SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021

SAT 00:00 Guy de Maupassant - The Hand (b007t4lx)

1880's Corsica: Reminded by a gruesome trophy of his days in Africa, Sir John Rowell awaits the return of his nemesis... Starring Denis Quilley.

Guy de Maupassant's story dramatised by Michael Robson.

Sir John Rowell Denis Quilley Bermutier Cyril Shaps

Olivier Edward Seckersn

Audas David Strong

... Hector Ross

Devised and directed by Derek Hoddinott.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 1976.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00l1qvz)

Trivia

What turns a fact into knowledge, and did you know that Pete Conrad was the first man to dance on the moon?

Dominic Arkwright debates elitism in education with Kathryn Hughes, Francis Gilbert and Mark Mason, author of The Importance of Being Trivial.

Produced by Miles Warde.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

3. Mr Carl Lathom

Despite an attempt on his life, debonair detective Paul Temple remains hot on the trail of the elusive 'Alex'.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Dr Kohima's Maid Ann Murray Carl Lathom Simon Lack

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Ricky Henderson Frank Henderson

Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre

Webb/Shaw Ronald Herdman Producer: Martin C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

SAT 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr3t)

Still on the run from foreign agents, the Englishman is pursued through the deep tunnels of the London Underground. Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published

shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939 Read by Michael Jayston.

Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2004.

SAT 02:00 The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel (b079rrbb)

Episode 5

A close up and intimate natural history by John Lewis-Stempel. By taking an abandoned field close to his farm, he observes in minute detail the behaviour of plants, birds and animals that are being displaced by agribusiness. In telling the story of one field, he tells the story of our countryside, our language, our religion and our food. But in transforming one field, he creates a haven for one particular animal close to his heart - the brown hare. The final episode brings mixed emotions - the field awaits a new use and a new owner.

Writer: John Lewis-Stempel

Abridger Barry Johnston

Reader: Bernard Hill Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b091wby0)

Series 2 Episode 5

Having failed to secure Beth's release from the clutches of Moses Lipski, Meg decides to take matters into her own hands with dramatic results.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Beth Kerry Gooderson

Dora Lipski Chetna Pandya

Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe

Annie Riley Alice Haig

Iolo Jones Philip Fox

Major Arthur Eden Simon Ludders Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SAT 02:30 Invalid Password - The Password, A History Of Failure (b03g9dqg)

Passwords have never been weaker and hackers have never been more powerful. In 2012, a computer cluster was unveiled that can cycle through as many as 350 billion password guesses per second.

For most people, passwords are the first and only line of defence for confidential information online. We've been taught that passwords are the answer - as long as they are elaborate enough.

Passwords:

- must not follow any predictable pattern
- * must not reference any events you have personally witnessed
- * must be a closely guarded personal secret must not be something you would use as a password just to get past a password reset check
- must be impossible to remember

But, today, that's becoming a fantasy - businesses, banks, schools, governments and individuals have all been hacked. In this social history of the password, Tim Samuels travels to Las Vegas for a password conference. Here he meets the man responsible for the most popular cracking software, a former US Army interrogator who now builds super computers and a passionate Norwegian who believes passwords are here to stay. Discover how easy it is to crack Tim's password and witness the elaborate steps some people go through to protect their online information.

Have we reached a stage where passwords that are secure enough to resist hacking are too hard to remember? If passwords are living on borrowed time, what can protect us

Producer: Barney Rowntree

A Hidden Flack production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

SAT 03:00 Zoe Fairbairns - The Belgian Nurse (b00772vr)

The story of a friendship that created one of the 20th century's best-selling novels and films.

When American writer Kathryn Hulme meets a Belgian nurse on a UN Relief Programme after the Second World War, she doesn't understand why Marie-Louise Habets is so unwilling to talk about herself

It's only later that Marie-Louise admits she has recently left her convent - a confession that reaches a worldwide audience through the book and then the film of The Nun's Story.

Written by Zoe Fairbairns.

Kathryn Hulme Debora Weston

Marie-Louise Habets Rachel Atkins Pierre John Moraitis

Fred Zinneman Garrick Hagon

Audrey Hepburn Christine Kavanagh Mother Benedict Jane Ridley

Director: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007. SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01c7snf)

Series 1

Episode 1

Rachel Johnson, Desmond Lynam and Mark Steel nominate one of their nearest and dearest to answer a selection of questions. Anything from "Who would you like to be stranded on a desert island with?" to "What is your favourite film?" to "How much is a pint of milk?

Then they attempt to second-guess how their nominee responded. If they can get it right, or come close, they get points.

Miles Jupp takes the chair.

Plus special guest - renowned film director and food critic, Michael Winner gives answers which the panel must try to

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 04:30 The Sit Crom (b00mf205)

The Wasps' Nest

The search for enemies leads to love triumphing over fire. Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War. Sir John Firebasket Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa Miriam Margolyes

Father Francis Nickolas Grace

Slow Ned Chris Emmett Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Posthumous Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Captain Arise Higgs Alun Armstrong Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.

SAT 05:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00yqsj3)

Series 3 Girls and Boys

With Rudy about to tie the knot, it's party time - Adam style. Adam has created a wedding spreadsheet, and it's down to Richie to intervene to ensure that both the Stag Do, and Doreen's hen night, go off with a Rudy Sharpe Sizzle.

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham.

Stars Lenny Henry and Larrington Walker.

Written by Danny Robins and Paula Hines Adam Lenny Henry

Rudy Larrington Walker

Richie Joe Jacobs

Tasha Natasha Godfrey

Clifton Jeffery Kissoon

Doreen Claire Benedict Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000sxgq)

Stephen Buchanan: Talking Shop

BBC New Comedy Award winner Stephen Buchanan's debut stand up show for BBC Radio 4.

In Talking Shop, Stephen outlines his chequered work history from shop worker to human ping pong ball. At home Stephen

lives with his mum and a Vietnamese refugee Dove. Can Stephen help Dove onto the career ladder and can they both move up in the world?

Stephen Buchanan - Talking Shop encapsulates the trials and tribulations of his life so far, alongside the true story of Stephen and Dove's developing friendship - all of which have led to this very moment: Stephen's debut Radio 4 special.

Written and Performed by Stephen Buchanan.

Producer: Adnan Ahmed A BBC Studios Production

SAT 06:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l)

1938: Charles and Dora Randolph are celebrating their Golden Wedding.

A chance for four generations of the same family to be together - sparking all the problems and surprises that such a gathering inevitably causes.

Dodie Smith's play enjoyed a hugely successful run in the theatre before and during the early years of the Second World

Charles Randolph Michael Denison

Dora Randolph Dulcie Gray

Belle Mary Wimbush Margery Annette Badland

Edna Frances Jeater

Nanny Dora Bryan

Cynthia Penny Downie Laurel Trevyn McDowell

Hilda Joanna David Nicholas Nicholas Gecks

Fenny Charlotte Attenborough

Hugh Joshua Towb

Kenneth Michael Tudor Barnes Bill Mark Burrows

Scrap Sara-Jane Derrick

Flouncy Bernadette Windsor Gertrude Becky Hindley

Producer: Glyn Dearman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07bzdc1)

Series 39

George Fox, born in 1624 in Leicestershire, is best known as the founder of the Quakers. In early life he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, and for a while he worked as a shepherd as well.

But it was as a preacher travelling widely across the land that he made his name, and also received the most abuse. As he writes: ... the people fell upon me in great rage, struck me down and almost stifled and smothered me. And I was cruelly beaten and bruised by them with their hands, Bibles and sticks.

Nominating the dissenting George Fox is Ann Limb, chair of the Scout Association, Also in studio, Jonathan Fryer, editor of

George Fox and the Children of the Light. Matthew Parris presents, and the producer in Bristol is Miles

Warde First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 08:00 Heresy (b07c2t5p)

Series 10

Episode 2 Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show

which dares to commit heresy. Her guests this week are Alex Horne, Jonny Woo and Richard Osman. Together they discuss money, dress codes and sexy TV

dramas. Producer: Daisy Knight

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016

SAT 08:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0084hyx)

Episode 5 Lady Cabstanleigh holds a party, Mrs McGurgle gets into an argument, Chief Inspector Blunderton follows up a few leads, and Justice Cocklecarrot has to contend with the antics of the

Filthistan trio. Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia

Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton. Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 – JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a

great deal of modern humour. Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989

SAT 09:00 Ross Noble's Newcastle (b0755pvx) From the bistro bar of Newcastle's Tyne Theatre, where he performed his very first hometown gig - Ross Noble explores

Geordie comedy past and present. Featuring a candid interview with Sarah Millican, an exploration of happiness with Jason Cook and a trip back in time to the humour of old with Percy Douglas and Bobby

Self-deprecating, quick witted and warm, there's much to be said for Geordie humour that sets it apart from the comedy in the rest of the British Isles. Newcastle is a city of almost pathological friendliness - no-one takes themselves too seriously and everyone is as quick to poke fun at themselves as at others. Whether you put it down to the cheeriness of the accent or the egalitarian mentality of your average Novocastrian, there's no

denying Geordies want people to enjoy themselves as much as they do, and that true homespun North Eastern humour has its tongue placed firmly in its cheek.

