

SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2021

SAT 00:00 The Otherworld Child (b071pf3k)

"It was only when she got back to her cottage and the candles were lit, that she saw what a strange creature it was she'd found..."

Stars Mary Wimbush and Rebecca Wright.
David Calcutt's play is based on the traditional story of lonely Alice Proudfoot and her curious discovery in a moonlit wood.
Gran Mary Wimbush
Alice Rebecca Wright
Joe Alex Jones
Peggy Sheila Kelley
Kitty Kimberley Hope
Abraham Jonathan Wyatt
Director: Nigel Bryant
First broadcast in Thirty-Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00nks89)

Leaving the Comfort Zone
Is leaving your comfort zone a form of masochism, or the only way to develop in life?
Dominic Arkwright is joined by comedian Rhona Cameron, mountaineer Andy Cave and journalist Agnes Poirier to write about and discuss comfort and pain.
Producer: Beatrice Fenton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

SAT 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qw7)

6. Voice in the Night
After receiving sinister death threats over the telephone, an elderly spinster calls in cantankerous criminal psychologist, Dr Morelle.
Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Cecil Parker stars as Dr Morelle with Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim
Miss Nicholson Hester Paton Brown
Billy Boy the Dog Percy Edwards
Mr Nicolson Alan McClelland
Superintendent Denham Fred Yule
Station Officer Alan Keith
Julian Smith/Taxi Driver John Baker
Audio recovered by BBC Radio 4 Extra listener, Steve Arnold.
Director: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1957.

SAT 01:30 The Toff (b007jr60)

The Toff and the Runaway Bride
1. Honeymoon for One
Barbara Lawn is about to marry the Toff's old chum, Major Guy Lessing - against her father's wishes - in a gripping tale of blackmail and murder.
Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.
First published in 1959, John Creasey's The Toff and the Runaway Bride dramatised in six parts by Roy Lomax.
The Toff Terence Alexander
Jolly Robert Dorrning
Barbara Lessing Rosalind Shanks
Aunt Gloria Peggy Ann Wood
Holy Joe David Graham
Maggie Frances Jeater
Major Guy Lessing Alan Cuthbertson
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

SAT 02:00 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (b007jylg)

Unspeakable Rituals and Outlandish Beliefs
Travel writer Paul Theroux describes the bizarre traditions and ceremonies that he encountered during his travels.
Stuart Milligan reads the last extract from Paul's book of travel essays.
Producer: Duncan Minshull
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

SAT 02:15 Gudrun (b09h6x6k)

Series 3
Episode 5
Ragnarok approaches, and Gudrun hopes this bloody battle will see her reunited with her daughter.
Starring Kate Phillips.
Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the 11th-century Icelandic sagas.
Gudrun Kate Phillips
Freija Samantha Dakin
Silvia Sanchia McCormack
Sigrid Rosie Boore
King Olaf Trygvasson Samuel James
King Sweyn Simon Ludders
Sigrid Haughty Chetna Pandya
Helmsman Philip Fox
Norwegian Jarl Tom Forrister
Director: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

SAT 02:30 Between Rock and a Good Cause (b008fbbc)

From San Francisco in the 1960s to Live Aid in America, the controversial music promoter Bill Graham was a tough businessman who also staged dozens of benefit concerts, with some of the biggest names in rock.

John Wilson looks back at a career of back-stage battles and the odd on-stage punch-up, including the memories of British promoter Harvey Goldsmith, Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood and Bill Graham's friends and colleagues.
Producer John Goudie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SAT 03:00 Kate Brannigan - Clean Break (b0089bqv)

Fast-talking private eye Kate Brannigan is not amused when thieves steal a Monet painting from a stately home where she's arranged the security.
Kate sets off on a chase that takes her across Europe bringing her head-to-head with organised crime.
Val McDermid's Manchester-based thriller stars Charlotte Coleman.
Kate Brannigan Charlotte Coleman
Richard Barclay John Lloyd Fillingham
Alexis Lee Noreen Kershaw
Michal Haroun Joseph Jones
Dennis O'Brien Geoff Hinsliff
Henry Naismith Rob Pickavance
Lord James Ballantrae Martin Reeve
Della Prentiss Kathryn Hunt
Producer: Melanie Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 04:00 Counterpoint (b00rm074)

Series 24
2010 Heat 2
Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.
Three contestants from from London, Edinburgh and Brighton battle it out at the BBC Radio Theatre in London:
James Ryder Bowman
David Coxall
Neil McNair
Producer: Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 04:30 Fat Chance (b01byc68)

Better Wed Than Dead
It's Kelly's wedding day and the rest of the slimming club rally round to give her a day she'll never forget - though she may want to...
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 Gault
Lee Dubs Harry Myers
Mrs Enright Frances Jeater
Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

SAT 05:00 Clare in the Community (b084x76y)

Series 11
Joan Alone
Joan's birthday offers Clare a really good example of why it's so important to be aware of loneliness and isolation in the community.
With added morris dancing...
Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
Clare continues her 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.
Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Ray Richard Lumnden
Libby Sarah Kendall
Simon Andrew Wincott
Joan Sarah Thom
Mrs Singh Nina Wadia
Cilla Gbemisola Ikumelo
Headmistress Elizabeth Bennett
Mrs Pickering Nicola Ferguson
Producer: Alexandra Smith
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.

SAT 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07vs3mw)

Series 7
Hebden Bridge
"That was So Hebden Bridge"
Mark visits the beautiful Yorkshire town of Hebden Bridge, where he discovers how this former mill town and one time home of Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath become the new age, multi cafe, hippie friendly, lesbian capital of Britain that it is today.
Mark Steel's award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.
Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair
Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Stirling
Producer ... Carl Cooper
A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SAT 06:00 Mike Walker - The Sound of Fury (b00bqm6w)

The life and times of rock 'n' roll singer, Billy Fury.
Stricken with rheumatic fever as a child, and not expected to live beyond the age of 20, Billy Fury went on to become Britain's answer to Elvis Presley. But if you thought his story started with the huge hit 'Halfway to Paradise', think again...
Anton Lesser stars in Mike Walker's drama is inspired by real events.
Billy Fury Anton Lesser
Larry Parnes Peter Whitman
Stuart Colman Robert Glenister
Russell Harty Rory Bremner
Dickie Pride Andy Serkis
Marty Wilde Ian Targett
Joe Brown Alistair McGowan
Jack Good Nicholas Boulton
Terry Peter Watts
The Nurse/Donna Siriol Jenkins
Hugh Jeremy Clyde
The Doctor Richard Tate
The Stage Door Man Ken Sharrock
The Producer Tom Bevan
The Interviewer James Taylor
The Woman in the Street Rachel Atkins
Songs performed by Gavin Stanley.
Born Ronald Wycherley on 17th April 1940, Billy Fury died 28th January 1983.
Director: Andy Jordan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1994

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07q87sm)

Series 40
Tony Hawks on Marshall Rosenberg
Marshall Rosenberg was the stern-faced creator of nonviolent communication, a man who spent his life finding ways to eradicate hate.

Often armed only with his trademark giraffe and jackal puppets, Rosenberg toured the world teaching a new way of speaking. Language was key, but to discover the meaning of the puppets you'll have to tune in.
Championing Marshall Rosenberg is comedian and author, Tony Hawks.
A sceptical Matthew Parris presents while David Baker of the London School of Life fills in the biographical gaps.
Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Wardle
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b00768jd)

Series 3
Episode 2
Debates galore over money, radio and having children.
Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.
With Steve Punt, Tony Hawks, Gyles Brandreth and Simon Bates
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000
SAT 08:30 Snap (b00tky99)
Series 1
Episode 4
Doug's planning a surprise 70th birthday party for his mum. Can he get it right without Molly's help?
Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.
Molly Rebecca Lacey
Doug Paul Venables
Kaz Soumaya Keynes
Ryan Jessie Sullivan
Annie Marlene Sidaway
Dawn Rebecca Front
Ansel Richard Firth
Producer: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

SAT 09:00 When Diane Met Ken (b0bdx3ff)

