

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY 2021

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpv4)
The Red Planet

5. Communication Lost

With all communications back to Earth lost, the courage of Captain Jet Morgan is severely tested during a meteor swarm... Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Various Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1954.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00hr4lk)

Meeting a Star

Dominic Arkwright, James Delingpole, Agnes Poirier and Michael Simkins discuss stardom and our reaction to fame. From February 2009.

SAT 01:00 Patricia Highsmith - The Cry of the Owl (b01381wz)

Episode 4

Robert has been shot. Could Greg Wyncoop - who has not been seen since they both fought by the river - really have done it? Or is his body lying in the morgue?

Patricia Highsmith's intriguing tale of obsession stars John Sharian as Robert Forester, Adrian Lester as Greg Wyncoop, Briony Glasco as Nickie Jurgen and Peter Marinker as Detective Lippenholtz.

Adapted by Shaun McKenna.

Music composed and performed by David Chilton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b0076tz9)

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Episode 5

Captain Hastings and Detective Inspector Japp are bewildered by the antics of Hercule Poirot as he rushes back to Styles Court in a state of great excitement.

Agatha Christie's 1920 thriller.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Hastings Simon Williams

Japp Philip Jackson

Mary Susan Jameson

Evie Nichola McAuliffe

Cynthia Annabelle Dowler

Dorcas Hilda Schroder

Lawrence Nicholas Boulton

Alfred Hugh Dickson

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SAT 02:00 Babette's Feast by Karen Blixen (b0850b4c)

The Great Artist

As the exquisite food and wine are consumed, old fractures are healed and broken friendships mended. But the true cost of the feast will become clear when Babette reveals the truth about her past.

Sylvestra Le Touzel reads Karen Blixen's classic story.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

SAT 02:15 Wild Things by Charlotte Jones (b0833x3h)

Shelley's Episode

The transformative Brighton Ladies Sea Swimming Club alters lives. Five very different women's paths cross at this tough wild swimming club.

Shelley is not a member of the club, but her life and that of her daughter, depend on it.

By Charlotte Jones

Shelley Michele Austin

Cassie Keziah Joseph

Angie Josie Lawrence

Davina Sheila Reid

Jane Karen Bartke

Police Officer John Bowler

Directed by Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SAT 02:30 Ludwig Koch and the Music of Nature (b00jn4m2)

Ludwig Koch was once as famous as David Attenborough, as pioneering as 'Blue Planet' and as important as the BBC Natural History Unit. They all owe their existence to this German refugee who first recorded the music of nature. Through his archive and new field recordings the poet Sean Street tells the story of Ludwig Koch.

When Sean Street was recording in a store-room at the Science Museum for a Radio 4 archive programme he came across a grey crate, stencilled, as if it belonged to a band on tour, with KOCH on it. This was the disc-cutting machine which Ludwig Koch used for a decade to make the recordings of birds, mammals and insects that led to a new field of study, of broadcasting and the creation of the BBC's Natural History Unit.

Sean and his producer then began investigating and discovered that Koch made the first ever wildlife recording, of a bird, when he was eight, in 1889 - and that it still exists in the BBC's archives.

Koch was an effusive man and this led to several confrontations with Nazi officials, whom he despised. There is an extraordinary recording of him telling the story of a Berliner whose bullfinch sang 'The Internationale'. He was carted off to prison and the bird 'executed'. "Under dictatorship," Koch observed, "even songbirds suffer". He came to England, worked with Julian Huxley on theories of animal language, and recorded birds from the Scillies to Shetland.

In 1940 he joined the BBC and soon became a household name, beloved of comedians (there's a great sketch by Peter Sellers parodying him at work) because of his resolute pronunciation of English as if it were German.

As well as being wonderful radio in itself his work was of great significance. It inspired producer Desmond Hawkins to start 'The Naturalist', (using Koch's enchanting recording of a curlew as its signature tune). Sean Street uses his recordings and contributions of those who worked with him in what becomes a natural history programme in itself, with Koch the subject and Sean exploring his habits and habitat.

There is also an attempt to record curlews as he did so successfully, to shed light on the achievements of this courageous, influential and loveable genius. Today sound-records use tiny digital machines and sophisticated microphones. But there are other problems - traffic, planes, people - and fewer, shyer curlews.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 03:00 Gerry Huxham - Russian Roulette (b007t4ll)

Dramatised events based on the life of the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky, when he undertook a potentially disastrous bet that led to the writing of 'The Gambler'. Written by Gerry Huxham.

Dostoyevsky David Troughton

Anna Amanda Gordon

Gregory Keith Drinkel

Alexis Robert Harper

Polina ... Elaine Pyke

Grandmama Shirley Dixon

General Denys Hawthorne

Stellovsky Stephen Thorne

Dubarry Christopher Scott

With Ioan Meredith, Chris Pavlo, Colleen Prendergast and Mark Bonnar

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007vt9q)

Series 3

Eve Pollard

All about Eve - writer and ex-newspaper editor Eve Pollard is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

Tackling the ultra-personal quiz are Sue Perkins, Caroline

Quinlan, 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 Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 04:30 Bristow (b007rgl8)

Series 2

The Power of the Press

The Chester-Perry buying clerk crusades to improve conditions for cleaning ladies.

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

Gert Liz Fraser

Daisy Joan Sims

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Stationmaster Jon Glover

Stoke David Battley

Hickford Roger Lloyd Pack

Lift Boy Ian Kelland

Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

SAT 05:00 Dot (b072j327)

Series 1

The Mystery at St Horribly-Vulture's School for Boys

Dot's sent to St Horribly Vulture's School for Boys to enlist a teacher for 'Shhhh Bletchley Park'.

But is he the right sort of chap for the job?

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

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Millicent Jane Slavin

Peabody David Acton

Mr Belltower Brian Protheroe

Apsley Sam Rix

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000rbpz)

Imran Yusuf: Relabelled

We all have labels. Some we're given and some we actively choose. In his first show for Radio 4 Imran Yusuf ponders one label he was born with - man.

How do you learn to be a man and what does being a 'man' even mean? In this autobiographical audience show, Imran looks at where he got his role models from as a boy, what he thought being a man was all about and how that view changed radically as he became an adult. Jackie Chan might have been his inspiration when he was young but it was a woman who sparked self-awareness and change.

This is a very funny and honest account of his life and changing attitudes to manliness.

Imran earned a Best Newcomer nomination in the Fosters

Awards for his first Edinburgh show in 2010.

Written and presented by Imran Yusuf

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

A Yada-Yada Audio production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Anthony Hope - Rupert of Hentzau (b01qqsw3)

Queen Flavia writes a fateful letter to her true love Rudolf

Rassendyll. Sequel to The Prisoner of Zenda.

King Rudolf/Rudolf Rassendyll! Julian Glover

Queen Flavia Hannah Gordon

Herbert/Bauer Nigel Anthony

Hermann / Anton von Strofzing David Sinclair

James Timothy Alcock

Station-Master / Butler Wilfrid Carter

Countess Helga Hilda Schroder

Fritz von Tarlenheim David Timson

Anton von Strofzing David Sinclair

Madame Helsing/Mother Hof Diana Bishop

Rischenheim Kerry Francis

Rupert of Hentzau Martin Jarvis

Chancellor Helsing / Farmer Peter Williams

Constable/Thug Vernon Joyner

Colonel Sapt Nigel Stock

Fraulein Helsing Bonnie Hurren

Bernenstein Sean Barrett

Simon/Thug Fraser Kerr

Rosa Cherry Gilliam

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b06ycr4x)

Series 38

Eliza Manningham-Buller chooses Abraham Lincoln

Former director of M15, Eliza Manningham-Buller, tells

Matthew Parris why she regards Abraham Lincoln as a great

life.

But will her hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life? The expert is Dr Tony Hutchison, from the American Studies Department at the University of Nottingham.

The producer is Perimder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b0075wjo)

Series 2

Episode 1

Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Tony Hawks, Jo Caulfield and Arthur Smith. From January 2000.

SAT 08:30 Rent (b00752lq)

Series 3

Episode 4

Maria turns agony aunt, but is Paul finally turning all grown-up and responsible?

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

CAST:

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

The Mother Sally Grace

The Checkout Girl Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

SAT 09:00 The Freedland Files (b0910r9c)

Made to mark the 90th Academy Awards ceremony in 2018, Michael Freedland, the prolific author and broadcaster, opens his audio archives for the very first time.

As a writer, presenter and interviewer for over fifty years Freedland has an extensive collection of material which contains the biggest Oscar winning names in film, great entertainers and leading public figures.

In this special 4 Extra showcase recorded from his Bournemouth home he explores the private recordings made for his book and article research along with extracts from his radio documentaries and reveals some of the lesser-known tales of the great stars of stage and screen.

Many of the selections from his archives have never been broadcast before and along with key material from the iconic names of Hollywood such as Julie Andrews, Fred Astaire, Hope and Crosby, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, James Cagney we also hear exclusive interview recordings with Morecambe and Wise and a fascinating not to be missed conversation with Margaret Thatcher before she became prime minister.

