

SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021

SAT 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007js66)

Before the Screaming Begins
Episode 3

The sinister intentions of the alien invaders are finally revealed. Can the Earth fight back?

Conclusion of Before the Screaming Begins - the first of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy which continues with The Silent Scream and With a Whimper to the Grave.

Tom Harris James Laurenson

Sally Harris Jennifer Piercey

Prime Minister Patrick Troughton

AP Smith Donald Hewlett

Detective Sergeant Forbes Robert Trotter

Prime Minister's Wife Katherine Parr

MP Peter Williams

Brosteaux Nigel Graham

Corporal Wilkes Geoffrey Leesley,

Corporal Johnson Eric Allen

Cabinet Minister Maggie Ollerenshaw

Silkin Peter Wickham

Alien Voice Malcolm Gerard

Alien Controller Manning Wilson

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday-Night Theatre

production on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00vky79)

Living Cheap

"My name is David Collins. I'm 69 years old and I live in an almshouse."

Everyone tells us we are living in tough times, so three guests explain what that means for them. David Collins is an actor who has found a medieval sounding solution - an almshouse - to the big squeeze. Laurie Penny is a 23 year-old recent graduate who writes for free on her blog Penny Red, and until recently was living in a house she described as a scene from 'Withnail and I'. And Pauline Black, the lead singer of the Selecter, resists the charge that it was her baby boomer generation that has spent all the money and messed up the economy for everyone else.

Presenter Dominic Arkwright

Producer Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

SAT 01:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xmrh)

Series 3

8. Deadly Spark

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby probes an explosion at a car body repair shop.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Eric Bishop Nigel Graham

George Newton Wilfrid Carter

Frank Cole Bruce Beeby

Saunders Arthur Lawrence

Mrs Newton Joan Matheson

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Director: Martyn C Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

SAT 01:30 New Creatives Dramas (m000xmrk)

Series 2

5. Things We Never Said & The Caretaker

Fresh storytelling from first time writers and producers.

Part of BBC Introducing Arts supported by BBC Arts and Arts Council England.

BBC Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones presents two thought provoking short dramas from the next generation of dramatists. Things We Never Said by Sam Obigbesan.

What is it like traveling without sight? On the road to a memorial party a man tries to come to terms with grief as well as navigate the world as a blind person.

Featuring the voice of Douglas Walker

Script mentor: Kate McAll

Producers: Anna Campbell and Paul Dodgson

A Rural Media production

The Caretaker by Salman Shaffi

When Alia reluctantly returns home for her estranged mother's funeral, she finds herself confronted by childhood memories and nightmares. Now she is finally home again, will she have a second chance to save the little sister that was lost long ago?

Featuring the voices of Richard Hand, Bhasker Patel, Payal

Mistry and Rani Moorthy

Composer: Louis Palfrey

Producers: Tony Churnside and Eloise Whitmore

A Naked Production for Tyneside Cinema

Series theme music by Pete Judge

Producer Paul Dodgson

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 02:00 The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry (b08lk54g)

Episode 10

Sarah Perry's award-winning novel set at the end of the nineteenth century and inspired by true events.

Moving between Essex and London, myth and modernity, Cora Seaborne's spirited search for the Essex Serpent encourages all around her to test their allegiance to faith or reason in an age of rapid scientific advancement. At the same time, the novel

explores the boundaries of love and friendship and the allegiances that we have to one another. The depth of feeling that the inhabitants of Aldwinter share are matched by their city counterparts as they strive to find the courage to express and understand their deepest desires, and strongest fears.

The villagers confront the myth of the Essex Serpent for the last time. Cora and Will are forced to re-examine their relationship and their future.

Sarah Perry was born in Essex in 1979. She has a PhD in creative writing at Royal Holloway which she completed under the supervision of Andrew Motion. She has been writer in residence at the Gladstone Library and is the winner of a Shiva Naipaul award for travel writing. Her first novel, After Me Comes The Flood won the East Anglian Book of the Year Award in 2014. The Essex Serpent was Waterstone's Book Of The Year in 2016 and was short-listed for the Costa Novel Award 2016. She lives in Norwich.

Writer: Sarah Perry

Abridger: Jeremy Osborne

Reader: Ruth Gemmell

Producer: Rosalind Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

SAT 02:15 Shardlake (b09k8qzc)

Heartstone

Episode 5

Lawyer-detective Matthew Shardlake returns in the fifth of C J Sansom's Tudor mysteries. At Hoyland, there's growing rivalry between Sir Nicholas Hobby's young son David and his ward Hugh Curtesy. Meanwhile Shardlake travels to nearby Rolfswood to find out more about the mysterious past of Ellen Fettiplace, the Bedlam inmate he befriended in the course of another case two years previously.

Justin Salinger and Bryan Dick return as Matthew Shardlake and Jack Barak in Colin MacDonald's atmospheric dramatisation of the best-selling novel by C J Sansom.

Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger

Jack Barak Bryan Dick

Hugh Curtesy Will Howard

David Hobby Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Rev Seckford Neil McCaul

Nicholas Hobby David Seddon

Abigail Hobby Isabella Inchbald

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C J Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

SAT 02:30 Australian Rap (b010y30r)

Rapping out dreamtime stories: a new outlet for Australian

Aboriginal youth.

For years the Australian Aboriginal community have struggled to be heard. But as Mark Rickards discovers, today the youth have found a new voice through music and 'desert rap'.

Speaking to the first rappers to use their own Aboriginal language, Mark Rickards finds that the traditions of dreamtime storytelling have been reinvented by rap music. Although the style originated in the USA, Aboriginal youth have adapted it to suit their own needs. It can be used to tell the stories of life in the outback or life in the city, and to represent the often unheard voices of the Aboriginal people.

Mark visits an Aboriginal radio station which has helped bring indigenous rap to a wider audience, and looks at the challenges of getting mainstream recognition.

Today younger rappers are talking about a brighter future for the Aboriginal people, and their music shows hopeful signs for the gradual evolution of Australia itself.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 03:00 The Mayor of Casterbridge (b00bvc00)

3. The Stranger

Henchard sets about rebuilding his life but then, appearance of a stranger in Casterbridge, threatens to unravel everything.

Conclusion of Thomas Hardy's tragic story of a man who spends his life trying to atone for one terrible action that led to the loss of his wife and child.

Dramatised in three parts by Helen Edmundson.

MICHAEL HENCHARD.....John Lynch

ELIZABETH-JANE.....Ruth Wilson

DONALD FARFRAE.....Paul Higgins

LUCETTA.....Emma Fielding

FURMITY WOMAN.....Maggie Steed

ABEL WHITTLE.....Burn Gorman

JOPP.....Conrad Nelson

NEWSON.....Jonathan Keeble

SOLOMON LONGWAYS.....Russell Dixon

CHRISTOPHER CONEY.....David Fielder

MOTHER CUXSOM.....Sue Ryding

MARTHA.....Vashti Maclachlan

PHOEBE.....Lorna Lewis

Directed by Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b036kbm5)

Series 2

Episode 1

What is Frankie Boyle's worst habit? What is the best piece of advice Diane Morgan's dad ever gave her? Which government department did Alan Johnson most like being in charge of?

All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show

hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well

they know their nearest and dearest.

In this case, Alan Johnson picks his son Jamie, Diane Morgan her father Peter and Frankie Boyle his mate Stuart to answer questions about each other.

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SAT 04:30 To the Manor Born (b007k4mq)

Vive Le Sport

When Devere invites Audrey to go skiing, he ends up being taken for a ride.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey Forbes-Hamilton.

