
 British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have His Carcase was first published in 1932.
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 Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
 Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1981.
THU 06:30 Cadfael (b007j1bp)
 Monk's Hood
 4. Mallilie
 Far from helping a murder suspect, Brother Cadfael unwittingly assists the local sheriff.
 Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern with Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.
 From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael dramatised by Bert Coules.
 Narrator Sir Michael Hordern
 Brother Cadfael Phillip Madoc
 Sergeant William Warden Ian Hogg
 Brother Mark Ian Targett
 Prior Robert Geoffrey Whitehead
 Martin Bellecote Timothy Carlton
 Edwin Gurney Richard Pearce
 Edwy Bellecote Stephen Garlick
 Brother Petrus Fraser Kerr
 Brother Rees Norman Jones
 Hugh Beringar Alan Barker
 Brother Simon Michael Turner
 Brother Barnabas Terrence Edmond
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.
THU 07:00 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)
 Series 3
 Uncomfortably Numb
 Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.
 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 week Simon is appalled that his boss thinks it's inappropriate for him to empathise with the world's persecuted and oppressed and stop worrying, but when his family generally agree that worrying gets you nowhere he sets out to give himself compassion fatigue so that he can stop worrying and not feel guilty about all the bloodshed in the world. Unfortunately his new outlook doesn't seem to change Anna's parents view of him when they come to visit.
 Cast:
 Simon McGrath Darren Boyd
 Anna Grieg Joanna Page
 Boris Kemal Lewis Macleod
 Judith McGrath Sarah Smart
 Angela McGrath Brigit Forsyth
 Madeleine Turnbull Rachel Atkins
 Glens Di Botcher
 Hugh Mike Hayward
 Written by Laurence Howarth
 Produced by Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
THU 07:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0b9g3b6)
 Series 2
 One-Seventeen AM
 Part 2: One-Seventeen AM.
 "Good day, bad day, who can tell..."
 Multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendall returns with more hilarious, gripping and moving stories.
 This second volume of Sarah Kendall's Australian Trilogy, is one show in three parts. A collection of seemingly unconnected stories and memories, which, together, form a meditation on luck, survival and hindsight.
 Scrolling backwards and forwards in time to different moments in her life, over the three parts Sarah creates an intricate montage, demonstrating the interconnectedness of life.
 In this second part, Sarah is trying to be more positive. She tells us of a trip to the vets with the family's pet hamster, of a car accident she was in as a child, and of a day at a clinic with her son. And we find out that hamsters originate from Syria.