Michael Freedland passed away in October 2018.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2018.

SAT 12:00 The Jack Benny Program (m000rml7)

From Palm Springs with Bob Hope

The cast are in Palm Springs, California where they tease Jack about his horsemanship and appearance in Quick magazine. On radio, The Jack Benny Show ran from February 1932 to May 1955. From that date, new shows were produced for television but there were re-runs on radio until 1958. Over the years, the programme was sponsored by a diverse range of products from jelly, to tyres and cigarettes.

Audiences related to Jack Benny and his willingness to give some of the best comedy lines in the show to his supporting cast, made him popular with listeners, guests and colleagues. Taking part in this episode:

Jack Benny
Mary Livingstone
Phil Harris
Dennis Day
Don Wilson
Eddie "Rochester" Anderson
Bob Hope

First broadcast on CBS in March 1950.

SAT 12:30 Winston (b007k4b8)

Series 1

A Happy Family

Nancy has recently moved to the village with sister Rosie, brother William and her Father.

When Winston, the local poacher and handyman, is thrown out by his wife because of his infidelities, he invites himself to stay with them and starts to spoil the family by acquiring a brand new freezer for them, by doing all the washing and ironing and by cooking them superb meals.

But they are deeply suspicious. What could be Winston's motives?

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in April 1989.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b08n1hnh)

The 90s: A Holiday from History

Jonathan Freedland re-examines the 1990s from a new angle - recalling it as a rare period of peace and prosperity. But could it also be the decade which ultimately led to Trump and Brexit? Sandwiched between the end of the Cold War and the war on terror, the 1990s now look like an oasis of calm. The decade witnessed the end of apartheid in South Africa, the fall of the Soviet Union and peace in Northern Ireland. As a result, people became preoccupied by more domestic dramas. Just as the UK was gripped by the saga of Charles and Diana's marriage, the Americans were hooked on the OJ Simpson trial.

Jonathan unearths a rich selection of archive and hears from MPs John Redwood and Harriet Harman about their perspectives on this most unusual decade. But he also argues that some of the forces unleashed in that decade would only start to manifest themselves in the middle of the 2010s - with the rise of Donald Trump and the UK's decision to leave the EU.

Producer: Laurence Grissell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

SAT 14:00 I, Regress (b018xs90)

Series 1

Episode 1

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

Episode 1: Karen House-Water (Katherine Parkinson) visits Dr Berry to treat her fear of water, and finds that the cure can sometimes be worse than the disease - via mermaids, the titanic, and talking dolphins.

The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 14:15 James Acaster's Findings (b04pv6kv)

Series 1

4. Paint

Triple Foster's nominated comedian James Acaster presents the results of his research. This week, he's been investigating 'Paint'. 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.

SAT 14:30 Lobby Land (m00076vg)

Series 2

Brecon Bad

Sam heads to Wales to cover the fallout from the Brecon and Radnorshire by-election, giving Mia the worst birthday of her life.

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

Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah Dempster

Produced by Jon Harvey

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

SAT 15:00 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007qx6z)

Series 1

The Universe

The spoof TV sci-fi star explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.

SAT 15:30 Old Harry's Game (b00bf9z0)

Series 4

Beautiful England

As Satan sets out to prove England is the worst nation, Scumspawn tackles a larger lout. Satanic sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From April 2001.

SAT 16:00 Anthony Hope - Rupert of Hentzau (b01qqsw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b06ycr4x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Aldous Huxley - The Dwarves (b0b2jflw)

Sir Hercules and his wife, Filomena, are dwarves who have turned their country estate into a haven for others like themselves.

This world of peace and harmony exists for many years until it becomes threatened from a most unexpected quarter.

Based on Chapter 13 of Crome Yellow by Aldous Huxley.

Dramatised by Peter Mackie.

Stars David Learner as Hercules, Claire Faulconbridge as Filomena, Garard Green as the Narrator, Ronald Herdman a Sir Henry, Hedli Niklaus as Lady Sarah, Eric Stovell as Ferdinand, Silas Gregory as Ferdinando & Hercules as boys,

Tony Turner as Charles, Rob Swinton as Simon, Alan Devereux as Jenkins, Alex Jones as Gregory and John Dixon as Sebastian.

Harpischord played by Marlene Fleet.

Violin played by William Hand.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Philip Martin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

SAT 19:00 The Freedland Files (b09t0r9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007ymng)

Series 1

Episode 4

After getting a job at a supermarket, Tom finally proposes to Sadie, but first he must ask her father for permission.

Tom's "imaginary" band get in on the act. Will it all end with a song and a dance?

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggests Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Mika Simmons Sadie

Phil Cornwell Bouche

Michael Roberts Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty De Vere

Emma Clarke Melody

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggests

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquil MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 22:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04ykd7f)

Series 2

The BFF

Best Friends Forever.

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Stephen K Amos ... Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen ... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos ... Fatou Sohna

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet

Miss Bliss ... Michelle Butterfly

Jayson Jackson ... Frankie Wilson

Roy ... Ryan Watson

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

SAT 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wc305)

Series 7

Kingston-upon-Thames

Mark visits The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames.

He takes a trip on a river boat, rides the longest single truss escalator in the world and spends an evening in and the suburb of New Malden, home to the largest population of South Koreans outside Korea where he samples the delights of Kimchi and sings in a Noraebang.

Mark Steel's seventh series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and

culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Stirling

Producer ... Carl Cooper

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

SAT 23:30 Tudor Owen - Where on Earth is Anglesey? (m0001b1t)

Episode 1

What do CenterParcs, Sky Sports and The Royal Horticultural Society all have in common? They've all accidentally omitted Anglesey from their official maps of the UK in the recent past.

It seems that despite being the largest island in the Irish Sea and the largest island of Wales, Anglesey remains a mystery to most and so one man is going to have to work his socks off to put it firmly back on the map.

Hosted by Wales and Anglesey's very own favourite stand-up,

Tudor Owen, this programme is one man's mission to both rejoice in and roast the island he calls home.

In Episode 1 Tudor gives us a whistlestop tour of Anglesey history, from ancient invaders to the present day.

Written by Tudor Owen with additional material by Gareth Gwynn. Also featuring Gareth Pierce and Lisa-Jen Brown.

Recorded at Canolfan Beaumaris on Anglesey.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021

SUN 00:00 Aldous Huxley - The Dwarves (b0b2jflw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b08n1hnh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 I, Regress (b018xs90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:15 James Acaster's Findings (b04pv6kv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Lobby Land (m00076vg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007qx6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 Old Harry's Game (b00bf9z0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Anthony Hope - Rupert of Hentzau (b01qqsw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b06ycr4x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Babette's Feast by Karen Blixen (Omnibus) (b08606yr)

Two Puritan spinsters have harboured their maid Babette since she fled revolutionary Paris 12 years ago. While the Frenchwoman cuts a mysterious figure in their small Norwegian village and her employers have secrets of their own, together they have created a haven for each other and the needy of the parish. When Babette unexpectedly comes into money, her only wish is to treat a special meal in gratitude. Sylvestra Le Touzel reads Karen Blixen's classic story.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0790jcd)

Edith Bowman

Radio DJ and TV presenter Edith Bowman chooses 'Blackbird' by The Beatles and 'Slow Show' by The National.

SUN 07:20 Wild Things by Charlotte Jones (Omnibus) (b0844qh0)

The Brighton Ladies Sea Swimming Club alters lives. Five very different women's paths cross there.

By Charlotte Jones

Davina Sheila Reid

Angie Josie Lawrence

Jane Karen Bartke

Cassie Keziah Joseph

Shelley Michele Austin

Jet Ski Man/Police Officer John Bowler

Directed by Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse (b00bt4vw)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning

Schemes and Ruses

Bertie Wooster is much in demand, but his best-laid plans go awry as he lands in a bit of pickle...

P.G. Wodehouse's romp adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.

CAST:

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil

Percy, Lord Worpleden Peter Woodthorpe

Florence Craye Bronwen Williams

Nobby Hopwood Rosalind Adams

Edwin the Boy Scout Denise Bryer

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

SUN 09:00 The TV Lark (b01bn40m)

House of Commons

Troutbridge TV must transmit a Party Political Broadcast. And

Phillips is off to a ball.

After 4 series of 'The Navy Lark', the BBC decided the comedy crew needed a new setting, so where better than brand new independent station, Troutbridge TV?

However, after just 10 episodes, this proved to be only a temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troutbridge - as the crew were soon back aboard 'The Navy Lark'.

Stars Jon Pertwee as the Floor Manager, Leslie Phillips as The Director, Stephen Murray as the Producer, Ronnie Barker as Fatso Johnson and Richard Caldicote as the Deputy Controller. Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1963.

SUN 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0088zqz)

Series 2

Take the High Road

Robin is driving to Glasgow, but Wendy lets the train take the strain. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From May 2003.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000rlyq)

Comic Castaways

Frank Skinner

Kirsty Young's castaway is the comedian Frank Skinner.