Multi-award winning Cramlington born stand up comic Ross Noble is one of British comedy's biggest household names TV and radio regular, with numerous sell-out stage shows

The carefully selected archive includes:

- Ross Noble On..
- * Jason Cook, Gavin Webster and Kai Humphries, MacAulay & Co at the Edinburgh Fringe
- * The Geordie Game
- * Knitted Trunks, Woman's Hour
- * Sarah Millican, Funny Friends
- * Ant and Dec, Desert Island Discs
- * Jason Cook and Chris Ramsey, Jason Cook's Happiness HQ
- * Fireside Tales
- * Percy Douglas, Wot Cheor Geordie
- * Bobby Thompson, Turns of the Century
- * Jesting About

Producer: Anna Miles

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Radio Scotland SAT 12:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09h2rby)

Series 2

Mutton Rissoles

Spring 1965. Trisha moves into a new bedsitter with the toastloving Moira.

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Extracts from Cooking in a Bedsitter are read by Eleanor Bron. Trisha....Beattie Edmondson

Deepak.....Nikesh Patel June.....Ellie Darvill. Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

SAT 12:30 Life With The Lyons (m0001st3)

Accidents Will Happen

When Bebe runs into a car driven by boxer Freddie Mills, Ben sets out to teach her a lesson...

Starring Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.

With:

Barbara Lyon Richard Lyon

Horace Percival Doris Rogers

Molly Weir

Hugh Morton Special guest Freddie Mills.

Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson, The BBC Variety

Orchestra are conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Producer: Tom Ronald.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1951.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09kpmys) Good Luck Professor Spiegelhalter

Whether we believe in luck or not, we do use the word- a lot! More as a figure of speech than an article of faith perhaps, but some do pray for luck, others fantasize about it - and bad luck or misfortune is a staple of comedy.

Can luck be said to exist as some force in our lives and if so, what is its nature? How have people thought about luck in the past and what's changed today? Can you bring good luck upon vourself - there's a school of thought these days that thinks you can without appealing to the divine or supernatural.

Professor Spiegelhalter, the Winton professor for the public understanding of risk at Cambridge University looks at notions of luck in gambling, traces the origins of how we think about fate and fortune, the religious and psychological view of luck and how the emergence of theory of probability changed our

He is convinced by the philosopher Angie Hobbs that there is one form of luck it is rational to believe in and by psychologist Richard Wiseman that there is a secular solution to bringing about good fortune in your life.

Produced in Salford by Kevin Mousley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.:

SAT 14:00 On the Hour (b007k45s)

Series 1

Episode 5

The latest on the 'Penelope Keith riots', and just 38 weeks to Wimbledon.

All the news as it happens, if it happens - and the sport with Alan Partridge.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris. With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee. Editor: Armando lannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

SAT 14:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b00757wk) Episode 1

A five pound deal of sketches, monologues and weird soup.

Originally broadcast LIVE from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair.

Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick. Featuring:

Peter Serafinowicz

Emma Clarke

Steve Brody

Producer: Phil Bowker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

SAT 15:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k35j)

Series 1

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans spills the beans on the Rat Pack, John and Yoko - and the subtext of Right Said Fred sung by Bernard Cribbins.

Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets. Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006. SAT 15:30 Chain Reaction (b01m19nz)

Tim Minchin talks to Caitlin Moran

Comedian and musician Tim Minchin is not well but still has a great time putting the world to rights in his attempt to interview journalist and author, Caitlin Moran, despite having no questions and no voice.

The talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SAT 16:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b07bzdc1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Red Moon (m000t4mc)

Phase 6: Darkside

Eddie and Susan are embattled at a Cumbrian RAF base,

hoping to avert disaster.

An alternative-history, Cold War thriller, where American and Soviet Moon bases aim their nuclear missiles at targets across

Winner of Best Online Audio Drama at the BBC Audio Drama Awards, 2019.

Eddie Sloper Philip Bulcock

Dr Susan Madison Yasmine Holness-Dove

Mrs Jones Georgina Periam

Quirke Joe Riley

Liz Sarah Whitehouse

SAS Captain Greg Page

Base Commander Richard Reed

Lt. Gen. Atherton William Hope Music composed and performed by Francesco Quadraruopolo.

Story by Jack Bowman and Robert Valentine.

Written, directed and produced by Robert Valentine A Wireless Theatre Production recorded at the RNIB Talking

Book Studios.

SAT 18:30 Alex Jones - Lighthulbs (b038xn76)

Steve returns from abroad after a year away to discover there's something nasty in the shed...

Alex Jones's tale of the supernatural starring Terry Molloy

Steve David Holt Joan..... Jillie Meers

Bill.... Terry Molloy

Karen... Lorna Laidlaw

Aunt Dot...Joyce Gibbs

Mrs Stanley....Sunny Ormonde

Vicar....Richard Curnow

Felicity... Mia Busby

Music by Alex Jones.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 19:00 Ross Noble's Newcastle (b0755pvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01r11x0) Series 1

Episode 1

After noticing that misogyny, like shiny leggings, had made an unexpected comeback - comedian Bridget Christie wonders did it ever really go away?

In the first of her four-part stand up comedy series on the state of British feminism today, Bridget asks why feminism became a dirty word and whether the modern British woman needs it. An incident involving a man, a smell and a well-known

bookstore made her ask what place feminism has in modern Britain, whether the fight has been won or is being fought on different fronts. Plus, why did Bic launch the "Bic for Her" - a pen specifically designed for a woman's hand?

Fred MacAulay helps her remember some of the key incidents which brought her to an epiphany and a call to arms. Producer; Alison Vernon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013. SAT 22:30 Elastic Planet (b007k399)

The Objects

Revealing the links between the art of siren writing, the discovery of pants, the Church of England motorcycle display team and the flamenco guitar.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Rebecca Front, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Geoff McGivern, Ben Moor, Raymond Baxter and Caron Keating. Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995

SAT 22:45 We Know Everything (b0855xkm)

Hosts Dan Gaster and Paul Powell tackle another selection of imponderable questions from the studio audience.

This week - if all the world's a stage, where does the audience

The answer to this and similar irrelevant queries will be revealed in tonight's show.

With Simon Godfrey, Clare Cathcart and Martin Hyder.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

SAT 23:00 It's Jocelyn (b06snywk)

Series 1

Episode 1

It's Jocelyn is the series from comedian Jocelyn Jee Esien (3 Non Blondes and Little Miss Jocelyn).

Back with a raft of brand fresh characters including the Overly Dramatic Family, a pair of terrible African Drummers and a bad-tempered couple who run a takeaway business, Jocelyn vents her frustrations at the world around her through sketches and stand-up. From pedantic dinner dates to coping with annoying friends, Jocelyn's life provides a rich seam of humour. Jocelyn is delighted to be joined in the cast by Curtis Walker,

Ninia Benjamin and Kevin J. Producer: John Pocock

A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b01m6crv)

Caitlin Moran talks to Jennifer Saunders

The interviewee on the previous show, Caitlin Moran returns to interview her comedy hero, Jennifer Saunders. They talk shoes, Bananarama and women in comedy.

Talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021

SUN 00:00 Red Moon (m000t4mc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 Alex Jones - Lightbulbs (b038xn76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday] SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b09kpmys)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 On the Hour (b007k45s) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b00757wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

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SUN 04:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b07bzdc1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel

(Omnibus) (b079s5n2) A close up and intimate natural history by John Lewis-Stempel. By taking an abandoned field close to his farm, he observes in minute detail the behaviour of plants, birds and animals that are being displaced by agribusiness. In telling the story of one field, he tells the story of our countryside, our language, our religion and our food. But in transforming one field, he creates a haven

for one particular animal close to his heart - the brown hare. Writer: John Lewis-Stempel

Abridger Barry Johnston

Reader: Bernard Hill

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in May 2016. SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b3g0bn)

Mariella Frostrup

Series 2 (Omnibus)

Broadcaster Mariella Frostrup with Leonard Cohen's Hey, That's No Way To Say Goodbye and Van Morrison's Have I

Told You Lately? SUN 07:20 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b092g86d)

complicated by the unexpected arrival of her troubled sister.

Megan Evans is looking to expand her dairy busin forces are beginning to gather and her life is further

Omnibus written by Gregory Evans.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Annie Riley Alice Haig Fred Wensley Samuel James

Iolo Jones Philip Fox
Dora Lipski Chetna Pandya

Huw Tom Forrister Nun Julie Teal

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

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2017

SUN 08:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00ncgg1)

No Fear

Huggett family chaos reigns when young Bobby sets out to play the hero.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, George Howell as Bobby, Marion Collins as Jane, Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings and Kenneth Connor as Charlie.

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Popular working-class family, the Huggetts first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire.

Producer: Jacques Bro

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September

SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000t579)

A Sporting Weekend

Caroline needs Leslie to pretend that they're still married in order to land a contract. What could go wrong?

'Drop Me Here, Darling' ran from December 1982 to February 1983. It starred Leslie Phillips and Jill Bennett as a recently divorced couple, Leslie and Caroline Duggan. He was a successful businessman but has fallen on hard times - following the '80s property crash - and now earns a living by chauffeuring his wealthy ex, who runs the successful Quantum mail order company. Despite being divorced, their lives are interleaved and they keep a close, envious eye on each other's love lives, divulging an enduring mutual fondness.

