SATURDAY 09 JANUARY 2021

SAT 00:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fx1)

5. World Narrowing

'The utter loneliness was beginning to get on my nerves.' Killer plants are on the rampage across the countryside. Bill setsoff in search of Josella but finds a new companion.

First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson Bill Masen

Barbara Shelley Josella Playton

Jill Cary Susan Freda Dowie Mary David Brierley Dennis

Margaret Robertson Joyce Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00ctl6y)

Making Your Mind Up

Dominic Arkwright, Dr David Lewis, Christine Webber and Michael Blastland discuss our decision-making process. From

SAT 01:00 John Fletcher - Some Mother's Son (m000qz19) 6. The End?

Ecology journalist Andy Smith is now entirely in Sir Jack Watson's power - can he escape?

Starring Nick Chilvers, a thriller in six parts, taking in global power struggles, smuggling and the dangers of uranium, written by John Fletcher.

Andy ... Nick Chilvers

Sir Jack ... Conrad Phillips Stanley ... Nick Brimble

Anderson ... Trevor Nichols

Anne ... Caroline Blakiston

Shirley ... Diane Fletcher

Directed by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 01:30 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

Bolt

5. Nemesis for Two

Champion jockey Kit Fielding gets wind that Henri de Brescou plans to kill more horses. Kit is determined to put a stop to this needless slaughter.

Conclusion of Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter

Wykeham William Eedle

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Henri John Bull Greening Jack May

Thomas Steve Hodson

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Allardeck Bill Wallis Dramatised by John Ashe.

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

SAT 02:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007 ivch)

5. The Chase

As the otter basks in the sun, a pack of hounds catch his scent, sparking a great chase.

Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter

life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pjkhm)

Series 1

To save both her brother and the family's dairy business Meg must risk everything and confront the dangerous Moses Lipski. Thriller set in 1890s Whitechapel.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones

Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Luc Evans Trystan Gravelle

Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe

Annie Riley Alice Haig

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby. In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SAT 02:30 Take Two - Joan Baez (b007mhw0)

Richard Coles presents a discussion series looking at

collaborations between two musicians.

Richard Cole, Martin Carthy and Michael Gray discuss the king and queen of the folk revival in the early 1960s, Dylan and Baez who were the darlings of the emerging civil rights movement until Dylan turned his back on the folk scene, and on Baez, to play his distinctive style of electric blues-rock.

Produced by Adam Fowler.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b08dmrzv)

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Episode 2

Archie Panjabi (The Good Wife, The Fall) and Rebecca Front (War and Peace, Dr Thorne) star with Clare Perkins in this much-loved gothic treat.

'It's only an accident that I'm not you, and you're not me. A Little Princess starts with a schoolgirl. But it's not a school story. Frances Hodgson Burnett's tough tale shows us a London

full of foreign wealth and child poverty. That's why for over a century, its shocking story and unforgettable young characters have influenced everything from Angela Carter to anime.

And Kate Clanchy's radical new dramatisation discovers the Indian heart of Sara Crewe. When Sara is rich, she is treated

just the same as other girls. But when she is not rich - exactly who is she? And why has she been brought to England?

Sara Crewe Archie Panjabi

Becky Perkins Clare Perkins Miss Minchin Rebecca Front

Young Sara Nishi Malde

Young Becky Polly Allen

Ram Dass Sagar Radia Mr Carrisford James Lailey Mr O'Neill Nick Underwood

Miss Amelia Adie Allen

Mrs Brown Elizabeth Bennett Lavinia Rebecca Hamilton

Ermengarde Lucy Hutchinson Anne Kirsty Oswald

Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007tckc)

Series 3

Edwina Currie

Ex-MP, novelist and broadcaster Edwina Currie tests a panel about herself. With Sue Perkins and Robin Ince. From July 2007

SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b00gddtk)

Series 2

Episode 4

After "overhearing" that Reverend Hawthorne is leaving Ballylenon for a larger congregation, telephone operator Vera McConkey loses no time in communicating the good news to the local newspaper, The Vindicator.

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.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick Ciara McKeown as Iosie Doherty and Gerard Murphy as Rev Samuel Hawthorne.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SAT 05:00 Dot (b0714033)

Series 1

The Astonishing Adventures of Agent Whiff-Whaff Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel who are getting squiffy over Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff.

Bertie wants Dot promoted, but can Dot handle life on the other side of the hallway?

Rollicking wartime comedy by Ed Harris - set in the personnel department of the Cabinet War Rooms.

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn Peg Freya Parker

Millicent Jane Slavin Peabody David Acton

Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff Adie Allen

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015. SAT 05:30 Big Broadcast (m000glgd)

Neil Brand's musical caper set in a Chicago radio station in 1937. When the station is threatened with closure by the League of Decency, Katharine Hepburn responds in style. Cast

Katharine Hepburn ...

Cary Grant Ian Conningham Arthur Clarke Neil McCaul

Barbara Meek Bettrys Jones

Ramona Fairfax Heather Craney

Jerry Soundguy Hasan Dixon Preston Lanister Clive Hayward

Danny Folly Franchi Webb Singer Helen Neeves

Singer Nancy Cole

Singer Christopher Bowen

Singer Jimmy Holliday Foley Alison Craig

Written and composed by Neil Brand

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole SAT 06:00 Barbara Vine - A Fatal Inversion (m000r32v)

It's 1976, the year of the long, hot summer. Adam and some friends spent it in idvllic circumstances. But when the weather finally breaks, their lives have changed forever.

A thriller by Barbara Vine - alias Ruth Rendell - and winne the Crime Writers' Association 'Golden Dagger' for 1987.

Dramatised for radio by Michael Bakewell.

CAST:

Adam Verne Smith Andrew Wincott

Rufus Fletcher Matthew Morgan Zosie Siriol Jenkins

Shiva Tariq Alibai

Vivien Mia Soteriou Mary Gage Alison Reid

Anne Mary Chater Lili Rita Wolf

Marigold Theresa Streatfield Alec Chipstead Terence Edmond

Meg Chipstead/Mrs Beecham Joanna Wake

WPC/Supermarket PA/Nurse/Radio Announcer Emma

Inspector Winder Jonathan Adams

Sgt Fuller Neil Roberts

Lewis Tim Seely

Beryl Ann Windsor Gardner/Porter/Antique Dealer Ronald Herdman

Tatian/Pearson Steve Hodson

Director: Jane Morgan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b06vkdz3)

Series 38

Susan Calman on Molly Weir

Matthew Parris invites his guests to nominate the person who they feel is a great life. Comedian Susan Calman chooses the Scottish actress Molly Weir who began her long career on radio before moving into television and becoming one of the first

Scottish female voices on national media in the 1950s. Producer: Maggie Avre & Perminder Khatkar.

SAT 08:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mjktm)

Series 2 Episode 5

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 Stewart Lee and David Quantick 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.

SAT 08:30 Rent (b05pb40g)

Series 3 Enisode 2

Maria needs a day out, so Paul has to look after the baby - but can he be trusted?

Series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby, Dave Lamb as Paul, Sally Grace as the Mother and Sarah Parkinson as the

Checkout Girl.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997. SAT 09:00 Comedy Connections (m000r32x)

Simon Brett clambers through the family tree of British comedy making connections along the way from Bandwaggon (30/09/39) to Much Binding In The Marsh (24/05/50), Beyond Our Ken (12/08/58), Hancock's Half Hour - Michelangelo

'Ancock (18/11/56) and Paradise Street (27/04/54). SAT 12:00 Genius (b008jdzb)

Series 2

Sid Waddell Perforated bread and counselling with a twist.

Dave Gorman asks Darts commentator Sid Waddell 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 October 2006.

SAT 12:30 Drama (m0001mv2)

Looking for Oil Drum Lane A dramatisation of Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's comedy writing partnership - from Tony Hancock's departure to striking gold with Steptoe and Son. Starring Marc Wootton, Phil Cornwell, Barry Castagnola, James Hurn and Toby Longworth. Weaving comedy archive and newly written scenes, the show follows the tortuous search for Oil Drum Lane, the fictional address of Steptoe and Son. The programme commemorates th passing of Ray Galton in October 2018.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson met in a tuberculosis sanatorium in 1948. They became friends through a shared passion for radio comedy. To amuse themselves, they broadcast their own sketches over the hospital radio. After sending their material to famous comedy writers of the day Denis Norden and Frank Muir, Alan and Ray were encouraged to post some scripts to the BBC. An unexpectedly positive response left the fledgling writers ecstatic.

Soon they became regular sketch writers for the BBC. They met Tony Hancock and rose to the top of their profession

But when Hancock decided to go it alone Galton and Simpson were devasted and left high and dry.