"I'm not mad, I've just read different books." - Ken Campbell, the writer, director and actor who was renowned for many an epic production and theatrical caper.
He devoured books and information, and was a seeker of new knowledge and experiences. His career flitted expertly between writing, acting, ventriloquism and gastronomy, improvisation, epic theatre productions, and one-man touring shows. Ken Campbell died on August 31st 2008 aged 66.
Ken was also responsible for the world's longest play, The Warp, a 24-hour odyssey. It was originally performed in 1979 with a cast including Jim Broadbent, Terry Johnson, and Bill Nighy. When the play was revived in the late 1990s it was directed by Ken and his daughter, Daisy Campbell, and boasted a cast including Neil Edmond, Nina Conti and Diane Morgan - in fact it was Diane's first acting job.
In this three hour special Diane celebrates the mad, creative, eclectic and innovative work of Ken Campbell.
Featuring interviews with Ken from the BBC archive, performances of drama, poetry, and comedy from throughout his career, and a look back at his wide-ranging influence and influences.
Diane is joined by Ken's friends, family and colleagues including the playwright Terry Johnson, the ventriloquist and

comedian Nina Conti, the actor and comedian Neil Edmond, Ken's agent Maureen Vincent and his literary agent Nicki Stoddart and Ken's daughter, the actor, writer and director Daisy Campbell who all speak of the chaotic, important and life-changing role Ken played in all their lives.
 Producer: Laura Grimshaw
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in August 2018.
SAT 12:00 The Write Stuff (m000v37s)
 Series 7
 Beatrix Potter
 James Walton's literary quiz.
 Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by Tracey MacLeod and Jonathan Myerson.
 Author of the week is Beatrix Potter
 Reader: Beth Chalmers
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
SAT 12:30 The Architects (b050zpxh)
 Series 2
 Airport
 Architects Sarah and Matt journey north in pursuit of an airport contract that will put Sir Lucien and Partners back on the map. Meanwhile Tim tries to buddy up with a TV chef who's fond of the sauce.
 Arch-Brutalist Sir Lucien founded his architectural practice on a commitment to concrete in all its forms. Fashion has been a cruel mistress and four decades later things are not going well for Sir Lucien and his team of loyal-ish employees.
 Comedy by Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths.
 Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead
 Sarah Anna Crilly
 Matt Dominic Coleman
 Tim Alex Carter
 Murray Peter Forbes
 Noel David Hounslow
 Ella Rhiannon Neads
 Director: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.
SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b08qxd5b)
 Close to the Edit
 Filmmaker Mike Figgis explores the story of edited film, audio and culture, and how the simple process of cutting and splicing has changed the way people view the world.
 We are living in an age of the edit.
 From the jump-cuts of Eisenstein and Hitchcock, to the fractured narratives of Virginia Woolf and James Joyce, from the cut-and-paste sounds of musique concrete and hip-hop, to the sensibility of social media (to say nothing of the radio feature itself), it's the edit - the cut, the splice; montage and juxtaposition - that has ushered us into the present. To some, it's the stuff of life itself: chimps, for example, share 99% of our DNA; what matters is the sequencing, the edit.
 There's a year zero to this story of the edit. From the moment we get up in the morning until we close our eyes at night, the visual reality we perceive is a continuous stream of apparently linked images. That's the way we experienced the world for millennia. Then suddenly, just over a century ago, human beings were confronted with something else: edited film.
 But this isn't an exercise in cinema history. It's about our present culture. A culture in which the invisible mediating hand of the editor is ever-present. A culture of the 'creative commons' in which we can pull anything out of context and re-edit it (a gif, an internet meme, a mash-up, a parody of a political speech) and make the edit itself become an art form. Cutting, splicing, sampling -- it's all part of the way the world functions now. This is just the beginning.
 With Vicki Bennett aka People Like Us, Margie Borschke, Walter Murch and Will Self.
 Producer: Martin Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
SAT 14:00 Jane Austen (b008h3ns)
 Emma
 1. The Matchmaker
 Emma Woodhouse - handsome, clever and rich - is a young woman so blessed by life that she declares she will never marry. However, she is determined to find the right match for her new friend Harriet Smith.
 Jane Austen's sparkling comedy of love and marriage first published in 1815.
 Emma Woodhouse Eve Best
 Mr Elton David Bamber
 Mr Knightley Robert Bathurst
 Mr Woodhouse Norman Rodway
 Miss Bates Marcia Warren
 Mrs Weston Patience Tomlinson
 Harriet Smith Ellie Beaven
 Mr Weston Andrew Wincott
 Jane Fairfax Beth Chalmers
 Frank Churchill Tom Hollander
 Dramatised in two parts by April de Angelis.
 Music: Martin Souter and Sarah Stowe
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.
SAT 15:00 Jane Austen (b008h4xg)
 Emma
 2. Proposal
 Emma's composure is threatened by two new arrivals in Highbury - Mr Elton's new wife and Mr Weston's handsome

son.
 Conclusion of Jane Austen's sparkling comedy of love and marriage first published in 1815.
 Emma Woodhouse Eve Best
 Mr Elton David Bamber
 Mr Knightley Robert Bathurst
 Mr Woodhouse Norman Rodway
 Miss Bates Marcia Warren
 Mrs Weston Patience Tomlinson
 Harriet Smith Ellie Beaven
 Mr Weston Andrew Wincott
 Frank Churchill Tom Hollander
 Mrs Elton Josie Lawrence
 Mr Elton David Bamber
 Servant Helen Ayres
 Music: Martin Souter
 Dramatised by April de Angelis.
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
SAT 16:00 Mike Walker - The Sound of Fury (b00bq6mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b07q87sm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Nightfall (m000v1r9)
 Series 4
 Eye of the Beholder
 Ill-tempered old farmer, Jack, refuses to have surgery for his cataracts.
 Then a mysterious young man shows up to help him - as the curmudgeon's past comes back to haunt him...
 Nightfall is a series of supernatural and horror dramas made by Canada's CBC Radio that ran from 1980-83. It went on to become one of the most popular shows in the network's history. During 100 episodes over three seasons, Nightfall featured a mix of original stories and adaptations of classic tales
 Jack Almond Wayne Robson
 Dan Geoff Bowes
 Miss Baker Marian Waldron
 Doctor Graham Budd Knapp
 Snooper John D. Beresford
 Written by Burke Campbell.
 Produced in Toronto by Stephen Katz.
 First broadcast on CBC Radio in November 1981.
SAT 18:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlv8)
 4. Official Intercessions
 Having brought the apparently simple-minded Flora Keiry to London, Professor Lark and John Cornelius uncover the sinister nature of her true identity - and realise the authorities must be alerted...
 Starring Peter Cushing and Vincent Price.
 John Cornelius Peter Cushing
 Curtis Lark Vincent Price
 Flora Keiry Sandra Clarke
 Kalman Baromek Steve Playtous
 Ian Sanderson Frazer Carr
 Gulliver William Eadle
 Brigadier Sherman Clifford Norgates
 Gwynt Michael Harbour
 Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.
SAT 19:00 When Diane Met Ken (b0bdx3ff)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Rigor Mortis (b007k483)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Professor Donaldson introduces a new medical empathy scheme, because 'a corpse is a person too'.
 Laurence Howarth's sitcom set in the fascinating, but misunderstood world of the pathology lab.
 Dr Anthony Webster Peter Davison
 Dr Ruth Anderson Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead
 Gordon Tom Price
 Chloe Marianne Levy
 Simon Gus Brown
 Mrs Renfield Rachel Atkins
 Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.
SAT 22:30 Barry's Lunch Club (b07bfxhq)
 Inheritance
 While Dave Marsh the builder fixes the perilous civic hall roof above them, Barry deals with queries about inheritance tax.
 How best to utilise your money?
 82 year old Barry invites an audience to his weekly lunch club where he scrutinises themes close to his heart. With club secretary Hilary to rein him in, and club treasurer Peter providing support on the civic hall piano, this is the ultimate life-style guide for an ageing nation.
 Barry is a cockney moved to the suburbs during the war. He is not given to looking at the old days through rose coloured spectacles, and is well up to speed with current trends. A seemingly harmless old boy, he lures people into a false sense of security, delivering hilariously stinging rebukes or erudite assessments of how the world is treating the over 60s.
 Stand-up comedy crossed with sitcom, the show plays out in real time as if we are eavesdropping on a civic hall meeting group.