CAST:

Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips

Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett

Betty Joan Sanderson

Alaria Norma Ronald Derek Edward Judd

Kramer Hodgkiss Gordon Clyde

Written by Andrew Palmer.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1982.

SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00jzcky)

Series 3

Undercover

Ed shaves his beard in order to work unrecognised as a mystery shopper.

The comical world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail. Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Featuring:

John Fortune

Stephanie Cole

Geoffrey Whitehead

Rita May

Sally Grace Simon Greenall

Geoffrey McGivern

Matthew Holness

Paul Biggin Sally Hawkins

Eve Dallas

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08h1j45)

Children's Writers JK Rowling

From the Beatles to Beethoven. Harry Potter author JK Rowling shares her castaway choices. With Sue Lawley. From 2000. SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

Collecting

Why do we collect things? Is it a male response to ancient hunting instincts to provide food for the family?

Today, collecting by children is in decline, and with it the development of an early fascination with the natural world

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000t57f)

Series 7

Dispatches From 1918

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

It's hard to imagine what the world will look like when COVID-19 has passed. So in this episode, we look back to the years after 1918, at the political, artistic, and viral aftermath of the flu pandemic that killed between 50 and 100 million people and left our world permanently transformed.

With Jad Abumrad. This episode was reported and produced by Rachael Cusick, Tad Davis, Tracie Hunte, Matt Kielty, Latif Nasser, Sarah Oari, Pat Walters, Molly Webster, with production assistance from Tad Davis and Bethel Habte From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2020.

SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0b3g0bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000t57l)

Conversations on a Bench: Strabane - Maureen Boyle Anna Scott-Brown hears more stories from the people who stop to sit beside her on benches around the country.

In this edition, Anna sits on a bench in Strabane on the Irish Border. Throughout the programme, a specially commissioned work by the poet Maureen Boyle draws on the voices of those passing by - and sometimes pausing on - the bench in Abercorn

These hidden stories are glimpsed through snatched moments

and the painful and beautiful stories people tell Anna in this busy urban setting - the carer who lost a longed for baby during pregnancy and memories of the Troubles in this hot spot on the border, those who smuggled goods across the closed border and whose relatives moved to Northern Ireland via the hiring fair that used to take place in the square.

Once an employment blackspot, how is the town faring now? And what difference will Brexit make here on the border? Throughout the programme, Maureen Boyle's poem interweaves a personal elegy for her grandfather who worked at the nearby Linen factory in Sion Mills and her own memories of growing

Hidden lives are revealed and common threads recur as Anna's gentle but insistent, and sometimes extremely direct, questions elicit poignant and profound responses from those sitting on the bench.

Presented and Produced by Anna Scott-Brown

An Overtone production for BBC Radio 4 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 12:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)

Series 1

Art with Phill Jupitus

Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife, that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable.

So Susan is going to look at her options and try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. Each week she will ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm, in a typically British leisure pursuit

This time, she visits the Scottish National Portrait Gallery with Phill Jupitus.

Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts. It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016

SUN 13:00 Kazuo Ishiguro - Never Let Me Go (Omnibus) (b07djzwk)

Episode 1

Kazuo Ishiguro's haunting novel of love, friendship and loss. Kathy, Tommy and Ruth have only ever known the sheltered world of Hailsham, a secluded country boarding school. As they grow up, they begin to understand the true purpose of their isolated upbringing and the fate that lies in store for them. Ishiguro's brilliant alternative vision of 1990s England is a disquieting exploration of what makes us human and how we each find meaning in our lives.

This Book at Bedtime is an abridged version of the full text of the novel.

Written by Kazuo Ishiguro

Read by Rachel Shelley Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Produced by Mair Bosworth. First broadcast in 2016

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b90cga)

Bruce Dickinson

The Iron Maiden singer, pilot and fencer chooses 'Child in Time' by Deep Purple and 'Fire' by the Crazy World of Arthur

SUN 14:20 Writing the Century - Omnibus (b085zwrf) The Hanleys

Writing the Century: The Hanleys

Dramatised by Lizzie Nunnery.

The series which explores the 20th century through the diaries and correspondence of real people.

From their rural cottage in Llanfechain, North Wales, the writer James Hanley and his wife Timmie, write almost weekly to their son Liam as he attends school, then National Service in Malta, before moving to London and becoming a journalist then a painter.

Originally from Liverpool, James is a grafter and full of hopes for his son. From an aristocratic background, brimming with wit and wisdom. Timmie balances the rigours of creative endeavour with a candid eye on the world and a will to negotiate

Liam through the pitfalls of life.

Timmie ... Katherine Jakeways James ... Paul McGann

Young Timmie ... Hannah Barker

Young James ... Jonny Green

Directed by Janine H. Jones

A BBC Cymru Wales Production First broadcast in 2016.

SUN 15:30 Frankly Speaking (b05t3f72)

Harold Lloyd

Silent film comedy great, Harold Lloyd, answers questions from Liam O'Leary and Peter Duval Smith.

Heralding from the same era as Charlie Chaplin and Buste Keaton, Harold Lloyd was one of the most popular film

comedians of the golden age of silent film. After starting acting aged just 12, Lloyd reveals he never wanted to be a matinee idol. He also attributes his success to a good cameraman and carefully crafted stunts.

Launched in 1952, Frankly Speaking was a completely novel and ground breaking BBC series. Initially there were three interviewers and the series was both unrehearsed and unscripted.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1962.

SUN 16:00 Jo Anderson - Fast Coach from Gneixendorf (m000t57n)

Drama about the last days of the German composer Ludwig Van Beethoven. The coach is on its way and it is Beethoven's last chance to put a misunderstanding to one side and help his estranged nephew Carlie, to hear what he hears.

Written by Jo Anderson

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Ludwig Van Beethoven	John Carlisle
Karl (Carlie)	Jonathan Moore
Nonni	Jo Anderson
Johann	David King
Joanna	Gaye Brown
Steng	Peter Whitman
The Farmer	Derek Waring
Street urchins	Pupils at the Anna

Scher Theatre School

Directed by Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 20th October 1994.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000t571)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today] SUN 17:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On

(b072n5xp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today] SUN 18:00 Katie Hims - Listening to the Dead (b03mj1y2)

4. Ruby's Shoes Ruby Tully grows up unaware of her clairvoyant heritage, and finds that her gift is a curse in an age of experimental psychology

by Katie Hims,

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SUN 18:45 Charles Dickens (b07295m9)

Tales of the Supernatural

A Madman's Manuscript

From his prison cell, a raving madman looks back on the horrific events that led him there. Read by Adrian Scarborough. Extracted from the 'The Pickwick Papers' the first of Charles Dickens's major novels, written in 1836 when he was just 24. One of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions

First broadcast in March 2016.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000t57f) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0b3g0bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Jo Anderson - Fast Coach from Gneixendorf (m000t57n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08h1i45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today] SUN 22:30 Dave Podmore (b007t32j)

Dave Podmore's World of Cricket

Episode 3

Asked to advise on a new cricketing film, the star player causes havoc in Hollywood.

Sitcom about the exploits of talentless, amateurish, smug, inept and self-deluding English cricketer Dave Podmore Starring Chris Douglas and Andrew Nickolds with Chris Pavlo and Nicola Sanderson

Written by Chris Douglas, Andrew Nickolds and Nick

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002. SUN 23:00 Newsjack (m000szkm)

Series 24

Episode 3

Newsjack's host Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined by George Fouracres, Mali Ann Rees, Aurie Styla and a virtual audience to make sense of this week in news.

This week, we find out how parents are coping with home schooling withdrawals, how the government could market the vaccine to skeptic singles, and what kind of music get fish moving their fins.

Written by - The British Public

Script Editors - Kat Sadler and Nathan D'Arcy Roberts Producers - Gwyn Rhys Davies and Hayley Sterling

Production Coordinator - Mabel Wright Newsjack is a BBC Studios Production SUN 23:30 Pleased to Meet You (b007k3c3)

Series 1

Episode 4

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans spills the beans on a famous singer, the man who played Kojak and a famous newsreader gets his funk on.

Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets. Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp. Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006

MONDAY 15 MARCH 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday] MON 00:45 Charles Dickens (b07295m9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Kazuo Ishiguro - Never Let Me Go (Omnibus) (b07djzwk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b90cgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

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(b072n5xp) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

4. Mr 'Spider' Williams

The enigmatic 'Alex' claims another victim - but the plot thickens as the sleuth survives a car crash.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife. With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

MON 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007 ir4r) Episode 6

Still on the run from enemy agents - the Englishman heads for Dorset, where he buys a second-hand bike and starts to build himself a secret underground shelter.

Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

The sixth episode in a 15-part reading read by Michael Jayston. Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

MON 07:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09hr1g3)

Veiled Country Lass

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic. Trisha makes a special pudding for her first visit to Robert's parents' house. Extracts from Cooking in a Bedsitter are read by Eleanor Bron.