The team was then commissioned by the colourful head of light entertainment at the BBC, Tom Sloane, to write ten comedy plays - but the loss of Hancock generated an impenetrable

Harriett Gilbert's choice: The Greengage Summer by Rumer writer's block - until they hammered out a pilot sit-com that SUN 00:00 Mike Walker - Alpha (b0080p6l) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday] became Steptoe and Son. Godden Publ. Par SUN 01:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx) Ray Galton.. Alan Simpson...Barry Castagnola Laura Solon's choice: Decline and Fall by Evelyn Waugh [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday] Tony Hancock/Wilfred Brambell.....James Hurn Publ. Penguin Modern SUN 01:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf) Harry H Corbett..... Fleur Adcock's choice: Bilgewater by Jane Gardam [Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday] ...Phil Cornwell Tom Sloan...Ian Pearce Publ. Abacus Books SUN 02:00 Dick Francis (b007 jpvx) Duncan Wood...... Producer Christine Hall [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]Toby Longworth Other parts were played by the cast. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011. SUN 02:30 Dick Francis (b007jpzb) Written by Ian Pearce. Script Editor - Nick Romero. SAT 16:00 Barbara Vine - A Fatal Inversion (m000r32v) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday] [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SUN 03:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v) Directed and Produced by Andrew McGibbon. SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b06vkdz3) [Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday] [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b011zms3) broadcast in December 2018. SAT 18:00 Mike Walker - Alpha (b0080p6l) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday] SAT 13:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx) SUN 04:00 Barbara Vine - A Fatal Inversion (m000r32v) An all-knowing computer appears to have an independent life [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday] Bolt of its own - an abomination for those who believe in a supreme SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b06vkdz3) 1. Threats and Menaces creator. Champion jockey Kit Fielding is engaged to Danielle de [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday] Father Marquez is sent to interrogate 'Alpha' to decide whether Brescou the niece of his employer Princess Casilia. or not it can be allowed to exist. During their conversation SUN 06:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (Omnibus) (m000r3ck) The Princess recruits Kit to fend off Henri de Brescou, a Marquez finds out far more than he expects about both Alpha The adventures and perils of an otter born on the banks of the dangerous cousin trying to involve her in the armaments and - much more disturbingly - himself Mike Walker's chilling drama won Gold at the Sony Radio River Torridge, North Devon But Kit also has problems of his own... Academy Awards 2001. Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter Dick Francis's 1986 racing thriller dramatised in five-parts by Stars David Calder as Father Marquez, Sarah-Jane Holm as life, first published in 1927 Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion. John Ashe. Alpha, John Moffatt as Cardinal Correlli, Ana Sofrenovia as Producer: Elizabeth Allard Kit Fielding .. Eric Allan Katerina, Daniel O'Grady as Tom and Lexi Ross as Sophia. Princess Casilia Sian Phillips Original music composed and played by David Chilton First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002. Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern Producer: Gordon House SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b063jgb9) First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2001. Henri John Bull Pam Avres Greening Jack May SAT 19:00 Comedy Connections (m000r32x) Poet Pam Ayres military song 'When the Guards Are on Parade and passes on 'Mars for Evermore' by Johnny Collins Dusty Christian Rodska [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] SUN 07:20 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07qdv15) Thomas Steve Hodson SAT 22:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007wwdc) Allardeck Bill Wallis Series 1 Series 1 Omnibus, Part 1/2 Episode 2 Roland Simon Carter Thrilling series set in 1890s Whitechapel. Welsh farm girl Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill. Having been arrested for inciting a near riot at a football match, Megan Evans comes to London to visit her brother who is First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994 Tom is sentenced to do community service at an old folks home running the family's dairy business - but her brother is strangely unwelcoming. SAT 13:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf) where he meets an aging banjo player who can also see his Bolt "imaginary" band. Megan Evans Bettrys Jones 2. Horses Begin to Die Will Charlie prove to Sadie that he's not going mad? Will there Luc Evans Trystan Gravelle Henri de Brescou, bent upon obtaining authority from the be lots of dancing and singing on the terraces? Will there be a Samuel Singer David Horovitch French Government to make plastic guns, threatens Roland, pun about "perfect-pitch..? Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe Princess Casilia's frail and elderly husband. Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a Annie Riley Alice Haig man who can't stop himself from breaking into song Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe. by Gregory Evans Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips Suggs Tom Caine Directed by Marc Beeby Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern Mika Simmons Sadie of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run Henri John Bull Phil Cornwell Bouche by the writer's family First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016. Roland Simon Carter Michael Roberts Clammy Clemence Dusty Christian Rodska Andrew McGibbon Jake SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse (b00bbmfj) Thomas Steve Hodson Allardeck Bill Wallis Nick Romero Monty DeVere What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning Emma Clarke Judge Tribulations of an Uncle By Marriage Wykeham William Eedle Songs: Andrew McGibbon. Nick Romero and Suggs After the cottage inferno in Steeple Bumpleigh, Bertie Wooster Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill. plots a fake burglary.

A P.G. Wodehouse romp adapted in seven-parts by Chris Director: Chris Neill First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994 Producers: Torquil MacLeod. Julian Mayers and Andrew SAT 14:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx) McGibbon. Miller. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001 Bolt CAST 3. Hostile Intelligence SAT 22:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04wwgz3) Jeeves Michael Hordern Danielle de Brescou is followed and terrified by two men in Bertie Wooster Richard Briers Series 2 hoods, while two of Princess Casilia's finest racing horses are All the Fun of the Affair Stilton Cheeswright Michael Kilgarriff Stephen K Amos' sitcom about his own teenage years, growing slaughtered with a bolt gun. Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London. Percy, Lord Worplesdon Peter Woodthorpe Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos. Nobby Hopwood Rosalind Adams Produced by Colin Anderson. Edwin the Boy Scout Denise Bryer Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern SAT 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b07v2mdz) Producer: Simon Brett Henri John Bull Series 7 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978 Roland Simon Carter Colchester SUN 09:00 The TV Lark (b019m4i5) Dusty Christian Rodska Colchester - The oldest recorded town in Britain The Prestige Show Wykeham William Eedle Mark Steel returns for a seventh series of the award-winning With only one commercial to play, struggling new channel Lord Vaughnley Gerry Hinks show that travels around the country, researching the history, Troutbridge TV stages a flagship show to boost its viewing Prince Litsi Sam Dastor heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of After four series of 'The Navy Lark', the BBC decided the Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill. comedy for the local residents. comedy crew needed a new setting, so where better than brand "The oldest hot cross bun in the world was baked in Colchester" First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994 new independent station, Troutbridge TV? SAT 14:30 Dick Francis (b007jpzb) Mark visits the Essex town of Colchester and walks through the However, after just ten episodes, this proved to be only a Bolt streets where 'Emperor Claudius once rode triumphantly on the temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troutbridge -4. The Killing Game first elephant in Britain', before Boudicca burnt the place to the as the crew were soon back aboard 'The Navy Lark'. ground, that was. He visits 'Jumbo', the town's iconic, Victorian Prince Litsi faces terror, hanging by his finger tips from the top CAST: The Producer Stephen Murray of the old stand at Bradbury race-course. water tower and he delves into the history of Colchester Zoo. Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe The Floor Manager Jon Pertwee Mark also discovers how several nursery rhymes have their Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips origins in Colchester and he investigates the town's rivalry with The Director Leslie Phillips Chelmsford. Henry Povey Richard Caldicote Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern In this series Mark visits Stockport in Greater Manchester, 'Fatso' Johnson/Bernard Yeast Ronnie Barker Roland Simon Carter Colchester in Essex, Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, The Royal 'Taffy' Goldstein Teniel Evans Gervais Batsford-Shaw/ Sir Jimson Whitaker-Smythe Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Lynton in North Devon Dusty Christian Rodska Wykeham William Eedle and the British overseas territory of Gibraltar. Michael Bates Hodges Gerry Hinks Written and performed by ... Mark Steel Vera/Janet Janet Brown Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair TTV Continuity Announcer Robin Boyle Prince Litsi Sam Dastor Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Stirling Scripted by Lawrie Wyman Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson Allardeck Bill Wallis Producer ... Carl Cooper Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill. A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1963. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994 SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4lq) broadcast in 2016. SAT 15:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v) SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b00db35n) Series 2 [Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today] Series 2 The Operation SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b011zms3) Episode 3 Will pain inspire the writer's novel - or will he just moan in his Laura Solon and Fleur Adcock Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Ian hospital bed? Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2006. SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000r3cm) Harriett Gilbert discusses favourite paperbacks with writer Stone, Ronnie Golden and Jo Caulfield. From January 2002.

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Fleur Adcock and comedian Laura Solon. Their choices include a modern classic by Evelyn Waugh and two coming-of-age

novels, one set in France and the other in the north of England.

Comic Castaways

Whoopi Goldberg

The actor, comic and producer Whoopi Goldberg joins Kirsty

Young on Desert Island Discs.

As a child, Whoopi used to practise the acceptance speeches she was sure she would one day make - little surprise then that she's one of a handful of people to have won an Oscar, a Grammy, a Tony and Emmy awards.

Record: 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers

Book: 'Letters to a Young Poet' by Raine Maria Rilke

Luxury: Wise Potato Chips Produced by Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)

The Serpent's Stare

Underground animals are very different to the animals that spend their life on the surface. They are a different shape, their senses are tuned in a very different way and they manifestly come from a different world.

Does this explain the stare of the snake?

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 August 2009. SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0003kll)

Series 5 Post No Evil

Radiolab explores how to define hate speech in the age of social media giants? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich. How do you define hate speech? Where's the line between a joke and an attack? Facebook has tried to answer these questions in a rulebook that all 2.2 billions of us are expected to follow. What does this mean for the future of free speech? 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.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2018.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000r3cp)

Adelia Prado - Voice of Brazil

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC poetry archives and selects Adelia Prado - Voice of Brazil. An immersive portrait of the Brazilian poet who was discovered aged 40 living in provincial Minas Gerais.

This is a rare encounter with one of Brazil's most extraordinary poets. Adélia Prado has shunned the spotlight since her discovery in 1976 - then a 40-year-old mother of five. Now aged 80, her sensual, devout, sometimes provocative poetry is read and admired around the world.

For this programme, in the company of her long-time translator and fellow poet Ellen Doré Watson, she invites us into her home to talk about her life and work.