Written by Sarah Kendall & Carl Cooper
 Performed by Sarah Kendall
 Producer - Carl Cooper
 Production Co-ordinator - Beverly Tagg
 This is a BBC Studios production
 Photo Credit - Rosalind Furlong
 Series One of Sarah Kendall's Australian Trilogy -
 Winner - Writers' Guild Award - Best Radio Comedy
 Winner - BBC Audio Drama Award - Best Scripted Comedy (Longform)
 Winner - Silver ARIA Award - Best Fictional Storytelling
 Nominee - Chortle Comedy Awards - Best Radio Show
 Nominee - Music and Radio Awards - Best Storytelling.
THU 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)
 Series 4
 Episode 18
 Kenneth Horne's version of 'Emma' – and Homerama looks at the Movies.
 With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Bill Pertwee and Announcer, Douglas Smith. Special Guest June Whitfield stands in for Betty Marsden.
 The precursor to 'Round The Horne', 'Beyond Our Ken' hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Cecil Snaith, Stanley Burkinshaw, and Rodney and Charles.
 Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
 Written by Eric Merriman
 Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1961.
THU 08:30 Anything Legal (b008cxvk)
 Episode 7
 Charles and George's DIY skills arouse the suspicions of their wives.
 A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly
 Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Dilys Laye as Marjorie and Norma Ronald as Hilary.
 Theme music by Jim Parker
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
THU 09:00 Genius (b008h5bx)
 Series 2
 Carol Vorderman
 Rotating rooms and flexible retirement?
 Dave Gorman asks TV's Carol Vorderman to choose the public's best loopy idea.
 Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3ym)
 Series 2
 The Last Laugh
 The embittered writer takes action when he sees his bank statement. Stars Chris Douglas and Stephanie Cole. From April 2007.
THU 10:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - The Scarlet Letter (m0003d39)
 2. Revelations
 The time has come to shed Hester's badge of adultery. Whose life will be most affected by its removal?
 Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1850 novel, 'The Scarlet Letter: A Romance' dramatised in two-parts by Greg Snow.
 Set in a 17th century Puritan Boston Bay colony during the years 1642 to 1649 - the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter – Pearl – following an affair with a respected, unnamed figure.
 CAST:
 Hester Prynne Deborah Findlay
 Pearl Caroline Graham
 Arthur Dimmesdale Michael Maloney
 Roger Chillingworth Nigel Anthony
 Reverend John Wilson John Webb
 Governor Bellingham Aubrey Woods
 Mistress Cork Siriol Jenkins
 Mistress Hibbins Jill Graham
 Widow Foster Melinda Walker
 Captain Eric Allan
 Deacon/Beadle David Holt
 Servant Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Director: Tracey Neale.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000q940)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Anything Legal (b008cxvk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Wimsey (b00sbqhr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Cadfael (b007j1bp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09j4qd)
 4. Things I Wish I'd Known at 18
 Derek Jacobi reads from a collection of Laurie Lee's writings, including newly discovered pieces by his daughter Jessy Lee, which return to the landscape and traditions of his rural home in

Slad as well as a changing London in the last century.
 Laurie Lee's classic memoir Cider With Rosie, his lyrical evocation of an early life in Gloucestershire, launched his writing career in the late 1950s and continues to be one of England's most popular books.
 Writer: Laurie Lee
 Reader: Derek Jacobi
 Abridged and produced by Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
THU 14:15 Claudine Toutingi - The Inheritors (b092pmdw)
 4. Yoga Nut
 Nadia goes on the warpath when she suspects her father has been snared by a glamorous yoga enthusiast.
 Jasmine Montserrat Lombard
 Francois Kulvinder Ghir
 Nadia Katie Lyons
 Diane Sanchia McCormack
 Nanette Amira Ghazalla
 Yoga Tutor Chetna Pandya
 Receptionist Tom Forriester
 Directed by Toby Swift
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 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.
THU 14:30 Goldie The Alchemist (b045z8wn)
 Musician and artist Goldie passionately describes his challenging story, from the roots of a broken home to his commercial success and subsequent struggle to come to terms with personal issues and a painful past.
 Featuring contributions from Pete Tong, DJ Fabio, Marc Mac, Nihal Arthanayake and Dr Anamik Saha, the programme explores the real character behind Goldie, who produced Timeless, one of the most iconic British albums of the nineties.
 Produced by Paul Thomas
 A Three Street Media production
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
THU 15:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - The Scarlet Letter (m0003d39)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Genius (b008h5bx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3ym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0b9g3b6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Man in Black (b00p4klw)
 Series 2
 5. The Old Road by Penelope Skinner
 City girl Callie drives out of London to visit her best friend, Roo, up North. As her mobile reception wanes and her satnav starts malfunctioning, she begins to wonder whether the road has plans of its own...
 Penelope Skinner's tale introduced by Mark Gatiss.
 Callie ... Laura Molyneux
 Roo ... Ellie Beaven
 Satnav Voice ... Rhys Jennings
 Judy ... Kate Layden
 Harry ... Philip Fox
 Horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you...
 Director: Faith Collingwood
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2009.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b06sgy7r)
 Series 38
 Precious Lunga chooses Wangari Maathai
 Matthew Parris's guest this week is the epidemiologist Precious Lunga, who nominates for Great Life status that of the Kenyan environmental activist Wangari Muta Maathai.
 In the course of her life, Professor Maathai made a huge contribution to re-establishing environmental integrity to Kenya by working with the women who lived there. She founded the Green Belt Movement and became a politician. In 2004 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The expert witness is Maggie Baxter from the Green Belt Movement.
 Producer Christine Hall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
THU 19:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Alan Parker's Christmas Special (b09jlbjv)
From radical self-defence ideas to telling all on the splits in his own band.
The style-styled Urban Warrior presents a festive mix of comedy and music – from punk to 1980s and 90s chart and subverted Christmas favourites.
With Peter Baynham, Mandy Knight, Paul Tonkinson and Peter Serafinowicz.
Alan Parker sets out to subvert the system and spread his indoctrination - only held back by his wide ignorance and dumb diatribes.
Created by Simon Munnery, the revolutionary set out to make BBC Radio 1 FM more subversive and left-wing, though the station tried to make him go home quietly and have an early night instead.
Simon Munnery was crowned 'Newcomer of the Year' at the 1994 Sony Radio Awards for his creation and portrayal of Radio 1's cult comedy hero.
Producer: Aled Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 on Boxing Day 1994.
THU 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b092cnps)
Series 7
Burger, Burger, Burger, Burger, Burger
The hit series returns for a seventh series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. Written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli.
Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Sean Biggerstaff, Mina Anwar, Greg McHugh and Simon Greenall.
In this opening episode, we pick up on Dave's relationship with his best friend Lesley (Simon Greenall). Does Dave see a future in the friendship, and what does Lenzie think of his blossoming bromance?
Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick, Dave.
Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!
Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.