Directed by Emma Harding

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m000sy3s)

Episode 3

Nish Kumar hosts a special episode of Just a Minute where he challenges guests Lucy Porter, Josie Lawrence, Zoe Lyons and Gyles Brandreth to talk on the subjects including Eating Like a Horse, Walking in New Shoes, and The War of the Roses

Hesitation, deviation, and repetition are strictly forbidden. This episode was produced using remote recording technology, with both panel and audience joining from their homes all over the world. Caroline Barlow blows the whistle.

Devised by Ian Messiter Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t4d75)

Series 2

Harold and Albert strike the wrong chord with a grand piano in a top-floor flat.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Brian Oulton

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 vard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967. MON 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075nzw)

Series 3

Episode 4

Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue tackle friendship in its many forms - plus an everyday problem for Miriam Stoops. Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens

With Ronnie Ancona, Alistair McGowan, Roger Blake and Toby Longworth.

Written by Tim De Jongh from a format by Bill Dare. Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998. MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08kttsw)

Series 18

Episode 1

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

John Finnemore, Henning Wehn, Lou Sanders and Miles Jupp are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as sheep, islands, Steve Jobs and beans Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

MON 09:30 Married (b008cbyc)

Series 3

Episode 4

Going for a drive through a time anomaly, Robin, Leslie and Dirk end up in Texas.

Hugh Bonneville stars in the third series of the comedy drama about a confirmed bachelor Robin Lightfoot dealing with life in a parallel universe where he has kids and an ex-wife who hates

With Josie Lawrence as Lesley, Stephen Frost as Dirk, Ann Gosling as Maxine, Kate Robbins as Doctor / Newsreader / Glop, Christopher Kelham as Alan and Arthur Smith as Arthur Smith.

Written by Tony Bagley.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

MON 10:00 Robert Louis Stevenson: Kidnapped (b082wxvk)

Episode 1

David Tennant introduces Robert Louis Stevenson's gripping adventure story.

In 1751 – in the aftermath of the Jacobite rebellions - young David Balfour, a staunch supporter of George II, is newly orphaned and goes in search of his father's family near Edinburgh.

When he is press-ganged on board a ship bound for the slave plantations of America, he forges an unlikely alliance with the charismatic Highlander, Alan Breck.

Dramatised in two parts by Chris Dolan

David BalfourOwen Whitelaw

Alan BreckMichael Nardone Ebenezer David Hayman

Hoseason Lewis Howden

Riach Gavin Mitchell

Red Fox Sean Scanlan

Lawver ...Kenny Blyth Landlord Alan McHugh

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Bruce Young

Made by BBC Scotland and first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000tgt5)

Series 7

Reframing Anger

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

Guy Raz explores a universal and complex emotion: anger. Why do we need it and who is allowed to feel it? Can we reframe anger?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019. MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000tgtm)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Composer and impresario Andrew Lloyd Webber picks Some Enchanted Evening sung by Giorgio Tozzi and Prokofiev's 7th

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t4d75)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075nzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 13:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007 jr4r) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Fingers in the Sparkle Jar by Chris Packham (b079mwt6)

Episode 1

Chris Packham is a naturalist, nature photographer and author, best known for his television work. But in his lyrical and painfully honest new memoir, he reveals the life-events which would eventually shape him and change him forever. Chris brings to life his childhood in the 1970s, from his bedroom bursting with birds' eggs and jam jars, to his feral adventures. But throughout his story is the search for freedom meaning and acceptance in a world that didn't understand him. Chris begins his recollections as an introverted, unusual young boy, isolated by his obsessions and a loner at school.

This unconventional and uncompromising memoir moves back and forth through time, capturing a child's view of the 60s and 70s - the music, the clothes, the cars - alongside recent, more exposing recollections from adulthood

Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins

Abridged by Jo Coombs Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

May 2016. MON 14:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders

(b07ctt0v)

Episode 1

Portrait painter, Angus Lordie, observes the goings on of his neighbours and friends in and around 44 Scotland Street. In this series, seven year-old Bertie Pollok has 'issues' when his domineering mother Irene organises his social life. And Irene has issues when her husband Stuart offers to take Bertie to Glasgow of all places.

Local café owner Big Lou has a new love in her life whose politics hark back to the Jacobite days. And then there's Domenica - an anthropologist - trying to write a report on her most recent adventure exploring the lives of modern day pirates.

An encounter with a gangster, a suspected kidnapping and the possibility of a new political leader ensure life for Scotland Street's residents is never uneventful.

Alexander McCall Smith dramatises stories from his bestselling series, 44 Scotland Street, which continues to delight readers around the world.

Angus Lordie Crawford Logan

Domenica Carol Ann Crawford Irene Emma Currie

Bertie Simon Kerr

Stuart David Jackson Young

Big Lou Anita Vettesse Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

MON 14:30 The Sad Story of Jim Thorpe (b01kbhjt)

This programme explores the sad and controversial life of Jim Thorpe - the American Indian who was the star of the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, where the Swedish King famously told him 'Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world'.

Thorpe had grown up on the Sac and Fox Indian reservation in Oklahoma and then, as a teenager, was sent 1500 miles away to a boarding school in Pennsylvania whose purpose was to 'civilise' Indian children by eradicating their culture. Its motto was 'Kill the Indian and save the man'. The pupils were forced to wear military uniforms, have short hair, and were punished if they spoke their own languages. 'The last phase of the Indian wars was fought in the classroom', says one contributor.

Thorpe was saved by sport and became the school's great star at both athletics and American football. He's often described as the 'first international sporting superstar'. But in 1913 it came out that he had been paid a few dollars to play minor-league baseball and the elite amateurs who ran US athletics rushed to condemn him as a professional. He was summarily stripped of his medals. But the public were on his side and his status in America is that of a popular hero victimised by those in power. He went on to become the first great professional football player, but he could never cope with fame and died in near poverty in 1953. His widow arranged for him to be buried in a small town in Pennsylvania which offered to build a memorial to him. They town even changed its name to 'Jim Thorpe', but his Indian tribe are pursuing a legal battle to have his remains

returned to Oklahoma. Producer: Mark Whitaker

A Square Dog Radio Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2012.

MON 15:00 Robert Louis Stevenson: Kidnapped (b082wxvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] MON 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08kttsw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Married (b008cbyc) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09hr1g3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m000sy3s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Spaceship (b007w5jc)

1. Lost

An alien princess proves to be problematic for the crew of the Really Invincible III, Macclesfield Division.

A five-part sci-fi comedy series written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst for BBC7.

In the year 2104, a fleet of research cruisers were launched into space, with every moment aboard the Really Invincible III, Macclesfield Division preserved by wall-to-wall monitoring, and transmitted back to Earth.

Captain Taylor leads a crew that includes Melissa Patterson [the leather wearing, gun-toting Chief of Security], Science Officer Clive 55 [one of 130 identical brothers, cloned from a single laboratory egg somewhere in Margate], Communications Officer Karen Trex [who just wishes everybody could be friends] and new boy Flight Engineer Stuart Jackson, who has embarked on his six-year stint in space, still a virgin. What you are about to hear took place live, four years ago,

seventy thousand light years from home

CAST:

Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet

Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce Karen Rose Cavaliero Stuart Paul Barnhill

Clive Neil Warhurst

Princess Urrgh Stephen Hogan

Urrgh Emperor . .. Jason Chan

Narrator Nicholas Boulton Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b016wzrq)

Trevor Phillips and David Morrissey

Harriett Gilbert is joined by actor David Morrissey and Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Trevor Phillips to discuss some of their favourite books.

David Morrissey's choice is the 1934 crime classic 'The Postman Always Rings Twice' by James M Cain.

Trevor Phillips chooses 'The War of the End of the World' by Peruvian Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa.

Harriett's choice this week is 'A Handful of Dust' by Evelyn Waugh.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t4d75)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075nzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr4r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000tgt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000tgtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m000sy3s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04ntvv9) Series 2

Lost and Found

When Tom makes his weekly phone call to his parents in Sheffield he discovers they've been flooded.

As his parents manage the clear up operation, Tom reflects on what is important to keep and what isn't.

With Rita May, Paul Copley and Kate Anthony.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000t044)

Series 58

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical standup and sketches in front of a remote audience - and all from their own home!

Joining them from a safe distance is Ellie Taylor and Daliso Chaponda with music supplied by Huge Davies.

Voice Actors: George Fouracres and Gemma Arrowsmith

Producer: Pete Strauss Production Co-Ordinator: Carina Andrews

Editor/Engineer: David Thomas

BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b0076yqv)

Episode 1

Mitch Benn returns with a series of music and comedy, joined by Morrissey-obsessive Robin Ince and the Distractions, Radio 4's best backing band. This week he attempts to break America, but is refused entry at the border for violations of the Patriot Act concerning songs mocking Dubya Bush and US foreign policy. He is forced to play a gig in Moosebutt Canada. Highlights of this week's show include a ballad from an X-

Factor hopeful and the truth behind Franz Ferdinand's musical inspiration

Stars Mitch Benn and Robin Ince.

With Kirsty Newton, Craig Campbell, Jane Perry and Tasha Baylis.

Produced by Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021

TUE 00:00 The Spaceship (b007w5ic)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b016wzrq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jrk0)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

5. Mr Wilfred Davis

Lathom is blackmailed and the sleuth stakes-out the drop-off where a surprising figure collects the cash.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife. With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

TUE 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr54) Episode 7

The Englishman meets a wild cat who joins him in his subterranean hideaway in the Dorset countryside.