As a football-obsessed comic whose stand-up routines were peppered with details of his personal life, he became the poster-boy for the 'Loaded' generation. Beneath the surface, though, he seems to be full of contradictions. He was expelled from school when he was a teenager - but went on to gain a masters degree; he has long been obsessed with Elvis Presley - but now says he feels a tingle when he goes to the opera. Although he had long enjoyed entertaining his friends, he was 30 before he realised where his future lay. "I was an unemployed drunk going nowhere," he says. "And then comedy turned up. Comedy saved my life"

Record: The Fall

Book: Teach yourself French

Luxury: A ukulele

Desert Island Discs was created by Roy Plomley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)

Series 1

Coelacanth

The Coelacanth is a primitive bony fish thought to be an important ancestor to all back-boned animals that ventured onto land.

David Attenborough brought to TV the first film of a living fish in Life on Earth. But is it the living fossil it was claimed to be?

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 The Moth Radio Hour (m00074gr)

Series 9

Hearing Voices

True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness introduces stories about the power of sound and trusting our ears.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and years to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in January 2019.

SUN 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b0790jcd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000rlyt)

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind featuring poet Alexander Pope. Presented by John Sessions.

Actor and writer John Sessions goes in search of his poetical hero Alexander Pope.

His battered copy of Pope's poems in hand, John talks to 21st century poets and satirists, such as Peter Porter and Ian Hislop, about how Pope continues to inspire and influence their work today.

Many of us have quoted Pope without even knowing it. Phrases such as "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread", "A little learning is a dangerous thing", "To err is human, to forgive divine." And though they sound like quotes from Shakespeare or the Bible, they were in fact coined by that great 18th century poet and satirist, Alexander Pope.

Pope's work fell out of fashion soon after his death, dismissed as too formal and cerebral. And he's remained unfashionable ever since. But John Sessions argues that behind the formality

of Pope's heroic couplets is a passionate and often angry heart.

Pope's belief in the power of the pen meant that he was never afraid to take on the rich and powerful. His ferocious satires, condemning corruption and cultural mediocrity, made him many enemies. In later years, he wouldn't leave his house without two loaded pistols in his pocket and the company of his dog, Bounce.

Recorded on location in Pope's Grotto in Twickenham and on the site of Pope's preferred coffee house in Covent Garden, John talks to contemporary poets, academics, local historians and fellow Pope aficionados to construct a very personal and affectionate portrait of a famous - but much neglected - poet. Produced by Emma Harding.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SUN 12:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07c4tq7)

Series 2

Women

Paul looks at the forgotten women of history. From warriors to inventors to civil rights activists, Paul unearths some stories, that for reasons of sexism and patriarchy, we never got told about at school. You're welcome, ladies.

Paul Sinha returns for a second series of the show that uncovers the fascinating stories that we've forgotten in our onward march of progress. In the last series we learned how Alexander Graham Bell did NOT invent the telephone, and that the World Cup final of 2014 could only have happened because of the 1415 invasion of Morocco.

"Sinha's gift for finding humour in it all makes him worth a listen" - The Telegraph

Written and performed by Paul Sinha

Produced by Ed Morrish

A BBC Radio Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 13:00 David Attenborough - Adventures of a Young Naturalist (Omnibus) (b09k9zzm)

An alarming encounter with a caiman in Guyana.

In the 1950s, David Attenborough, the naturalist and broadcaster gasped a life changing opportunity which led him to travel the world finding rare and elusive animal species for London Zoo and filming the expeditions for the BBC TV series, Zoo Quest.

Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton. Omnibus edition. Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07tz3q7)

Billy Ocean

Soul singer Billy Ocean chooses 'No Woman, No Cry' by Bob Marley & The Wailers, and 'A Change Is Gonna Come' by Sam Cooke.

SUN 14:20 Dear Baby Mine by Lucy Caldwell (Omnibus) (b07hns9n)

This is a story of rooms. Of waiting rooms. Or maybe just the one room and the endless variations on it.

When Conor is told he has the condition azoospermia and is not producing any sperm, he struggles to come to terms with the implications of his diagnosis. He cannot father his own child. He cannot give his wife Keeley the baby she so desperately longs for. He feels lost, confused, guilty, responsible. All his assumptions and expectations for the future are thrown out of the window.

As both he and Keeley try to come to terms with the fact that Conor cannot father a child naturally and explore the other options available to them they embark on an emotional rollercoaster that will challenge their assumptions, their relationship, and their idea of family.

Lucy Caldwell is an award-winning playwright and novelist whose work is no stranger to Radio 4. Her novels 'The Meeting Point' and 'All the Beggars Riding' were serialised on Book at Bedtime and her dramas include 'Notes to Future Self', 'Avenues of Eternal Peace', 'Quicksands' and the Imison award winning 'Girl from Mars'.

Conor Jonathan Harden

Keeley Laura Donnelly

Air Hostess / Nurse Emilie Hetland

Therapist Maggie Cronin

Chris Christopher Simpson

Doctor Mary Moulds

Ryan Faolan Morgan

Annie Mary Murray

Ruby Clodagh Casey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

SUN 15:30 Who Wears The Trousers? - George Burns and Gracie Allen (m000rdkg)

4 Extra Debut. How Gracie Allen went from being comedic foil to her husband George Burns to a popular laughter-making star. From 2003.

SUN 16:00 Stephen Fagan - The Intersection (b01fhjrq)

Working in a London auction house, Chris meets his father by chance for the first time in 10 years.

Chris has grown up and his father has grown old.

Neither of them knows whether their meeting will prove to be an important beginning - or just a sad accident...

Family drama by Stephen Fagan.

Starring John le Mesurier as Father, Frank Grimes as Chris, Jane Knowles as the American woman, Christopher Scott as George, Alan Dudley as Lord Wrighton, Haydn Wood as Lord Soper and Stephen Garlick as Bernie.

Director: Margaret Windhau

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000rlyt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07c4tq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jwx)

5. Ghosting

For a rising young novelist, ghost-writing seems to be the worst of all possible worlds. But when Michael agrees to ghost the autobiography of the super-model Vita, he finds her life dangerously seductive. How much will he risk the book, and the woman?

A sinister tale by Gregory Evans.

CAST:

Michael Hagen Jimi Mistry

Vita Honeysuckle Weeks

Hildy Frances Jeater

with Francine Stock as Herself

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SUN 18:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvy3)

4. Ancient Magic

Vezein is wary over a mother and daughter's invitation to witches' Sabbath. Philip Madoc reads Algernon Henry Blackwood's dark tale.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m00074gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 Inheritance Tracks (b0790jcd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Stephen Fagan - The Intersection (b01fhjrq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000rlyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07c4tq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 I, Regress (b0194n33)

Series 1

Episode 2

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

Episode 2: Robin Hood - no relation - comes to Dr Matt Berry with a fear of spiders. The diagnosis seems to be that this may all be down to an unusually potent encounter between an arachnid and a South African grandmother. Featuring Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge) and Jack Klaff (For Your Eyes Only, Star Wars).

The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

SUN 22:45 The Shuttleworths (b007jtpn)

Series 3

Ping Pong Pangs

Sheffield singer John Shuttleworth tackles a testing table tennis trauma. Stars Graham Fellows. From October 1997.

SUN 23:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbvc)

More Brothers Faversham

Maximillian Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's greatest horror writer.

The comedy trio's swashbuckling family romp.

Written by and starring Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck.

With Miles Jupp and Ingrid Oliver.

Script edited by Richard Turner.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007r4mj)

Series 1

Death and the Afterlife

The sci-fi star and inventor explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.

MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2021

MON 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jwx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rn07)

1. Lady's Invitation

A jeweller attends a party and learns that his beautiful hostess is in danger.

Suspense thriller in six-parts written by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers - Edward J Mason.

Starring Ysanne Churchman, Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, June Spencer and Peter Wilde.

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in October 1954.

MON 06:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04f8g8h)

Series 2

1. A Dream of Riches

A robbery from a scrap merchant turns out to be a far from straightforward case - and a 'quiet' student proves to be anything but...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Peter Cleall as Detective Constable Harrison

Judy Jacqueline Tong

Mrs Brown Betty Alberge

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Carson Tony Caunter

Inspector Stevens Nicholas Courtney

Writer Robert Barr is well remembered for his work on BBC

TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

MON 07:00 Turf Wars (b00zm084)

How's Your Mother?

Michael Maloney stars in Simon Brett's short play for this comedy drama series: 'Turf Wars'.

Episode 4: How's Your Mother

In a gossipy village Humphrey Partridge is reckoned to be anti-social, indeed stand-offish. But he always has an excuse - namely that he has to look after his ailing elderly mother. It raises eyebrows at work. For example when Humphrey's boss needs him to stand in for a colleague at a conference abroad, Humphrey point blank refuses to go. The boss ends up going himself. No-one has ever met the legendary matriarch. Not even nosy Raj the local postman. But then one morning when Humphrey is at work, Raj notices a fire in Humphrey's house, breaks in to put it out and makes an extraordinary discovery.