Adélia Prado was discovered by Brazil's foremost modern poet, Carlos Drummond de Andrade, who launched her literary career with the announcement that St Francis was dictating verses to a housewife in the backwaters of the interior state of Minas Gerais. She writes about the transcendent in ordinary life, of how the human experience is both mystical and carnal. She has been called one of the major voices of the Americas, who 'would remind you of Emily Dickinson if she didn't keep reminding you of Walt Whitman'.

With Poetic Licence, Denouement, Seduction, Neighbourhood and Day from The Alphabet in the Park; Selected Poems of Adélia Prado, published by Wesleyan. Copyright 1990 Adélia Prado and Ellen Doré Watson. The Mystical Rose and Spiritual Exercise from Ex-Voto: Poems of Adélia Prado, published by Tupelo Press. Copyright 2013 Adélia Prado and Ellen Doré Watson. Adélia Prado, The Mystical Rose: Selected Poems translated by Ellen Doré Watson (Bloodaxe Books, 2014), Used

Producer: Eve Streeter

A Greenpoint production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 12:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b098h0f8) Series 2

Case #73 - Cirque Du Solihull

Ineffective detectives Max and Ivan are called to help the penniless ringmaster of the crumbling Cirque Du Solihull (guest star Bridget Christie). After a series of mysterious accidents the circus faces closure after the human cannonball cannon is stolen

Meanwhile, in an effort to fend off increasingly erratic landlord Malcolm, Max has come up with an ingenious way to delay paying him their rent. Cast:

Max	Max Olesker
Ivan	Ivan Gonzalez
Brenda Zamponi	Bridget Christie
Narrator /	
Malcolm McMichaelmas	Lewis MacLeod
Belle (& others)	Lolly Adefope
Joe (& others)	David Reed
Written by Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez	
Developed by John Stanley Productions	

Produced by Ben Walker A Retort production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 13:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (Omnibus) (b087lc5q)

A meditation on snow by author Marcus Sedgwick.

Five years ago, he and his wife moved to an old chalet d'alpage high up in the Haute-Savoie (an alpine department of the eastern France bordering both Switzerland and Italy). Here for the first time he understands how snow can really shape the rhythms of daily life and during his first full winter in the mountains, he appreciates the hard daily labour involved in clearing proper alpine snow from the path outside his house. Today he remembers the snowy winters of his childhood in Kent and muses on the many different words that describe snow.

Marcus Sedgwick is best known as a children's author. He is the winner of many prizes, most notably the Michael L. Printz Award 2014, for his novel Midwinterblood. Marcus has also received two Printz Honors, for Revolver in 2011 and The Ghosts of Heaven in 2016. Other notable awards include Floodland, Marcus' first novel, which won the Branford-Boase Award in 2001, a prize for the best debut novel for children. His books have been shortlisted for over forty other awards, including the Carnegie Medal (six times), the Edgar Allan Poe Award (twice) and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (four times). He has twice been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in 2016 and 2017

The Reader is Jonathan Firth.

The publisher is Little Toller. The abridger is Katrin Williams and the producer is Julian Wilkinson.

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in December 2016. SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000r3cr)

Ken Follett

Author Ken Follett shares 'Myfanwy' by Cor Meibion Dolgellau A'r Cylch & 'Dance Me to the End of Love' by Leonard Cohen. SUN 14:20 Graham Greene - Monsignor Quixote

(Omnibus) (b07pwy98)

Episode 2/2

Graham Greene's comic reworking of Cervantes' classic novel continues.

A robber is helped by Father Quixote and Sancho, who pay an unexpected price.

Father Quixote Bernard Cribbins

Sancho Philip Jackson

Teresa Susan Jameson

The Robber/Father Jose/Father Leopoldo James Lailey

The Spanish Bishop Brian Protheroe

Doctor Galvan/ Senor Diego Sean Baker

The Youth/Man 2 Tom Forrister

Man 1 Jason Barnett Guardia 4 Sam Rix

Author: Graham Greene

Dramatist: Stephen Wyatt

Director Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016

SUN 15:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)

Exploring the legacy of musician and broadcaster Jack Jackson, who died in 1978, through the eyes of three generations of his

Kenny Everett said of him 'He was the first person to have fun on radio', but even though he inspired many broadcasters and musicians it is the incredible impact Jackson still has on his family.

This programme uncovers another Jackson dynasty overflowing with musicians, record producers and artists all striving to preserve his memory and make their own impression on the world. His two sons established a recording studio, used by artists such as Elton John, Tom Robinson and Motorhead. His daughter is a successful artist and designer and several of his grandchildren are forging effective careers in the music business - one of which co-founded production group 'Bimbo Jones' which has taken numerous number ones to the top of the dance charts. His great grand children are all encouraged to be

Jackson's career in entertainment spanned fifty years. Jackson formed his band in the thirties and was a regular at London's Dorchester Hotel. He became a disc jockey in 1948 on the BBC Light Programme and his programmes featured a mix of linking his voice with comedy clips and popular music. According to his grandson Marc he was the first broadcaster in Britain to introduce the technique of sampling and to present a "clip show" programme. He is also often cited as the man who gave the BBC the

nickname 'Auntie' and the first voice heard on ITV Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011

SUN 16:00 Inspector Resnick (b007677y)

Bird of Paradise

Resnick Keith Barron Millington... Sean Baker Sister Teresa Rachel Atkins Sister Bonaventura ... Gillian Bevan Grabianski Gerard McDermott Shana ... Blondell Taylor Scott ... Carl Prekopp Miriam Ann Beach Ferris ... Hannah Dee

Thackray ... Peter Marinker Directed by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000r3cp) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

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SUN 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b098h0f8)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jps)

3. Voices From Another Room

An artist starts to hear voices discussing a murder, involving him. Worse, the voices are in the future, and the murder is about to happen

An eerie tale by Philip Martin.

CAST:

Tom Swinnerton Neil Dudgeon

Jane Swinnerton Jenny Howe Richard Cardin Chris Moran

Natalie Hansen Katie McGuinness

Lily Machin Jaimi Barbakoff Music by Tom Smail.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SUN 18:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxm)

2. Feeling Watched

On impulse, Vesin gets off his train home and decides to spend the night in a small, sleepy, medieval village town whose mysterious inhabitants surreptitiously watch him.

He intends to stay one night but he stays longer than planned and gets to know the streets of the town. He feels watched even though no one appears to take any notice of him.

Vesin starts wondering whether the people actually come alive at night and wonders if the town is in the hands of cats. Vesin begins to feel uneasy and that strange forces are tugging at his very being.

by Algernon Blackwood

An Unabridged Reading in 4 episodes for Radio 4 Extra's The 7th Dimension

Read by Philip Madoc

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m0003kll) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Inspector Resnick (b007677v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000r3cm) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b098h0f8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today] SUN 22:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jwwz)

8. From 20th Century Wars to Twiggy The National Theatre of Brent's definitive history of Earth reaches the 20th century. With guest Ben Kingsley. From June 1990

SUN 22:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0bn5vm0)

Episode 8

John Hegley performs poems and songs, with musical accompaniment from Nigel Piper and the Popticians.

This episode includes a musical ode to Jimmy Grieves, a paean to privacy, and a paper plane proposal during school assembly. From October 1998.

SUN 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00hlcw5)

Series 3

Transport Lady Bagshot claims on the insurance, and the model railway club hits the buffers, Stars Marcus Brigstocke, From August

SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007qctj) Series 1

The spoof TV sci-fi star explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker, From October

MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021

MON 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076 ips) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007 ivxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (Omnibus) (b087lc5a)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday] MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000r3cr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 Graham Greene - Monsignor Quixote (Omnibus) (b07pwy98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday] MON 03:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun

Remembered (b0169255) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday] MON 04:00 Inspector Resnick (b007677y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday] MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000r3cp) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b098h0f8) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm5wr) 1. Advertising

Bulldog Hugh Drummond is a hero, patriot, sportsman and

quintessential English gentleman.

A de-mobilised army officer in the First World War,

Drummond knows how to fight hard and play fair and there is precious little that can shake him.

Finding peace unbearably tedious, he puts an ad in the newspaper offering his services to any client who can offer adventure.

Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

Written by "Sapper" (Herman McNeile) and abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: John Simpson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in November 2009

MON 06:30 Cadfael (b007jlcr)

The Virgin in the Ice

1. Casualties of War

Shrewsbury, Winter in the year 1139: Amid a civil war, medieval sleuth Brother Cadfael sets out to find a missing boy

Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised in five parts by Bert

Narrator ... Sir Michael Hordern Brother Cadfael ... Philip Madoc Hugh Beringar Douglas Hodge

Leonard Leonard Fenton Olivier Raad Rawi

Ermina Moira Buffini Ives Dean Magri Elyas Crispin Letts

Abbot Radulfus John Church

Other parts played by Jonathan Tafler, Steve Hodson, Eric Allen, Julian Rhind-Tutt and David Holt.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

MON 07:00 Turf Wars (b00z5hr2)

Losing the Plot

In Nick Warburton's delicious comedy, James Fleet plays Edward, a bashful man who, passing a local allotment, speaks to an attractive female allottee. He decides there and then that he must apply for a plot. But doing so involves an interview with ferocious site-manager Bernie who runs the allotments with military rigour. It's all looking unlikely until Edward reveals that his father was a local landscape horticulturalist, one Bernie has admired all his life. Edward joins the site. And it is only then that he springs a surprise on Bernie. One that leads to explosive confrontation. Which of them will lose the plot?

Edward James Fleet

Amanda Joanna Monro

Bernie Jonathan Coy Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000gwyz)

Series 73

Lockdown Recording 2

A final lockdown recording of the nation's favourite wireless entertainment sees Tony Hawks, Pippa Evans and Harry Hill take on Sandi Toksvig, Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden with Jack Dee in the chair and Colin Sell providing piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

Series 1

The Holiday

Harold fancies a holiday by himself in France, but his father Albert is not so keen.