Keith Barron Richard De Vere

Angela Thorne Marjory Frobisher

Nicholas McArdle Brabinger

Margery Withers Mrs Poloucvicka

Frank Middlemass Ned

Geoffrey Whitehead Dr Horton

Melanie Hudson Receptionist

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey Forbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.

From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.

First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997.

Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1997.

SAT 05:00 Guilt Trip (b07hg2q)

Episode 1

A mother and daughter undertake a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity.

But the mother and father divorced nine years ago and he'd re-married, so relationships between them all have been strained. Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gable table that Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden. This has somehow ended up in the step-mother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it."

Comedy drama written by Katherine Jakeways with Felicity Montagu and Olivia Nixon.

Ros Felicity Montagu

Laura Olivia Nixon

Stepmother Katherine Jakeways

Boyfriend Tim Key

With Jeff Rawle and Velibor Topic.

In this opening episode, mother and daughter are just starting out and in her usual putting-her-large-foot-firmly-in-it manner Ros gets her daughter's ex-boyfriend to drop them at the source, but without any prior warning to the daughter. The renewed bonding Ros is hoping for may be a bit bumpier than expected.

Especially when along the way Ros also manages to offend pretty much everyone she meets - not least an Eastern European camp site warden.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in July 2016.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000xkft)

Lucy Porter: Back in the Family Way

Following her previous, very popular In the Family Way shows, Radio 4 favourite Lucy returns with another examination of domestic life, covering everything from the dramatic to the dreary.

This time, Lucy looks at the effects of the pandemic on our relationships with family, friends and neighbours. The last year has been hard on people who were separated from their nearest and dearest, but it's also been no picnic for those who were locked up with their loved ones.

Home schooling, working from the kitchen table, zoom quizzes with cousins, clapping with the neighbours - Lucy explores all the things that have brought us together, while also driving us apart. We look forward to the year 2041 and ponder what they'll make of it in the future.

Talented comedian and impressionist Luke Kempner is on hand again to help Lucy bring her thoughts to life. As always, he displays his range of comic voices, including an impressive impersonation of Lucy's next door neighbour Yvonne.

Back In The Family Way was recorded at Lucy's local village hall, with a socially distanced audience of her family, friends and neighbours. Let's see if any of them are still speaking to her after this show.

Written by Lucy Porter

Starring Lucy Porter and Luke Kempner

Additional Material: Gabby Hutchinson Crouch and Mike Shepherd

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Studio Engineer and Editor: Jerry Peal

Production Runners: Sahara Dennis, Kareem Elshehawy, Sakshi Gupta

Produced and Directed by Gordon Kennedy

Would not have been possible without Marilyn Imrie

Recorded Live at Pinner Village Hall

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Inspector Morse (b08k1z28)

House of Ghosts

An original drama written by Alma Cullen around the

characters of Morse and Lewis created by Colin Dexter. The focus is on the time in Morse's career when his mind was developing its incisive edge and his personal life was at its most complex.

The year is 1987, and Morse is at the theatre, where the young actress playing Ophelia dies on stage during a performance of Hamlet. A Suspicious Death inquiry begins.

When a suspect is murdered, Morse becomes convinced that the two deaths do, somehow, connect with what happened at an Oxford student production of Hamlet which he was a part of in 1962.

Inspector Morse ... Neil Pearson
DS Lewis ... Lee Ingleby
Supt Strange ... Pip Torrens
Philip Woolf ... Stephen Critchlow
Lawrence Baxter ... Timothy Watson
Paul Kincaid ... Allan Corduner
Ellen Underwood ... Samantha Bond
Verity Carr ... Isla Blair

Harriet Baxter ... Janine Harouni
Writer: Alma Cullen
Director: Marilyn Imrie
Directed by Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04dyk53)

Series 1
Louis Armstrong
Band leader Chris Barber chooses the legendary jazz trumpeter, Louis Armstrong. With Humphrey Carpenter.
The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life? From 2002.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b00762gh)
Series 4
Episode 2
Graeme Garden chairs the debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Sue Perkins, Steve Punt and Marcus Brigstocke. From June 2001.

SAT 08:30 Snap (m00016gc)
Series 2
Episode 6
Doug and Molly go on a secret date in the countryside. They both want to be together again, but now they've told each other, getting close isn't as simple as they thought it would be... Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Samantha Spiro as Dawn and Jonathan Tafler as Raymond and Richard Firth as Ansel.
Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
SAT 09:00 Howerd's Ways: The Radio Times of Frankie Howerd (b01gvvzh)
The life and BBC radio career of Frankie Howerd – the celebrated King of Titters.

His last agent Tessa Le Bars talks to Peter Reed and shares her memories of this icon of British comedy. Featuring:
* The Frankie Howerd Show:
Doggy doing with the BBC DG and Frankie's memoirs. Titters galore with stand-up and sketches from the legendary comic. With June Whitfield and Ray Fell. (BBC Radio 2 from June 1973)

* Radio Lives – Frankie Howerd:
His highs were high, his lows were low. How did he get to be so funny? Dylan Winter finds out from childhood friends, variety artists and those who knew Frankie very well. (BBC Radio 4 from July 1995)

* Variety Bandbox:
An early radio appearance for Frankie Howerd on a bill with Philip Slessor, Derek Roy, (Alberto) Semprini, Vanessa Lee and Billy Terment & His Orchestra. (BBC Light Programme from June 1953)

* Now Listen:
Gags from Frankie Howerd, plus sketches with Carol Allen, Robertson Hare and Kenneth Connor. (BBC Light Programme from April 1965)

* Desert Island Discs:
Frankie Howerd chats to Roy Plomley and makes his castaway choices. (BBC Radio 4 from January 1982)

Producer: Mik Wilkojc
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2012.
SAT 12:00 The Write Stuff (m000xmkk)

Series 8
Lord Byron
James Walton's literary quiz.
Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by Simon Brett and Peter Kemp.
Author of the week is Lord Byron
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Producer: Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.

SAT 12:30 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b05xh31b)
Series 1
Death
The biggest problem of them all - death.

From praying for life everlasting to uploading our minds into a giant cloud of data - is there anything at all we can do to avoid it?

Comedy series that explores the triumphs and disasters of human ingenuity.

Helen Keen together with co-stars Peter Serafinowicz and Susy Kane look at the biggest problems that have faced our species since the dawn of time, and describe humanity's incredible and sometimes absurd solutions.

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill

Producer: Gareth Edwards
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2015.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09nqnxw)
The Medium Is the Message
Generation X author Douglas Coupland explores the ideas, sound and vision of media seer Marshall McLuhan who in the 1960s coined the phrases "the medium is the message" and "the global village".

Marshall McLuhan was the first great prophet of what would become digital mass media and indeed the global media village - a thinker and writer of near supernatural foresight.

Trained as a literary scholar, throughout his career McLuhan not only examined the relationship between form and content in the media itself, offering dazzling arguments for the importance of medium over content, but anticipated the very idea of online networks, virtual reality, multiple interfaces, social media and most importantly of all, how new technologies rewire us by stealth, endlessly transforming our identities and our communities. "We shape our tools and thereafter our tools shape us," he said.

Drawing on cutting-edge thinking about networks and cybernetics, McLuhan foresaw a fully wired, connected world, which would bring to an end the isolated consumption of print.

New cross-border (effectively online) communities would form, breaking old political barriers, creating genuinely new kinds of electronic identity. But with this McLuhan offered a warning: older ideas of privacy and the self would evaporate under new media he said, leading to the rise of what he called 'discarnate' man - the lost, disembodied user extended across an unrelenting, unforgiving electronic global nervous system. McLuhan's ideas seem more prescient than ever. As Douglas Coupland puts it: 'The future has never happened so quickly, to so many people, in such an extreme way - just as Marshall predicted, an uncanny prophet of our own digital age.'