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FRI 00:00 The Man in Black (b00p4klw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b06sgy7r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b00sqhbr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Cadfael (b007jlbz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09jf4qd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Claudine Toutoungi - The Inheritors (b092pmdw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Goldie The Alchemist (b045z8wn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Nathaniel Hawthorne - The Scarlet Letter (m0003d39)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Genius (b008h5bx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k3ym)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Safety Catch (b00vy3st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0bgg3b6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b00sbvvc)
Have His Carcase
5. Too Perfect an Alibi
As desperate Lord Peter Wimsey fails to confirm his theories, the elusive witness Perkins turns up
CAST:
Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
Harriet Vane Maria Aitken
Inspector Umpelly Nigel Stock
Henry Weldon Warren Clarke
Julian Perkins Richard O'Callaghan
Nurse Judy Franklin
Jem Pollack Haydn Wood
Narrator John Westbrook
British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have His Carcase was first published in 1932.
Clasy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and

Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1981.
FRI 06:30 Cadfael (b007jlbz)
Monk's Hood
5. Judgement
With Edwin arrested for murder, Brother Cadfael seeks justice in the local court.
Conclusion of Ellis Peters' medieval thriller.
Narrated by Sir Michael Hordern with Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.
From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael dramatised by Bert Coules.
Narrator Sir Michael Hordern
Brother Cadfael Phillip Madoc
Sergeant William Warden Ian Hogg
Brother Mark Ian Targett
Prior Robert Geoffrey Whitehead
Martin Bellecote Timothy Carlton
Edwin Gurney Richard Pearce
Edwy Bellecote Stephen Garlick
Brother Petrus Fraser Kerr
The Judge Norman Jones
Hugh Beringar Alan Barker
Maerreg Kenneth Price
Brother Simon Michael Turner
Brother Barnabas Terence Edmond
Father Heribert Timothy Bateson
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.
FRI 07:00 Clare in the Community (b06442qh)
Series 10
This Is a Man's World
Nali's ex-husband arrives unexpectedly and Clare takes it upon herself to intervene. Simon has some bad news about Brian's vitamin supplements.
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 Nina Conti
Simon Andrew Wincott
Justin Dustin Demri-Burns
Thomas Stefan Ramsden
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Producer Alexandra Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
FRI 07:30 Dot (b0bgbjyj)
Series 3
London Can Take It
By Ed Harris
The Prime Minister is preparing to broadcast to the French Resistance and needs urgent help with his French vocab.
Desperate to please, Dot and Millicent embark on a race across London to get to him first when an air raid stops them in their tracks. But could Dot's resemblance to Vera Lynn give her the upper hand? Comic adventures in Ed Harris' witty and quirky wartime comedy.
Director Sasha Yevtushenko.
FRI 08:00 Take It From Here (b007k032)
Christmas With The Glums
It's festive fun in the Glum household. Ron and Eth pull crackers, whilst Pa gets merry. Then during a game of 'Sardines', Ron becomes trapped in a cupboard with a barmaid...
With Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.
Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
Producer: Charles Maxwell.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1958.
FRI 08:30 King Street Junior (b007s5v0)
Series 2
The Outing
Teacher Eric Brown's aspirations for a school day trip soon wither at a museum.
Jim Eldridge's gentle drama about the staff and students of King Street Junior School.
CAST:
Eric Brown Peter Davison
Mr. Beeston James Grout
Mr. Holiday Tom Watson
Mrs. Stone Margaret John
Mrs. Patterson Deirdre Costello
Coach Driver Ron Pember
Museum Attendant James Goode
Wayne Leon Hamilton