Geoffrey Household's classic thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

TUE 07:00 Quanderhorn (b0b86qzl) The Ouanderhorn Xperimentations

Mummy! My Donkey's Head Is Exploding

Professor Quanderhorn and his crew are about to have their space craft shredded like a savoy cabbage by a massive gravitational wave. Only Martian hostage Guuuurk can save

But will the self-declared 'miserable coward and despicable turncoat' risk his life and even his very sanity by mind-leaping into Quanderhorn's 'son, Troy, a half-insectoid, touted as 'a major breakthrough in Artificial Stupidity'.

Meanwhile, behind the Post Office in the nearby village, a glowing, throbbing meteorite is exuding a strange influence on the local inhabitants

When Dr Janussen, Guuuurk, Troy and even Quanderhorn himself appear to be possessed by an alien intelligence, Brian is faced with a perilous dilemma.

And who is that peculiar hot chestnut seller, who bears a startling resemblance to Prime Minister Churchill? CAST

Professor Quanderhorn James Fleet Brian Nylon Ryan Sampson

Dr Gemini Janussen Cassie Layton Guuurk Kevin Eldon

Troy Quanderhorn Freddie Fox Winston Churchill/Jenkins John Sessions

Synthetic Voice Rachel Atkins

Music by Peter Brewis

Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall Director: Andrew Marshall

Producers: Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2018

TUE 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000sz2w)

Series 4

Episode 2: Because Change Happenz

Rupert Hardacre (Nigel Havers) returns to his advertising agency a changed man, after six weeks in the wilderness. He has a new beard, a new outlook and a new soulmate - visionary artist Lake (Rebekah Staton).

For Amanda (Josie Lawrence), Joe (Mathew Baynton), and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker), relief at his return soon turns to anxiety as Hardacre and Lake begin to remake the agency in their own image, adopting a more holistic approach to creativity.

As the rest of the team gradually warms to Lake, Joe finds himself increasingly isolated, and resolves to discover exactly what has happened to the Rupert Hardacre he thought he knew.

Nigel Havers - Hardacre Mathew Baynton - Joe Josie Lawrence - Amanda

Rasmus Hardiker - Teddy Rebekah Staton - Lake Written by Edward Rowett

Directed by Alan Nixon Script edited by Mark Evans Edited and Engineered by Jerry Peal

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling Based on an original idea by Edward Rowett and Robert Frimstone

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios, London

Produced by Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely Production for the BBC

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00dp3qn)

The Curse of Frankenstein

The million-pound race is on to be the first to play the bagpipes at the South Pole. Stars Harry Secombe. From January 1958 TUE 08:30 Rent (b064fnvq)

Series 4

Episode 3

Maria and Richard are getting to grips with a welcome new arrival - the nanny

While Paul and Ruby are about to cope with a rather less welcome arrival..

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

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby and Dave Lamb as Paul. With Sarah Parkinson and Toby Longworth.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000t044) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cr32p) Series 4

Episode 4

Tommy and Sheila try sort out their son Murray's career and love-life - and Sheila seems to have a new hobby. Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr battle

on with their second stab at fame. Series 4 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom starring June

Whitfield and Roy Hudd. With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Edward Halstead and Paul

Rogan.

Music by Frido Ruth. Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

TUE 10:00 Robert Louis Stevenson: Kidnapped (b083m303)

Episode 2

After the murder of the Red Fox, Alan and David are pursued through the Highlands by a troop of English soldiers. Hunted almost to the point of exhaustion the pair decide to head south to confront Alan's treacherous uncle, Ebenezer.

The conclusion of Robert Louis Stevenson's gripping adventure story.

Dramatised by Chris Dolan. David Balfour Owen Whitelaw

Alan Breck Michael Nardone Ebenezer...... David Hayman

Rankeillor John Buick James Stewart Finlay McLean

Cluny Iain MacCrae

Lass Isabelle Ioss Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Bruce Young:

Made by BBC Scotland for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in November 2016.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b08xxbt7)

The Real Summer of Love It's 50 years since the so-called Summer of Love, when

thousands descended on Haight Ashbury suburb in San Franciso with their flower power, wacky fashions, drugs and hippy antiestablishment message which soon spread around the world. But what did it all mean to British people?

Historian and writer Dominic Sandbrook argues that, for the majority in Britain, the Summer of Love and even 1960s Swinging London was a party happening somewhere else. In 1967, with the economy running into trouble, Harold Wilson's government devalued the pound. All was not well in British industry, with unofficial wildcat strikes and the country' ports paralysed by a 10-week strike. Dockers like Colin Ross his young wife and baby struggled to feed themselves. Divisions in society were evident whether, as Colin puts it, 'between the haves and have-nots' or in multi-racial communities like

Brixton. Yet the '60s brought a new sense of freedom, tolerance and colour to people's monochrome daily lives. Tourists flocked to London fashion haunts such as Carnaby Steet and, in 1967, The Beatles' Sgt Pepper was declared album of the decade while barefoot songstress Sandi Shaw won the Eurovision Song

As a pop columnist, Virginia Ironside seemed to have it all. But, as liberated as she appeared, she felt pressure from the permissive society. She had two abortions, one illegally in a Harley Street clinic

In 1967, laws came in legalising abortion and homosexuality. The same year saw the new town Milton Keynes which, although not quite the countercultural utopia San Francisco hippies had hoped for, still represented a kind of idealism - a vision of a suburban good life in the heart of the countryside.

Producer: Sara Parker Executive: Samir Shah

Contest.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00dp3qn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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Chris Packham is a naturalist, nature photographer and author, best known for his television work. But in his lyrical and emotionally honest new memoir, he reveals the life-events which would eventually shape him, and change him forever. Chris brings to life his childhood in the 1970s, from his bedroom bursting with birds' eggs and jam jars, to his feral adventures. But throughout his story is the search for freedom, meaning and acceptance in a world that didn't understand him. Today, Chris continues to remember his difficult childhood, discovers the taste of tadpoles and encounters some bullies. This unconventional and uncompromising memoir moves back and forth through time, capturing a child's view of the 60s and 70s - the music, the clothes, the cars - alongside recent, more exposing recollections from adulthood.

Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Produced by Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 First broadcast in May 2016.

TUE 14:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders (b07cvhrq)

Episode 2

Portrait painter, Angus Lordie, observes the goings on of his neighbours and friends in and around 44 Scotland Street. Seven year-old Bertie Pollok has 'issues' when his domineering mother Irene organises his social life. And Irene has issue when her husband Stuart offers to take Bertie to Glasgow of all

Local café owner Big Lou has a new love in her life whose politics hark back to the Jacobite days. And then there's Domenica – an anthropologist – trying to write a report on her most recent adventure exploring the lives of modern day pirates.

An encounter with a gangster, a suspected kidnapping and the possibility of a new political leader ensure life for Scotland Street's residents is never uneventful.

Alexander McCall Smith dramatises stories from his bestselling series, 44 Scotland Street, which continues to delight readers around the world.

Angus Lordie Crawford Logan

Domenica Carol Ann Crawford

Irene Emma Currie

Bertie Simon Kerr Olive Sophie Lawrence

Big Lou Anita Vettesse

Alec Simon Donaldson

Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

TUE 14:30 The First Action Movie (b041vvw0)

The Mottershaws of the Sheffield Photo Co. are not as famous as Hollywood but they made their mark.

Filmmaker Penny Woolcock brings the Mottershaws' most pioneering work back to life - a little-known silent film called Daring Daylight Burglary that they say influenced the classic Great Train Robbery.

Making it, the Mottershaws worked out how to tell fictional stories on location and tell them well; chase sequences, revenge motives, trains leaving stations pursued and just missed or caught as they pull away... these are just some of the thriller tropes we take for granted now; the Mottershaws made them work in 1903.

Two generations of Mottershaw did it, both called Frank, using a camera built by young Arthur. Penny meets the next two generations of Mottershaw, both still in pictures, father and son, both called John.

The Mottershaws' early films sold internationally, but then the States - with its sunshine and crowds and money - took over from European independents like the Sheffield Photo Co. What happened to the filmmakers, after their few years of success and to the Sheffield Photo Co?

With Judith Buchanan, Professor of Film and Literature at the University of York and Audio Descriptions by Radio 3's Louise Fryer.

Producer: Frances Byrnes

A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2014.

TUE 15:00 Robert Louis Stevenson: Kidnapped (b083m303)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Dilemma (b05tkvkn)

Series 4 Episode 6

Sue Perkins presents another edition of the show that puts the big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel to see if she can wreck their moral rectitude. This week, it's the turn of comedian Dave Gorman, actor and writer Jessica Hynes, poet and playwright Ian McMillan, and musician, writer and stand-up (and devisor of Dilemma) Danielle Ward. As well as each guest defending something utterly indefensible. they also face moral problems related to fasting children and West End musicals.

Episode six of six.

Dilemma is presented by Sue Perkins, and was devised by Danielle Ward.