Soon police are digging in Humphrey's garden. But just what is Humphrey's dark secret?

Written by Simon Brett

Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000rd1m)

Series 25

Episode 2

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

Sindhu Vee, Lloyd Langford, Zoe Lyons, and Henning Wehn are the panelists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as vegetarians, bananas, squid, and Eurovision.

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007j7y)

Series 1

The Lead Man Cometh

Just as Albert and Harold are needing to economise, the rag and bone men are made an irresistible offer. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Leonard Rossiter as Welsh Hughie.

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 September 1966.

MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)

Episode 3

Edgar Finchley gets captured, wins an unlikely prize and hits the wrong note with an army band.

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 Ronald Fraser as Colonel Greatorex, Joe Melia as

Marshall, Chris Emmett as Garge, Jon Glover as Ernie and

Susie Brann as the Young Woman.

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 (b05pwn3r)

Parham House

The times of Jacobean, Cromwellian and Elizabethan England as it was lived in the pre-industrial age.

Lars Tharp chairs the lighthearted Antiques Quiz from the Elizabethan splendour of Parham House in West Sussex, passed to one Robert Palmer by King Henry VIII in 1540.

With William Lorimer, Stella Beddoe, Clive Stewart-Lockhart and Henry Sandon.

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

MON 09:30 Crowned Hudds (b00pgydd)

How Ye Quest Was Won

Poking fun at King Arthur, Roy Hudd takes a royal romp through history, with June Whitfield and Chris Emmett. From August 1995.

MON 10:00 Drama (b0769qxs)

Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit

Episode 1

Adapted for radio by Jeanette Winterson from her acclaimed

novel.

A unique coming of age story and a darkly funny tale of

religious excess and human obsession.

Mrs Winterson has grand plans for her adopted daughter.

Having received Little Jeanette from the Lord she intends to

give her back to the Lord - she'll be a Missionary and save the

world from sin. But despite her strange and zealous upbringing

Little Jeanette begins to question her future. Inspired by the

legends of the Holy Grail, she may forge her own path - much

to her mother's despair.

Mrs Winterson Lesley Sharp

Little Jeanette Eleanor Worthington-Cox

Jeanette Katie West

Pastor Spratt Vincent Franklin

Miss Jewsbury Pauline Lynch

Mrs White Susan Jameson

May Adie Allen

Elsie Norris Angela Pleasence

Louie Claire Cage

Mrs Arkwright Vicky Licorish

Man Sam Rix

Piano performed by David Thomas

From the award winning novel by Jeanette Winterson

Dramatised for radio by Jeanette Winterson

Directed by Helen Perry

A BBC Cymru/Wales Production

Winner of the Whitbread Prize for best first fiction, Oranges

Are Not the Only Fruit is Jeanette Winterson's semi-

autobiographical novel.

Lesley Sharp is an award-winning stage, film and television

actress, particularly well known for her variety of British

television roles including Clocking Off, Scott & Bailey, Bob &

Rose and Afterlife.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000rn09)

Series 7

Setbacks

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting

speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design)

stage.

Guy Raz explores how we can learn from failure. How can we

reframe a crushing defeat into a stepping stone to success?

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

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000rn0c)

Mark Watson

Comedian Mark Watson, chooses The Logical Song by

Supertramp and In The New Year by The Walkmen.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007j7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k17f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rn07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04f8g8h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 The Real Henry James (b071skp7)

Europe v America

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his

letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Was James English or American? The British tend to regard him as American, the Americans as British. Although born in America, James's wealthy, eccentric father moved the family around constantly - to France, England, Switzerland, Boston - so the young James never felt settled in America. In fact, Henry James lived more of his life in his adopted country of England than in his native America. At the end of his life, he took British nationality in 1915 as a gesture of solidarity and as a protest against American neutrality in the First World War. But in some ways he always remained an outsider, and felt an outsider in both cultures.

James' writing gives us an insight into both societies. After he'd settled in London he composed a negative catalogue about his homeland - the tone hovers somewhere between real critique and self-mockery of the Englishman's snobbery about Americans.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:15 DCI Alma Blair (b08ktjtz)

Dead Pan

Episode 1

The third "Dead" comedy crime drama series by Val McDermid. DCI Alma Blair (Julie Hesmondhalgh) and her partner in life and crime CSM Jo Black (Jane Hazlegrove) are at a romantic dinner for two in Charnock 37 a fine dining restaurant.

Is it only a matter of time before there is murder on the menu?

And where is Alma's Sergeant DS Jason Trotter?

Cast:

DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter ... John Hollingworth

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

Michelle Rosina Carbone

Richard Simeon Truby

All other parts played by members of the cast

Written by Val McDermid

Produced and Directed by Justine Potter

A Savvy production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

MON 14:30 For One Night Only (b00dbcdj)

Series 5

Hot August Night

Paul Gambaccini presents the award-winning series that re-

visits the occasion where a classic live album was recorded.

In August 1972, Neil Diamond returned to The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles for a series of sell-out concerts. For those in the audience who'd seen him there the previous year, the change was extraordinary. The once subdued star now burst onto the stage in a blaze of smoke and light, sporting his new mane of shaggy hair and dressed to kill by Bill Whitten.

This was going to be an event: the first time a concert by a singer-songwriter was 'staged' and the first time surround-sound was used to envelop the audience in the luscious sound of strings supplementing Neil's rhythm section. Those who were there, backstage, on stage and in the audience, remember the thrill.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

MON 15:00 Drama (b0769qxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Crowned Hudds (b00pgydd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Turf Wars (b00zm084)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000rd1m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpxk)

The Red Planet

6. The Mysterious Object

Weeks have passed since the Mars space fleet lost all contact with Earth.

But then Captain Jet Morgan and his crew suddenly receive warnings to turn back, but from whom?

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Various Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1954.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b012qtbb)

Alexander Waugh and Xanthe Clay

Harriett Gilbert talks to Alexander Waugh and Xanthe Clay

about their favourite books.

Letters Between a Father and Son by VS Naipaul

Publisher: Picador
Jane Grigson's Vegetable Book by Jane Grigson
Publisher: Penguin
A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf
Publisher: Penguin
Producer Beth O'Dea
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
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MON 20:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04f8g8h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000rn09)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000rn0c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000rd1m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 The Pick Up (b081bx8v)
Episode 1
When Beth's estranged father asks her to go on a road trip to Moscow with him to attend an old friend's wedding she jumps at the chance; this could be the opportunity for her to heal old wounds that could help her move on with her own relationship. What Beth doesn't know is that Vinnie isn't so much going to a wedding as getting married himself.
David Threlfall is best known for his role as Frank Gallagher in Shameless.
Kimberley Nixon has starred in Fresh Meat and Ordinary Lies
Written by Sarah Cartwright
Director, Sally Avens
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2017.
MON 22:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k24f)
Series 2
Trapped
The elderly Scotsmen's first trip to London ends in chaos. Stars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Alison Steadman and Jeremy Hardy. From March 2004.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000rcct)
Series 104
Episode 4
Joining Andy this week are Helen Lewis, Olga Koch, Andrew Maxwell and US stand-up Hari Kondabolu.
It's a Biden Inauguration Special for News Quiz this week as Andy and teams reflect on four years of Trumpism and look ahead to the bulging Biden in-tray. There's also time for a mountaineering news round-up and an appearance from a record-breaking French restaurant.
Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Simon Alcock, Madeleine Brettingham, Alice Fraser and Suchandrika Chakrabarti.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b00cbebp)
Series 2
Episode 4
After faking their deaths, can George and Beverly finally manage to reunite their family?
Conclusion of Gerard Foster's comedy drama
George Geoffrey Palmer
Beverley Angela Thorne
Alex Gerard Foster
Rose Miranda Hart
Hosana Debra Stephenson
Leboeuf Dave Lamb
Yates Tim Verrinder
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2021

TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpxk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b012qtbh)
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TUE 01:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rn07)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000rd1m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rn46)
2. Gold Elephant
Red Farley is still missing and so is Pat's birthday bracelet. In spite of being warned off by his friend the inspector, David Conway and his fiancé Pat decide to do a little investigating themselves.
Thriller serial written by Edward J Mason.
Starring Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Chris Gittins, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, Harry Stubbs, Peter Wilde and Ysanne Churchman.
Producer Philip Garston-Jones
First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.
TUE 06:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fc958)
Series 2
2. Two on the Run
Detective Sergeant Dave Brook finds himself pursuing a pair of foolish students - and fighting for a share of police resources. Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.
CAST:
DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
DC Harrison Peter Cleall
Judy Jacqueline Tong
DS Kelly John Judd
Anna Emily Morgan
Clark Gary Cady
Drayton Stephen Garlick
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.
TUE 07:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)
Series 2
The Longest Day
Welcome back to Flamford.
Series two of the comedy by Ian Brown and James Hendrie set in the eccentric seaside town of Flamford following City burn-out Andy Chambers
In episode one, Andy returns to his uncle's seaside home. Oddly, the town has been taken over by Brad Pitt and some Hollywood Nazis. Starring Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Alison Steadman.
An Absolutely Production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
TUE 07:30 Beta Female (m000rcpz)
Series 1
Episode 2
Beta Female is a semi-autobiographical sitcom by Anna Saleem, starring Kiran Sonia Sawar (Black Mirror, Pure) as Anna, a young woman trying to find her place in the world - in her work, in her relationships, and in her family.
The Nanny Flat: Anna is forced to visit her cousin to have her relative poverty rubbed in her face.
Anna ... Kiran Sonia Sawar
Theo ... Tom Stourton
Maya ... Sukh Ojla
Mum ... Sudha Bhuchar
Nora ... Evelyn Lockley
Written by Anna Saleem
Produced & directed by Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jpp1)
The Moriarty Murder Mystery
Inspector Neddie Seagoon turns sleuth and meets a creepy undertaker. Stars Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From January 1958.
TUE 08:30 Winston (b007k4k4)
Series 1
Weaving the Spells
Thrown out because of his infidelities, cordon bleu scoundrel Winston has not only moved into Nancy's house without an invite - but is also plotting to get rid of her sister Rosie, brother William and her Father - so he can have Nancy to himself...
Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.
CAST:
Winston Bill Wallis
Father Maurice Denham
Nancy Shirley Dixon
Rosie Liz Goulding
William Christian Rodska
Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000rcct)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c075x)
Series 3
Episode 3
Sheila and Tommy tackle their memoirs, but are their memories up to it?
Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr continue their second stab at fame.
Series 3 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom,
CAST:
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
Hetty Stark Pat Coombes

Murray Franklin Julian Eardley
Louis Elstein Edward Halsted
Dudley Rathbone Alex Lowe
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
TUE 10:00 Drama (b0773ldq)
Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
Episode 2
Adapted for radio by Jeanette Winterson from her acclaimed novel.
A unique coming of age story and a darkly funny tale of religious excess and human obsession.
Now 16, Jeanette's future as a budding missionary is called into question when she falls in love with one of her converts, Melanie. It's not long before Mrs Winterson discovers her daughter's 'unnatural passions'. As the congregation determine to exorcise her demons, Jeanette is forced to choose between her church, home and family or the woman she loves.
Mrs Winterson Lesley Sharp
Jeanette Katie West
Pastor Spratt Vincent Franklin
Miss Jewsbury Pauline Lynch
Melanie Nicola Ferguson
Mrs White Susan Jameson
May Adie Allen
Elsie Norris Angela Pleasence
Louie Claire Cage
Mrs Arkwright Vicky Licorish
The demon Sam Rix
Piano performed by David Thomas
From the award winning novel by Jeanette Winterson
Dramatised for radio by Jeanette Winterson
Directed by Helen Perry
A BBC Cymru/Wales Production
Winner of the Whitbread Prize for best first fiction, Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit is Jeanette Winterson's semi-autobiographical novel.
Lesley Sharp is an award-winning stage, film and television actress, particularly well known for her variety of British television roles including Clocking Off, Scott & Bailey, Bob & Rose and Afterlife.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b08rp0gv)
Femmes Fatales
Recorded on location in Manhattan, screen siren Kathleen Turner celebrates the enduring mystique of the femme fatale. Turner, who famously played the husky-voiced femme fatale Matty Walker in the steamy thriller Body Heat, traces the history of the Femme Fatale in cinema and in film noir where she was so often a central character.
Film noir always come to the fore during moments of deep cultural anxiety. And the character of the femme fatale shines a revealing light on the role of women in society and the relationship between the sexes.
It was towards the end of the Second World War that noir first emerged as a style of filmmaking. These were gritty thrillers that exposed the dark underbelly of the American Dream. In films such as Double Indemnity, Out Of The Past and The Postman Always Rings Twice, the femme fatale was the intelligent but heartless seductress who entrapped the male protagonist, for her own murderous and financial gain.
In the late 70s and early 80s, America experienced another moment of deep cynicism following the Vietnam war and filmmakers returned to film noir, with Kathleen Turner's Matty Walker as the ultimate neo noir femme fatale character in Body Heat. These films, not content with the racy innuendo of 1940s noir, shocked and thrilled audiences with explicit sex scenes. But through her typical tough dame talk, Matty Walker also draws attention to the underestimation of women by men.
With contributions from Eddie Muller (President of the Film Noir Foundation), Professor Ellis Cashmore and Nick James (Editor of the BFI's Sight and Sound magazine), Kathleen introduces standout performances from Lauren Bacall, Barbara Stanwyck, Rita Hayworth, Joan Crawford and Lana Turner. The film noir femme fatale was a wonderfully meaty role for an up-and-coming Hollywood actress, such as British star Peggy Cummins. Now 91, she reflects on her role as the femme fatale in Joseph H. Lewis' Gun Crazy about an ambitious fairground sharp-shooter who goes on a bank robbing spree with her trigger-happy husband.
Julie Grossman (author of Rethinking The Femme Fatale in Film Noir) argues that we make blithe and easy reference to femmes fatales without considering their social and psychological context. Many 1940s femmes fatales in film noir were deeply interesting characters who felt trapped, bored or led deeply unfulfilling lives.
Kathleen argues that, despite great advances in gender equality since the 1940s, the femme fatale will always be relevant "because men will always be terrified of women."
Producer: Victoria Ferran
A Just Radio production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jpp1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Winston (b007k4k4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rn46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fc958)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 The Real Henry James (b072n0k7)

Dining Out in English Society

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 2: Dining Out in English Society

Entertaining glimpses of English society through the sharp eyes of an American observer. James was an inveterate diner-out, and once managed 107 dinners in a season. He left sharp observations of the people he met at dinner, including the great writers of the day:

"The chattering and self-complacent Robert Browning, who I am sorry to say, does not make on me a purely agreeable impression. His transparent eagerness to hold the monopoly of the conversation and a sort of shrill interruptingness which distinguishes him have in them a kind of vulgarity."

For James, dining-out wasn't just a chance to meet celebrities - it gave him stories which became the plots in his novels. At one dinner, for instance, he heard the story of a family lawsuit which became *The Spoils of Poynton*. We hear the excited letter outlining the plot and characters for the novel which have struck him at the dinner table.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817qv8)

Dead Pan

Episode 2

It's high stakes for Val McDermid's comedy crime drama series with murder on the menu. Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh as DCI Alma Blair.

With a body by the bidet in this fine dining restaurant, Alma and her partner in crime and life have their romantic dinner for two rudely interrupted - but Alma is always on the case when there is work to be done and won't rest until the murderer has their just deserts.

Cast:

DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter ... John Hollingworth

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

Richard Simeon Truby

Michelle ... Rosina Carbone

All other parts played by members of the cast

Written by Val McDermid

Produced and Directed by Justine Potter

A Savvy production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

TUE 14:30 Mapping Britain's Underworld (b01hxt5n)

Four million holes are dug every year in the UK. Five billion pounds are lost through the economic effects of disruption and traffic hold ups, while hitting a utility pipe or cable can prove fatal for those working on the road. Adam Hart-Davies reports on a major research project which is trying to solve the problems.

He takes us underground from his ancient ice house at the bottom of his Devon garden to report on Mapping the Underworld, the £3.5m programme involving universities throughout Britain. The aim is to improve how we locate the increasingly confusing and complex array of pipes, cables and sewers beneath our streets, and assess their condition - as well as ultimately providing a better map of what is beneath our cities to improve planning both above and below ground.

At the moment it's often difficult to know where such utilities are - an estimated one in four of all holes are dug in the wrong place. Maps may not be accurate because original records of where the pipes and cables are located often use reference points on the surface which have long since gone.

Existing sensors may have problems finding what is underground because of soil or weather conditions, while modern materials such as plastic or fibre optics pose a challenge to existing technologies.

Adam Hart-Davies tries out the prototype of a multi-sensor cart where four different sensors operate together to produce an all-in-one solution, so if one technology doesn't work well in certain conditions and with particular materials, another one will.

It is not an easy undertaking for the research teams or, as it turns out, for Adam testing the multi-sensor cart.

Producer: Sara Parker

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2012.

TUE 15:00 Drama (b0773ldq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Who Goes There? (b0075z6w)

Series 4

Episode 5

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 Gyles Brandreth and

Sheridan Morley.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

TUE 16:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c075x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Beta Female (m000rcpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq0c)

The Red Planet

7. The Shared Nightmare

As the Mars fleet crew battle to locate Freighter Ship number 6,

Captain Jet Morgan suffers strange hallucinations...

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Various Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1954.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00mw5v5)

Series 8

Richard Strauss' Four Last Songs

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Richard Strauss was 84 when he completed his last work. It was the Four Last Songs, which, although about death, convey a sense of calm acceptance. It was written of its time in 1948, but it still touches the hearts of many listeners today.