Albert ... Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H. Corbett

The Doctor Colin Gordon

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966. MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k0qs)

Mr Finchley falls in love with a canary-coloured caravan and a rather stubborn horse.

Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent. Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Finchley

With Dinah Sheridan as Mrs Finchley, Ron Pember as Mr Rivers, Peter Vaughan as Turk. James Grout as Mr Sprake and Alan Thompson as Mr Harricot.

Narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.

MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4v)

Svon House

From bronze statues to Lalique.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz from the London home of the Duke of Northumberland, Svon House With John Bly, Philippa Glanville, Jane Hay and Peter Brown

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

MON 09:30 Babblewick Hall (b04njmpm)

Series 2 Episode 3

Someone upsets the village, but Squire Babblewick tries to enlighten them all. Stars Nicholas Le Prevost. From September

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b03xtvdp)

Dante Alighieri - The Divine Comedy

Blake Ritson, David Warner and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's incredible journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita

mi ritrovai per una selva oscura,

ché la diritta via era smarrita.

In Episode 1: Inferno, the thirty-five year old Dante (Blake Ritson) finds himself in the middle of a dark wood, in extreme personal and spiritual crisis. But hope of rescue appears in the form of the venerable poet Virgil (David Warner), now a shade himself, who offers to lead Dante on an odyssey through the afterlife, that begins in the terrifying depths of Hell.

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, attempts to finish his great poem and reflects on the events that have led him to its writing.

Dante the Poet Blake Ritson

Older Dante John Hurt Virgil David Warner

Ulysees/Giant Sam Dale

Charon/Pope Nicholas III Michael Bertenshaw

Francesca da Rimini Priyanga Burford

Count Ugolino David Cann Tree/ Adam Clive Hayward

Vanni Fucci Steve Touissaint

Angel Cassie Layton

All other parts are played by members of the company The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Sound design is by Cal Knightley

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014. MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000r47r)

Series 7

Confronting Racism

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

Guy Raz explores how racism isn't always obvious, but it can be found everywhere. How can we work to defeat systemic racism?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019. MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07mgvkn)

Pixie Lott

Singer Pixie Lott chooses 'Love Come Down' by Evelyn Champagne King and 'Something Inside So Strong' by Labi Siffre

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

[Reneat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k0qs) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm5wr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Cadfael (b007 jlcr) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kjtfx)

The Poltergeist

Robb Wilton (1881-1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of

1980s Britain? Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense

out of life as he did 40 years before..

Written by Allen Saddler. Producer: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.

MON 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07q2tp3)

Episode 6

Meg believes that she has saved her dairy from the clutches of gangster Moses Lipski but now other troubles are brewing that threaten both Meg and her family.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Annie Riley Alice Haig Iolo Jones Nick Underwood Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

MON 14:30 Bellydancing and the Blues (b01pg3qt)

Dancer and drummer Guy Schalom hunts out the spirit of the new Egypt in one of its biggest cultural exports. To our ears, Baladi is the music of the bellydancer - kitsch and mock-Arab. But in its true form it is the essence of Egypt, 'of the country',

'home' in the deepest sense

Our journey begins in Berlin, as bejwelled dancers from across Europe gather on a theatre stage ready to do battle for the title 'Miss Bellydance 2012'. They might not all know it, but the music which accompanies their gyrations is a knot of contradictions: an essence of the east inspired by western musical traditions, the spirit of rural Egypt made urban. But the deepest contradictions rest with the very people who perform Baladi. What seems to us a provocative, alluring, even licentious dance for women in fact has roots in a ceremonial dance for men. As we discover in Cairo, deep divisions remain between those who think it is a vital expression of the oriental spirit and those committed to regenerating sexual stereotypes. So what is the reality of bellydance and Baladi in the new Egypt? Can it find any place amongst the street rappers and pop artists or is this an artform about to be consigned to realms of the tourist-pleasing clubs and cafes? As with so much in this

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012. MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b03xtvdp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Babblewick Hall (b04njmpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] MON 17:00 Turf Wars (b00z5hr2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qwvz)

rapidly changing culture, answers prove difficult to find

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006mmr)

6. Strategic Withdrawal

Bill and Josella are offered hope, but yet another obstacle is put in their way ..

Conclusion of John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson Bill Masen Barbara Shelley Josella Playton

Freda Dowie Elspeth

Haydn Jones Torrance Nigel Graham Ivan

David Brierley Dennis Margaret Robertson Joyce

Jill Cary Susan

Alexander John First man Leonard Fenton Second Man

Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968. MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0128q6v)

Fay Weldon and Louise Welsh

Fay Weldon, Louise Welsh and Harriett Gilbert discuss favourite books by Lionel Shriver, HG Wells and Jean Rhys. Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Publisher: Penguin

Fav Weldon's choice: The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Publisher: Penguin We Need to Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver

Publisher: Serpent's Tail

Producer: Beth O'Dea First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 19:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k0qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm5wr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Cadfael (b007 ilcr) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000r47r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07mqvkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qwvz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Celebrity Voicemail Show (b08csrhw)

Series 2

Sadia Khan The Celebrity Voicemail Show is an entirely fictitious comedy show written, improvised and starring only Kayvan Novak in which he imagines what it might be like to hear the

answerphone messages of the rich and famous. This week we listen in to the voicemail of the new London

Mayor - Sadiq Khan. The producer is Matt Stronge.

A BBC Studios production. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

MON 22:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k1n1)

Series 2

The Poison Pen Letters

The elderly Scotsmen investigate who's been snitching with green ink. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From March

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000qvx9)

Series 104

Episode 2

This week as 2021 stumbles, blinking into the daylight, Andy is joined by Zoe Lyons, Catherine Bohart, Geoff Norcott and

Alun Cochrane. On the agenda, the concept of democracy, lockdowns, schools, and the Oxford comma.

Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Alice Fraser, Mike Shephard, Charlie Dinkin and Celya AB

Producer: Richard Morris A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b007k3hb)

Series 2

George and Beverley have feigned their deaths to see how their children will cope with the grief.

Alex is missing his parents, but his snail obsession is back with a vengeance...

Second series of Gerard Foster's comedy drama

George Geoffrey Palmer Beverley Angela Thorne Alex Gerard Foster

Rose Miranda Hart

Hosana Debra Stephenson Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021

TUE 00:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006mmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0128q6v)

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TUE 01:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm5wr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday] TUE 01:30 Cadfael (b007jlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kitfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07q2tp3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qwvz)

[Reneat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm9s4)

2. Warning Tricked into abducting the wrong man, dangerous Peterson

gives a stern warning to the ex-officer. Read by Julian Rhind-

TUE 06:30 Cadfael (b007ild1)

The Virgin in the Ice

2. Danger From All Sides

Amid bitter civil war in 1139, detective monk Brother Cadfael makes headway in his medieval crime hunt, but it's mixed news. Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern Boterel Andrew Wincott

Leonard Leonard Fenton Elyas Crispin Letts

Ives Dean Magri

Hugh Douglas Hodge

Ermina Moira Buffini Olivier Raad Rawi

Other parts played by Jonathan Tafler, John Fleming, Kate

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

TUE 07:00 Showstopper (b00yjcnw)

The Magical Sea Of Dreams

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical is the show where 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.

Producer: Sam Bryant First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

TUE 07:30 Beta Female (m0007rt8)

The identity of Amna depends on who you are. To her fellow Glaswegians, she's a Londoner now, having lived there for three years. To Londoners, she's Scottish when they can only hear her, but Asian if they can see her. To Scots, she's Pakistani - but to Pakistanis, she's British. To employers, she's disposable. And to her white, English boyfriend, she's just Amna, as his white privilege means he doesn't have to think about all of that. To her mum, of course, she's just "beta", the Urdu term for

Beta Female is a new sitcom which hinges on Amna's desire to be all these things and more - to keep her Mum and Dad happy by allowing her to believe that she and her boyfriend don't live together, and to keep her boyfriend happy by getting a job and contributing to the rent. Like many women of her background and age, Amna wants to have her differences acknowledged but to be treated the same as everyone else. From work to love to family to social media, Amna walks a tightrope of identity.

Contrasting with her confusion are her little brother, Haris, and her sister, Sunnah, both of whom appear to have "picked a side" - Haris is a young Scottish slacker, and Sunnah is a Muslim wife and mother. Amna still finds herself wanting to be part of both worlds, and seeming to feel part of neither.

This pilot episode sees Amna return home to Glasgow for an Eid party, where she will introduce her boyfriend to her family for the first time

Amna ... Kiran Sonia Sawar

Theo ... Tom Stourton

Mum .. Sudha Bhuchar

Dad ... Bhasker Patel Haris ... Omar Raza

Sunnah ... Amna Saleem

Uncle ... Anil Goutam Auntie ... Nina Wadia

Written by Amna Saleem

Produced by Ed Morrish

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00cghns)

Series 8

The Junk Affair

Neddie combs the world for junk, hoping to corner the market and make a packet. Stars Harry Secombe. From October 1957.

TUE 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jw2r) Series 3

Episode 6

Ad man Ken struggles with the women in his life, and ex-boss Freddie causes a stir. Stars Martin Jarvis. From November

TUE 09:00 The News Ouiz (m000qvx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)

Series 3

Episode 1

Singers Tommy and Sheila have a supermarket to open - and go silver surfing. Sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962

Eurovision Song Contest, but now they're back in the big time. The problem is, they can't stand each other.

Third series of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom.