Written by Alex Lowe and Alex Walsh-Taylor.
 Barry Alex Lowe
 Hilary Stephanie Cole
 Peter Philip Pope
 Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
 Executive Producer: Kevin Dawson
 A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.
SAT 23:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08c0rr5)
 Series 3
 The Riot
 The Amos household are caught up in the Brixton riot.
 Stephen K Amos stars in this sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.
 Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.
 With:
 Ellen Thomas
 Laurie Kynaston
 Bola Okun
 Emerald Crankson
 Karen Bartke
 David Sterne.
 Producer: Paul Sheehan
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2017.
SAT 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04vk19j)
 Series 6
 Ann Widdecombe
 Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences - starting with politician Ann Widdecombe.
 Ann tries camping in a tent for the first time and watches as much of The Thick Of It as she can stand on TV.
 Marcus also offers Ann the chance to drink a Jagerbomb - but will she accept?
 Director: Bill Dare
 First broadcast on BBC Radio in December 2014.
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SUN 00:00 Nightfall (m000v1r9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlv8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b08qxd5b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Jane Austen (b008h3ns)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:00 Jane Austen (b008h4xg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Mike Walker - The Sound of Fury (b00bq6mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b07q87sm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (Omnibus) (m000v6zk)
 "Travel is only glamorous in retrospect." So said Paul Theroux, writing once in The Washington Post.
 From 'Trespassing in Florida' to Unspeakable Rituals and Outlandish Beliefs'.
 Paul's best-selling collection of travel essays covers 15 years of the 40 or so years he's spent travelling.
 Omnibus of five episodes.
 Read by Stuart Milligan.
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.
SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000v6zp)
 Stella Duffy
 Writer Stella Duffy chooses 'Life on Mars by David Bowie and You Got To Run by Buffy Sainte-Marie & Tanya Tagaq'.
SUN 07:20 Lucy Catherine - Gudrun (b09hwhh2)
 Series 3 (Omnibus)
 Left to burn by her husband for the part she played in the killing of his best friend, separated from her daughter and cut adrift from her beloved homeland, Gudrun longs for death.
 Iceland is now an occupied country, its people forced to convert to Christianity by the ruthless King of Norway, Olaf Trygvasson.
 Starring Kate Phillips.
 Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.
 Omnibus of the five episodes of Series 3.
 Gudrun Kate Phillips
 Freija Samantha Dakin
 Silvia Sanchia McCormack
 Felman Samuel James
 Herborg Sarah Ridgeway
 Volva Karen Bartke
 King Sweyn Simon Ludders
 Sigrid Haughty Chetna Pandya
 Sailor David Sturzaker
 King Olaf Trygvasson Samuel James
 Norwegian Jarl Philip Fox
 Sigrid Rosie Boore
 Norwegian Jarl Tom Forrieter
 Director: Gemma Jenkins
 First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.
SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b0499n3t)
 Office Secrets

David Bliss gets entangled in the secretive love life of his secretary.

George Cole stars in Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor, David Alexander Bliss.

David Bliss George Cole
Ann Diana Churchill
Tony Colin Gordon
Psyche the Dog Percy Edwards
Jennifer Eleanor Summerfield
Mr Hood Barry K. Barnes
Donald Hood Desmond Carrington

Six series of 118 episodes of A Life of Bliss ran on the BBC Home Service from 1953. It moved to BBC TV for a run of six episodes in 1969.

Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement George Cole went to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.
Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.
SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000v6zz)
Flat Out for Home

Leslie adds to his list of woes with problems over his landlord. Starring Leslie Phillips.

Andrew Palmer's comedy about a former property tycoon who's fallen on hard times and is now chauffeur to his wealthy ex-wife.

Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips
Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett
Claire/Mrs Elliott Norma Ronald
Dave Michael Robins
Bill Welling Richard Davies
Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1983.
SUN 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b013cx3p)
Series 3
Dream Genie

Derek is devastated when he hears that his ex-wife Jackie is unwell.

After using Wendy as a shoulder to cry on, he rushes to Jackie's side, leaving Maureen feeling uncharacteristically panicky at the thought of being without him.

Sitcom about the mundane lives of childless couple, Robin and Wendy and their friends and neighbours - with a twist.

Wendy Kay Stonham
Robin Brian Capron
Derek Martin Trenaman
Maureen Amelia Bullmore
Written by Kay Stonham.

Devised by Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall
Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000v707)
Barbara Pym

From Strauss to Bithikotsis.

English novelist Barbara Pym shares her castaway choices with Roy Plomley.

Barbara's first novels were published in the 1950s, but by the early 1960s, she fell out of favour with publishers – until her revival in 1977.

Novels include: A Glass of Blessings, Excellent Women, Less than Angels, Quartet in Autumn and An Unsuitable Attachment.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.
Photo credit: The Barbara Pym Society
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtg4)
Series 2
Canopy

If you walk into a rainforest you are immediately met by quite literally a forest of trees.

All the tree trunks look like cathedral pillars, smooth and wet from the rain. Not a single branch emerges from the trunk for tens of metres - and when they do you see a breath-taking interlocking jungle of branches and leaves, ferns and flowers and all number of creatures great and small. The canopy is a bonanza of tropical forest life, in the bright light and gentle breeze - a far cry from the dark and humid underworld of the forest floor.

Not surprising then that Sir David Attenborough knew this would be a perfect place to film wildlife.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000v70j)
Series 7
The Wubi Effect

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

When we think of China today, we think of a technological superpower. From Huawei and 5G to TikTok and viral social media, China is stride for stride with the United States in the world of computing. However, China's technological renaissance almost didn't happen. And for one very basic reason: The Chinese language, with its 70,000 plus characters, couldn't fit on a keyboard.

This is the story of Professor Wang Yongmin, a hard-headed computer programmer who solved this puzzle and laid the foundation for the China we know today.

Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2020.
SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000v6zp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000v70v)
Lord Byron and the Hebrew Melodies

Daljit Nagra visits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Lord Byron and the Hebrew Melodies, featuring Byron's best loved works, including She Walks in Beauty.

In 1815, Lord Byron published one of his most famous pieces, She Walks in Beauty. But it didn't appear as part of a collection of poems - in fact it was produced as one of a number of songs in the collection Hebrew Melodies. Byron, tiring of the formula that had brought him huge success in earlier works like Childe Harold's Progress and The Corsair, was approached by Jewish composer Isaac Nathan, who asked him to write religious lyrics to musical settings that were a mixture of contemporary and ancient Synagogue tunes.

Excited by the prospect of examining the Hebrew culture and putting his own deep knowledge of the Old Testament to good use, Byron took up the challenge. He was also keen to impress his future wife, a deeply religious woman who disapproved of his insalubrious lifestyle.

Byron and Nathan struck up a strong relationship and, over the course of the collaboration, produced 29 songs.

Unfortunately for Nathan, Byron's standard publisher, John Murray, wasn't keen to lose their grip on the poet whose work was funding their expansion and, as Michael Rosen discovers, took steps to minimise public recognition of the musical venture, leaving Nathan out of pocket and - for a long time - written out of the Byron story.

Producer: Geoff Bird

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.
SUN 12:30 Polyoaks (b07cx09k)
Series 4
Ladies Strike

Patients are complaining about the lack of female doctors at the surgery.

The Polyoaks team want to recruit a woman doctor, but that is easier said than done in the current climate. And when they do find a candidate, she may be about to strike.

Nigel Planer and Simon Greenall star in the Health Service satire by Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer.

The Polyoaks surgery is plagued by strikes, endless new management initiatives, staff shortages, militant patients, eight day weeks, privatisation – and all these things are entirely their fault, apparently.

Roy.....Nigel Planer
Hugh.....Simon Greenall
Monica.....Polly Frame
Jeremy.....David Westhead
Justice Spicer-Hammond /
Ruth.....Zalie Burrow
Stephanie Simons /
Mrs Vinyl.....Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Mr Justice / Mr Stickler /
Mr Toshack.....Julian Dutton
Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2016.
SUN 13:00 Conrad and Eleanor by Jane Rogers (Omnibus) (b0806wv1)
Episode 2
The story of a marriage.

When Conrad fails to return from a science conference, Eleanor wonders if it is because of the affair she is having. But he has known about it for years.

Perhaps it's because his research into transgenic monkey hearts is stalling; perhaps he is sick of having the less successful career of the two of them?

While he has been the main carer for the children, Eleanor's work with stem cells has forged ahead. And now the children are all grown up. They suspect Eleanor of murdering their father, but El secretly fears that what has driven Con away is his discovery of their daughter Cara's parentage.

While his family in Manchester scurries for clues and reasons, Conrad - alone, confused, and on the run from a crazed animal rights activist - loses himself in the cold foggy streets of Bologna, and revisits the stages of his long marriage to El, from the happiness of the year of Cara's birth to the grief and anger he now feels.

Both partners are forced to re-examine their marriage, and become aware of the shifting balance of power between them. In the process, they move closer to an understanding of what it is that matters most to each of them.