Contributors include novelist Tom McCarthy, DJ Spooky, Andrew McLuhan, biographer Philip Marchand, the media theorists Shannon Mattern and Bernard Dionysus Geoghegan, Zak Kyles the graphic designer, philosopher James Garvey, filmmaker Jonathan Meades and former network engineer Tung-Hui Hu, who has written on McLuhan and 1970s guerrilla television.

Presenter: Douglas Coupland

Producer: Simon Hollis

A Brook Lapping production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SAT 14:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (b080tynb)

Series 1
Pretending and Sandwiches
The Godfather of Alternative Comedy delivers a mixture of stand-up, memoir and philosophy from behind the counter of his Imaginary Sandwich Bar.
Alexei Sayle explores his impulse to pretend and love of sandwiches.

Along the way he reveals the little known origin of the prawn cocktail, debunks the myth that the Earl of Sandwich was the first person to put a bit of meat between two slices of bread and discusses the hidden depths of Taylor Swift.

Written and performed by Alexei Sayle
Original music and lyrics by Tim Sutton

Producer: Joe Nunnelly
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

SAT 14:30 Life on Egg (b087p3sm)

Series 1
Inspection
Harry Hill runs Britain's remotest prison, The Egg, along with his two assistants, Peter and Anne. But escape rates have gotten out of control and so the government has decided to send two inspectors to look things over.

Will Harry and his team survive their strenuous checks? Find out in "Life on Egg".

Harry Harry Hill

Anne Marek Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

Minister Alison Belbin

Tim Jason Forbes

Skulk Jason Forbes

Jones Dan Maier

Written by Dan Maier

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2017.

SAT 14:45 Woof (b0bgrtmh)

True Tales of Romance and Failure

A Foreign Tongue

Bittersweet comic real life stories written and performed by Chris Neill

With Martin Hyder and Isy Suttie.

We start with Chris Neill's amusing love life tales including his first love, Pierre-Claude from his school French book, an

encounter with a violinist and, is France the answer?

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2018.

SAT 15:00 Rigor Mortis (b007mdgd)

Series 2

Episode 1

Doctor Webster gets a little carried away when Professor Donaldson suggests that the team get to know the people they're autopsying.

Starring Peter Davison.

Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.

Dr Webster Peter Davison

Dr Anderson Matilda Ziegler

Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead

Gordon Tom Price

Chloe Marianne Levy

Simon Gus Brown

Mr Reeve Nicholas Boulton

Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

SAT 15:30 Colin Houlth's Carnival of Monsters (b036mykr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.

Master character comedian Colin Houlth's debut comedy series.

Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Thwor - the mighty (but Leeds-based) god of Thwunder; Len Parker - Nottingham-born martial arts and transformers enthusiast; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and many more.

Writers Guild Award-winner Colin Houlth is best known for his highly acclaimed starring roles in 'Being Human', 'Life's Too Short', and 'Russell Howard's Good News', as well as his many hit shows at the Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared and written for a number of Radio 4 series including 'The Headset Set' and 'Colin and Fergus' Digi-Radio'.

Producer: Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

SAT 16:00 Inspector Morse (b08k12z8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04dyk53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Bryony Lavery - 272 Attempts (b0076mn4)

An isolated house. The discovery of children's graves. A large number of tagged children in the house.

Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery explores the world of genetics.

CAST:

Patrick Lear Malcolm Sinclair

Helen Lear Penelope Wilton

Chisobe Oylele Adjoa Andoh

Dr Serkassie Deborah Findlay

Chavez Stephen Hogan

Cupido Alice Hart

Colonel Treves John Rowe

Dr Cortes Philip Fox

Dr Chang Joanna McCallum

Father Sifaxis Jon Glover

With Lulu Poplewell, Anton Rice and Jessica Crossley

Director: Claire Grove

First Broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

SAT 19:00 Howerd's Ways: The Radio Times of Frankie Howerd (b01gvvzh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Rigor Mortis (b00b3hjt)

Series 2

Episode 2

A total lack of corpses sparks a dry spell in the pathology lab. Stars Peter Davison and Geoffrey Whitehead. From November 2004.

SAT 22:30 Elvenquest (b017757w)

Series 3

Episode 6

When the Questers get drunk to celebrate Vidar's birthday, Sam tries once again to gain (albeit with customary cack-handedness) the affections of Penthiselea, much to her consternation. Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is anxious to get one over his old nemesis, Kaybar the Maleficent, and so decides to do something really newsworthy and light the "Beacon of Doom".

If the "Beacon of Doom" is lit then the runes dictate that one of the Questers must do battle in hand-to-hand combat with Lord Darkness himself. And so, to impress Penthiselea, Sam volunteers to be that Quester. Problem is, Sam doesn't have the first idea how to fight hand-to-hand. Fortunately, nor it seems, does Lord Darkness. Should make for an interesting showdown then...

Vidar Darren Boyd

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Amis, aka the "Chosen One" Dave Lamb

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Sam Stephen Mangan

Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SAT 23:00 The Skivers (b007jwrv)

Series 1

Rodney Bewes

Fathers' Mastermind, and a new-style triathlon.

Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skiffish sketch show with special guest Rodney Bewes who reveals his specialist subject.

Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With Peter Bradshaw and Mel Giedroyc

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

SAT 23:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jlx9)

Series 2

Leonardo da Vinci

The radical comedian profiles the Italian artist and scholar. Was he a genius or a hopeless absent-minded buffoon? From March 2001.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 06:00 The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry (Omnibus) (b08mk5q8)

Episode 2

Cora seeks help from her London friend, Dr Luke Garrett. Her friendship with Will is tested. Meanwhile, the summer heat seems to banish all thoughts of the Essex Serpent.

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Producer: Rosalind Ward

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SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b7cnys)

Fiona Shaw

The actress chooses 'Father and Son' by Cat Stevens, and the final chorus of 'Dialogues of the Carmelites' by Francis Poulenc.

SUN 07:20 Shardlake (Omnibus) (b09l9n4q)

Heartstone

Episode 1

It begins with a summons from Queen Catherine Parr: "Master Shardlake, I would welcome your personal counsel on a case..."

It ends with the sinking of the warship, the *Mary Rose*: "So tall, so grand. I was on her when she went down..." In between,

lawyer-detective Matthew Shardlake and his assistant Jack Barak find themselves embroiled in two murky investigations - the first involving the "monstrous wrongs" allegedly perpetrated by wealthy cloth merchant Sir Nicholas Hobbey against his young ward, Hugh Curteys; the second concerning the troubled past of a Bedlam inmate called Ellen Fettiplace. A patient for nearly 20 years, Ellen is frightened and lonely - and in love with Shardlake.

The Hobbey-Curteys case leads Shardlake and Barak to Sir Nicholas's estate near Portsmouth, in Hampshire. "And the way to Hampshire lay through West Sussex. Where Ellen came from."

Two mysteries to unravel. A parade of intriguing characters to

interview and interrogate - some disdainful of the hunchbacked lawyer; some obstructive and even dangerous; some not at all what they seem... And as Shardlake and his sidekick travel the countryside in their search for the truth, everywhere they see signs of preparations for war. For just across the Channel the French fleet is getting ready to attack.

Justin Salinger and Bryan Dick return as Matthew Shardlake and Jack Barak in Colin MacDonald's atmospheric dramatisation of the best-selling novel by CJ Sansom.