CAST:

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

Hetty Stark Pat Coombes Murray Julian Eardley

Louis Elstein Edward Halsted

Music by Frido Ruth. Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b03xtvtm)

Dante Alighieri - The Divine Comedy

2. Purgatorio

Blake Ritson, David Warner, Hattie Morahan and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's extraordinary journey through Hell. Purgatory and Paradise.

In Episode 2: Purgatorio, Dante (Blake Ritson) is led up Mount Purgatory by his guide, the shade of Virgil (David Warner). On their journey, they encounter numerous souls who have embarked on the difficult journey up the mountain - a journey that will eventually lead to their spiritual salvation.

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, reflects on the episodes from his life that have inspired his great poem.

Dante the Poet Blake Ritson

Older Dante John Hurt Virgil David Warner

Beatrice Hattie Morahan

Guardian 1/ Proud Soul Sam Dale

Cato Michael Bertenshaw

Casella/ Donati Steve Touissaint Belacqua Clive Hayward

Pia of Siena Privanga Burford

Guardian 3 David Cann

Sapia Carolyn Pickles Girl Cassie Lavton

All other parts are played by members of the company The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Sound design is by Cal Knightley

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014. TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b087p473)

Asa Briggs: The Last Victorian Improver

Tristram Hunt MP tracks the life's work of the historian Asa Briggs, who was instrumental in the founding of the University

of Sussex and the Open University. By the time of his death, Asa Briggs had come a long way. From a childhood helping run his dad's struggling shop in Depression-era West Yorkshire, he began his career at amazing speed. At 16, he arrived at Cambridge University from his grammar school. At 21, he was cracking codes at Bletchlev

Park. In 1945, he turned down the offer of a safe Labour seat. In his late twenties, he had a fellowship at Oxford. In 1951, he went on a road trip round Syria and Turkey with a young student of his - Rupert Murdoch.

Briggs became the official historian of the BBC, where he learned to run institutions - and then grabbed the chance to build one himself. At the new University of Sussex, he was there from the start, helping to make it the most visible of the new universities of the 1960s. And then he played a major role in shaping the Open University.

In this programme, Tristram Hunt explores the energetic life of one of his heroes. He argues that Briggs was steeped in the Victorian era.

First, through his Victorian grandfather, who took him on tours of the architectural glories of the North of England.

Second, Briggs was a leading historian of the Victorian era, and played a huge role in rescuing it from negative stereotypes.

he wanted to sustain their great effort to improve life. His mission to open up access to education modernised and built on the Victorians' legacy.

With: Dan Briggs, Jean Seaton, David Kynaston, Miles Taylor, Bill Cash MP.

Produced by Phil Tinline in association with the Open University.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00cghns)

TUE 13:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm9s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kpzsr)

The Balloon

Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s.

Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain - negotiating the more difficult aspects of charity

Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before...

Written by Allen Saddler.

Producer: Brian Miller

TUE 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07q7jl0)

With her business in serious trouble Meg finds out who's been

Thriller set in 1890s Whitechapel.

Annie Riley Alice Haig Sergeant Fred Wensley Jason Barnett

Directed by Marc Beeby In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

Episode 1 In collaboration with the National Gallery in London whose summer show is about the history and theory of COLOUR, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen looks beneath the surface of our

In the first programme he returns to a period when most people were dressed in drab dye stuffs, derived from plants, and painters had to work hard to source mineral pigments for paint. Deep in the National Gallery, he visits senior conservator Jill Dunkerton to discuss how she goes about restoring pictures from the early Renaissance. What does she substitute for the original lapis lazuli blue found so often in pictures of the Madonna? Any why was this colour so prized by artists of this

period? Victoria Finlay has travelled the world in search of the sources of coloured minerals. She tells of searching for lapis in Afghanistan and the cochineal beetle (source for red dye) in Mexico. These were the exotic lands from which the early

Laurence takes his explorations forward in time to the nineteenth century when the science of colour was becoming properly understood. Professor Martin Kemp explains how the Impressionists began to imitate the effects of light reflecting off coloured surfaces onto the eve.

Ella Hendriks is a curator at the Van Gogh museum and she's in charge of preserving the colours in his paintings. She explains that the colours in his paintings are completely different to how

Hurlbert, who researches our perceptions of colour. She's interested in how we explain the way our brains can identify colours despite dramatic differences in lighting.

The programmes visit the Matisse exhibition in London, the

But third, Asa Briggs was a Victorian himself - in the sense that

TUE 13:30 Cadfael (b007jld1)

Series 1

fundraising?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.

Episode 7

sleeping in the dairy's yard and recruits an unexpected ally.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch

by Gregory Evans

(b044h9bh)

colour-saturated world to investigate what we're actually looking at when we see red, yellow and blue.

ingredients for pigments came.

they looked originally. One of Laurence's final contributors is Professor Anya

Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam, and the churches of Florence. As Laurence discovers, colour is much more slippery and complicated than you might think

Producer: Susan Marling, Isabel Sutton

A Just Radio production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b03xtvtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Who Goes There? (b0075yzs)

Series 4

Episode 3

Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego with guests Vivienne Parry and Jonathan Meades

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

TUE 16:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Beta Female (m0007rt8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

1. Taking the Michelangelo

When Bernie catches the wrong London bus, he's transported back to 16th century Rome to thwart two meddling time travellers - and rescue Michelangelo.

Starring Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Andy Mulligan as Michelangelo, Dan Freedman as

Kurzio and Alex Lowe as the interpolator Written by Andrew McGibbon, Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00mk6tc)

Series 8

Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme, by Thomas Tallis Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis

When Vaughan Williams wrote his Tallis Fantasia in 1910, he changed the course of British music. Here at last was a piece of music which was no longer under the Teutonic influence, but which drew on old English hymn tunes and folk idioms for its themes. As the string music builds to a climax, interviewees tell how this music has brought solace and hope in times of tragedy and changed the course of their lives.

When composers Herbert Howells and Ivor Gurney heard the premiere of Vaughan Williams' Tallis Fantasia in Gloucester Cathedral in 1910, it's said that they walked the streets of Gloucester all night because of the sheer excitement of

possibility that this new piece had awakened in them. This programme tells how the beauty and richness of Vaughan Williams' Tallis Fantasia awakened a life long love of classical music in a nine year old boy at bedtime; how it served as comfort for an artist in despair and how it brought solace to a

grieving father Contributors:

Michael Kennedy

Ian Clarke

EM Marshall Rolf Jordan

Peter Phillips

Harry Atterbury

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00cghns) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007 iw2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nm9s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 20:30 Cadfael (b007jld1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b087p473)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today] TUE 22:00 Beta Female (m0007rt8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Big Booth (b007k2ww)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 1

Boothby Graffoe returns with a series of guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs.

From the Pieasance Cabaret Bar at the Edinburgh Festival. With Stephen Frost, Kevin Eldon, Big Al, Vivienne Soan and Antonio Forcione

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

TUE 23:00 James Acaster's Findings (b04pbmkd) Series 1

3. Wheels

Triple Foster's nominated comedian James Acaster presents the

results of his research. This week, he's been investigating 'Wheels'. With Nathaniel Metcalfe ('Fresh from the Fringe') and Bryony Hannah ('Call the Midwife')

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

TUE 23:15 Expenses Only (b07lhgr1)

3. Politics

Put away your P45, you're not going to need it - it's Expenses Only. Our two young interns Tim and Miranda face canvassing capers, cruel competitions and this year's biggest Christmas card crisis as they struggle to cope through their internship in the seemingly-scandalous world of Politics

Expenses Only is a narrative sketch show by new writer Alex Lynch, centred around internships and the world of world experience.

In each episode, the show's two leading twenty-something protagonists, Tim (enthusiastic worker) and Miranda (jaded graduate), attempt to break into a different industry through a series of increasingly challenging placements.

The series is made up of an ensemble cast and is also tied together using linking sketches, signature ad-breaks and the Narrator who, with his deadpan delivery and wry commentary, guides us through the schadenfreude and chaos that unravels across an episode

Cast:

Tim... Rasmus Hardiker

Miranda... Lucy Beaumont

Narrator... Robert Glenister

Player... Kathryn Bond Player... Simon Bubb

Player... Beth Goddard

Player... Matt Green

Player... Simon Greenall Player... Christine Kavanagh

Player... Paul G Raymond

Player... Lorna Shaw

Player... Kellie Shirley

Player... Tom Glenister

Recorded live at Bush Hall, London.

Creator / Writer: Alex Lynch

Additional material by Charlotte Michael Director: Celia De Wolff

Executive Producer: Peter Hoare

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

TUE 23:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007tcpt) Series 2

Episode 2

An old flame pits spinmeisters Charles and Martin against one another. Stars Stephen Fry and Tamsin Greig. From February

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WED 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday] WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00mk6tc)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01kpzsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07q7jl0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Primary Colours

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b03xtvtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday] WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0075yzs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00bt51z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday] WED 05:00 Showstopper (b00vicnw) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Beta Female (m0007rt8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday] WED 06:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nmzm3)

3. Grappling

In his ongoing battle with the evil Peterson, our hero has to grapple with a gorilla. Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

WED 06:30 Cadfael (b007jldd) The Virgin in the Ice

3. Found and Lost

As the 1139 English civil war rages in Shropshire, monk-cumsleuth, Brother Cadfael's brave search for Ermina leads him to the isolated medieval manor of Ledditch.

Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael. Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc Narrator Sir Michael Hordern Boterel Andrew Wincott

Leonard Leonard Fenton Elyas Crispin Letts Ives Dean Magri

Porter Steve Hodson Hugh Douglas Hodge

Ermina ...