Omnibus of the final five of ten parts.
Read by Penny Downie, Robert Glenister and Jasmine Hyde
Abridged by Eileen Horne
Produced and Directed by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.
SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b065xjzp)
Rafe Spall

Actor Rafe Spall chooses 'Cherry Coloured Funk' by the Cocteau Twins and Kate Bush's 'And So Is Love'.
SUN 14:20 A Small Town Murder (Omnibus) (b08h0rry)
Series 9

Family liaison officer Jackie Hartwell, finds the body of a young man in Addley Woods.

He appears to have shot himself...
Starring Meera Syal.

Omnibus of five episodes of Scott Cherry's ever popular crime series.

Jackie Meera Syal
David Cooper Alec Newman
Peter Matthew Marsh
Hannah Cooper Amanda Root
Isabel Cooper Eva Feiler
Steph Webb Flora Montgomery
Sandra Hicks Susie Emmett
Director: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2017.
SUN 15:30 All You Need Is Lab - How Science And Technology Inspired Innovation In Music (b03v9np1)
Musician and songwriter Midge Ure looks at the many ways scientific and technological innovation have stimulated creativity in pop music.

From the invention of the steel guitar string, through the tape recorder and the synthesiser, to the drum machine and Autotune, musicians have always embraced the latest ideas and adapted or distorted them to produce new sounds.

Musicians Anne Dudley (Art of Noise) and Thomas Dolby join music journalist David Hepworth and blues researcher Tom Attah, exploring how the laboratory has informed and inspired the studio.

Midge demonstrates what you can achieve with just a laptop these days - but laments the passing of an age of invention in popular music.

Featured music includes:
The Beatles
Chopin
Thomas Dolby
Robert Johnson
Muddy Waters
Little Walter
Charlie Christian
Les Paul and Mary Ford
The Tornados
The Small Faces
Queen
The Sweet
Stevie Wonder
Band Aid
Art of Noise
Donna Summer
Fat Boy Slim
Cher
Daft Punk
Nick Clegg
Producer: Trevor Dann

A Trevor Dann production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.
SUN 16:00 Drama (b0889yrm)
April in Paris by John Godber

Bet wins a 'Romantic Break' in Paris and drags a reluctant Al along with her as they sample life outside England for the first time.

John Godber's comedy was commissioned for the Hull 1992 Festival. Over 25 years on, John and Jane Godber revisit the roles they played in the original stage production.

April in Paris is the third of John Godber's stage plays performed for BBC radio, following September in the Rain (2011) and Happy Jack (2015). All three were performed by Jane and John, like the original theatre productions.

Al John Godber
Bet Jane Godber
Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000v70v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Polyoaks (b07cx09k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Joseph Wilde - Produce (b0bhfhkm)

When a couple discover that they can't have a healthy baby naturally, Zenith Genomics seems to offer the solution: they can create a perfect, bespoke child, with every gene hand-picked. For a price.

But the parents soon find that perfection brings its own problems...
Joseph Wilde's unsettling drama, set in the near future, is a dark fable about parental expectation - and the pressures of parenting in a competitive and commodified world.

Anita Laura dos Santos
Tom Joseph Kloska
Dr Ahmed Seeta Indrani
Beth Amy-Jayne Leigh
Mr Dean Ewan Bailey
Director: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
SUN 18:45 Black and White by Jan Mark (b088ssr4)
3. Nule

When Martin dresses up the old newel post at the bottom of the stairs to look like a person, it's a big joke.

But soon the newel post becomes more lifelike than Martin bargained for...

Read by Malcolm Raeburn.
Written by Jan Mark and abridged by Peter Kerry.
Producer: Martin Jameson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1993.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000v70j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000v6zp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 20:00 Drama (b0889yrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000v707)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtg4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Polyoaks (b07cx09k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 I, Regress (b01s0dlz)
Series 2
Mirrors
Matt Berry plays a corrupt and bizarre regression therapist in this dark, Lynch-meets-Kaufman-style comedy.
Unsuspecting clients are taken on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.
Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different phobia. As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream (or nightmare-like) trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.
With:
Daisy Beaumont
Sally Okafor
Julia Deakin : Acting (adult)
Michael Shelford
A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!
Producer: Sam Bryant.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
SUN 22:45 Bird Island (b044ghpd)
Series 2
Episode 4
Ben gets a new telescope, and Graham has some big news.
Ben Reece Shearsmith
Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt
Jane Katy Wix
Beverley Alison Steadman
Robin Richard Aldridge
Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.
It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, and in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.
Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
SUN 23:00 Son of Cliche (b00pbx1y)
Weird Magazines
Spoofing student life and a meaty mammal.
Sketch comedy with Chris Barrie, Nick Maloney and Nick Wilton.
Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.
Producer: Alan Nixon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007tm8f)
Series 2
Magic
Did witches really fly with broomsticks between their legs or did they just get a bit overexcited?
Series two of the cult comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.
Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.
With:
Rebecca Front
Armando Iannucci
And the voice of Tom Baker.
Producer: Sarah Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

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MON 00:00 Joseph Wilde - Produce (b0bhfhkm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 Black and White by Jan Mark (b088ssr4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Conrad and Eleanor by Jane Rogers (Omnibus) (b0806wvl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b065xjzp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]
MON 02:20 A Small Town Murder (Omnibus) (b08h0rry)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 All You Need Is Lab - How Science And Technology Inspired Innovation In Music (b03v9np1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Drama (b0889yrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000v70v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Polyoaks (b07cx09k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)
7. The Will
A young man in distress and an old man in danger: a curious case for the cantankerous criminal psychologist.
Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.
Cecil Parker stars as Dr Morelle with Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim
David Beaumont David Spenser
Henrietta Vickers Nan Kenway
Herbert Vickers Douglas Young
Darrell Will Leighton
Director: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1957.
MON 06:30 The Toff (b007jr8v)
The Toff and the Runaway Bride
2. The Finger of Suspicion
After bride Barbara's disappearance, the Honourable Richard Rollison faces more mystery - on the trail of Major Guy Lessing's first wife...
Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.
John Creasey's thriller dramatised by Roy Lomax.
Jolly Robert Dorning
Major Guy Lessing Alan Cuthbertson
Barbara Lessing Rosalind Shanks
Doctor Dennis McCarthy
Kevin Brennan Robert Lawn
Superintendent Godfrey James
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.
MON 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b01n20gw)
Series 4
Autumn
Pam Ayres continues her series of poetry and sketch shows about the seasons.
Autumn includes - what to donate to the harvest festival, interesting things to put on a bonfire, checking out retirement homes in the Autumn of one's life and the choosing a suitable evening class for your husband.
Her poems week include: I Don't Want to Go to School Mum and The Harvest Hymn.
With Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey Whitehead.
Produced by Claire Jones.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2012.
MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m000v1p5)
Series 86
Episode 8
Julian Clary hosts a special episode of Just a Minute where she challenges guests Jo Brand, Gyles Brandreth, Tony Hawks and Shappi Khorsandi to talk on the subjects of her choice for 60 seconds. Hesitation, deviation, and repetition are strictly forbidden. This episode was produced using remote recording technology, with both panel and audience joining in from their homes all over the world. Caroline Barlow blows the whistle.
Devised by Ian Messier
Produced by Victoria Lloyd
A BBC Studios Production
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlnf)
Series 3
TB or Not TB
Sixty years of smoking takes its toll on Albert Steptoe.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight series on TV.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
Receptionist Jo Manning Wilson
Adapted for radio from their TV scripts by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.
MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)
Episode 3
Edgar finally meets his client and visits a fair. But will this bring down the curtain on his visit?
Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley.
Lawrence Hume Piers Gibbon
Robert Gillespie James Cohen
Mr Hammerton Nicky Henson
Marie Peters Serena Evans
Michel Jeffrey Holland
Jerome Giraud Simon Roberts
Robert Gillespie James Cohen
Gaston David Howarth
Narrated by James Villiers.
Written by Victor Canning and adapted for radio by Andy and