Shardlake Justin Salinger

Barak Bryan Dick

Queen Catherine Emily Wachter

Ellen Fettiplace Kath Weare

Dyrrick Philip Bretherton

Goodryke Clive Hayward

Sir Richard Rich Nicholas Murchie

George Leacon Finn den Hertog

Sir Nicholas Hobbey David Seddon

Hugh Curteys Will Howard

Abigail Hobbey Isabella Inchbald

David Hobbey Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Reverend Seckford Neil McCaul

Philip West Chris Pavlo

Feaveryear Gary Duncan

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C. J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (m00019gc)

A Spy in the Camp

David needs to find a new secretary and finds himself landed with his boss's niece.

Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss.

Beginning in 1953, it ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 - but few survive in the BBC archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first seven episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of the *St Trinian's* films - destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's *Minder* - George Cole.

CAST:

David Bliss George Cole

Anne Fellows Diana Churchill

Tony Fellows Colin Gordon

Zoe Hunter Sheila Sweet

'Psyche' the Dog Percy Edwards

Mr Hood Barry K. Barnes

Gwen Cherrill Marcia Hammond as Gwen Cherrill

Miss Robertson Sheila Manahan

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959.

SUN 09:00 The Arthur Haynes Show (m000945t)

From 04/08/1963

Arthur is taken to court for disturbing the peace and then offers to sell his organs.

The comic characters of popular comedian Arthur Haynes in Johnny Speight's sketches.

After originally working with Charlie Chester on a number of series for BBC Radio, Arthur Haynes (1914-1966) became a big star on ITV in the late 1950s/early 1960s

With Nicholas Parsons, Leslie Noyes, Dorothy Dampier and Graham Stark.

Music by Peter Crawford & His Trio.

Producer: Richard Dingley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1963.

SUN 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b007szmj)

Series 1

Separate Troubles

Robert and Sue have fallen out and she's chucked him out.

What could possibly bring them together again?

John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.

Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair

Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn

Sue Caroline Quentin

With:

Sally Grace

Rosemary Martin

Jean Campbell-Dallas

Christopher Scott

Jonathan Kydd

John Baddeley

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1989.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000xsvq)

Comic Castaways 3

Lee Mack

Kirsty Young interviews the comedian Lee Mack.

He writes and stars in the BBC One hit show "Not Going Out". His stand-up tours do great business and his lightning sharp comedy reflexes are also put to good use on a number of prime-time panel shows.

His first ever performance was doing impressions for his school mates, but it took him more than ten years to pluck up the courage to step on stage. Leaving school with two O'levels and a cheeky grin, he had a stint as Red Rum's stable boy and a bash at being a professional darts player.

He says of his comedy career "I'm the kind of person that, if I don't think it's hard work, I worry that it's not worthwhile. I

have to feel as if I've struggled a bit."

Producer: Isabel Sargent

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000xssq)

A Changing Body

A potentially life-saving double-mastectomy, has an unexpected side effect of body confidence for BBC Radio London presenter Clara Hermet.

This story originally appeared in the BBC England podcast,

Multi Story - presented and produced by Becca Bryers.

SUN 11:00 Sneakernomics (p09fy38g)

9. Footnotes

Sneakernomics is a close encounter with the visionaries, artisans and journeymen who've made, and been made, by trainers.

We'll follow in the footsteps of mavericks, hustlers and dreamers, and hear their tales of boom and bust, fame and infamy, hope and heartbreak.

Across nine episodes, Sneakernomics tells the extraordinary origin stories of some of the world's biggest brands, and how sponsorship deals and celebrity culture redefined our relationship with products. It's also a business story - how leisure has evolved into a multi-billion dollar industry; a sports story - how games became organised and grew into a global spectacle; and it's a story of invention - how enthusiastic hobbyist-pioneers often took extraordinary risks that changed the course of sport and fashion.

The sneaker story is characterised by fierce competition and rivalry. We explore how the quest to be number one tore families and friendships apart and divided towns. Above all, this is the story of the people behind the shoes. What you'll hear is a mix of interviews with many of the key individuals who've played their part in that extraordinary story, interlaced with moments of fiction inspired by their testimonies and our research.

Written and presented by Nicholas Smith, with 1Xtra presenter Ace. The drama is written by Al Smith.

Episode 9 Cast:

Rob Wilf Scolding

Phil Trevor White

Waitress Cecilia Appiah

Production Trainee: Marithe Van Der Aa

Assistant Producer: Ben Hollands

Sound: Peter Ringrose

Producer: Sasha Yevtushenko

Special thanks: Peter Moore, Julie Dixon, Nelson Farris, Sonny and Pam Vaccaro, Paul Litchfield, Anna Bryher, Rob Harrison, Mimmy Kowell, Matt Powell, Sebastian Kopp, Angel Martinez, Bob Woodell, Sigi Dassler, Michael Dassler, John Boulter, Joe Foster, Joe Franklin, Gary Aspden, Clare Ewing, Adam Gibbons and Simon Ward.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000xsr1)

Pick a Sky and Name It

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects

Pick a Sky and Name It featuring successful millennial poet Momtaza Mehri from Somalia.

How did Momtaza Mehri go from net savvy 6th former to successful millennial poet?

A house belonging to her grandmother is the closest poet

Momtaza Mehri has ever come to having a permanent home.

Aside from summer months in London, Momtaza's family picked its way across the Middle East.

"Then I just realise, I'm having this typical Somali experience where we're literally going to the places that would be considered the bad 'hoods.'"

Across a sea, another gulf, was the country her parents no longer called home.

Talking with her mother, Momtaza revisits the childhood experiences that shaped her outlook and her coming of age as a millennial poet.

Poetry extracts are taken from:

I believe in the transformative power of cocoa butter and

breakfast cereal in the afternoon

Manifesto for those carrying dusk under their eyes

The Sag

Shan

Wink Wink

November 1997

"The internet just switched up the entire game," Momtaza says.

Producer: Tamsin Hughes

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast in 2017.

SUN 12:30 Start/Stop (b07myyr1)

Series 3

Tinder

Start/Stop is a sitcom by Jack Docherty about three marriages in various states of disrepair.

Barney and Cathy have been married for ages and it shows. Evan and Fiona's marriage is one big, noisy argument and David is old enough to be Alice's father.

Start/Stop follows the story of these three couples as they try to make the best of their marriages and friendships, and the characters are able to stop the action, explain themselves to the audience and start it all up again.

This week: 'Tinder'. Barney and Cathy come up with a plan to find out which of them is the most attractive. What could possibly go wrong? Meanwhile Alice has joined a life drawing class but husband David is jealous and wants to replace the person sitting for it.

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman
Evan John Thomson
Fiona Fiona Allen
David Charlie Higson
Alice Laura Aikman
Written by: Jack Docherty
Producer: Claire Jones

A BBC Studio Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SUN 13:00 A Dangerous Innocence by Elizabeth Jane Howard (Omnibus) (b07wxrsh)

The biography of novelist Elizabeth Jane Howard, author of *The Cazalet Chronicles*, who died in 2014, from biographer Artemis Cooper. Marriage, motherhood and Jane's first writings.

Elizabeth Jane Howard wrote brilliant novels about what love can do to people, but in her own life the lasting relationship she sought so ardently always eluded her. She grew up yearning to be an actress; but when that ambition was thwarted by marriage and the war, she turned to fiction. Her first novel, *The Beautiful Visit*, won the John Llewellyn Rhys prize - she went on to write fourteen more, of which the best-loved were the five volumes of *The Cazalet Chronicle*.