Devised by Danielle Ward

Produced by Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

TUE 16:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cr32p) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Quanderhorn (b0b86qzl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000sz2w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 18:00 The Spaceship (b007w43k)

2. Indestructible

Ship's doctor Clive 55 meets his identical cloned twin brother, Clive 88.

A five-part sci-fi comedy series written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst for BBC7.

In the year 2104, a fleet of research cruisers were launched into space, with every moment aboard the Really Invincible III, Macclesfield Division preserved by wall-to-wall monitoring, and transmitted back to Earth.

Captain Taylor leads a crew that includes Melissa Patterson [the leather wearing, gun-toting Chief of Security], Medical Officer Clive 55 [one of 130 identical brothers, cloned from a single laboratory egg somewhere in Margate], Communications Officer Karen Trex [who just wishes everybody could be friends] and new boy Flight Engineer Stuart Jackson, who has

embarked on his six-year stint in space, still a virgin. What you are about to hear took place live, four years ago,

seventy thousand light years from home.

CAST:

Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet

Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce

Karen Rose Cavaliero

Stuart Paul Barnhill

Clive Neil Warhurst

Captain Ponter Stephen Hogan Narrator Nicholas Boulton

Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00tpqm4)

Series 10

Ma Vlast

At the core of Czech cultural identity is this week's piece - Ma Vlast by Bedrich Smetana. Written in the late 19th century, it's a series of six symphonic poems. For a western audience the most popular and best loved is Vltava, a soundscape which conjures up vivid images of the river which runs through Prague

Jan Kaplan is a Czech born film-maker who has lived in the UK since 1968. He describes the 'educational concerts' he had to attend as a young boy when - bored to tears - he would endure long performances of Smetana's music. However, as an adult living in exile, his experience of Czech culture was tinged with a remote sense of patriotism and he grew to appreciate his national composer. When - following the 1989 Velvet revolution - he was eventually able to return home, he witnessed one of the most famous and moving performances of Ma Vlast at Smetana Hall in 1990.

Also at that concert was musicologist, Professor Jan Smaczny, who describes his memories of that evening, and explains the history and mythology portrayed in Ma Vlast.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b007 jrzv)

Tons of Storm Clouds

A revolutionary orator is after more than just Mary's support. Historical sitcom set in Boston in 1770, written by Andy

Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton

Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley Mrs Arbuthnot Susie Blake

Announcer/Nathaniel Hopkins Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mavhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

TUE 23:00 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b007587z)

Episode 2 Sketches, monologues and weird soup, featuring the Ike Turner

and Melvyn Bragg Story. Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial

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Rooms, Mayfair.

Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick Also featuring Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Steve Brody.

Producer: Phil Bowker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007 jr3g)

Series 3

The Pain of the Mastersons

The family find bohemian inspiration in the Lake District. Improvised historical saga with Paul Merton. From August

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007w4dh) Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

6. Mr Lee Brent

Mrs Trevelvan's confession doesn't ring true, so the sleuth seeks assistance from an American counterpart.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife. With

James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes. From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968. $\it WED~06:30~Rogue~Male~by~Geoffrey~Household~(b007jr5l)$ Episode 8

With his cover blown in Dorset, the Englishman is pursued by the police - as well as enemy agents - on his on his extraordinary

Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939

Read by Michael Jayston. Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b04vk6l2)

Series 2

Hit comedy about three marriages in various states of disrepair. This week the three couples end up on a 'date night' together and Evan is a surprise convert to French cinema. Meanwhile Barney tries to get his smartphone to answer some of life's big questions.

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Fiona Fiona Allen Evan John Thomson

David Charlie Higson

Alice Sally Bretton Voice of Barney's smartphone...Jon Briggs

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014. WED 07:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar

(m000synt) Episode 5

Granny Kumar is back! Meera Syal's glorious comedy creation returns, with her great granddaughter Maya (Ambreen Razia) and arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta (Harvey Virdi) to chat with the sisters.

Left alone while her family are stuck in quarantine on a world cruise, Granny Kumar decides to host her own series, born out of frustration at seeing or hearing the same old parade of guests on chat shows (mainly male, pale and stale).

She wonders why no one interviews any of the sisters and asks

them about their extraordinary, complex and uplifting stories. So, Gossip and Goddesses is born – Ummi Kumar gathers together her favourite inspirational women at Wembley Community Centre, aided by her millennial great granddaughter Maya and her arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta, leader of the local Asian Ladies Silver Bats community group.

The show is a women-only party, where they share stories, laugh loads and chew the fat/dish the dirt/eat the biscuits... A blend of sitcom, silliness and improvised chat, led by the best kind of interviewers who know how to make anyone talk - two really nosy old Indian women.

Ex-Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq, and award winning chef and restaurateur Asma Khan

Ummi Kumar - Meera Syal Geeta Bhandari - Harvey Virdi Maya Kumar – Ambreen Razia

Written by Meera Syal Music by Sanjeev Bhaskar and Meera Syal

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4
WED 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m0001x11)

Let Them Eat Cake

The battle to bake the best cake sparks a menu of

misunderstandings.
Starring Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon, Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir and Harry Morris. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. Music by the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul

Fenoulhet. Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1951

WED 08:30 No Commitments (b007 imsc)

Series 1

A Complete Break

Victoria and Charlotte arrange sister Anna's holiday, but she has her own plans.

Stars Rosemary Leach

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.

WED 09:00 Heresy (b07cx3b9)

Series 10

Episode 3

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.

Her guests this week are Lee Mack, Konnie Hug and Dave Gorman. Together they talk about CGI, Air BnB and Rupert Murdoch's marriage.

An Avalon production for the BBC.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 8th June 2016. WED 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0085j96) Series 1

Episode 6

The First Attempt To Reach The Moon - and a slice of Edwardian life.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 – JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams Announcer: Brian Perkins

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

WED 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012vw3g)

1. Challis Charm

1943: Margaret Steggles moves to bomb-damaged London to take up her new teaching job.

Through a dropped ration book, she meets the Challises, who live at Westwood, an elegant house in Highgate. The Challis family have great charm, and, with the casual selfishness of the privileged, they soon take advantage of Margaret's slavish admiration

Stella Gibbons' gentle comedy adapted in two parts by Lynne

CAST:

Narrator/Lady Challis Rosemary Leach Margaret Steggles Juliet Aubrey Gerard Challis Michael Fenton Stevens

Hilda Wilson Saffron Burrows Hebe Niland Caroline Harker Zita Mandelbaum Mia Soteriou

Seraphina Challis Phyllida Nash Dick Fletcher Jonathan Nibbs

Mrs Steggles Angela Barlow

Mr Hudson Chris Donnelly

Grantey Jacqueline Tong

Earl Martin T. Sherman

Mrs Wilson Barbara Kellermann

Producer: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

WED 11:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m000t5pc)

2. Meera and Linda

From the dawn of broadcast comedy, women played a vital but largely overlooked role; more in the background rather than the forefront. What impact did the sisters of satire from the 60's and 70's have on the comedy we know today and what was their cultural influence? In the less enlightened sixties and seventies, women were often the joke, rather than making them.

Just because they weren't the stars of the show didn't mean their influence wasn't felt. June Whitfield, Eleanor Bron and Miriam Margolyes were all quietly but firmly making their name in comedies such as The Glums, The Establishment Club and The Betty Witherspoon Show. These women paved the way for comedians and actors such as Jan Ravens, Meera Syal and Linda Smith.

Samira Ahmed in conversation with actor and director Arabella Weir, former radio producer and novelist Lissa Evans and standup comedian and actress Tiffany Stevenson discuss some of the best sitcoms from the Radio 4 archives and listen again to the joys of Week Ending, Goodness Gracious Me! and a Brief History of Time Wasting and assess the impact these funny women have had on contemporary comedy and the extent of their satirical legacy.

This programme takes us on a comic journey from the early 1970's to the present day and celebrates women in satire. Producer: Belinda Naylor

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2019

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This unconventional and uncompromising memoir moves back and forth through time, capturing a child's view of the 60s and 70s - the music, the clothes, the cars - alongside recent, more exposing recollections from adulthood.

Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Produced by Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

WED 14:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders

(b07cwzjl)

Episode 3

44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh For Pretenders by Alexander McCall Smith

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Portarit painter, Angus Lordie, observes the goings on of his neighbours and friends in and around 44 Scotland Street. In this new series seven year-old Bertie Pollok has 'issues' when his domineering mother Irene organises his social life. And Irene has issues when her husband Stuart offers to take Bertie to Glasgow of all places. Local café owner Big Lou has a new love in her life whose politics hark back to the Jacobite days. And then there's Domenica - an anthropologist - trying to write a report on her most recent adventure exploring the lives of modern day pirates. An encounter with a gangster, a suspected kidnapping and the possibility of a new political leader ensure life for Scotland Street's residents is never uneventful. WEDNESDAY CAST:

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BERTIE... .SIMON KERRDAVID JACKSON YOUNG LARD O'CONNOR ... IAIN AGNEW

..SIMON DONALDSON GERRY...