Eric Merriman.
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.
MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08pdy0h)
Series 18
Episode 6
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.
From Delia Smith and robots to rain and Facebook.
Holly Walsh, Mark Steel, Elis James and Frankie Boyle are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy.
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.
MON 09:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j10)
Episode 3
With Henry suffering from a surfeit of mothers-in-law, perhaps his luck will change with Jane Seymour?
Jonathan Coy stars as Henry VIII
An unreliable history, created and written in six parts by Barry Grossman.
Henry VIII Jonathan Coy
Thomas Cromwell Milton Jones
The Chronicler Alfred Burke
Jane Seymour Jasmin Hyde
Lady Margaret Eve Matheson
Sir John John Webb
Antonio Jonathan Kydd
Music by Jim Parker.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.
MON 10:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005twn)
The Search for Love
Who will Elena fall in love with? The artist, Shubin or the philosopher Bersyenev? The she meets a real hero, Insarov.
Starring Amanda Root as Elena and Philip Franks as Insarov.
Ivan Turgenev's romantic novella dramatised in two parts by Michael Crompton.
Pavel Shubin John Lloyd Fillingham
Andrei Bersyenev Mark Chatterton
Anna Jane Cox
Nikolai Russell Dixon
Uvar Alan Partington
Zoya ... Saskia Downes
Fedushka ... Keith Clifford
German bully... Martin Oldfield
with John Griffin and Stephen Tomlin
Director: Michael Fox
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.
MON 11:00 Here's the Thing (b0b4zrth)
Carly Simon and Joe Jackson
Alec Baldwin explores the lives of two singer-songwriters, Carly Simon and Joe Jackson - from tough school days to stage fright.
Singer-songwriter Carly Simon talks to Alec Baldwin about meeting Bob Dylan, marrying James Taylor, overcoming stage fright -- and other stories from her memoir, Boys in The Trees.
The English singer-songwriter talks to Alec Baldwin about the evolution of his singing voice, the reason he won't watch the Grammys, and the British pop bands he actually likes.
Here's the Thing has its roots in public radio. In 2009, Alec joined with producers Lu Olkowski, Trey Kay, Kathie Russo, and Emily Botein to find fresh ways to engage in conversation on the radio. The group developed the idea of a new show that at its heart would look at what makes interesting people tick and create a platform for new and emerging ideas to be presented.
From WYNC Studios, New York. First heard in the USA in 2017.
MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlnf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Toff (b007jr8v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09kxtdb)
Episode 1
Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's post-war publishing scene.
War widow Mrs Hawkins enjoys her life; her rooms suit her, she cherishes good friends and holds a coveted job working with books. But when an author starts to make a nuisance of himself, her life will change beyond recognition.
Read by Maggie Service.
Abridged by Rosemary Goring.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
MON 14:15 Gudrun (b0h42v6g)
Series 4
Episode 1
Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas
Gudrun, a young woman from 11th century Iceland, forges her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising

harshness. Gudrun has risked everything to save her daughter, Sigrid, only to be double-crossed by her supposed ally, King Sweyn of Denmark. Knowing he's made a powerful enemy he plans to get rid of her.

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins
Iceland is now an occupied country, its people forced to convert to Christianity by the ruthless King of Norway, Olaf Trygvasson. The last series saw Gudrun attempt to overthrow the regime and rescue her daughter who is being brought up in the new faith, by entering into an uneasy alliance with Olaf's rival King Sweyn of Denmark. Their scheming saw Olaf meet a bloody end but instead of supporting Gudrun's campaign to return to Iceland Sweyn double-crossed her. Now, alone and in shackles, Gudrun awaits her fate.

Despite the warmongering and bloodshed Gudrun is a story of family and a mother's love. An avenging angel forged from violence, she continues to try and lead a good life in a man's world. She longs for the freedom to make her own rules. Gudrun is under the protection of Freija, the Norse Goddess of love and war. Freija's voice cries out for a new kind of leadership. She can sometimes be as slippery a customer as her protégée - is she really on Gudrun's side or does she have an agenda of her own?

The show is inspired by the famous Laxdaela Saga featuring the original Nordic Noir heroine, Guðrún Ósvífurisdóttir. There is speculation that the saga was written by a woman. Gudrun has the same steely determination and in some cases the almost psychopathic single-mindedness of her successors, Lisbeth Salander and Saga Noren, not to mention the ability to scheme, manipulate and bend others to her will in the manner of Borgen's wily politician Birgitte Nyborg.

Kate Phillips is Gudrun. Previous roles include Jane Seymour in Wolf Hall, Linda in Peaky Blinders and Lise in War & Peace, all on BBC1.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.
MON 14:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b01jwm4)
Ian McMillan goes on a quest to find one of Britain's strangest linguistic features.
Somewhere between Sheffield and Chesterfield, people stop saying house and say something that sounds a lot more like 'arse. It's an isogloss, a kind of linguistic boundary line where accent and dialect changes. Ian calls it the house / arse interface, and with his friend the musician Ray Hearne and linguist Kate Burland in tow, he sets out to track it down. But can it really be as simple as crossing a line on a map?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
MON 15:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tnw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08pdy0h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j10)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Ayres on the Air (b01n20gw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m000v1p5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jmk0)
Guards! Guards!
Episode 1

Ankh-Morpork, the elucidated brethren of Ebon Night have turned their hands to magic. When Zebbo Mooty is mysteriously vaporised in an alley, Captain Vimes of the watch, knows it's time to act.

Can a stolen library book lead to the reinvention of dragons?
First published in 1989, the 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld.

Narrator Martin Jarvis
Captain Vimes John Wood
Nobby Melvyn Hayes
Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
Carrot Robert Gwilym
The Landlord Crawford Logan
Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
Brother Doorkeeper Jeff Nuttall
Brother Fingers Michael Roberts
Death Himself

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Butt.
Director: John Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in November 1992.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01c7pqv)
Martin Stephen and Augustus Casely-Hayford

Harriett Gilbert and her guests, the historian Gus Casely-Hayford and educationalist Martin Stephen, consider a clutch of favourite reads.

Gus chooses a fictional account of the fall-out from the conflict in Sierra Leone, Aminatta Forna's "The Memory of Love", which has a natural resonance with Harriett's own choice, "Pavel and I". This is a first novel from Dan Vyleta, set in post-war Berlin.

Martin Stephen brings with him Poems of Thomas Hardy selected by Claire Tomalin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlnf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Toff (b007jr8v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 Here's the Thing (b0b4zrth)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m000v1p5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04v3838)
Series 2
The Well of Loneliness

When Tom's father uncovers some potentially life-changing news through his research into the family tree, Tom is pressganged into helping him find a church which could be devastating for the Wrigglesworth name.

Meanwhile, Tom's mum and gran enter the cut-throat world of competitive well-dressing.
Tom Tom Wrigglesworth
Granny Judy Parfitt
Dad Paul Copley
Mum Kate Anthony

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000v3qs)
Series 105
Episode 1
Andy Zaltzman squares up to the week's headlines with panellists Hugo Rifkind, Susie McCabe, Daliso Chaponda and Lucy Porter.

Panellists lobby for points as they answer questions on the Greensill affair and the theft of a giant rabbit.
Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Alice Fraser, Simon Alcock, Tasha Dhanraj and Jenan Younis.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09j3dct)
Series 1
Episode 2
Sean's bad-tempered, reckless past catches up with him in the shape of a dead swan.

Sean Lock is still hiding in Flat 76, Elderberry House, Maydown Estate, failing to keep the world at bay.
Starring Sean Lock, Tim Mitchell, Tracy-Ann Oberman, Peter Serafinowicz and Martin Trenaman.

Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman.
Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele
Producer: Chris Neill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021
TUE 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007jmk0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b01c7pqv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 The Toff (b007jr8v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09kxtdb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Gudrun (b0b42v6g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b01jwm4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tnw)
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TUE 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08pdy0h)
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TUE 05:00 Ayres on the Air (b01n20gw)
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TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (m000v1p5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qxc7)
8. Act of Violence
The criminal psychologist is on the case when local amateur dramatics bring back memories for a man accused of murder... Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.
A BBC radio drama series that followed on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress'.
CAST:
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim
Major Penfold Ralph Truman
Robert Benson Trevor Martin
Professor Stenberg Martin Miller
Clerk of the Court Will Leighton
Director: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1957.
TUE 06:30 The Toff (b007jr8v)
The Toff and the Runaway Bride

3. No Sleep for the Wicked
With Guy and Barbara both now murder suspects - the Toff gets a shock when breaking into the Major's flat.

Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.
Created by John Creasey, The Toff appears in over 60 novels. First published in 1959, The Toff and the Runaway Bride was dramatised in six-parts for the BBC World Service by Roy Lomax.