Following her divorce from her first husband, the celebrated naturalist Peter Scott, Jane embarked on a string of high-profile affairs. Yet the image of a sophisticated woman hid a romantic innocence which clouded her emotional judgement. She was nearing the end of a disastrous second marriage when she met Kingsley Amis, and for a few years they were a brilliant and glamorous couple - until that marriage too disintegrated. She settled in Suffolk where she wrote and entertained friends, but her turbulent love life was not over yet. In her early seventies Jane fell for a comman. His unmasking was the final disillusion, and inspired one of her most powerful novels, *Falling*. Artemis Cooper interviewed Jane several times in Suffolk. She also talked extensively to her family, friends and contemporaries, and had access to all her papers. Her biography explores a woman trying to make sense of her life through her writing, as well as illuminating the literary world in which she lived.

Author: Artemis Cooper

Reader: Greta Scacchi

Abrider: Sara Davies

Producer: Simon Richardson and Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0blvlbm)

Kim Wilde

Singer Kim Wilde chooses Cilla Black's *Anyone Who Had a Heart* and *Everything Put Together Falls Apart* by Paul Simon.

SUN 14:20 The Professor by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (b00m4vxd)

Episode 1

Orphaned William Crimsworth is a young man with nothing. As he sets out to make his way in the world he doesn't want to be indebted to anyone. But running parallel with this need for self-control is the desperate need to love - and be loved in return.

The least known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

William Crimsworth Paul Venables

Edward Crimsworth Jonathan Keeble

Lord Tynedale Gerard McDermottand

Mrs Crimsworth Ruth Sillers

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SUN 15:30 Linard's Travels (b047bz10)

Deep and distinguished, yet rugged and wise, Linard Davies serves the next customer wanting their bag wrapped in cling film at the Airport Travel Agency in San Francisco. Linard deals with the packages that the airlines won't and swears by his motto, 'We don't say no'.

Perhaps it's this can-do attitude that has earned him a reputation for dealing with urns. 'We must have had over a hundred urns'. A traffic cop stored his father's ashes with Linard while putting on a function at his house. He would occasionally pop in and ask, 'How's my dad doing?' Linard would reply, 'He's doing great, he ain't bothering nobody!'

A Korean girl flying to Atlanta left the ashes of her mother with Linard, never to be picked up. He now considers the deceased his business partner, talking to her on long night shifts. Yet he does feel a little responsible for 'Grandma' as he calls her, as he accidentally broke the urn and the ashes scattered onto the floor. So Grandma is now forever in San Francisco Airport. The Airport Travel Agency deals with all kinds of artefacts, from a set of house keys to a bass violin, kayak, or extra-large dog kennel (minus the dog). The unofficial historian of the Airport Travel Agency, Carol, gives us a run down of the strangest items - clown shoes, 10-foot tall carved wooden doors from Bali and a set of fresh moose antlers, to name just a few.

Producer: Peter Shevlin

A BlokMedia production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 16:00 Rose Tremain (b0214f2)

Who Was Emily Davison?

Emily Davison has a small, tragic place in British history. She was the woman who threw herself in front of the King's horse, Anmer, during the running of the Epsom Derby in 1913. Why did she do it?

Starring Janet Maw, Nigel Anthony, miriam Margolyes and Elizabeth Proud

Rose Tremain's drama based on historic events.

Emily Davison Janet Maw

King George V Nigel Anthony

Queen Mary Miriam Margolyes

Mrs Pankhurst Elizabeth Proud

Other parts played by Doreen Hepburn, Tessa Worsley, Melanie

Hudson, Stephen Crichtlow and John Turner.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 1995.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000xsr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Start/Stop (b07myyr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Val McDermid - Resistance (m000xsr3)

Episode 1

Part 1. It's the Solstice music festival, when 150,000 people descend on a farm in the North-East for the open-air event of the summer. The audience pours in from all over the UK and beyond. The artistes come from all round the globe. The journalists likewise.

Among the hacks is Zoe Meadows, who has left her husband Jamie and two small children at home to watch the event on TV. For really, if you weren't working, who would actually want to be there, partying for a weekend without adequate sanitary facilities on what is, at its heart, an agricultural site? You wouldn't go hungry, though. Well, you might if you thought too closely about those hundreds of food stalls desperate to keep their costs down, not asking too many questions of their meat suppliers, not really caring whether those hand-crafted pork sausages are from pigs stuffed full of antibiotics on the intensive farming unit they came from. One of those food stalls is Sam's Sausage Sandwiches, run by Sam and Lisa Shore.

Zoe owes them a great deal. Since becoming a mother and wanting fewer hours she has taken a step back from investigative journalism and has settled for covering the softer stories such as Solstice. Even this wouldn't have been possible without Sam and Lisa who stepped in to look after the kids when both her and Jamie were working...

Zoe Gina McKee

Jamie Jason Done

Sam Nitin Kundra

Lisa Angela Lonsdale

Baz Henry Devas

Will Ashley Margolis

Tina Verity-May Henry

Dr Adamson Verity-May Henry

James/Nowak Jonathan Keeble

Resistance was written by Val McDermid

Directed in Salford by Susan Roberts

Programme consultant - Christopher Dowson Professor of

Microbiology, University of Warwick and Trustee for

Antibiotic Research UK.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

SUN 18:45 Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist (b07j571j)

My Lady Love, My Dove

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers.

The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature.

In *My Lady Love, My Dove*, starring Penelope Keith, we meet Arthur and Pamela Beauchamp, a wealthy couple who like to play bridge. However, they are continually being beaten by the Snapes - a younger couple who stay with them as house guests. But Pamela has devised a cunning way of getting her own back.

Cast:

Storyteller.....Charles Dance

Pamela..... Penelope Keith

Arthur.....Richard O'Callaghan

Henry.....Nicholas Boulton

Sally.....Jaimi Barbakoff

Written by Roald Dahl

Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan

Director: David Blount

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

SUN 19:00 Sneakernomics (p09fy38g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Rose Tremain (b0214f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000xsvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000xsqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b07myyr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Mel and Sue Thing (b0076b3z)

Episode 5

Virginia Wade and Tim Henman talk politics, Sweet Fanny Adams talks, well, sweetly, and Lovejoy and Bergerac talk nonsense.

Plus the penultimate episode of Jane Austen's lost novella, *Sweet Fanny Adams*, still cruelly ignored by the critics as a work of minor importance

More mayhem from Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.

With Paul Chahidi

Written by Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

SUN 23:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (b0832mww)

Series 1

Political Beliefs

Alexei explores his political beliefs system, looking back at his childhood in a communist household, his career as a drug-dealer and his physical attraction to Boris Johnson.

The Godfather of Alternative Comedy delivers a mixture of stand-up, memoir and philosophy from behind the counter of his Imaginary Sandwich Bar.

Written and performed by Alexei Sayle.

Producer: Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

November 2016

SUN 23:30 Masala FM (b007jypp)

Episode 3

When one of Auntieji's disgruntled listeners decides to take matters in to his own hands, Khalid may be the only one who can save the station.

Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal

Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawheny, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.

Music by Nitin Sawheny.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.

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MON 00:00 Val McDermid - Resistance (m000xsr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist (b07j571j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 A Dangerous Innocence by Elizabeth Jane Howard (Omnibus) (b07wxrsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0blvlbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 The Professor by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (b00m4vxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Linard's Travels (b047bz10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Rose Tremain (b0214f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000xsr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Start/Stop (b07myyr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xsr1)

Series 3

9. Fire Proof

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby finds a link between a cottage fire and a suspicious death elsewhere.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin

'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Mrs Craig Beatrice Kane

Mrs Reed Vera Lennox

Alan Craig Tim Seely

Fire-Officer Thomas Nigel Graham

Sgt Collins Hamlyn Benson

Pearson Henry Stamper

Police Operator Gordon Gardner

Director: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

MON 06:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cd6)

The Mystery of the Blue Train

1. Heart of Fire

The 'Heart of Fire' is one of the world's legendary jewels which once adorned the crown of the Tsars. But legend proclaims the stunning ruby brings death in its wake.