Producer/director: David Ian Neville

WED 14:30 This Is Not Magritte (b011vh4t)

Richard Strange broadcasts from Magritte's former apartment and the Magritte Museum in Brussels to piece together the exceptional vision and by contrast, determinedly ordinary life of this outwardly conventional man who constructed intriguing and bizarre images, imploring us to "put the real world on trial". Originally broadcast to coincide with a major exhibition of Surrealist artist, Rene Magritte's work at Tate Liverpool in

Monty Python's Terry Jones holds forth about Magritte's genius for juxtaposition, eminent writer, Suzi Gablik recalls staying with the Magritte during the 1960s, Naresh Ramchandani explains why Magritte's paintings underpin advertising and artist Gavin Turk pays homage to the master.

Ever since the 1960s, we've seen Magritte's works, eager to find hidden meanings within them. But the artist fiercely resisted interpretation, imploring us to question our own inquiry and

what reality we believe to be true

His famous painting - "Ceci n'est pas une Pipe", (This Is Not A Pipe), shows the image of a pipe "You can't smoke it, you can't suck it - it's no more a pipe than an apple!" implored the artist.
"My painting is visible images which conceal nothing; they evoke mystery and, indeed, when one sees one of my pictures one asks oneself this simple question, 'What does that mean?' It does not mean anything, because mystery means nothing either. it is unknowable.

Magritte used a language of brick walls, sky, apples, rocks, bowler-hats and drawn words, to explore how images work and how strange they are. He played with scale, perspective, shadov and illusion. A rock floats, an apple fills a room, suited men rain down on a city..

He was often mistaken as a bank clerk; his external appearance (in bowler hat) at odds with his anarchist heart.

Producer: Kate Bland

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2011.

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WED 18:00 The Spaceship (b007w524)

3. Monster

What are the strange noises coming from the hold? Karen and Melissa investigate.

A five-part sci-fi comedy series written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst for BBC7.

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seventy thousand light years from home.

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Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce

Karen Rose Cavaliero

Stuart Paul Barnhill Clive Neil Warhurst

Trevor Rob Hastie

Narrator Nicholas Boulton Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m0001hwm)

Seasons

Josie Long presents new short documentaries and audio adventures tied to the changing of the seasons.

Laura Barton offers an ode to the sticky heat of summer, we hear the beat of hummingbird wings in autumn and a love story tied to cold British winters and Colombia's 'spring city'.

On Music Overheard Produced by Phil Smith

Featuring Laura Barton

Tiny Jalopy Produced by Michelle Macklem

Olga

Produced by Phil Smith Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall, A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

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Series 2

Episode 1

Second series of the fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth. The intrepid band of Questers, led by Elven Lord, Vidar, set off once again on their search for the Sword of Asnagar which is the only thing that can free them from the tyranny of the evil

Lord Darkness. Joining Vidar on the Quest is Dean, the dwarf, Penthiselea, an Amazon warrior princess, Sam, the human, and Amis, the Chosen One (formerly Sam's dog who took human form when he arrived in Lower Earth - he alone can wield the Sword of Asnagar that will defeat Lord Darkness). Each episode sees the valiant team on another adventure as they heroically try their best not to get killed.

Episode 1 sees the Questers saved from near certain death by a strong and charming loner, who goes by the name of Byorthnoth the Brave. But is Byorthnoth quite what he seems? And does it really matter when he has such lovely hair? Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is back from the Void and has discovered that he's lost his immortality..

Featuring Stephen Mangan as "Sam", Alistair McGowan as "Lord Darkness", Kevin Eldon as "Dean/Kreech", Darren Boyd as "Vidar", Ben Miles as "Byorthnoth", Sophie Winkleman as "Penthiselea" and Dave Lamb as "Amis".

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010. WED 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking

(b00pcllf) Series 3

Episode 6

Perrier Award-winning comedian Laura Solon presents a series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.

Domestic goddess Sue Morgan offers her own take on the perfect Christmas, call centre demon Gwyneth finally faces judgement, and we gain access to the Institute for Useless Scientific Research.

With Ben Moor, Rosie Cavaliero and Ben Willbond First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

WED 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00tbb7d)

Series 2

Conference

John Weak designs the perfect company conference using only a video of great sporting moments and that fox from Channel 5

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management - in the return of Guy Browning's sitcom. Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.

Hayley Clare Perkns

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead Bill Peters Ron Cook

Hayley Clare Perkns

Ross Fullbright Ewan Bailey

Giles Renton Willis Stephen Critchlow

Marian Davis Adjoa Andoh

Camilla Harma-McCall Beth Chalmers

Producer: Jonquil Panting First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

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Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

7. The Girl in Brown

The debonair detective returns to Canterbury in search of 'Alex', when Leo Brent looks to be in danger.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife. With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

THU 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr61)

The English fugitive is on the run - with another wouldassassin lurking dangerously near his den. Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published

shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

THU 07:00 Rob Newman (b0bh5hp2) Rob Newman's Total Eclipse of Descartes

One of Britain's finest comedians Rob Newman sets his sights on the world of philosophy, unpicking 3000 years of good and bad ideas to discover how we got into this mess. In a world gone mad can philosophy provide the answer?

In episode one, Rob turns the spotlight onto the philosophy of

Written and performed by Rob Newman

Edited by John Whitehall

Produced by Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

THU 07:30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes (m000sz94)

Adulthood

Marian Keyes continues to be a publishing sensation - her works of fiction (Rachel's Holiday, The Break and her latest, Grown Ups, among many others) have sold in their millions, across the globe.

Marian reads selections from her non-fiction writing, in conversation with her friend, actor Tara Flynn. She is a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines including The Sunday Times, Marie Claire and The Irish Independent. With the on-going international unpleasantness and in the brief respite between lockdowns - this series was recorded without a studio audience at Marian's home in County Dublin, Ireland. If you listen carefully you might hear the

number 46A bus rumbling past. Series 1 was described in The Observer as "a laugh out loud hoot" and the Daily Mail as "bright, funny and clever", all of which is very much the plan for this second series. What we might lack in a studio audience reaction, we aim to make up for in warmth and witty, good-natured companionship.

In this final episode of the series, the theme is adulthood. The question is, are you grown up enough to hear Marian explain "How To Deal With A Hostile Hairdresser" and her experiences with "Therapies"? Presenters: Tara Flynn and Marian Keyes

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00hzpgv)

Series 1

Episode 10

Master Spy Kenneth Horne probes why Wilfred Pickles is barking. Plus Bona home-styling from Julian and his friend

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 Haves Four

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1965. THU 08:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b013dntm)

Work Is Freedom

Edward Wilson gets embroiled in mysterious government machinations. Orwellian sitcom starring Robert Lindsay. From March 1985.

THU 09:00 Genius (b0081cvq)

Series 3

Simon Munnery

Garments made of human dust fragments? Speaking parrots for people?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Simon Munnery to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00k40t0)

Series 3

The Dig

The hack finds rich pickings and a hint of romance in the world of archaeology. Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2007. THU 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b01322b0)

2. Disillusionment

Teacher Margaret Steggles wonders if pompous playwright Gerald Challis really is the man of her dreams?

Conclusion of Stella Gibbons' gentle comedy adapted by Lynne Truss

CAST:

Narrator/Lady Challis Rosemary Leach

Margaret Steggles Juliet Aubrey
Gerard Challis Michael Fenton Stevens

Hilda Wilson Saffron Burrows

Hebe Niland Caroline Harker Zita Mandelbaum Mia Soteriou

Seraphina Challis Phyllida Nash

Dick Fletcher Jonathan Nibbs

Mrs Steggles Angela Barlow Mr Hudson Chris Donnelly

Grantey Jacqueline Tong Earl Martin T. Sherman

Mrs Wilson Barbara Kellermann Producer: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08h1j45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00hzpgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] THU 12:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b013dntm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Paul Temple (b007w2hz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007ir61)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] THU 14:00 Fingers in the Sparkle Jar by Chris Packham (b079rbcl)

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best known for his television work. But in his lyrical and emotionally honest new memoir, he reveals the life-events which would eventually shape him, and change him forever. Chris brings to life his childhood in the 1970s, from his bedroom bursting with birds' eggs and jam jars, to his feral adventures. But throughout his story is the search for freedom, meaning and acceptance in a world that didn't understand him. In this fourth episode, Chris takes a kestrel from its nest, forming an all-consuming friendship which will eventually teach him hard lessons about love and loss.

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exposing recollections from adulthood. Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Produced by Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

THU 14:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders

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Alexander McCall Smith dramatises stories from his bestselling series, 44 Scotland Street, which continues to delight readers around the world.

Angus Lordie Crawford Logan

Domenica Carol Ann Crawford Bertie Simon Kerr

Olive Sophie Lawrence

Big Lou/Miss Harmony Anita Vettesse

Alec Simon Donaldson Pretender David Jackson Young

Producer/director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

THU 14:30 Songs for Madame Vasnier (b0194mvs) Originally broadcast on the 150th anniversary of the birth of Claude Debussy, Richard Langham Smith relishes the lyrical riches of Théodore de Banville, Alfred de Musset, Paul Bourget, Théophile Gautier and Paul Verlaine, the poets Debussy chose to express his love for an older, married won

Marie Blanche Vasnier. Hearing her sing moved Debussy, then an impressionable young student, to create a treasury of songs specially with her voice in mind. Among the many songs he wrote for Madame Vasnier, is the unpublished "La fille aux cheveux de lin". It was the starting point of Debussy's fascination with setting words to music, an obsession that reached a high point in "Pélleas et Mélisande' some twenty years later. But it's Madame Vasnier Debussy acknowledges as "the only muse to ever inspire musical feelings", and that's he confesses, "only to talk of the musical

Produced by Johannah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b01322b0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Genius (b0081cvq) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00k40t0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] THU 17:00 Rob Newman (b0bh5hp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes (m000sz94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Spaceship (b007w2s1)

4. Dirty

Destruction aboard the ship when Clive 55's thirst for scientific experiment goes wrong.