As the soprano voice delves ever deeper into the richness of the music, interviewees tell how the Four Last Songs have brought calm and beauty at key moments in their lives.

Contributors

Alan Yentob

Michael Kennedy

Gillian Weir

Margaret Nelson

Jamie Nichols

Gabe Meline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b08rp0gv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Beta Female (m000rcpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Big Booth (b007jv50)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 3

Boothby Graffoe meets a man with a replacement tongue and a

man in a washing machine.

More guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs from Boothby

Graffoe.

With Stephen Frost , Vivienne Soan, Big Al, Jim Sweeney and

guitarist Antonio Forcione.

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

TUE 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b042jhzs)

Series 3

Sara Pascoe and James Acaster

Stand-up Alex Horne and his band explore the theme of

technology through live music and comedy.

With songs about a record player, Hoover and a teasmaid

amongst others.

They're joined by guest comedians Sara Pascoe and James

Acaster.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

TUE 23:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007vkmz)

Series 2

Episode 4

The prime minister wants Charles and Martin to discredit the

chancellor. Stars Stephen Fry and John Bird. From February

2001.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 02:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817qv8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Mapping Britain's Underworld (b01hxt5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Drama (b0773ldq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0075z6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c075x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Beta Female (m000rcpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rmzx)

3. Seeing Red

The third instalment of a suspense serial by co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers. David Conway and Pat Manners try to catch up with the mysterious Red Farley but she is good at giving people the slip. Finally they track her down at the circus where she says she suspects her husband Paul of trying to steal Krutz's secret formula for his alloy metal and that she fears for her life.

Starring Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Chris Gittins, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, Harry Stubbs, Ysanne Churchman, June Spencer and Peter Wilde.

Written by Edward J Mason

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.

WED 06:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fcx1d)

Series 2

3. A Meeting With Anna

Tension between DS Dave Brook and DS Sam Kelly is showing. Meanwhile Anna asks for help. Can she be trusted?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr

featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and

his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly John Judd

Anna Emily Morgan

PC Anderson Stephen Garlick

Clark Gary Cady

Jenkins David Milner

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

WED 07:00 Deborah Frances-White Rolls the Dice (b07x6mf3)

Series 2

Saving Brother Ryan

Comedian Deborah Frances-White, having recalled her days as a

teenage Jehovah's Witness in Australia, hears from a young

Canadian man and decides to rescue him from the movement.

With the additional vocal talents of Alex Lowe (Barry from

Watford), Margaret Cabourn-Smith (John Finnemore's

Souvenir Programme) and Laurence Dobiesz (What the Papers

Say).

In this second episode, Deborah Francis-White travels out to

Canada to rescue a 23yr old man from the clutches of the

Jehovah's Witness elders. She pretends to be his aunt and

teaches him comedy improvisation and how to date a girl. Her

hilarious adventures include sharing a legal high with Ryan and

trying to talk her way out of being trapped in a closed room by

FBI - like elders of the religious movement. She tries to escape

without getting Ryan into further trouble.

A So Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

October 2016.

WED 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rdlm)

Series 2

If You Go Away

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

bread.

In EPISODE 4, Joanna has a health scare and tells Roger that

she's frightened they'll both die before HS2 is completed and 'I

don't want to be in a world if we are not in it.' He struggles to

respond with a sensible answer. Then they both receive very bad

news.

Written by Jan Etherington. Produced and directed by Claire

Jones. Production co-ordinator Beverly Tagg. A BBC Studios

Production.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)

Series 6

The Impersonator

When he hears his sound-alike in a TV commercial, the lad

heads straight to court.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Peter Goodwright, Ann Lancaster, Jerry Stovin, Jack Watson, Ronald Wilson and Wilfrid Babbage.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.

WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b008j0kf)

Series 3

Up the Stick and Sick as a Parrot

Izzy spends her birthday coping with the surprise news that she's pregnant...

Imelda Staunton stars as Isabella 'Izzy' Comyn.

With Mike Grady as Dick, Marty Cruickshank as Maria,

Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rene Zagger as Razors, Neil

McCaul as Bill, Phyllida Nash as Louise and Sion Prober as Gwyn.

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30-something 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.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075wnx)

Series 2

Episode 2

Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Tony Hawks, Simon Fanshawe, Stuart Maconie and Steve Punt. From January 2000.

WED 09:30 Rent (b00752s3)

Series 3

Episode 5

Paul has a very serious question to ask Ruby, and Maria is developing a serious problem with gambling.

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

CAST:

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

Betting Shop Assistant Amanda Davies

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

WED 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jr87)

Mansfield Park

The Family at Mansfield

Jane Austen's unlikely heroine Fanny Price is plucked from her impoverished family and brought up by her wealthy relatives at Mansfield Park.

Classic tale dramatised in three parts by Elizabeth Proud.

CAST:

Jane Austen Hannah Gordon

Fanny Amanda Root

Sir Thomas Bertram Michael Williams

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotaire

Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson

Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher

Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott

Music composed by Anthea Gomez and played by Christian McKay, Jill Heartfield, Audrey Douglas and Katharine Gittings.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

WED 11:00 Writing... The Midlands (m000rn00)

1. Jonathan Coe and Lee Child

Crime Writer Mark Billingham was born in The Midlands and for this showcase he's going back to the region that made him a writer to celebrate its literature both past and present.

Along the way Mark meets some of 'The Midlands' finest writing talent and browses the BBC Radio Archives. In this edition he features:

* The Rotters' Club [12/11/2003 R4]

* In the Studio: Lee Child [31/10/2017 World Service]

Producer: Jessica Treen

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2019.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fcx1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 The Real Henry James (b072n0pg)

Modern Women

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 3: Modern Women

Henry James was a lifelong bachelor, but many of his closest friendships were with women. And his novels are known for his

sensitive and sympathetic treatment of women's experience - very often as his central characters.

His preoccupation with the situation of women, and with contemporary debates about women's role in society, emerges early in his career. In 1868, the 25-year-old James reviewed a book called *Modern Women and What Is Said of Them* - a British collection of anti-feminist articles. The book roused James to an angry attack on the marriage market which women found themselves in, and a defence of the position of women in a patriarchal society. We hear extracts from that impassioned review.

We hear too the moving letter which James wrote home to his mother after the death of his closest female friend, his cousin Minnie Temple. Minnie inspired Isabel Archer, his heroine in *The Portrait of a Lady*, and his heroine Millie Theale in *The Wings of the Dove* would resemble her even more closely.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817r78)

Dead Pan

Episode 3

Suspects line up in Val McDermid's culinary conundrum of a murder case set in a fine dining restaurant. Something smells fishy, but is that just a red herring or two?

DCI Alma Blair (Julie Hesmondhalgh) and DS Trotter (John Hollingworth) have a body in the bathroom and a strange fruit from the suicide tree in the rubbish - but what killed poor restaurant critic Virginia Grimshaw? CSM Jo Black (Jane Hazlegrove) and her assistant Mo (Nitin Kundra) are determined to find out.

Cast:

DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

Narrator Jonathan Keeble

Mo ... Nitin Kundra

Michelle. Rosina Carbone

Richard ... Simeon Truby

All other parts played by members of the cast

Written by Val McDermid

Produced and Directed by Justine Potter

A Savvy production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 14:30 Bengal to Baker Street in 80 Paintings (b03wq2sp)

There was a time when British art critics declared that there was no such thing as fine art in India and that its sculptures and paintings were hideous and worthless. Mukti Jain Campion discovers the story of pioneering Calcutta painter Jamini Roy (1887 - 1972), who set out to challenge such colonial views and became one of the most successful fathers of Indian modern art. In an apartment off London's Baker Street, Nirmalya Kumar, a Calcutta-born business professor, has amassed a unique collection which traces the evolution of Jamini Roy as an artist. It shows how Roy developed a distinctive "flat" style inspired by traditional village scroll painters - and then honed it over a lifetime.

Roy was keen that his art should be cheap and accessible and his paintings soon became immensely popular amongst ordinary Bengalis but also gained an international following.

Contributors include:

Professor Nirmalya Kumar, collector of Jamini Roy's paintings

Richard Blurton, curator of South Asian Art at the British Museum.

Partha Mitter Emeritus Professor of Art History, University of Sussex

Sona Datta, art historian and curator and author of book on

Jamini Roy "Urban Patua".

Artist Sir Howard Hodgkin

Producer: Mukti Jain Campion

A Culture Wise production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jr87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b0075wnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Rent (b00752s3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Deborah Frances-White Rolls the Dice (b07x6mf3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rdlm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq2w)

The Red Planet

8. Closing-in on Mars

As Captain Jet Morgan and his crew approach Mars, strange noises and dreams begin to affect them...

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beebey

Announcer/Variou David Jacobs

Variou Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1954.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b0b50kx9)

Series 16

Civil Disobedients

A porcine presidential campaign, the feeling of freedom in a communal action and a Danish poet who helps you re-imagine the world - Josie Long hears stories of small radical acts.