Jolly Robert Dorning
Superintendent Godfrey James
Barbara Lessing Rosalind Shanks
Police Officer Clifford Norgate
Major Guy Lessing Alan Cuthbertson

Rose Lessing Denise Buckley
Holy Joe David Graham
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

TUE 07:00 Beauty of Britain (b0100gpp)
Series 2
Citroen UXB

No professional care-worker can afford to miss Beauty Olonga's survival guide to Britain - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its world-class charity shops. Series 2 of this Radio 4 comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for those who need it - and some who don't, but all of whom have relatives with guilty consciences.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. There are plenty of opportunities here. The professional classes are always off sick due to binge drinking and the rest are too lazy to get off the couch to answer the pizza delivery man.'

The series breaks the embarrassed silence about what happens to us when we get old and start to lose our faculties. It shows the process in all its chaotic, tragi-comedy but it does so from the point of view of a migrant worker, Beauty, whose Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

Beauty is sent to look after Sarah, who lives with both her mother and daughter. A perfect, happy modern family, like the kind Beauty has seen in feel-good British movies. With her own family being very demanding, it is understandable when Beauty begins to get too close.

Beauty... Jocelyn Jee Esien
Joyce ... Julia McKenzie
Sarah ... Jenny Agutter
Lucy ... Catherine Shepherd
Sally ... Felicity Montagu
Karen ... Nicola Sanderson

The music for the series was provided by The West End Gospel Choir.
Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson
The producer is Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
TUE 07:30 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v2xs)
Birth

Episode 1 - Birth
Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning previous series - 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget now turns her attention to Mortality, covering 'Birth', 'Life', 'Death' and 'The Afterlife'.

Like many of us forced to work from home during lockdown, Bridget has recorded this series herself in her house, and in her local park, on a pre-sanitised recording device sent to her in the post. Batteries weren't included. She had to buy them all herself.

In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives avoiding - all whilst being interrupted by cats, chores, children, foxes and a plumber.

"Do twins share a soul or do they get one each?". "Why don't we bury our placentas and plant a tree on top of them?" and "Who's blocked the toilet again?"

If you are mortal, then this is the show for you.
Written and performed by Bridget Christie

With guest appearances from her dad, her sister Eileen and her friend Ash.
Producer... Carl Cooper
Sound Mixer... Olga M. Reed

Bridget Christie: Mortal is a BBC Studios Production
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00fgzr6)
Tiddlywinks

After defeat at the hands of Cambridge, Neddie Seagoon seeks his gameful revenge. Stars Spike Milligan. From March 1958.

TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007vhht)
Series 3
Fireworks

A visit from the fire brigade sparks smouldering discontent amongst the school staff.

The third series of the gentle sitcom based around life in a junior school. Devised and written by Jim Eldridge, it ran to ten series between March 1985 and November 1998.

CAST:
Philip Sims Karl Howman
Mr Beeston, the Headmaster James Grout
Mr Holliday, the Deputy Head Tom Watson

WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021

WED 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b008p7x8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00z5c89)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qyg5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Toff (b007jrcm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09m6cy1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Gudrun (b0b4z28f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 There is Business Like Show Business (b01dhn6r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tmv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b07dklge)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 The Brothers (b007m477)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Beauty of Britain (b0100gpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v2sx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qv83)
9. The Black Ruby
The cantankerous criminal psychologist probes the authenticity of a fabled gem. Is it cursed?
Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.
A BBC radio drama series that followed on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress'.
CAST:
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim
Guy Hampton Norman Woodland
Sonia Hampton Virginia Winter
Helen Reynolds Louise Gainsborough
Bill Reynolds Richard Bebb
Aubrey Green Desmond Carrington
Airline Captain/Various John Baker
Director: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

WED 06:30 The Toff (b007jrfz)
The Toff and the Runaway Bride
4. Death Is No Alihi
As the murder count mounts, the police hunt Richard - and there's a discovery in the River Thames...
Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.
Created by John Creasey, The Toff appears in over 60 novels. First published in 1959, The Toff and the Runaway Bride was dramatised in six-parts for the BBC World Service by Roy Lomax.
Jolly Robert Dorning
Inspector Ellerby Roger Gartland
Sergeant Michael Shannon
Inspector Reno Godfrey James
Robert Lawn Kevin Brennan
Barbara Lessing Rosalind Shanks
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

WED 07:00 A Short Gentleman (b018xt55)
Episode 1
Robert sails through all his exams, but finding a girlfriend is more testing.
Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell, QC, a perfect specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless legal logic to his disastrous personal life.
Jon Canter's comic novel 'A Short Gentleman' adapted by Robin Brooks.
Father James Hayes
Mother Nichola McAuliffe
Young Robert Josef Lindsay
Pilkington Ewan Bailey
Ticky Moxon-Smith Katherine Jakeways
Judy Page Tracy Wiles
Alan Temperley Gerard McDermott
'Brilliant, but for God's sake don't let this book fall into the hands of any woman - if they find out what we're really like we'll never hear the end of it.' Charlie Higson
'A witty, accomplished, and highly entertaining warning about the folly of ambition.' Mail on Sunday
'Elegantly written, civilised and genuinely funny.' The Scotsman
'Robert is infectious. You might just catch yourself bringing his loathsome logic to your own domestic dilemmas.' Time Out.
Jon Canter read Law at Cambridge, where he was President of Footlights, then worked as an advertising copywriter before becoming a radio and TV scriptwriter. His comic novels include Seeds of Greatness, A Short Gentleman and Worth.
Director: Jonquil Painting.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in From January 2012.

WED 07:30 Alone (m000v2qq)

Series 3
Unpacking The Yada Yada
A sitcom about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London - written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, Abigail Cruttenden, Pearce Quigley, Kate Isitt and Bennett Arnon.
Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother. Elsewhere in the building are schoolteacher Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is shy, nervous and holds a secret candle for Mitch. Overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett Arnon) complete the line-up of mis-matched neighbours.
In the second episode, Unpacking the Yada Yada, a disappointed Ellie tries to jog Mitch's memory regarding their date, which didn't happen due to Mitch's cycling accident, while Will and Louisa have a night out to remember. And then to forget. And then to pretend never happened.
Cast:
Angus Deayton- Mitch
Abigail Cruttenden- Ellie
Pearce Quigley- Will
Kate Isitt- Louisa
Bennett Arnon- Morris
Created and Written by Moray Hunter
Script Edited by Ian Brown and James Hendrie
Directed by Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy
Recorded and Edited by Jerry Peal
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy Productions
Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios
Produced by Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxjr)
The Idol
Tired of the lad's big-headedness, Bill and Moira decide to teach him a lesson.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr and Sidney James.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954

WED 08:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)
Series 1
The Unmentionable
A nasty moment for Bernard in the granny flat or is the landlords' daddy only joking?
First of two series of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
Starring Denise Coffey as Alison, Miriam Margolyes as Maud, Joss Ackland as Father, Chris Emmett as Mr Mullett, Geoffrey Whitehead as Bernard and Nickolas Grace as Leslie.
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b00768mm)
Series 3
Episode 3
Graeme Garden chairs the debating game featuring Hugh Dennis, Giles Brandreth, Arthur Smith and Emma Kennedy.
From July 2000.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jzcd)
Series 1
Wise After the Event
The lives of Rosie and her granddaughter Jo are shaken by the return to Rosie's daughter Kate after a long spell working abroad.
Prunella Scales in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.
With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Michael Fenton Stevens as Mr Blantyre and Stephen Thorne as Mr Joost.
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 10:00 Drama (b07nng5t)
The Final Reckoning
Episode 1
Set in Greece in 2008, just prior to the elections that will bring Tsipris to power. The Final Reckoning by Petros Markaris, one of the country's most popular writers, is a cleverly disguised police procedural which takes us beneath the headlines and exposes a country in moral as well as financial crisis.
Our story begins with the quadruple suicide of four elderly women, friends who can longer see how to survive in a country where poverty is an arm of government policy. But somehow the death of these four hapless women precipitates an outpouring of public anger. And this anger finds expression when some of Athens' wealthiest citizens start turning up dead, causing a dilemma for the Police and in particular, Superintendent Kosta Jaritos.
Jaritos was once in the Military Police, the strong arm of the

hated dictatorship of The Generals who ruled Greece as recently as the 1970's, and as a young officer he did things he was ordered to and of which he is now far from proud. The guilt he feels about a man called Merenditis who died while in his custody just will not go away and he knows in his heart that this new wave of murders is somehow linked to the crimes of the past – the crimes he himself committed.
Kosta Jaritos Philip Jackson
Adriani Pamela Miles
Katerina Jane Slavin
Detective Kula Amaka Okafor
Detective Vlas Chris Pavlo
Superintendent Guikas Stephen Boxer
Zisis Michael Elwyn
Katumbelos Paul Panting
Written by Petros Markaris.
Dramatised for Radio by Michael Butt.
A Big Fish production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