So the American millionaire Rufus Van Aldin may live to regret his purchase...

As the glamorous Blue Train carries the rich and the famous to their beloved Riviera - the future looks far from bright for one passenger...

Another case for Agatha Christie's Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot.

First published in 1928, *The Mystery of the Blue Train* is based

on a short story from 1923, *The Plymouth Express*.

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.

Rufus Van Aldin Robert Beatty

Katherine Grey Janet Maw

Ruth Kettering Avril Clarke

Derek Kettering Anthony Smece

Major Knighton Michael Deacon

Lady Tamplin Gwen Cherrell
Lenox Moir Leslie
Mirelle Judy Buxton
Dr Harrison Peter Woodthorpe
Krassnine John Harrison
Olga Tessa Worsley
Zia Jane Leonard
Scattergood Garard Green
Papopolous Ronald Herdman
Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985.

MON 07:00 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b05y0qkv)

Series 1

Love

Helen looks at love and the problems of finding the perfect mate.

Including the invention of computer dating; how we might chemically engineer love; how the bicycle revolutionised sex; having a row in Ikea; and a pair of romantic prairie voles. A comic look at the solutions humanity has devised to deal with the fundamental problems of survival, starring Helen Keen, Susy Kane and Peter Serafinowicz.

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill,

Producer: Gareth Edwards

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2015.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000xkzb)

Series 75

Episode 4

Radio 4's antidote to panel comes once again from the Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House but with a virtual audience drawn exclusively from Northern Ireland.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)

Series 5

The Desperate Hours

After news of a jailbreak at Wormwood Scrubs, Albert and Harold get some unwelcome visitors.

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

CAST:

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H. Corbett

Johnny Spooner Leonard Rossiter

Frank Ferris Paddy Joyce

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Galton & Simpson wrote ten pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of eight series for TV.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1974.

MON 08:30 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)

Episode 3

Leslie Phillips narrates AG Macdonell's classic comedy first published in 1933, adapted in six parts by Bob Sinfield.

Young Donald Cameron retires injured from the Great War and finds himself with a commission - to write a book about the English and their curious habits.

Episode 3: Can he survive when has to play cricket in a sleepy little Kentish village?

Donald Cameron Sam Graham

Hodge Christopher Benjamin

Mr Harcourt Peter Kelly

Mr Southcott Shaun Prendergast

Director: Neil Cargill

A Splice of Life production for BBC Radio 2 first broadcast in October 1994.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b07zyhpy)

Dan Antopolski, Janet Ellis, Kirsty Lang and John Sergeant Quote ... Unquote, the popular quotations quiz, returns for its 40th anniversary series.

For forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian KcKellen, Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote Unquote stage.

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

Comedian, actor and writer Dan Antopolski

Presenter, actress and author Janet Ellis

Journalist and Broadcaster Kirsty Lang

Journalist and ballroom dancer John Sergeant

Presenter ... Nigel Rees

Reader ... Charlotte Green

Producer ... Carl Cooper

Production co-ordinator ... George Pierpoint

This is a BBC Studios Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

MON 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b007jv6b)

Series 2

Episode 1

The further adventures of Mr Justice Cocklecarrot, Captain Foulenough, Dr Strabismus (whom God preserve) of Utrecht and Big White Carstairs.

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 July 1991.

MON 10:00 Nikos Kazantzakis - Zorba the Greek (b007jqzj)

Episode 1

When young writer Nikos encounters zest-filled Zorba, his life is never the same. This is a middle-aged Greek hero who says yes to every experience and adventure that life has to offer... Nick McCarty's dramatisation of Nikos Kazantzakis's famous Greek novel

Stars Robert Stephens as Zorba, Michael Maloney as Nikos, Mary Wimbush as Hortense, Terry Molloy as Mavronioni, Dominic Taylor as Mimiko, Roger Hume as Anagnosti, Peter Meakin as Andonis, Hedli Niklaus as the Mad Woman and Judy Bennett as the Villa Girl.

Producer: Phillip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000xxs5)

Series 8

The Biology of Sex

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores the complex world of biological sex – it's not as simple as XX or XY genetics.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2020.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000xxs7)

Jonathan Dimbleby

Presenter Jonathan Dimbleby chooses Rock Around the Clock by Bill Haley and the final movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xxs1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07sy32z)

1. Early Years at Formby

A biography of the novelist who denied that she ever wrote fiction, maintaining that her books were based on her experiences. "What is more peculiar, more riveting, devious and horrific than real life?" she said.

But while her own life was the primary source for her books, she was never afraid of adding a little colour.

Episode 1: The early years at Formby.

The author Brendan King is a freelance translator, editor and reviewer, with a special interest in late nineteenth century French literature. He completed his PhD on Joris-Karl Huysmans' life and work at Birkbeck College, London, in 2004. Between 1987 and 2010, King worked for Beryl Bainbridge, and helped prepare a number of the novels she wrote during this period for publication, including the book she was working on at the time of her death, *The Girl in the Polka-dot Dress*, which was published posthumously.

Readers:

Narrator James Fleet

Beryl Bainbridge Samantha Bond

Author: Brendan King

Abrider: Pete Nichols

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.

MON 14:15 Shardlake (b09kxq0)

Heartstone

Episode 6

Continuing Colin MacDonald's dramatisation of the Tudor mystery novel by C.J. Sansom.

Lawyer-detective Matthew Shardlake and his assistant Jack Barak journey to Portsmouth with Sir Nicholas Hobbey and his young ward, Hugh Curteys. Preparations for a naval battle with the French are gathering pace, and Hugh – anxious to enlist in spite of Sir Nicholas's strong objections – demonstrates his archery skills to Captain Leacon. Meanwhile Shardlake has an unexpected and typically unpleasant encounter with his old enemy Sir Richard Rich.

Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger

Jack Barak Bryan Dick

Nicholas Hobbey David Seddon

High Curteys Will

Howard Dyrick Philip Bretherton

George Leacon Finn den Hertog

Priddis Clive Hayward

Sir Richard Rich Nicholas Murchie

Phillip West Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C.J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

MON 14:30 The Countertenor (b017cjmj)

Men who sing in falsetto: Bidisha surveys the countertenor voice - in classical music and in the music of Jimmy Somerville, Smokey Robinson, the Bee Gees and Plan B. She looks at the sexual ambiguity and ethereal quality of a voice that can still make people feel uncomfortable.

Many people still associate the countertenor sound with the use of castrati, even though the last of that breed died nearly a century ago. The voice is inextricably linked in their minds with the notion of being unmanly, different, lesser or 'other'. At the same time the countertenor sound itself can be so beautiful that it is beguiling; listeners find themselves torn between the pleasure of the art and their social confusion.

Writer and broadcaster Bidisha, fascinated by hearing the voice of Alfred Deller on the radio, visits Canterbury Cathedral to find out how the voice became part of classical music mainstream again after a silence of almost 200 years. She discovers the role of composer Benjamin Britten in bringing the voice back onto the public stage in the part of Oberon in a Midsummer Night's Dream, written for Alfred Deller.

She visits a voice clinic to see a camera being put down the throat of a professional countertenor to see exactly what happens to a man's vocal cords when he sings in falsetto. And she asks - can all men sing in falsetto?