Comedian and activist Mark Thomas talks about the feeling of liberty on a city street flooded with bicycles, we explore how Inger Christensen's words have fed into the imaginations of Danish activists, and we hear about Pigasus's curtailed political campaign.

Pigasus the Immortal

Featuring Abe Peck, Jim Lato and Judy Gumbo

Interviews by Sarah Geis

Inger Christensen

Produced by Maria Dønvang

Critical Mass

Featuring Mark Thomas

Produced by Sarah Cuddon

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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WED 21:00 Writing... The Midlands (m000rn00)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rdlm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Croft & Pearce Show (b0742mqj)

Episode 3

Sketch show series 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 shows 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 third episode, highly-strung ladies June and Jean have a meltdown in John Lewis, a bullish Brown Owl teaches her Brownies troop the importance of stealing, and Jeannette starts to wonder if her cranky 90-year-old Momma will ever die. Written and performed by Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

WED 22:45 Cracking Up (b08q71fz)

Series 1

Revision Express

Dylan has exams looming and, like many teenage boys, is finding the whole work/life balance tricky to negotiate. Spencer has problems of his own as his flat has been pumped full of raw sewage and he decides to kill two birds with one van. He parks a mobile home on the family drive emblazoned with a sign that reads Revision Express.

He proposes to aid Dylan's revision with a technique known as appetitive stimulus. Despite Tilly's observation that "I think he's already started...I'm sure that's why he spends so long in the bathroom", it turns out to be a system of rewards that Spencer covertly places in Dylan's wardrobe.

So basically - bribery.

Things start badly as Dylan's friend Jamal takes a picture of Spencer emerging proudly from the Revision Express in a peaked cap and uniform and uploads it to Instagram where it immediately goes viral and sprouts memes of Spencer as (among other things) a zookeeper and Hitler.

A Big Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.

WED 23:00 Lobby Land (m0007dke)

Series 2

Sideways Moves

Tom Shriver MP decides the time is right to reap the benefits of a cash-in memoir, and Sam wants a piece of the action. But is there more to their relationship than meets the eye?

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

Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah

Dempster.

Produced by Jon Harvey

A Naked production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

WED 23:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01s0dlid)

Bedroom

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.

Starring ... Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn
Written by ... Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton
Produced by ... Carl Cooper.
First broadcast by BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rng8)

4. Cards on the Table

Following a murder at the circus, the race is still on for David and Pat to get to the bottom of the mystery about the secret new super metal.

Suspense thriller in six-parts by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers.

Starring Ysanne Churchman, Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, June Spencer, William Avenall and Peter Wilde.

Written by Edward J Mason
Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on BBC Midland in November 1954.

THU 06:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fcp85)

Series 2

4. Contract to Kill

DC Maxton finds himself in line for a possible promotion,

while DS Brook gets a visit from a mystery woman...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly John Judd

Anna Emily Morgan

Tessa Mitchell Deidre Costello

Ronald Blake Roy Holder

Desk Sergeant Steve Hodson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

THU 07:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b065vsdx)

Series 4

The Birthday

Damien rents a narrowboat for a weekend cruising around the heart of England with his partner Anthony, his producer friend Marion Duffett, his parents Janet and Dennis, his agent Ian, and his builder Mr Mullaney, during which he hopes to relax but also ease tensions between Mr Mullaney and Anthony who aren't getting on well following an Anthony-induced hiccup in their newly formed property business. But canalling isn't always as easy as it looks...

Starring:

Miles Jupp as Damien Trench

Justin Edwards as Anthony

Philip Fox as Ian Frobisher/Dennis Trench

Brendan Dempsey as Mr Mullaney

Lesley Vickerage as Marion Duffett

Selina Cadell as Janet Trench

David Acton as Mr Touchstone

and

Alex Tregear as The Waitress

It was written by Nick Revell

The producer was Sam Michell

THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m000rc5f)

Series 2

Episode 3

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 Scarlett Moffatt, Lindsey Santoro, Sindhu Vee and Josh Pugh. 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 Choppy production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)

Series 1

Episode 3

Kenneth Horne meets BBC Sound Effects men - and a pantomime horse in 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? (b08t1cvc)

All I Want for Christmas

"Course I can eat, Eric. It's only a spot of toothache. Of course, I can eat, providing I mash everything up and put it through the blender! I can manage quite a few spoonfuls through a straw, as long as I don't swallow, and just sort of let it slide down..."

Wally's stalling on seeing the dentist. He couldn't be scared, surely?

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 Who?'.

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 December 1982.

THU 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000c4w7)

Sir Tim Rice, Robin Stevens, Shazia Mirza

Quote ... Unquote, the popular celebrity quotations quiz,

returns for its 55th series.

Join Nigel as he quizzes a host of celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes.

Across forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Sir Ian McKellen and Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote Unquote stage.

Episode 2

Lyricist and author Sir Tim Rice

Novelist Robin Stevens

Stand-up comedian and writer Shazia Mirza

Quotes read by Charlotte Green

Production Coordinator: Candace Wilson

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)

Series 2

Entertaining Mr Stone

Robin surprisingly brings a friend home, but he isn't all he seems. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From May 2003.

THU 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2)

Mansfield Park

Mr Crawford Changes Tack

The Crawfords cause confusion for Fanny Price, and her brother William returns.

Jane Austen's classic tale dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

CAST:

Jen Austen Hannah Gordon

Fanny Amanda Root

Sir Thomas Bertram Michael Williams

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotaire

Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson

Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher

Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott

Tom Bertram Kim Wall

Maria Bertram Cathy Sara

Julia Bertram Tracy Wiles

Mr Rushworth Michael Onslow

Mr Yates Malcolm McKee

Mrs Grant Sharon Bayliss

William Price Richard Curnow

Music composed by Anthea Gomez and played by Christian McKay, Jill Heartfield, Audrey Douglas and Katharine Gittings.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000rlyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Wally Who? (b08t1cvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rng8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fcp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 The Real Henry James (b072n0xp)

Encounters with Famous People

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 4: Encounters with Famous People

Henry James ended his career in London in the early twentieth century as a figure of great dignity, known to his admirers as 'the Master'. But as a shy child, and a bashful young man, early in his career he had met some of the literary giants of the Victorian age. James's father Henry James Senior was a well-known and well-connected intellectual figure - though very eccentric - so all sorts of eminent people passed through the house. Towards the end of his life, James still remembers being overwhelmed by embarrassment and self-consciousness during an encounter with the most famous novelist of the day - the author of Vanity Fair.

"Still present to me is the voice proceeding from my father's library, in which some glimpse of me hovering, at an opening of the door, prompted him to the formidable words, 'Come here, little boy, and show me your extraordinary jacket!'"

We hear what happened next in that meeting with Thackeray - and of meetings with Dickens, Tennyson, and George Eliot.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Home of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817sb2)

Dead Pan

Episode 4

Val McDermid's comic crime series continues with a breakthrough to celebrate with fine wine - and a heart to heart with Alma and Jason over their work-life balance.

Does this look like the case can be closed with just deserts metered out in this comedy-drama set in a fine dining restaurant? With one more episode to go, we suspect there is more to make a meal of.

Cast:

DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter ... John Hollingworth

CSM Jo Black ... Jane Hazlegrove

Narrator ... Jonathan Keeble

Mo ... Nitin Kundra

Michelle ... Rosina Carbone

Richard ... Simeon Truby

All other parts played by members of the cast

Written by Val McDermid

Produced and Directed by Justice Potter

A Savvy production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 14:30 The Choir Invisible (b00yb305)

Ian Hislop finds out why women - excluded from much of Victorian society - wrote so many famous hymns. From August 2003.

THU 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Quote... Unquote (m000c4w7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b065vsdx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m000rc5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space

(b007jq5b)

The Red Planet

9. The Irresistible Light

After their battle to land on Mars, Captain Jet Morgan and his crew prepare to start their explorations...

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Various Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b075pz7z)

Series 39

Anthony Horowitz chooses Alfred Hitchcock

Anthony Horowitz regards Alfred Hitchcock as a genius who changed the language of cinema and made some of the most memorable films of the twentieth century.

However, the film director is also seen as a troubled man who was at times abusive towards some of his leading ladies. The expert witness is Nathalie Morris; Senior Curator at the BFI, National Archive.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Periminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00j05w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Wally Who? (b08tm1cv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rng8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fgp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000rlyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m000rc5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jvqp)

Series 4

Health and Safety

Hell's latest arrival is a health and safety officer who moans to Satan about the lighting. Devilish comedy stars Andy Hamilton. From April 2001.

THU 23:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vhf5y)

July and August

School's out for Barack Obama, Frank McCourt and Germaine Greer.

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.

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

Written by Craig Brown.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

THU 23:30 The Headset Set (b01ntjqh)

Series 2

Episode 3

EPISODE 3

Audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called

Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything.

Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu

Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith

Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hault

Various Lucy Montgomery

Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Phaldut sharma

Writers Various

Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2021**FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq5b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b075pz7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rng8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fgp85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 The Real Henry James (b072n0xp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817sb2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Choir Invisible (b00yb305)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Quote... Unquote (m000c4w7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b065vsdx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m000rc5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rnjd)

5. Target Practice

Red Farley is still missing, David Conway has left his flat in the early hours with Kratz following a message from Johnny Johnson to meet him at the foundry works. David and Kratz then find out who is working for whom. Paul Farley and Hugo Norsten will stop at nothing to get their hands on the secret formula for Kratz alloy metal - and then they want to test it out - just to make sure.

Suspense thriller in six-parts by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers.

Starring Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Chris Gittins, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, Harry Stubbs, June Spencer, Michael Ford, Peter Wilde and Ysanne Churchman. Written by Edward J Mason

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.

FRI 06:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fgwcj)

Series 2

5. Four Faces of Crime

DS Brook and DC Harrison meet the eccentric Mr Parsons.

Meanwhile a gruesome meat axe murder is investigated...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

Peter Parsons Derek Francis

Tommy Johnny Wade

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

FRI 07:00 Dot (b0736pkk)

Series 1

Enie Meenie Miney... Spy!

Dot and the gals are tasked with an important mission, to monitor the Russian Ambassador, Comrade Pavlenti Lavovich. But Lavovich seems more interested in singing sensation, Harriet Pertly.

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

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Millicent Jane Slavin

Peabody David Acton

Comrade Pavlenti Lavovich Nick Underwood

Miss Harriet Pertly Scarlett Brookes

Bomber Johnson Sean Baker

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000rm9t)

Jayde Adams: From ASDA to Diva

Jayde Adams is a Bristol born comedian and entertainer who used to work in Asda. Jayde has shot to stardom due to her innate confidence, cracking singing voice and unique personal take on modern life. With three powerhouse Edinburgh shows behind her and a blossoming presenting career on TV she has shot from the fish counter at ASDA to fully fledged diva and is keen to tell everyone about it.

Jayde has a classic case of "you can take the girl out of Bristol, but can't take Bristol out of her" - she says what she sees and is unapologetic about it. It's part of what's got her where she is today - a working class girl riding high on the often middle class wave of show business. She's an upstart, she's new money, she's wearing a sequined dress and singing at you while lying across a piano. But beyond all that, she's a (relatively) normal person with a fascinating journey.

In this special, Jayde combines her wit and world class set of pipes with show-stopping music by Olivier Award winner Richard Thomas (Jerry Springer: The Opera). Jayde will give her unique slant on class, body positivity and being from Bristol. Weaving her hilarious brand of entertaining yet personal stand-up with catchy numbers, Jayde shares how she went from working at ASDA to becoming a fully fledged diva. Jayde's main aim is to bring out the diva in all of us, not just the few. It's dying to escape, and who are we to stop it?

Producer: Hayley Sterling

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

A BBC Studios Production

FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0102v9g)

The Bigger the Better

A peculiar potion grows on the bumbling bureaucrats.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, Clive Dunn and Gordon Clyde.

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 Radio 4 in August 1970.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfns)

Series 2

Health and Efficiency

Faith heads to a health farm, leaving Bill to mind the happy home.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyschott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Belinda Lang as Liza, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Norman Bird as Mr Burrows and Nicholas Courtney as Ray.

Series two of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie. A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Sioned William

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

FRI 09:00 Say the Word (b00764j5)

Episode 1

Frank Delaney's panel game series revolving around the English language from the Ways with Words literary festival in Totnes, Devon.

With Sandi Toksvig, Tommy Pearson, Laura Wright and Christopher Matthew.

On hand to offer a witty perspective on the world of words are the Nimmo Twins

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

FRI 09:30 Bristow (b007s5dp)

Series 2

Mr Bristow Regrets

The Chester-Perry Dinner Dance is out of bounds to the buying clerk - until he falls in with Tom Paine, troublemaker...

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

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Hewitt Owen Brennan

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Hickford Roger Lloyd Pack

Tom Jon Glover

Little Red Simon Schatzberger

Miss Goughly Lucy Akhurst

Miss Peach Carol Starks

Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

FRI 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jrff)

Mansfield Park

Portsmouth and After

Both Fanny and Tom face disappointment and hope in equal measure.

Conclusion of Jane Austen's classic tale dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

CAST:

Jane Austen Hannah Gordon

Fanny Amanda Root

Sir Thomas Bertram Michael Williams

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotiere

Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson

Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher

Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott

Tom Bertram Kim Wall

William Price Richard Curmow

Mrs Price Sunny Ormonde

Mr Price Terry Molloy

Susan price Katherine Mount

Rebecca Anne-Marie Francis

Price children: Tim Black, Stephanie Luxton, Zoe Ganjavi and Richard Ganjavi.

Music composed by Anthea Gomez and played by Christian McKay, Jill Heartfield, Audrey Douglas and Katharine Gittings. Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000rnjj)

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

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0102v9g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rnjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 The Real Henry James (b072n0zp)

Childhood and Family

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his

letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 5: Childhood and Family

It may seem paradoxical to end a series on Henry James by going back to his childhood - but that's what James himself did in old age. As he approached 70, James began to look back over his life and career - by then he was the only one of five siblings to survive - and found that his early memories and associations multiplied with an almost uncontrollable vividness.

We hear memories of how he roamed free as a young boy on the streets of New York, and of his father, an eccentric religious philosopher who detested 'prigs'.

We hear too a moving and intimate account of a visit James paid towards the end of his life to the family grave-plot near Harvard - where his parents, his sister Alice, and Wilky, one of his brothers, were buried. James wrote about this only in his private notebooks, which speaks revealingly about the importance of family for him. The programme ends with a passage about the quest for religious faith, and with James's great motto in life, "e kind, be kind, be kind..."

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:15 DCI Alma Blair (b0817szl)

Dead Pan

Episode 5

The conclusion of Val McDermid's comic crime drama set in a fine dining restaurant - but when Alma and Jo finally get time alone to talk, it is the future of their personal relationship, more than the murder investigation, that is called in to question.

Cast:

DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

Narrator ... Jonathan Keeble

Mo ... Nitin Kundra

Michelle Rosina Carbone

Richard Simeon Truby

All other parts played by members of the cast

Written by Val McDermid

Produced and Directed by Justine Potter

A Savvy production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

FRI 14:30 The Gentle Art of Tramping (b01mhw3)

The tramp, or wayfarer, is a romantic figure - almost part of folklore in this day and age. It conjures up the bitter-sweet antics of Charlie Chaplin or the writings of WH Davies, the 'tramp poet': "What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?"

Keen rambler Arthur Smith has a childhood memory of tramps too -- mysterious figures, both fascinating and a little bit fearsome, men who seemed to appear from nowhere and then disappear again.

And what about the present day -- is it even possible to be a tramp in the modern world? Does this wistful, romantic image -- of Chaplin, of the 'tramp poet' and the tramp of Arthur Smith's nostalgic imagination -- bear any relation to the actual lives of those who might step outside of settled society and take to the lanes?

Arthur Smith wants to find out. And he's guided on his journey by *The Gentle Art of Tramping*. Written by Stephen Graham in 1926, it's an extraordinary, poetic how-to guide to becoming a tramp, which includes colourful advice on all aspects of the tramp's life: carrybags, boots, tobacco and cooking; how to build a fire, whether or not to carry money, and friends met on the way; scrounging, shelter, and reading material.

Does Stephen Graham's discerning tramp resemble the modern wayfarer? With guidebook in hand, Arthur Smith hears the stories of the tramps of today and considers our attachment to the romance of life without ties and responsibilities, even in the face of its sometimes painful reality.

Producer: Martin Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jrff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Say the Word (b00764j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Bristol (b007s5dp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Dot (b0736pkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000rm9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq7r)

The Red Planet

10. Freighters Approach

Captain Jet Morgan and his crew are on Mars, but he's alarmed when more of the fleet appear to arrive...

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Various Anthony Marriott

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00hv1dw)

Ambition

Dominic Arkwright, Terence Blacker, Tina Lamb and Shaun Bailey discuss what motivates us to try and succeed in life.

From March 2009.

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b0102v9g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Edward J Mason - Red For Danger (m000rnjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000rnjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000rm9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b007k37y)

Series 3

Episode 5

Chesney is having a crisis of confidence. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From January 2005.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01q8np2)

Series 5

Jenni Murray

Dame Jenni Murray cooks her first ever healthy meal, using tofu and lentils, watches her first violent film, and samples the delights of controversial comedian Frankie Boyle. She gives her verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

FRI 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vkycj)

Series 1

Dolly the Sheep

Comedian Richard Herring reclaims those things we've grown to hate. In the final show of the series Richard reclaims Dolly the sheep as he examines why we are fearful and suspicious of the idea of cloning without really understanding it.

Richard talks to a genetics professor about how cloning works and what it was like to meet Dolly. Richard also asks science writer Dr Ben Goldacre whether evil scientists exist and whether he is allowed to clone Dr Who assistant Amy Pond.

The show was recorded in front of an audience.

Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.