Dutton Eric Allan

Music by Peter Salem.

Lunch

A comedy about three couples sailing off in to the sunset. And

This week a lunch invitation looks like it might change

Written and starring Jack Docherty. With Charlie Higson.

Producer: Steven Canny

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 2013.

WED 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage

Series 2 It's Just Work

Conversations from a Long Marriage is a two-hander, starring Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam, as a long-married couple who met in the Summer of Love and are still passionate about life. music and each other. We listen to - and empathise with - their dangling 'conversations' covering everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sourdough

In Episode two, Joanna gets distracted by a work project, which happens to be with a man who just happens to be much younger about being pushed out of her life, he's told, in no uncertain terms, 'it's just work'. But is it?

Written by Jan Etherington. Produced and directed by Claire Jones. Production co-ordinator Beverly Tagg. A BBC Studios

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)

The Poetry Society

The lad's new avant garde friends produce some poetical gems with a little help from Sid and Bill.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Fenella

Fielding, Warren Mitchell and Fraser Kerr.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b008g7p2)

Over-Drawn, Over-Sexed and Over-Optimistic

It's crunch time for Izzy, with Bill, Michael and Razors all vying for her attention.

Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rene Zagger as Razors, Sion Probert as Gwyn and Neil McCaul as Bill.

teacher Izzy has a predilection for inappropriate men A six-part radio sequel first adapted from Sue Limb's 1984

novel. The last of three series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

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

musical paces

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006. WED 09:30 Rent (b00752fm)

Series 3

Episode 3

Episode 6

It's havoc in the Reynolds household as the preparations for the baby's naming ceremony reach a climax.

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.. Moira Buffini Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b03c46ts)

sinking.

everything.

(m000qx1b)

bread. and rather more exciting than Roger. When Roger complains

Production

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Producer: Tom Ronald

1959

Imelda Staunton stars as Isabelle 'Izzy' Comyn. With Mike Grady as Dick, Marty Cruickshank as Maria,

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30-something

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

WED 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mpqkn) Series 2

by Clare Grogan and Danny Kelly to be put through their

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria

and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby, Dave Lamb as Paul, Sally Grace as Mother and Chris Emmett as Father. Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b03xtx55) Dante Alighieri - The Divine Comedy

3. Paradiso

Blake Ritson, Hattie Morahan and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's extraordinary journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise.

In Episode 3: Paradiso, Dante's spiritual journey comes to a glorious conclusion as he (Blake Ritson) is led by Beatrice (Hattie Morahan) through the spheres of Paradise and into the presence of God himself. As they ascend, they encounter a number of souls who have also achieved blessed

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, reflects on the episodes from his life that have inspired his great poem.

Dante the Poet Blake Ritson Older Dante John Hurt

Beatrice Hattie Morahan

Piccarda Priyanga Burford

Cacciaguida/ St Peter Sam Dale

Emperor Justinian/ St Benedict/ St James Michael

Bertenshaw

Spirit 1 Clive Hayward

Spirit 2 Steve Touissaint Cunizza Carolyn Pickles

Eagle Cassie Layton

St John David Cann

All other parts are played by members of the company The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Sound design is by Cal Knightley

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

WED 11:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000r5hy)

2. Travelling Man

In a completely different broadcast from London's BBC Radio Theatre John McCarthy meets with Michael Palin to celebrate the actor-adventurer's remarkable life and career as heard on BBC radio.

Michael Palin has been a Python, a world traveller, author, actor and screenwriter, and often described as "Britain's Nicest Man". However one area which is often overlooked from his long and impressive career are his fascinating radio contributions

Featuring extracts from his mighty canon of work including his famous diaries, interviews about his comedy and travel work. documentaries and dramas.

Recorded in front an enthusiastic audience, we discover Palin's love for radio as we hear a treasure trove of archives on an eclectic mix of subjects and plenty memories of Monty Python. Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2017.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)

[Reneat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Up the Garden Path (b008g7p2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nmzm3) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Cadfael (b007jldd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0111d4z)

Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music

Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain - coping with an unusual visitor?

Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before..

Written by Allen Saddler.

Producer: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

WED 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07qbcb4)

Episode 8

Meg's problems multiply when her would-be brother-in-law, the creepy Madog Prys, comes to London - and gangster boss Moses Lipski makes an unwelcome return.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones

Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Annie Riley Alice Haig Madog Prys James Lailey

Iolo Jones Nick Underwood

Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

WED 14:30 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's Primary Colours

Episode 2

In collaboration with the National Gallery in London whose

summer show is about the history and theory of COLOUR, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen looks beneath the surface of our colour-saturated world to investigate what we're actually looking at when we see red, yellow and blue.

In the first programme he returns to a period when most people were dressed in drab dye stuffs, derived from plants, and painters had to work hard to source mineral pigments for paint. Deep in the National Gallery, he visits senior conservator Jill Dunkerton to discuss how she goes about restoring pictures from the early Renaissance. What does she substitute for the original lapis lazuli blue found so often in pictures of the Madonna? Any why was this colour so prized by artists of this period?

Victoria Finlay has travelled the world in search of the sources of coloured minerals. She tells of searching for lapis in Afghanistan and the cochineal beetle (source for red dye) in Mexico. These were the exotic lands from which the early ingredients for pigments came.

Laurence takes his explorations forward in time to the nineteenth century when the science of colour was becoming properly understood. Professor Martin Kemp explains how the Impressionists began to imitate the effects of light reflecting off coloured surfaces onto the eye.

Ella Hendriks is a curator at the Van Gogh museum and she's in charge of preserving the colours in his paintings. She explains that the colours in his paintings are completely different to how they looked originally.

One of Laurence's final contributors is Professor Anya Hurlbert, who researches our perceptions of colour. She's interested in how we explain the way our brains can identify colours despite dramatic differences in lighting.

The programmes visit the Matisse exhibition in London, the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam, and the churches of Florence. As Laurence discovers, colour is much more slippery and complicated than you might think.

Producer: Susan Marling, Isabel Sutton

A Just Radio production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b03xtx55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mpqkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Rent (b00752fm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] WED 17:00 Start/Stop (b03c46ts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qx1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnrf)

2. Don't Be a Freud

The time travellers hit 19th-century Austria, where Freud is about to give a historic paper on telepathy, which Raymond and Hildegard are bent on stealing...

Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as Karl, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Brever, Alex Lowe as the interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Martha.

Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob Colley, Julian Mayers and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero. Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b0b3cvr7)

Afterwords

A dream-like journey, a man trying to prove he hasn't died and a reflection on a eulogy. Josie Long presents documentaries where words linger long after they're uttered.

Featuring the voices of the oral historian Studs Terkel, recorded a couple of years before he passed away, and the writer Julia Cooper, finding the words she wished she could offer her vounger self.

A Taxi Stops

Produced by Rikke Houd

Afterwords Featuring Jeremy Lee Bass

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft

Eulogy

Featuring Julia Cooper

Produced by Veronica Simmonds

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Up the Garden Path (b008g7p2) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nmzm3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Cadfael (b007ildd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000r5hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qx1b) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Croft & Pearce Show (b072mz5w)

Episode 1 A sketch show from award-winning duo Croft and Pearce,

rising stars of the UK comedy scene. These Edinburgh Fringe favourites were the break-out hit of BBC Radio 4's Sketchorama and have performed sell-out show in London, New York and around the UK.

Packed with sharply observed characters, this debut from writer performers Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce is not to be missed. In the opening episode we meet June and Jean, two middle-class ladies driven to the brink by the strain of village life in the Home Counties, as well as a rowdy Geordie Brown Owl and an

over-excited work experience girl. Written and performed by Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.

WED 22:45 Cracking Up (b08nqmpc)

Series 1

Let's Talk About Sex

Psychotherapist Spencer finds an uncomfortable conversation with daughter Tilly leads him to an inappropriate outburst outside the school gates. Meanwhile, ex-wife Tina is struggling to get teenager Dylan out of the door in the absence of his lucky

Spencer has an awkward moment with a man on a tube train and decides to make himself feel better by taking Tilly (and bagfuls of his clothes) to a charity shop. Unfortunately, there's a misunderstanding with the owner that results in Spencer shouting a lot about cancer and smashing a door down - but Police eventually let him off with a caution.

Tina's boyfriend Owen's motorbike has been vandalised with a magic marker and Tilly's curious as to why Spencer's hands have got ink all over them.

A Big Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May

WED 23:00 Lobby Land (m00070zk)

Series 2

Risky Business

As Boris enters Number 10 and Britain melts in a heat-wave, the Hot Takes journalists follow the only reasonable course of action - hole up at home and turn off the news. Can the peace

Starring Yasmine Akram, Charlie Higson, Cariad Lloyd, Dan Tetsell and Daniel Lawrence Taylor.

Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah Dempster With additional material by Laura Major and Dan Tetsell Produced by Jon Harvey

A Naked production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019

WED 23:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rr555)

Living Room Comedian Alun Cochrane has a 25 year mortgage which he can only pay off by being funny. In this series he takes us on a room

by room, stand up tour of his house. He has a fridge that beeps at him when he doesn't move quickly enough and a fire alarm he can't reach. His relationship with his house is a complicated one.