And she looks at the extensive and continuing use of the voice in pop music, where it has become more easily accepted than it is in classical music when it first became popular again.

With contributions from Mark Deller, Michael Chance, Iestyn Davies, Nicholas Clapton, Declan Costello, Ian Aitkenhead, Rev Richard Coles and Plan B.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

MON 15:00 Nikos Kazantzakis - Zorba the Greek (b007jqzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b07zyhpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b007jv6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b05y0qkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000xkzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jr1s)

The World in Peril

Episode 1

It's April 1972, and Jet and his crew return to Mars in an attempt to avert the impending Martian invasion.

Completing the sci-fi trilogy, the third series in the adventures of Jet Morgan, Mitch, Doc and Lemmy is a continuation of the preceding stories, 'Operation Luna' and 'The Red Planet'.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Stephen 'Mitch' Mitchell Don Sharp

Doc Matthews Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Various Alan Tilvern

Various and Announcer David Jacobs

Music composed by Van Phillips

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1955.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01kjt88)

Sophi Tranchell and Alison Graham

Fairtrade entrepreneur Sophi Tranchell, Radio Times television critic Alison Graham, and presenter Harriett Gilbert discuss their favourite reads.

BOOKS FEATURED IN THE PROGRAMME

Sophi Tranchell's choice: 'The Man from Beijing' by Henning Mankell

Alison Graham's choice: 'The Rain Before it Falls' by Jonathan Coe

Harriett Gilbert's choice: 'Our Man in Havana' by Graham Greene

Producer: John Byrne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xxs1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000xxs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000xxs7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000xkzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Father Figure (b02x9cq5)

Series 1

Pilot

A new Belfast house-husband has a dog of a first day as he embraces his change of lifestyle. Stars Jason Byrne. From April 2010.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m000xn05)

Series 21

Episode 5

Labour's Angela Rayner has some unusual items for the team at The Repair Shop, and there's a unique perspective on Andy Murray's personal life.

With Jon Culshaw, Lewis Macleod, Jan Ravens, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

Written by: Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, James Bugg, Simon Alcock, Sophie Dickson, and Athena Kugblenu.

Producer: Bill Dare

Production Coordinator: Sarah Sharpe

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 Hal (b08n22ry)

Series 2

Exes

The second series of the sitcom with Hal Cruttenden finds the hapless house husband still trying to cope with his mid-life crisis and doubting his every move.

His wife Sam (Kerry Godliman) is still a highly successful business woman, his two daughters Lily and Molly continue to grow into teenagers and find their dad just a little annoying, his bitter and embittered sister Pippa (Abigail Cruttenden) has inconveniently decided to stay with Hal alongside her angry teenage son Oberon, racist neighbour Penny (Ronni Ancona) proves to be a major thorn in Hal's side and best mates Fergus (Ed Byrne) and Barry (Gavin Webster) hinder rather than help Hal's goal of finding himself.

Hal's vision of himself as a romantic partner are confounded as Sam reveals she's catching up with a 'blast from the past'. And refugee housemate Mahmoud causes a stir.

Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland

Produced by Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021

TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jr1s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b01kj188)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Destination - Fire! (m000sxx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07sy32z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Shardlake (b09kxqv0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Countertenor (b017cimg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Nikos Kazantzakis - Zorba the Greek (b007jqzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Quote... Unquote (b07zyhpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b007jv6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b05y0qkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000xkzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

Series 3

11. The Sound of Fire

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby investigates an incident at a recording studio involving a pop singer.

The third series of the adventures of writer Philip Levine's fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby. Levine's fascination with arson "never waned", with its "numerous motivations including: greed, financial reverses, the destruction of evidence, revenge, jealousy, pyromania and even boredom. Arson is a crime of secrecy and cold premeditation."

CAST:

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Johnny Seton Nigel Graham

Dennis Mitchell Wilfred Babbage

Sue Weston Jane Wenham

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Mr Morgan James Thomason

Fire Officer Gilby Wilfrid Carter

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Alec Groves Anthony Hall

Director: Martyn C. Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

TUE 06:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002ect)

The Mystery of the Blue Train

2. The Blue Train

Katherine Grey heads to Nice by train but when she gets there, a new acquaintance is found brutally murdered.

Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot is drawn into a tale of murder and deceit, focussed on one of the world's legendary jewels...

First published in 1928, Agatha Christie's thriller is based on a short story from 1923, The Plymouth Express.

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin Robert Beatty

Ruth Kettering Avril Clarke

Derek Kettering Anthony Smee

Major Knighton Michael Deacon

Mason Pauline Letts

Chubby Jonathan Owen

Caux Adrian Egan

Pavett David Learner

Train Conductor Richard Durden

Gendarme Ronald Herdman

Director: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

TUE 07:00 55 and Over (b01p09pb)

3. Offspring?

With new partners on the scene the possibility of progeny suddenly seems more likely. But not everyone is so keen on later-in-life breeding.

Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson star in Peter Souter's comedy about love, sex and other foolhardy mistakes made by the modern 50pluser.

Jane Juliet Stevenson

Ray Philip Jackson

Tony Patrick Brennan

Heather Liza Sadovy

Honey Stephanie Racine

Sam Adam Nagaitis

Dr Miller Robert Blythe

Portia Sarah Thom

Director: Helen Perry.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m000xlvb)

Series 14

Elgar's Nose

Episode 5: Elgar's Nose

Thanks to his weekly pension, Ed is enjoying all manor of new things like organic food box deliveries, the pleasure of ticking yes to the question "Do you have a TV licence?" with a clear conscience and a brand-new car. Elgar, Ed's trusty feline companion, is also enjoying this new lifestyle, apart from a sneeze that he just cannot shake. A trip to the Vet is in order.

Cast list ep 5

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Maggie Pippa Haywood

Salesman Phaldut Sharma

Olive Stephanie Cole

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Vet Nicola Sanderson

Piers Simon Greenall

Petroc Trelawny Himself

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

Production Co-ordinator: Cherylann Andrew-Wilfred

Sound Recordist and Editor: David Thomas

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jyfd)

Series 9

The Call of the West

Count Moriarty and Grytpype-Thynne sell saxophones to the Indians in a cowboy caper. Stars Peter Sellers. From January 1959.

TUE 08:30 Take Me to Your Reader (m000xrmc)

1. The Trouble with Billy

Colin is asked to persuade a pretentious children's author to renew his contract with Roache & Brewer.

A mid-80s sitcom set in the publishing house, Roache & Brewer, where erudite, naive Colin Luscombe fights an uphill battle with his bluff MD, Rees John. Colin wants to inform and educate the world, whilst Rees is only interested in the bottom line. "Forget literature," says Rees to Colin, "concentrate on books." Stuck in the middle is Janet Hunt.

CAST:

Colin Luscombe Tim Brooke-Taylor

Rees John Glyn Houston

Janet Hunt Eve Karpf

Thomas Lipton Edward Judd

Leonard Barrow Joe Dunlop

Written by Andrew Palmer.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1986.

TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (m000xn05)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Millport (b0075tn0)

Series 1

Culture

Irene fears the worst when a famous restaurant critic books a table at the Ritz Cafe. The reputation of Millport will be printed for the whole world to see!