WED 11:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)
3. Percy Thrower and Christopher Lloyd
Penelope Keith explores our horticultural passions and changing fashions through the BBC sound archives. From the home of the great garden designer Gertrude Jekyll.
The great gardener, Gertrude Jekyll, once said:
"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."
Through her fascination with colour, cottage gardens and experimentation, it has been said she "changed the face of England more than any save the Creator and perhaps Capability Brown".
Penelope Keith explores Miss Jekyll's own ten-acre garden – the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey – and along the way unearths some horticultural wisdoms and delights from the BBC sound archive.
Joining Penelope to discuss Gertrude's influence and changing horticultural fashions are broadcaster and author, James Wong, author Catherine Horwood and Munstead Wood's head gardener, Annabel Watts.
Featured programmes from the BBC Archive:
Percy Thrower from 'Beyond the Back Door: That Reminds Me' [Home Service 1963]
Desert Island Discs – Christopher Lloyd [R4 2000]
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxjr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2vm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qv83)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Toff (b007jrfz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09m7thp)
Episode 3
Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's post-war publishing scene.
War widow Mrs Hawkins is perturbed by the poison pen letter sent to neighbour Wanda. However a problem with her beloved career is about to eclipse all other issues.
Read by Maggie Service
Abridged by Rosemary Goring
Producer: Eilidh McCreddie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

WED 14:15 Gudrun (b0b48ksp)
Series 4
Episode 3
Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.
Gudrun and fellow slave, Marlas, grow closer as they talk of escape. Meanwhile the slave ship enters the waters of King Vladimir of Rus and Gudrun finds the stakes are high when she engages in a game of dice.
Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

WED 14:30 Idrissa Camara (b03w0200)
A portrait of dancer and choreographer Idrissa Camara. From west Africa to south Wales: Idrissa Camara cuts a distinctive figure as he walks his young child to her Welsh-speaking school in suburban Cardiff. Originally from Guinea, Idrissa moved to the city four years ago and now lists Welsh next to Susu, Malinke and Wolof among his languages.
Idrissa is a virtuoso dancer and choreographer and since arriving in Wales has been working to establish his own dance company, Ballet Nimba. He recently received a bursary to travel back to his native Guinea in order to formally study and document the evolution of dance, music and storytelling there, research which will feed into the next Ballet Nimba production. In this programme, we'll follow the progress of this new work interwoven with snapshots from Idrissa's life in Cardiff and his life in Guinea, and the tension between the two.
All music used in the programme by Idrissa Camara/Ballet Nimba.
Producer: Martin Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 15:00 Drama (b07nng5t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

Collector continues to pick off Athens' wealthy elite with seeming impunity.

The mounting numbers of victims dumped at the city's most historic sites is putting Inspector Kostas Jaritos of the Athens Police under growing political pressure. To make matters worse, Jaritos is a man with problems and past of his own to worry about. And those problems are about to get a whole lot worse. The killer has somehow found out about Jaritos' role with the military police under the fascist junta in the 1970s and is about to use this knowledge to devastating effect.

Inspector Jaritos Phil Jackson
Adriani Jaritos Pamela Miles
Katerina Jaritos Jane Slavin
Detective Kula Amaka Okafor
Detective Vlas Chris Pavlo
Superintendent Guikas Stephen Boxer
Zisis Michael Elwyn
Merenditis Paul Panting
Nasiotis John McAndrew
Written by Petros Markaris
Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan

A Big Fish Radio production for Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000v707)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtq4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j7qhl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014sntd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Toff (b007jrjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09m7mmd)
Episode 4
Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's post-war publishing scene.
War widow Mrs Hawkins has lost her job after insulting a well-connected author. However the free time she finds herself with will do wonders for her love life.
Read by Maggie Seuring
Abridged by Rosemary Goring
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

THU 14:15 Gudrun (b0b48wq4)
Series 4
Episode 4
Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.
After a successful mutiny Marlas is now captain of the ship.
Freed from Orm's brutality, the crew sets sail for Constantinople with renewed hope.
Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

THU 14:30 Erich Honecker's Rock and Roll Years (b010mt30)
Henning Wehn investigates 'Ostrock' - the rock and pop music scene in the old East Germany.
During the Cold War, we were given the impression that life behind the Iron Curtain was unrelentingly grim and that communist youth suffered from a lack of fashionable clothing and an earnest adherence to the socialist dream.
But this was not always the case and despite the fact that Erich Honecker believed 'beat music' was being used by the enemy to send East German Youth into 'overdrive', he had only limited success in placing controls on a thriving rock and pop music scene in the GDR.
It is true that his musicians had to perform in front of a committee to obtain a licence to perform, that there was only one - state controlled - record company and that if you fell foul of those in power, your music 'ceased to exist'. But East German youngsters were listening to Western music being played on radio stations on the other side of the Wall and so Erich Honecker ultimately failed to control the musical tastes of the GDR teenager.

In 'Erich Honecker's Rock and Roll Years', German comedian Henning Wehn goes to Berlin in search of a scene unknown to him when he was growing up in West Germany. He talks to Ostrock musicians and fans and uncovers a story that involves, the Stasi, disappearing musicians, lyrics with hidden meanings and music that was 'Western' in all but name.
Produced by Helen Lee.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 15:00 Drama (b07pdd80)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000v97q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b013plyb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (m000v2xd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc2z)
Guards! Guards!
Episode 4

"The Dewey system has its fine points" reflected the librarian, picking a parasite from its fur. "But when you're setting out to look for a crucial stolen book within the multi-dimensional folds of L-space, what you really need is a ball of string."
Captain Vimes tries to track the dragon...
First published in 1989, the 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld. Dramatised in six parts by Michael Butt.

CAST:
Narrator Martin Jarvis
Captain Vimes John Wood
Nobby Melvyn Hayes
Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne
Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood
Carrot Robert Gwilym
Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan
Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher
Brother Doorkeeper Jeff Nuttall
Brother Fingers Michael Roberts
Death Himself
Director: John Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b07syv25)
Series 40
Maureen Lipman on Dame Cicely Saunders
Actress and writer Maureen Lipman chooses the end-of-life care campaigner, Dame Cicely Saunders.
Dame Cicely Saunders was known as 'the woman who changed the face of death'. At almost 6 foot tall, she could be intimidating, tiresome and relentless as she devoted her life to ensuring that terminally ill people could die with dignity and without pain. Championing the life of Cicely Saunders as her great life is the actress and writer Maureen Lipman. The expert witness is, Professor David Clark, from the University of Glasgow.
Presenter: Matthew Parris
Producer: Perminder Khatkar.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00j7qhl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b014sntd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Toff (b007jrjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000v707)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtq4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000v2xd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 John Keats (b05vlf6x)
Episode 1 - The Ticket
A glimpse into the oddball mind of John Keats as he returns home from work...
The first of four 14 minute vignettes from the Winner of the Main Prize at the 2014 Edinburgh Comedy Festival, as well as the Best Newcomer Award back in 2013.
Producer: Arnab Chanda
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015

THU 22:45 Warhorses of Letters (b0168114)
Series 1
Episode 1
Deep in the British Library tucked into the slipcover of a book on the history of Blenheim Palace a packet of extraordinary letters has been discovered.
"Dear Marengo brackets Napoleon's horse close brackets, I've never written a letter like this before..."
Thus begins the first passionate letter from Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse, to his hero Marengo in this epistolary equine love story. A story of two horses united by an uncommon passion, cruelly divided by a brutal conflict.
Warhorses of Letters stars Stephen Fry as Marengo, the seasoned, famous and just-a-little-bit-short mount of Emperor Napoleon. Daniel Rigby stars alongside him as Copenhagen, the frisky young racehorse who as our story begins is about to be the new mount for the Duke of Wellington. This collection of their moving letters to each other is introduced by Tamsin Greig.
In this episode, the early days of their romance and the early days of the Peninsular Campaign, and as their love blossoms the shadow of impending combat looms over our two heroes.
Written by novelists Robert Hudson (The Kilburn Social Club) and Marie Phillips (Gods Behaving Badly), directed by Steven Canny and produced by Gareth Edwards.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