A five-part sci-fi comedy series written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst for BBC7.

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Officer Karen Trex [who just wishes everybody could be friends] and new boy Flight Engineer Stuart Jackson, who has embarked on his six-year stint in space, still a virgin.

What you are about to hear took place live, four years ago, seventy thousand light years from home.

CAST:

Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet

Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce

Karen Rose Cavaliero Stuart Paul Barnhill

Clive Neil Warhurst

Narrator Nicholas Boulton

Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b07cvlmd)

Series 39

huge star

Frank Turner on Joseph Grimaldi

Frank Turner chooses Joseph Grimaldi, the first celebrity of Pantomime who changed the face of Clowning forever Matthew Parris presents, and Mattie Faint is the expert. Grimaldi was born into a theatrical family, making his stage debut aged two dressed as a monkey and being flung around the stage on the end of a chain by his tyrannical father. The chain snapped but Grimaldi survived, making the papers and turning Grimaldi into a little celebrity. His performances as 'Clown', combining acrobatics, satire and music, made him a big draw for the crowds, and his role in 'Mother Goose' turned him into a

He developed the make-up we now associate with clowns but behind this iconic look was a man suffering from depression, extreme physical disintegration and a series of personal tragedies.

Frank Turner, former punk and now folk singer-songwriter, sees himself primarily as an entertainer and has developed an interest in Pantomime and Music Hall. For him, Grimaldi gave everything to his audiences and physically destroyed himself in the process - something he sees as honourable. He describes Grimaldi's farewell speech as one of the most beautiful eulogies to the business of being a performer.

Producer: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00hzpgy)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (m000t6jg)

Series 24 Episode 4

The week's news stories lovingly moulded into sketches and oneliners by the public.

THU 23:00 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b055gcds)

Series 3 Sleep

> The concept of sleep is the focus of this week's episode, and Tim is broadcasting from the bedroom of his long-suffering guitarist, Tom Basden. Tim hopes Tom's wife Megan will wake up, so he can interview her about her dreams.

Written and presented by Tim Key With Tom Basden and Katy Wix

Produced by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales Production. THU 23:15 iGod (b00x9xb8)

Procrastination

iGOD is a highly original and funny new late-night comedy series for Radio 4. It stars Simon Day (The Fast Show) and David Soul (Starsky & Hutch) and is written by one of the head writers of the BAFTA award-winning The Thick Of It, Sean Gray and produced by Simon Nicholls (Ed Reardon's Week / News At Bedtime).

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday. iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.

In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul -Starsky and Hutch) shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths. Each week a different parallel world is accidentally wiped out by an ordinary bloke called Ian (Simon Day). With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD will be a true aural extravaganza. In this week's episode, a parallel Earth is obliterated when a lazy Ian decides to take the afternoon off.

DAVID SOUL as THE NARRATOR

ROSIE CAVALIERO ALEX MACQUEEN

SIMON DAY as IAN

DAN TETSELL

Written by

SEAN GRAY

Produced by

Simon Nicholls

THU 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k1qh)

Goldilocks, Robert the Bruce and body awareness.

From Queen's University, Belfast.

Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter

With Peter Baynham, Ronni Ancona and John Thomson, Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC Two in 1995.

Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in October 1993.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

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FRI 05:00 Rob Newman (b0bh5hp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday] FRI 05:30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes (m000sz94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday] FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007w39f)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

8. Introducing Alex

The suave sleuth invites the key players to his home, but has he identified who the blackmailing murderer is?

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest sleuth and his glamorous wife. With James Thomason as Sir Graham Forbes.

From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

FRI 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr6j)

The fugitive is pursued through the countryside by the clever strategies of his sinister nemesis - Major Ouive-Smith. Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

FRI 07:00 Clare in the Community (b082hg9n)

Series 11

Fight Them on the Beaches

Clare is in charge of a day at the seaside for some elderly residents of the estate. They turn out to be a bit more feisty than the Sparrowhawk team were expecting, which makes it tricky for Clare to impress her new student, Cilla. Back at home, Brian is coaching Nali for a musical audition.

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

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

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer Alexandra Smith A BBC Studios production

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky) Borderline: A postcard from the edge of the Union

Want to know what's really happening in a post Brexit Northern Ireland? Join comedian and presenter Patrick Kielty as he talks to the nation from his hometown of Dundrum, County Down near the land border with the EU and overlooking the new 'Irish Sea Border'.

From pre ceasefire to post Brexit, Paddy shares his Northern Ireland experiences and is joined by a (virtual) Northern Irish audience, who have lived through the same, as he sends a postcard from the edge of the Union.

Recorded remotely in front of a virtual, Northern Irish audience.

Written and performed by Patrick Kielty.

Additional material by Lee Stuart Evans and Jon Hunter. Produced by Claire Jones.

Executive Producer: Stephen Stewart.

Production Coordinator: Tamara Shilham Sound Designer: David Thomas

A Green Inc production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)

Series 1

Museum Piece

The determination of Captain Mainwaring and his Home Guard platoon to fight to the last man is marred only by one small detail - a total lack of weapons.

Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Fraser, James Beck as Private Walker, Arnold Ridley as Godfrey, Eric Woodburn as George Jones and John Snagge as the announcer Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV

scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974. FRI 08:30 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)

After playing a gay miner, the struggling actor finds greater fame dressed as a strawberry. With Ronnie Ancona, From June

FRI 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b01ckr46)

Series 1

Joining Miles this time round are "The Thick Of It" star, Rebecca Front, Fast Show actor and character comedian, Simon Day, and award-winning Geordie comic, Jason Cook, all of whom have nominated one of their intimate circle to answer questions about their relationship, in an attempt to prove how

If the panel can predict the responses their nominees gave, they get points.

Rebecca thinks she knows her father, Charles Front, a retired illustrator and calligrapher, pretty well. Simon examines his relationship with best friend, Conrad Butlin, a stylist from Notting Hill in London. And Jason plumps for his mother, Pat, a recruitment consultant from Hebburn in Newcastle - and, it

turns out, something of a Loose Women fan... Producer: Sam Michell.

FRI 09:30 Fat Chance (b019fwxg)

Weigh in with Wendy Graham joins the members of a slimming club run by Wendy Bottomley

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet comedy for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvitski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton Soo Pitscottie Anne Reid Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt Lee Dubs Harry Myers Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999. FRI 10:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett - sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance - who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past.

Written by Martyn Wade.

Stars Justine Waddell as Olive Garnett, David Horovitch as Stepniak, Jennie Stoller as Connie Garnett, Elizabeth Bell as Fanny Stepniak, Jasmine Hyde as Olive Rossetti and Charles Simpson as Edward Garnett.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000t750)

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

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)

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FRI 13:00 Paul Temple (b007w39f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr6j) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Fingers in the Sparkle Jar by Chris Packham

Episode 5

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Abridged by Jo Coombs

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Domenica Carol Ann Crawford

Irene Emma Currie

Bertie Simon Kerr

Olive Sophie Lawrence Big Lou Anita Vettesse

Alec Simon Donaldson

The New Pretender David Jackson Young Producer/director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

FRI 14:30 Just Like That (m000t756)

4 Extra Debut, Milton Jones celebrates the comic genius of Tommy Cooper as the stars, friends and family recall the magical mayhem. From 2002.

FRI 15:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 18:00 The Spaceship (b007jvq8)

Enemies

The crew at last make contact with another race but not before a minor rebellion on board.

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Stuart Paul Barnhill

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Ion Jason Chan

The King of the Dwapeye Stephen Hogan

Narrator Nicholas Boulton

Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0015mhs)

Vegas

Dominic Arkwright, Joe Queenan, Karen Marchbank and Michael Simkins debate the excesses and quirks of Las Vegas. From June 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000t750)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00zfk7g)

Episode 6

The Che Guevara of radio, with contraband comedy, music and Mark E Smith

More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.

Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnery. With Peter Serafinowicz, Mandy Knight and Dermot Carmody.

Producer: Aled Evans First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

FRI 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cl6vl)

Series 2

Episode 3 Things are looking up for Tom - he's got a new job working at the zoo, which he loves, and he's also met a rather nice girl called Pi, who works with the birds, and what's more it seems that Pi also has a band in her head.

Everything seems perfect, so surely the band in Tom's head couldn't possibly ruin things for him this time...could they? Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song

Suggs Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone

Phil Cornwell Bouche Andrew McGibbon Jake

Nick Romero Monty DeVere

Bill Nighy Malc Julia Deakin Phelia

Toby Longworth Clammy

Debra Stephenson

Songs: Andrew McGibbon. Nick Romero and Suggs Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

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