

Series 3
Episode 6
It's time for Paul and Ruby to decide upon their future, which could spell the end of life as we know it at chez Reynolds... Conclusion of series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers. Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby and Dave Lamb as Paul.
Producer: Liz Anstee.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.
WED 10:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Last of the Mohicans (b007jljv)
1. Under Siege
The daughters of Colonel Munro are led into danger by vengeful Huron, Magua.
J. Fenimore Cooper's epic set amidst the struggle between the British and the French for control of North America. Dramatised in two-parts by David Calcutt.
CAST:
Narrator Garrick Hagon
Major Heyward Philip Franks
Uncas Clarence Smith
Cora Helen McCoy
Magua Alfredo Michelsen
General Munro Russell Dixon
Chingachgook Okon Jones
Alice Naomi Radcliffe
General Montcalm John Jardine
Hawkeye Michael Feast
Producer: Michael Fox
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995
WED 11:00 Writing... The Midlands (m000rwr)
2. Benjamin Zephaniah and Matt Windle
Crime Writer Mark Billingham was born in The Midlands and for this showcase he's going back to the region that made him into an author 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 meets 'The Poet with a Punch', Matt Windle, and features:
* Only Artists: Iqbal Khan meets Benjamin Zephaniah [06/03/2019 R4]
* Anita and Me [Ep. 5 15/04/1996 R4]
Producer: Jessica Treen
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2019.
WED 12:00 The Missing Hancock (b08lh7dg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Up the Garden Path (b007jqkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04g3npg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 The Muse by Jessie Burton (b07j68np)
Episode 3
When on a summer's day in 1967, Odelle Bastien climbs the steps of the Skelton gallery in London to take up a position as typist, she little realises how significantly her life is about to change. For there she meets the glamorous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick, who soon takes Odelle into her confidence and encourages her to pursue her dream of writing. But Odelle senses there is something that Quick is holding back, and when 'Rufina and the Lion', a lost Spanish masterpiece is brought to the gallery, Odelle begins to suspect that the mystery behind the painting's origins and her mentor's secrecy may be somehow connected.
The truth about 'Rufina and the Lion' lies in 1936 and a large house in rural Spain, where Olive Schloss, the daughter of renowned art dealer Harold Schloss and his beautiful but fragile wife Sarah, is harbouring artistic ambitions of her own. When artist and revolutionary Isaac Robles and his half-sister Teresa come into their lives, passion, art, and politics collide, with explosive and devastating consequences for them all.
Weaving between events in 1967 and those of 1936, a powerful story of love, obsession, identity, authenticity and deception unfolds in this highly anticipated new novel from Jessie Burton, author of the best-selling *The Miniaturist*.
Written by Jessie Burton
Abridged by Doreen Estall
Read by Jessica Raine
Produced by Heather Larmour
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
WED 14:15 Jezebel by Irene Nemirovsky (b0824xcp)
Episode 3
In 1930's France, Gladys, obsessed with her looks and lost youth, has been jailed for murdering a younger man. She delves into key moments in her past that led to the murder. Aged 40, Gladys is having an affair with Sir Mark and for the first time in her life she is rejected by a man.
Gladys Frances Barber
Nemirovsky Anna Francolini
Sir Mark David Sterne
Claude Conrad Nelson
Carmen Gonzales Ellen Dryden
Jezebel by Irène Nemirovsky
Translated by Sandra Smith
Dramatised by Ellen Dryden

Produced and Directed by Pauline Harris
WED 14:30 In Search Of The Holy Tail (b04m7bsn)
Broadcaster Marc Riley, rock musician Damon Albarn and film maker Ceri Levy venture outside their usual comfort zone and travel to Mull in search of Sea Eagles and Basking Sharks. During their weekend on the island they do some bird watching, swim with seals and Damon composes a new piece of music which he performs to Marc and Ceri in Fingal's cave on the Isle of Staffa, using the unique echoes of the waves in the cave as accompaniment.
During their journey they discuss Gilbert and Sullivan, how to catch a Blue Tit in a snowy garden and the reintroduction of Sea Eagles to the Scottish Islands.
As a finale to the weekend, Marc and Damon overcome their fears and venture into the deep waters off Mull to swim with Basking Sharks, some of them over 20 feet in length.
Produced by John Leonard
A Smooth Operations production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
WED 15:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Last of the Mohicans (b007jljv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Rent (b00752yh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Start/Stop (b04nrh2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rlpv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqgq)
The Red Planet
13. Dream or Reality?
In the Martian city from Captain Jet Morgan's childhood dream, Lemmy is under telepathic attack...
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Lemmy David Kossoff
Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter
Mitch Bruce Beeby
Announcer/Variations David Jacobs
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.
WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b0b5t8lr)
Series 16
The Watchers
Josie Long hears stories of observation - from glimpsing who you might become to an artist who secretly surveilled her father.
Rosalind Jana explores the crackle of possibility and hope in a love story observed across a crowded room, Johanna Heldebro talks about her art project - To Come Within Reach of You - in which she followed and photographed her father, and Sarah Algashgari talks about working at the first football match in Saudi Arabia that allowed female spectators.
Deciphering
Featuring Rosalind Jana
The Watchers
Featuring Sarah Algashgari
Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft
Following Father
Featuring Johanna Heldebro
Produced by Tom Henley
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2018.
WED 19:00 The Missing Hancock (b08lh7dg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 Up the Garden Path (b007jqkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04g3npg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Writing... The Midlands (m000rwr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rlpv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 The Croft & Pearce Show (b074xw25)
Episode 4
Sketch show from award-winning duo Croft and Pearce, rising stars of the UK comedy scene.
These Edinburgh Fringe favourites were the break-out hit of BBC Radio 4's Sketchorama and have performed sell-out 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 last episode of the series, an unsentimental relationship counsellor gives marriage advice, a wide-eyed work experience girl delights in what she's learnt during her time in the Big Smoke, and middle-class powerhouses June and Jean must somehow find a way to tolerate their husbands.
Written and performed by Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce

Producer: Liz Anstee
A CPL production for BBC Radio 4
WED 22:45 Cracking Up (b08r1x64)
Series 1
Utopia
Divorcee Spencer arrives to take Tilly to school and is shocked to see the family home is no longer called Utopia. Meanwhile, teenage son Dylan has illegally downloaded Straw Dogs and daughter Tilly intends to attend school multi-day in drag as one half of Siegfried and Roy (with cat Lord Lucan as the lion). Spencer has an argument with the managing agent of his flat over a tiny detail of its refurbishment and threatens to give notice - which the agent willingly accepts.
Spencer sees his list of clients in a daze, mentally obsessing over property and, as he fumbles through the day still carrying a wooden name plaque bearing the fading legend Utopia, ends up wandering into an estate agent's office in an attempt to talk to a pretty girl.
A Big Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.
WED 23:00 Lobby Land (m0007140)
Series 2
Cometh the Power
Sam and Mia have been nominated for journalism awards at the prestigious DONCASTAs. But has Sam got a bigger decision to make?
Starring Yasmine Akram as Sam, Charlie Higson as Tom, Cariad Lloyd as Mia, Dan Tetsell as Gideon, Daniel Lawrence Taylor as Nath, and Joe Da Costa as Marcus.
Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah Dempster
With additional material by Laura Major
Produced by Jon Harvey
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:30 Vent (b00svcbq)
Series 1
Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go
Ben doesn't get out much, but he has a loving and attentive family, an active imagination and a comfortable bed, so he can't complain.
Because he's in a coma, Mary and Mum wonder whether some of his favourite music will wake him up, while his own thoughts are occupied with visions of Sue Lawley, Robbie Williams - and an unconventional seduction technique.
Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith.
Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg.
With Mark Perry, Dave Lamb, Jo Martin, Tim Whitnall, Hils Barker and Kim Wall.
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

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THU 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqgq)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04g3npg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 The Muse by Jessie Burton (b07j68np)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Jezebel by Irene Nemirovsky (b0824xcp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 In Search Of The Holy Tail (b04m7bsn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Last of the Mohicans (b007jljv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Rent (b00752yh)
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THU 05:00 Start/Stop (b04nrh2j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rlpv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)
Series 2
3. A Case of a Golden Smile
When Betty Ackroyd sees her husband Archie on a TV quiz show, it's for the first time since he walked out 30 years ago. Private eye Stephen J Blackburn investigates.
One of four more cases for the private investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.
CAST:
Stephen J. Blackburn Finetime Fontayne
Tracey Duggan Judy Flynn
Mam Rita May
Mrs Ackroyd Ann Rye
Ted of Mansfield Norman Mills
Nigel Phillips John Basham
Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
Producer: Dave Sheasby

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FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00j16kr)

Imposter Syndrome

Imposter Syndrome: Dominic Arkwright, Julian Baggini, Kathy Sykes and Xanthe Clay discuss feeling insecure. From December 2009.

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b01092vz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 The Blackburn Files (b007w3zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Robert Barr - Detective (b04g457y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000rwrw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000rv7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b007k2w7)

Series 3

Episode 6

Unisex barbers and wrong telephone numbers. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From January 2005.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01qdvsy)

Series 5

Dame Evelyn Glennie

Dame Evelyn Glennie, despite having appeared in the Olympic 2012 ceremony as the rhythmic backbone, had never seen it. She watches it for the first time, and also watches Downton Abbey, goes on a Go-Kart, and throws a pot. She gives her verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke.

Produced by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

FRI 23:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b07lhh79)

Series 3

Youth

Simon Evans' comedy lecture on four of the big life stages that mark our journey through life and how economics is part of every one of those stages, whether we like it or not.

As always, he is joined by Financial Times columnist and presenter of Radio 4's 'More or Less', economist Tim Harford, and by financial guru and editor of Money Week, Merryn Somerset Webb.

This week Simon looks at Youth - that period in life when the young suddenly disengage from the home unit and plummet from the safety of the family nest.

The programme looks at everything from pocket money and exam subject choice, to university and whether the property ladder still exists.

Baroness Alison Wolf is the guest expert, who shares her views on whether education matters and how that affects the labour markets. Which subjects should you study at school if you want to be a millionaire? Should you go to university? Take a gap year? What are the implications of all these decisions on your future economic standing.

Presenter: Simon Evans, with Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset Webb

Special guest: Professor Alison Wolf, Baroness Wolf of Dulwich

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Claire Jones

A BBC Studios Production.