THU 23:00 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b00wlg3h)
Series 1
Episode 4
Posh privately educated teenagers Daisy and Maisie show prospective parents around their school.
Joanna Lumley visits her mother with a Christmas present and the Mona Lisa lets us into a secret.
Multi-paced, one woman Fast Show showcasing the exceptional talent of Lucy Montgomery.
With Philip Pope, Sally Grace, Waen Shepherd and Natalie Walter.
Written by Lucy Montgomery with additional material by

Steven Burge, Jon Hunter and Joe Wilkinson.
Music by Philip Pope
Producer: Katie Tyrrell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

THU 23:30 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b007jpyk)
Episode 2
Martin Bain-Jones and Craig Children do battle at a special music awards ceremony.
Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong write and star in their first full-length radio comedy series.
With Charlie Condou, Melissa Lloyd and Tony Gardner.
Producer: Jon Rolph
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

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FRI 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk2)
11. The Gambler
The psychiatrist-sleuth tackles a desperate gambling addict in a mysterious case of murder.
Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.
A BBC radio drama series that followed on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case of the Missing Heiress'.
CAST:
Dr Morelle Cecil Parker
Miss Frayle Sheila Sim
Mrs Ludlow Harriet Johns
Mr Ellis Desmond Carrington
Felix Grey Jimmy Lavall
Simmons Arthur Young
Man Simon Lack
Girl Beryl Calder
Director: Leslie Bridmont
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1957.

FRI 06:30 The Toff (b007jrjb)
The Toff and the Runaway Bride
6. Confrontation in Paris
Can the Honourable Richard Rollison finally unravel the mystery - and reveal the murderer's identity?
Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.
Created by John Creasey, The Toff appears in over 60 novels.
First published in 1959, The Toff and the Runaway Bride was dramatised in six-parts for the BBC World Service by Roy Lomax.
Jolly Robert Dorning
Carruthers David Graham
Major Guy Lessing Alan Cuthbertson
Robert Lawn Kevin Brennan
Barbara Lessing Rosalind Shanks
Inspector Jean Bryant
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

FRI 07:00 Clare in the Community (b08587nz)
Series 11
You Take the High Road
It's the social work event of the year and Clare Barker is giving the keynote speech; it's the biggest moment of her career.
Provided she can actually get there for it. Back at home Brian and Nali have been taken in by Ray after a barbecue got out of hand. His housekeeping leaves a bit to be desired as far as Nali's concerned.
Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.
Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Producer Alexandra Smith
A BBC Studios production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

FRI 07:30 The Confessional (m000v848)

Series 1

The Confession of Cariad Lloyd

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a new comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week, Stephen invites a different guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions - with remarkable storytelling and surprising insights.

We're used to hearing celebrity interviews where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements. Stephen's not interested in that. He doesn't want to know about his guests' proudest moments, he wants to know what they're ashamed of. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick.

Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

Series guests include Joan Bakewell, Clarke Peters, Phil Wang, Dr Phil Hammond and more.

In this first episode, he takes the confession of the award winning improvisational comedian, actor and presenter of Griefcast, Cariad Lloyd.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Produced by Dave Anderson and Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007j1l5)

Series 1

Sergeant Wilson's Little Secret

Confusion reigns for Sergeant Wilson when Mrs Pike reveals news of a "new arrival".

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, James Beck as Private Walker, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Bill Pertwee as Warden Hodges, Pearl Hackney as Mrs Pike 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 March 1974.

FRI 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js6w)

Series 1

Episode 2

William pledges to protect his sister from the philandering Lord Byro. Lakeland poets parody with Tim Curry. From March 1985.

FRI 09:00 Counterpoint (b00rr1jw)

Series 24

2010 Heat 3

The third heat in the 2010 series of Counterpoint comes from Manchester, with Paul Gambaccini asking the questions. The contestants are from Scotland and the North of England. As always, the questions test the breadth of their musical knowledge and feature a wealth of musical extracts and illustrations.

Produced by Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 09:30 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)

Series 2

The Feminine Thrust

Sally smooths the way for Clare's important lecture and helps her realise she might have more important things to worry about than her job...

Series two of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Starring Stella McCusker as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Des McAleer as Trevor, Robert Patterson as Tony, Aine McCartney as Fidelma, Hannah R Gordon as Anna and Patrick Gleadhill as Simon.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

FRI 10:00 David Pownall (b01sdty0)

I Want to Go Home

And on the eighth day God created language. Little did he expect the confusion that would ensue...

1 David Bamber

Want Joanna Monro

To Go Ben Crowe

Home Georgie Alexander

Cark Struan Rodger

Angel of the Eighth Day Andrew Scott

With John Hartley as the voice of God

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000v9pt)

Movie Magic

Chris Pearson and Ali Plumb recommend the best in movie podcasts.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007j1l5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Toff (b007jrmb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09m7n7t)

Episode 5

Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's post-war publishing scene.

As Mrs Hawkins makes good use of her contacts, she hopes to put her professional troubles at the Ullswater Press behind her.

Read by Maggie Service

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

FRI 14:15 Gudrun (b0b490sq)

Series 4

Episode 5

Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Delirious from his injury, Grim is gripped by religious fervour and threatens the safety of the ship.

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

FRI 14:30 Composer Joseph Horowitz: No Ordinary Joe (b012qsdp)

This is the story of a composer of the kind of music that just fits so beautifully, that you hardly notice yourself humming along. Joseph Horowitz is a composer of concertos and ballets, operas and chamber music, yet he is best known for other kinds of music such as Rumpole of the Bailey, and Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo. Composer Debbie Wiseman in interview with Joseph Horowitz, journeys through his remarkable life and career.

Captain Noah has been translated into six languages, and has proved to be a best seller for Horowitz. The Berkshire Maestros, and conductor David Hill with the Bach Choir, have all recently rehearsed and performed this work, and give their views on why Captain Noah has been so popular over the past 40 years.

Dancer Wayne Sleep, conductor John Wilson, and television executive producer Tony Wharmby, also discuss their collaborations with Horowitz, and give their thoughts on his music.

Horowitz's story begins with his escape from the Nazis as they entered Vienna in 1938, to then include giving musical appreciation lectures during the war to the forces, being awarded two Ivor Novello awards for his later compositions, and working with such comic legends as Gerard Hoffnung and Michael Flanders. This life journey has been one of distinction in many ways, yet Horowitz has not been taken as seriously as he'd like. Debbie Wiseman grapples with this issue, to understand why Horowitz has not received the acclaim that his artistry deserves.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

FRI 15:00 David Pownall (b01sdty0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Counterpoint (b00rr1jw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Clare in the Community (b08587nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Confessional (m000v848)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b008pc0b)

Guards! Guards!

Episode 5

"That dragon isn't going to accept any mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy liberal nonsense.... Do you know what you're getting with a dragon? Unashamed strong leadership."

The dragon strikes. But will Captain Vimes triumph?

First published in 1989, the 8th of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld. Dramatised in six parts by Michael Butt.

CAST:

Narrator Martin Jarvis

Captain Vimes John Wood

Nobby Melvyn Hayes

Sergeant Colon Stephen Thorne

Lady Ramkin Helen Atkinson-Wood

Carrot Robert Gwilym

Lord Vetinari Crawford Logan

Supreme Grand Master Brett Usher

Chief Merchant Jeff Nuttall

Librarian Michael Roberts

Little Girl Kate McEnery

Director: John Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1992.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00ny8gr)

I'm H.A.P.P.Y

From euphoria to contentment - Miriam Akhtar, Dr Phil Hammond, Lucy Mangan and Dominic Arkwright focus on happiness. From 2009.

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FRI 19:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js6w)

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FRI 20:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qsk3)

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FRI 20:30 The Toff (b007jrmb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000v9pt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m000v848)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01pdy85)

Series 3

Episode 5

The man who insists Superman is Indian, and the Bhangra Muffins act cool. Stars Meera Syal and Nina Wadia. From June 1998.

FRI 23:00 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007jr16)

The Real You

The producer forces Sean and Hamish to get proper jobs.

Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley and Hamish McColl, the Right Size.

With Rose English, Count Arthur Strong, Chris Lamer and Mark Stevens

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

FRI 23:30 The In Crowd (b00slxxy)

Series 3

Episode 4

The coolest bag ladies in the world, swimwear solutions for dieters who haven't yet reached their target weight and Jonathan Tudge, who just can't help putting his foot in it. Another advice-packed sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.