Mandy Julie Newell
Tommy Desmond Askew
Sandra Victoria Ludlow
Miranda Samantha Cahill
Maureen Louisa Bradshaw-White
Khalid Nicholas Askew
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.
FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007rix5)
Series 3
Janet Street-Porter
Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.
Janet Street-Porter takes the chair, with panellists Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Nick Doody and Will Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
FRI 09:30 Ballylenon (b00fz0g7)
Series 2
Episode 1
Already divided over the proposed demolition of an 18th-century court house to make way for the Swilly Arms' car park, the town's Development Association seems set for open confrontation.
Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1954, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.
Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
CAST:
Phonsie Doherty T.P. McKenna
Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy
Vera McConkey Stella McCusker
Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney
Guard Gallagher John Hewitt
Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley
Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar
Josie Doherty Ciara McKeown
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 10:00 Terence Rattigan - The Browning Version (b092ks2g)
Teacher Andrew Crocker-Harris is on the verge of retirement - and a divorce. But he has a shot at trying to redeem his dignity when a young schoolboy gives him an unexpected parting gift...
Terence Rattigan's play was first performed on the London stage in 1948. Adapted by Cynthia Pugh.
Starring John Gielgud as Andrew Crocker-Harris and Angela Baddeley as Millie Crocker-Harris.
Frank Hunter Brewer Mason
Taplow Anthony Adams
Dr Frobisher Clive Morton
Peter Gilbert Denis Goacher
Mrs Gilbert Anne Cullen
Schoolboy Warren Hearnden
Sir Terence Mervyn Rattigan, CBE (1911–1977) is remembered as a theatre heavyweight for dramas about the middle and upper-classes, including The Winslow Boy, The Deep Blue Sea and Separate Tables.
Director: Norman Wright
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000q8fw)
Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.
FRI 12:00 Take It From Here (b007k032)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 King Street Junior (b007s5v0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b00sbvvc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Cadfael (b007jlbz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Village Christmas by Laurie Lee (b09jgnf6)
5. The Cold Christmas Walk in the Country
Derek Jacobi reads from a collection of Laurie Lee's writings, including newly discovered pieces by his daughter Jessy Lee, which return to the landscape and traditions of his rural home in Slad as well as a changing London in the last century.
Laurie Lee's classic memoir Cider With Rosie, his lyrical evocation of an early life in Gloucestershire, launched his writing career in the late 1950s and continues to be one of England's most popular books.
Writer: Laurie Lee
Reader: Derek Jacobi
Abridged and produced by Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
FRI 14:15 Claudine Toutoungi - The Inheritors (b092r9hy)
5. Crunch Time
The Chédidis gather to remember their mum's passing. And to celebrate the end to Dad's mad scheme to give away the Chedit fortune. So all will be well. That's the plan anyway.
Jasmine Montserrat Lombard
Francois Kulvinder Ghrir
Nadia Katie Lyons
Frank Samuel James
Diane Sanchia McCormack
Deliverer David Sturzaker
Directed by Toby Swift
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work for BBC Radio 4 includes 'Deliverers' and 'Slipping' which starred Andrew Scott and Charlotte Riley and was a finalist for the Best Single Original Drama in the BBC Audio Drama Awards. Her poetry collection 'Smoothie' is published this year.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