A hoarder of funny and original observations on everyday life, Alun invites us to help him de-clutter his mind and tidy his ideas into one of those bags that you hoover all the air out of and keep under your bed. This show will help Alun and his house work through their relationship issues and prevent a separation that Alun can ill afford; at least not until the market

picks up anyway. Performers: Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn Writers: Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton

Producer: Carl Cooper. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

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THU 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007 inrf)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Cadfael (b007 ildd) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

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THU 05:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qx1b)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nn7s8)

Britain is in peril and Potts is in danger. Our hero follows his enemy to Paris. Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

THU 06:30 Cadfael (b007jldr)

The Virgin in the Ice

4. The Wolves' Nest

Brother Cadfael searches for Ives Hugonin and Brother Elyas

who are missing in a blizzard. Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina Moira Buffini

Leonard Leonard Fenton

Hugh Douglas Hodge Le Gaucher Peter Laird Ives Dean Magri

Olivier Raad Raw

Outlaw Jonathan Adams

Soldier Steve Hodson Sergeant Jonathan Tafler

Other parts played by the cast.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992. THU 07:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b06418ms)

Series 4

The Supplement

Damien is offered the chance to present his own television series all about "street food", something which doesn't initially appeal, particularly as he is busy editing the food supplement for a Sunday newspaper - territory which is far more familiar. But when he is forced to become more populist to placate the paper's editor, perhaps this is the time to finally take the plunge into the murky world of "TV".

And Damien's boundaries are further tested when his kitchen is commandeered by Anthony and Mr Mullaney, who are in the midst of planning a property renovation company together.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony Justin Edwards

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey Livi Hollinshead Alex Tregear

Paula, the Editor Jessica Turner

Arlo Chance Stephen Critchlow It was written by Justin Edwards.

The producer was Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015

THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m000qy0r)

Episode 1

Sarah Millican's hit panel show returns, using surveys to discover who is the most Average Jolene and who is the most Maverick Matilda. This week's sparkling panel features Susan Calman, Shazia Mirza, Kirsten O'Brien and Nick Mohammed. Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from, the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected

anecdotes are revealed along the way.

The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be the most different - the furthest from the norm.

A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of the spoons.

Written by Sarah Millican, Gabby Hutchinson Crouch, Jess Fostekew and Juliet Meyers.

Produced by Lianne Coop.

A Chopsy Production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05vh)

Series 1

The bona beginnings of one of the BBC's most popular comedies. The story so far, the BBC's Backroom Boys and part one of The Clissold Saga.

Starring Kenneth Horne. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street,

London. Announcer: Douglas Smith Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio

comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters,

catchphrases and double-entendres. Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1965. THU 08:30 Wally Who? (b08s7176)

I Want to Be in Movies

"Hobnobbing it with the rich and famous. I'm definitely moving up in the world. Who'd have dreamt that one day I'd be drinking in a bar where they let you have peanuts for nothing?

Can Wally Thornton turn his dreams of screen stardom into

Starring Tony Brandon as Wally, With Chris Ellison, John

Jardine, Nick Maloney and Rosalind Knight.

Tony Brandon's BBC career was mainly as a disc-jockey for Radio 1 and 2 from 1967-1982, but as an actor, he also recorded the comedy series 'The Family Brandon' and 'Wally

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor

Theme and incidental music by Debbie Katz.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 1982. THU 09:00 Genius (b008jf2r)

Series 2

Armando lannucci

Aeroplane parachutes and ASBO flip-flops.

Dave Gorman asks writer and producer Armando Iannucci 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 October 2006

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007jzkw) Series 2

Them and Us

Joy and consternation as Wendy is promoted at work, but Robin is suspended. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From May 2003.

THU 10:00 Drama (b08m98ql)

The Hours by Michael Cunningham

Episode 1

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer winning book by Michael Cunningham inspired by Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway. Starring Rosamund Pike, Fenella Woolgar and Teresa

Gallagher. Three very separate women. They live in different locations and different eras but they are bound by their passion for Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway. As they experience life on a Tuesday in June, their thoughts and experiences echo each other

and become intertwined. In Richmond in 1923, Virginia Woolf (Fenella Woolgar) sits down to write a novel calling her heroine Mrs Dalloway. In Los Angeles in 1949, Laura (Teresa Gallagher) sits in bed reading Mrs Dalloway. In New York in the 1990s, Clarissa (Rosamund Pike) goes out to buy flowers for a party mirroring the start of the day for the fictional Mrs Dalloway. The party is for her best friend Richard who long ago dubbed her Mrs Dalloway. Weaving together themes of bisexuality, mental illness, middle age, the trials of creativity, parental guilt, marital discord, suburban isolation, infertility, friendship and loss - the three

In the first episode, the women go about their day, Virginia is struggling to write in Richmond where she feels banished but is cheered by a visit from her sister. Laura has domestic tasks and a small son to look after but all she wants to do is read, and Clarissa struggles to prepare for a huge party in honour of her friend Richard but she's worried that he is so sick. Each finds a way to make it through to the afternoon of the same day in

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Sony Award winning writer Frances Byrnes adapted the book for radio.

Virginia/Kitty Fenella Woolgar

Laura Teresa Gallagher

Dan/Walter Corey Johnson Richie Jack Towbin

Clarissa Rosamund Pike Vanessa/Sally Lia Williams

Leonard/Louis David Annen

Nelly Rachel Atkins

Julia Haley McGee

Other voices by Sydney Beveridge and Josh Wakesberg

Composer: Gene Pritsker Pianist: Carollyn Eden

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Adapted for radio by Frances Byrnes

Directed by Judith Kampfner and Polly Thomas

Produced by Judith Kampfner

A Corporation For Independent Media production First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000r3cm) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00i05vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Wally Who? (b08s7l76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] THU 13:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nn7s8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 13:30 Cadfael (b007ildr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)

Series 1

The Carnival

Robb Wilton (1881-1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s

Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of

1980s Britain - trying to solve an unusual problem?

Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before... Written by Allen Saddler.

Producer: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

THU 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07qbfvy) Series 1

Episode 9

Violence has come to the dairy. Meg nurses the badly beaten Samuel while Annie unearths some potentially useful information about the predatory Iolo Jones. Thriller set in 1890s

Whitechapel. Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch Annie Riley Alice Haig . James Lailey

Madog Prys Sergeant Fred Wensley Jason Barnett

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

THU 14:30 Great Aunt Mary's Tune (b0084ldp)

Lucy Neal goes in search of a home for the valuable archive of her once renowned great great aunt, Mary Neal, suffragette, social-worker, colleague and later adversary of Cecil Sharp during the great English Folk Dance revival at the start of the twentieth century.

Readers: Geraldine James and John Rowe

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 15:00 Drama (b08m98ql) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Genius (b008jf2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] THU 16:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007jzkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b06418ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m000qy0r)

[Reneat of broadcast at 07:30 today] THU 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon

(b007jnry)

3 On the Buses Bernie is kidnapped by Hildegard and then escapes to the 24th

century. Raymond discovers his true identity... Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as the Driver, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Kunitrol, Alex Lowe as the

interpolator and Sophie Aldred as Spikea. Written by Andrew McGibbon. Additional material by Rob

Colley and Kevin Greening.
Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b06wd26b)

Nitin Sawhney on Jeff Buckley Musician and performer Nitin Sawhney champions the life of Jeff Buckley who he regards as a genius singer, songwriter.

The expert is Steve Abbott who was a friend of Buckley's and released his debut record. Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Perminder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016. THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00j05vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Wally Who? (b08s7176)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] THU 20:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nn7s8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 20:30 Cadfael (b007jldr) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000r3cm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m000qy0r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b00b9nzb)

Knowledge and Ignorance

Satan thinks humans can't handle knowledge, but the professor thinks they can. Satanic sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From

THU 23:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b01g6l4z)

March and April

A second chance to hear satirist Craig Brown dip into the private lives of public figures from the 1960's to the present

March and April: Gyles Brandreth celebrates his birthday through the years, and Sharon Osbourne auditions some

handsome young singers.

Voiced by Jan Ravens, Alistair McGowan, Lewis McLeod, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Dolly Wells. Written by Craig Brown.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010. THU 23:30 The Headset Set (b01nl9pw)

Series 2

A fast-moving audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything. This week, a new Guy called Scott starts work at Smile 5, while sketches include a man calling to complain about a faulty bowl.

Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hoult Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Phaldut sharma Writers Various

Script editor Dan Tetsell/James Kettle. Producer Tilusha Ghelani

WELCOME TO SMILES!

Smile5 is a mail order catalogue company selling everything from Rolex watches to lawnmowers, from financial products to phone and broadband, from holidays to health insurance. And somewhere in a brown-field wasteland miles from the nearest town, it runs one of the largest call centres operating in the UK. This is the world of The Headset Set.

Each episode features a host of sketches set eavesdropping on both sides of the bizarre, horrific and ludicrous business customer relationship. The remaining sketches are set in the Smile5's offices. We meet four of the call centre's employees: Sailesh - Officially the team leader, Sailesh has recently moved from Bangalore seemingly bringing a wealth of call-centre experience and an admirable work ethic lacking in his fellow Headsetters, which the others resent him for.

Bernie - As she's been here longer than anyone, she refuses to recognise Sailesh's authority. She also refuses to learn how to use anything more technologically advanced than a 1980s trim

Aleesha - A self-loathing street-wise cynic who resents having to work at Smile 5. Or in fact, having to work at all.

Big Tony - Tony spends most of his time on the phone, but not necessarily on Smile 5 business. He's always running some sort of dodgy scam, like a minicab office from his desk.

Other sketches feature Smile5's unsympathetic counsellor and the head of training Ralph, who trains the most inept of the call centre staff, such as the child-like Bradley.

The series stars Chizzy Akudolu (Holby City), Margaret Cabourn Smith (Fresh Meat, Miranda), Colin Hoult (Being Human; Life's Too Short), Lucy Montgomery (Armstrong and Miller; Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack) and Phaldut Sharma (Eastenders)

WRITERS

This is a team written sketch show originated by Stephen Carlin and James Kettle. Established sketch writers such as Stephen Carlin, James Kettle, Jon Hunter and Colin Hoult are joined by the best comedy writers to have emerged from recent 'open door' radio shows. These recent Radio 4 and 4 extra shows. Recorded for Training Purposes and Newsjack, gave new comedy writers an opportunity to hone their skills First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

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FRI 00:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon (b007jnry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b06wd26b) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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FRI 02:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07qbfyy) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Great Aunt Mary's Tune (b0084ldp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Drama (b08m98ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Genius (b008if2r) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007jzkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b06418ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m000qv0r) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nnpb3)

5. Godalming

The ex-officer heads to Godalming to protect Phyllis. And are the Duchess' pearls safe? Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt. FRI 06:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

The Virgin in the Ice

5. Discoveries

Detective monk Brother Cadfael discovers outlaws have taken

Ives Hugonin prisoner.

Conclusion starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael. Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina Moira Buffini

Leonard Leonard Fenton Hugh Douglas Hodge Le Gaucher Peter Laird Ives Dean Magri

Elyas Crispin Letts Axeman Peter Gunn

Boterel Andrew Wincott

Other parts played by the cast.

Music by Peter Salem. Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

FRI 07:00 Dot (b071skpf)

Series 1

The Extraordinary Example of the Ha'penny Exchange

A little East End snotling has infiltrated the Cabinet War Rooms. But Dot's got important propaganda work to do.

How will she dispose of the little gremlin, whilst simultaneously concocting a stirring, yet pithy slogan for the war effort? For King and country, she'll bally well try!

Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel in the rollicking wartime comedy by Ed Harris.

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Peg Freya Parker

Millicent Jane Slavin Peabody David Acton

Ha'penny Alicia Ambrose-Bayly

Matron Susan Jameson

Right Honourable Washtunrub Sean Baker

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000r31x)

Kiri Pritchard-McLean: Egg-sistential Crisis

Stand-up Kiri Pritchard-Mclean brings a special show to BBC Radio 4 all about millennials and why they have stopped procreating.

Producer: Suzy Grant

BBC Studios Production

FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00zmxnq)

Storm in a Tea Urn

Trouble starts brewing over Sir Gregory's ban on the bumbling bureaucrats making tea.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.

With Norma Ronald, John Graham, Ronald Baddiley, Patricia Haves and John Curle

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC

Radio 4 Extra. Producer: Edward Taylor,

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1970.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b007ix5i)

Rebel Without a Pause

Faith and teenage son Joe fall out, but is Bill the cause or the

Bill and Faith are two middle-aged divorcees, from very different backgrounds, trying to get it together. However, Bill's ex and Faith's two teenage children are doing their utmost to prevent it.

Based on the real-life relationship of writers Jan Etherington

and Gavin Petrie.

CAST:

Bill James Bolam

Faith Lynda Bellingham Liza Belinda Lang

Hilary Celia Imrie

Hannah Kelda Holmes

Joe Mark Denham

Jill Moir Leslie Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007tzff)

Toyah Willcox

Pop sensation and actress Toyah Willcox is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

Tackling the ultra-personal quiz are Sue Perkins, Caroline

Ouinlan, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every show. All the

questions are about them. Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Ouirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 09:30 Bristow (b007r031)

When Melancholy Autumn Comes to Chester-Perry The promise of a Christmas bonus lifts Bristow's spirits - for once, his generosity knows no bounds... But then he takes matters into his own hands when it becomes clear that a bonu

for Chester Perry staff isn't forthcoming. Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated

internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Jonathan Quartly Bernard Cribbins Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan Hewitt Owen Brenman

Molly Sheila Reid Rupert Clement Royce Mills

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Richard Blobb Norman Bird

Miss Golightly Lucy Akhurst Postboy Simon Schatzberger

Receptionist Zeena Eate Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

FRI 10:00 Drama (b08n22rp)

The Hours by Michael Cunninghan

Episode 2

The Pulitzer winning book by Michael Cunningham inspired by Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway. Starring Rosamund Pike,

Fenella Woolgar and Teresa Gallagher. Three very separate women. They live in different locations and different eras but they are bound by their passion for Virginia

Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway. As they experience life on a Tuesday in June, their thoughts and experiences echo each other and become intertwined.

In Richmond in 1923, Virginia Woolf (Fenella Woolgar) sits down to write a novel calling her heroine Mrs Dalloway. In Los Angeles in 1949, Laura (Teresa Gallagher) sits in bed reading Mrs Dalloway. In New York in the 1990s, Clarissa (Rosamund Pike) goes out to buy flowers for a party mirroring the start of the day for the fictional Mrs Dalloway. The party is for her best friend Richard who long ago dubbed her Mrs Dalloway. Weaving together themes of bisexuality, mental illness, middle age, the trials of creativity, parental guilt, marital discord, suburban isolation, infertility, friendship and loss - the three

stories become one. In the second and concluding episode, Virginia, Laura and Clarissa all experience conflict between their need to be free and their domestic responsibilities and ties. Virginia Woolf creates a pivotal moment when Mrs Dalloway sees a book in a shop window open at a page with a song from Shakespeare's Cymbeline It haunts her - and it haunts Laura and Clarissa too As their stories become interwoven there more and more

parallels. Michael Cunningham's enormously popular and critically successful book won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and inspired the film starring Nicole Kidman. He called his story The Hours because that was a title that Virginia Woolf had considered. He says Mrs Dalloway was a huge influence on his life because he read the novel as a response to a dare when he

was 15 and then decided to be a writer. Sony Award winning writer Frances Byrnes adapted the book

Cast:

Vanessa/Sally Lia Williams Virginia Fenella Woolgar

LauraTeresa Gallagher

Richie ... Jack Towbin

Clarissa Rosamund Pike Julia ... Haley McGee

Walter/DanCorey Johnson Leonard David Annen

Nelly Rachel Atkins

Composer: Gene Pritsker Pianist: Carollyn Eden

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Adapted for radio by Frances Byrnes Directed by Judith Kampfner and Polly Thomas

Produced by Judith Kampfner Executive Producer Celia De Wolff

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FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000r5l4) Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the

people who make them.

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00zmxng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx5j) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nnpb3) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Cadfael (b007 ildz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] FRI 14:00 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01lk6wp)

Series 1 The Bigamist

Robb Wilton (1881-1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s.

Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain - trying to solve a tricky marital problem? Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense

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out of life as he did 40 years before..

Written by Allen Saddler

Produced at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

FRI 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07qc3g7)

Episode 10

Things come to a head when Meg makes an offer to predatory dairyman Iolo Jones and Annie confronts the creepy Madog Prys. Last in the series.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch Annie Riley Alice Haig Nance Barker Clare Perkins

Madog Prys James Lailey Iolo Jones Nick Underwood Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe Sergeant Fred Wensley Jason Barnett

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

FRI 14:30 The Perfumed Mountaineer (b01hf12x)

Havden Lorimer explores the double life of Walter Poucher: mountain photographer and perfumer.

Poucher invented the perfume 'Bond Street' and also wrote upland guidebooks. He was a pioneer of mountain photography from the 1930s onwards and devised guidebooks that used photos to help hillwalkers and climbers. But he had a second life as well - in 1923 he had published a three volume handbook on perfumes and cosmetics that remains in print and, working for the perfumers Yardley, he invented one of their signature smells, the perfume Bond Street. These unlikely twin lives came together when he field tested his fragrances and make-up across the hills and fells of Britain. Sweaty mountaineers were not quite sure what to make of Walter but he resolutely and happily continued to mix his two lives and interests. In a celebrated moment of TV history in 1980 the pop singer Grace Jones attacked the chat show host Russell Harty live on air, the other guest on camera at the time was a befuddled looking Walter

Yet when it came to staging and managing your life Walter perhaps was ahead of the game and knew things that would have surprised both Grace Jones and Russell Harty. Here was a metrosexual man decades before he was supposed to have evolved. Hayden Lorimer, geographer at Glasgow University and committed hill-runner, explores the life and times of the Perfumed Mountaineer

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 15:00 Drama (b08n22rp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The Personality Test (b007tzff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Bristow (b007r031)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Dot (b071skpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000r31x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 The Routemasters by Andrew McGibbon

(b007jnsh)

4. Wolfie and Beetie

Raymond and Hildegard kidnap Beethoven and Mozart in their plot to create the greatest ever rock band.

Herr Grubberman comes clean, while Bernie finally discovers the truth about who - or what- is driving the time bus. Starring Amanda Donohoe as Hilderghast, Andrew McGibbon as Raymond, Karl Minns as the Conductor, Owen Evans as Bernie, Nick Romero as Mozart, Andy Mulligan as Herr Grubberman, Dan Freedman as Glenn Miller, Alex Lowe as Taffy and Sophie Aldred as Spikea.

Written by Andrew McGibbon, Additional material by Rob Colley and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero. Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00hlbp4)

Organisation

Dominic Arkwright chairs a discussion on the word 'organisation' with former director general of the British Council Sir David Green, punk poet Attila the Stockbroker and writer Jay Griffiths.

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00zmxnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 20:00 Bulldog Drummond by Sapper (b00nnpb3) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000r5l4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000r31x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b007k37k)

Series 3

Episode 3

Chesney brings his daughter to work. Or does he? Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01pty49)

Benjamin Zephaniah

Marcus Brigstocke invites poet Benjamin Zephaniah to try new experiences - a Bond movie and builder's tea. From January

FRI 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vcqm7)

Series 1

The Hoodie

Richard Herring reclaims objects that we've grown to hate - a tracksuit top with a hood. With Emma Kennedy. From October 2010.

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