FRI 14:30 Classic Toys (b0075fz2)

What makes Lego more popular than ordinary building blocks? Why has Sindy been taken off the market?

Emma Freud delves into her toy cupboard to discover which playthings have stood the test of time and why.

Produced by Penelope Gibbs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

FRI 15:00 Terence Rattigan - The Browning Version (b092ks2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Ballylenon (b00fz0g7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Clare in the Community (b06442qh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Dot (b0bgbyjy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Eric Pringle - Dancing With Jaques (b06zjdjy)

London 1959: A young girl's first night "working the streets" ends in a ghostly encounter with a man with a wind-up gramophone who calls himself Jaques.

Written by Eric Pringle

Jackie - Alice Arnold

Jaques - John Evitts

Alice - Thersa Streatfeild

News vendor - John Church

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00cb5x6)

Nanny Wouldn't Like It

Dominic Arkwright presents a discussion on nannies, with columnist Guy Browning; author of The Victorian Governess, Kathryn Hughes; and Anna Raeburn. Browning considers the nanny as the queen of arrested development, while Hughes volunteers a long list of men who have fallen for the nanny's charms.

Produced by Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

FRI 19:00 Take It From Here (b007k032)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b00sbvcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Cadfael (b007jlbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000q8fw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Dot (b0bgbyjy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Dave Podmore (b085t3l8)

Dave Podmore Cleans Up for Christmas

Cricket, football, cycling, tennis - the world of sport has become mired in corruption. England's sleaziest cricketer Dave Podmore has got no problem with any of that - if only he saw the benefits.

But when the besmirched stars of the sporting firmament start moving onto Pod's patch and denying him even his coveted seasonal role in Pantoland, it's time to take action.

Can Pod be the unlikely hero who saves the name of global sport? Maybe - if there's a few quid in it.

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4. first broadcast in December 2016.

FRI 23:00 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b03szv8f)

Series 2

Music

Comedian Tim Key explores the concept of music with a poem about an ambitious songbird called Patrick. Tom Basden attempts to accompany the poet, but Tim threatens to hire a proper musician.

Written and presented by Tim Key

With Tom Basden, Katy Wix and Diane Morgan

Produced by James Robinson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

FRI 23:15 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00st0z2)

Series 2

Normal Oceanography

The cartoonist wades into the world under the sea, and gets intimate with a haddock. Stars Paul McCrink. From March 2003.

FRI 23:30 Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies (b03dv5n2)

The Internet

Andrew tackles the internet. Whether it's online pornography twisting our children's minds or GCHQ reading our emails, it seems only right to have a healthy distrust of the internet.

But surely, to paraphrase a former Prime Minister, there's no such thing as the Internet - there are men, and women, and lolcats. What is it about the internet that makes people on it so scary?

Andrew Maxwell is one of the UK's most informed and fearless

stand ups. In this series of one-off stand up shows, he uses his trademark intelligence and political incisiveness to dig behind the clichés and assumptions about four possible threats to British society: food, the internet, drugs and Nationalism.

This series will showcase a comedian at the top of his abilities tackling difficult and important 'slow news' topics with a depth and perceptiveness that remains outside the remit of mainstream 'topical' comedy.

Written and performed by Andrew Maxwell.

Script edited by Paul Byrne.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.