But is he really coming to sample Alberto's food or does he have a secret agenda?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moirra Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Ferryman/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty/Betty Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

Lucian Hyber-Connor Robert Paterson

Producers: Lucy Bacon and Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

TUE 10:00 Nikos Kazantzakis - Zorba the Greek (b007jqzy)

Episode 2

Will following Zorba's advice for life lead to tragedy when Nikos meets with the young widow? Stars Robert Stephens.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b07tqbw0)

Period Drama Politics

Steven Fielding, Professor of Political History at Nottingham University, asks whether the portrayal of class relations in period dramas - Downton Abbey, Upstairs Downstairs and Noël Coward's play Cavalcade - had any political effect.

Steven sees striking parallels between the dramas; all three are set in the early decades of the twentieth century in wealthy households with servants; all three portray the relationship of the upper classes with their servants as essentially benevolent; all three appeared at times of national crisis (the 1930s, the 1970s and after the 2008 financial crash); and a Conservative government was voted in after each one.

Steven investigates whether there is a pattern here. Are these dramas just comforting entertainment or could they have had a subtle effect on voting habits? And how accurate is the portrayal of relations between the ruling classes and their servants?

Featuring a specially recorded interview with Downton creator Julian Fellowes, and an archive interview with the Script Editor of Upstairs Downstairs, Alfred Shaughnessy, that hasn't been broadcast before.

With archive material from Noël Coward, Sheridan Morley, Jean Marsh, Eileen Atkins, and Sir John Gielgud, and contributions from Coward's biographer Philip Hoare, Upstairs Downstairs expert Richard Marson, and Selina Todd, Professor of Modern British History at Oxford University.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jyfd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Take Me to Your Reader (m000xrmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002ect)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07synwl)

2. Swept Up by the Stage

A biography of the novelist who denied that she ever wrote fiction, maintaining that her books were based on her experiences. "What is more peculiar, more riveting, devious and horrific than real life?" she said.

But while her own life was the primary source for her books, she was never afraid of adding a little colour.

The author Brendan King is a freelance translator, editor and reviewer, with a special interest in late nineteenth century French literature. He completed his PhD on Joris-Karl Huysmans' life and work at Birkbeck College, London, in 2004. Between 1987 and 2010, King worked for Beryl Bainbridge, and helped prepare for publication a number of the novels she wrote during this period, including the book she was working on at the time of her death, The Girl in the Polka-dot Dress, which was published posthumously.

Readers:

Narrator James Fleet

Beryl Bainbridge Samantha Bond

Author: Brendan King

Abridger: Pete Nichols

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.

TUE 14:15 Shardlake (b091039p)

Heartstone

Episode 7

Continuing Colin MacDonald's dramatisation of the Tudor mystery novel by C.J. Sansom.

Shardlake and Barak return to Hoyland, where that evening comes "the first of the events that was to change the life of the Hobby family forever" – and a stag hunt on the estate ends with a gruesome discovery.

Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger

Jack Barak Bryan Dick

Nicholas Hobby David Seddon

Hugh Curteys Will

Howard Dyrick Philip Bretherton

Abigail Hobby Isabella Inghald

David Hobby Tayla Kovacevic-Ehong

Feveryear Gary Duncan

Vicar Neil McCaul

Villager Clive Hayward

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C. J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

TUE 14:30 Don't Go in the Water! (b04f9fs8)

Jaws made the scientist Dr Gareth Fraser what he is today - a lecturer in Evolutionary Developmental Biology, and shark jaw specialist, at the University of Sheffield's Department of Animal and Plant Sciences.

This is his exploration of Jaws - the fiction of the rogue shark that enthralled Gareth when he was a boy in South Wales, looking out on the dark silt of the Bristol channel, wondering what lay beneath.

Even the eminent Professor David Sims (of the Marine Biological Association and University of Southampton) admits to looking out for the fins of Great Whites when he's out tagging toothless basking sharks in Devon and Cornwall. Can the story really still have such power over our psyches? Jaws was written by Peter Benchley in 1974, and turned into the first summer blockbuster, by Stephen Spielberg, a year later. It may have inspired Gareth to swim with sharks - despite his father's fisherman's tale of sea monsters - yet it petrified other people out of the water for good.

Gareth asks what innate fears Jaws taps into - the fear of being eaten alive, like in Hansel and Gretel, or of the deep, dark unknown of the sea. He asks how realistic Jaws' tale of a Great White killing machine really is and what impact it still has today - both on sharks and on new generations of swimmers, either running from the water after flashbacks from the film or running into the waves determined to grow up to be another Matt Hooper, the story's charismatic shark scientist.

Producer: Frances Byrne

A Big Fish production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 15:00 Nikos Kazantzakis - Zorba the Greek (b007jqzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08crt6f)

Series 10

Episode 5

This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Jo Brand welcome comedian, screenwriter and Guilty Feminist podcaster Deborah Frances-White; the entomologist and bumblebee expert, Professor Dave Goulson; and "that bloke off Time Team who was Baldrick in Blackadder", Sir Tony Robinson.

This week, the Museum's Guest Committee enshrine the first Englishwoman to make a living as a professional poet, Emilia Lanier; speculate on the unusual polyphiloprogenitive strategies of virgin death watch beetles; and pay homage to the moment when Blackadder finally went "over the top".

The show was researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner.

The production coordinator was Sophie Richardson.

The producers were Richard Turner and James Harkin.

It was a BBC Studios Production, first broadcast in February 2017.

TUE 16:30 Millport (b0075tn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 55 and Over (b01p09pb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m000xlvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jr4d)

The World in Peril

Episode 2

Jet and Lemmy hear weird sounds as they examine asteroids newly orbiting Earth.

Completing the sci-fi trilogy, the third series in the adventures of Jet Morgan, Mitch, Doc and Lemmy is a continuation of the preceding stories, 'Operation Luna' and 'The Red Planet'.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Stephen 'Mitch' Mitchell Don Sharp

Doc Matthews Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Lemmy Barnet Alfie Bass

Various Alan Tilvern

Various and Announcer David Jacobs

Music composed by Van Phillips

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b01bwmw6)

Series 13

Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto

Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto, which was famously featured in David Lean's film "Brief Encounter", is one of the world's most popular pieces of classical. In this programme people describe the way in which Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto has touched and shaped their lives. The programme features a pianist from Taiwan whose memories of a repressive childhood were dispelled by the emotions contained within this music. Plus a story from an acclaimed pianist from Argentina who was told she would never play the piano again after a serious car accident, but who has recently performed this piece in New York. And finally an account of the place that this piece of passionate and heartfelt music played in the life of John Peel and his family, told by his wife Sheila Ravenscroft.

The concerto is also given historical and musical context in the programme by pianists Peter Donohoe and Howard Shelley.

Producer: Rosie Boulton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jyf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Take Me to Your Reader (m000xrm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b07tqbw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m000xlvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b0089mbr)

Series 3

Young Love

Captain Brimshaw receives fresh orders from his father - to return to England and marry his cousin...

Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence,

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

CAST:

McGurk Andy Hamilton

Samuel Jay Tarses

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Mary Jan Ravens

Joshua Tony Maudsley

Lord Brimshaw Hugh Dennis

Emily Penelope Nice

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 23:00 2000 Years of Radio (b007jndx)

Series 1

Roman Britain Radio

It's 55AD and ancient Britain tries to come to terms with the Roman invasion. DJ Steve-in-the-Afternoon fights the invaders' plans to make changes to the nation's favourite radio station - Icen Gold.

Six-part series that taps into the radio archive of a bygone age.

Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Claire Downes ,

Stuart Lane, Al Holloway, Danny Robbins and Dan Tetsell.

Producers: Paul Dodgson & Sean Grundy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

TUE 23:15 Jelly Mountain (b00fd63q)

Episode 1

Ivor Cutler's unique views on language, justice and scratching people's backs.

With Craig Murray-Orr, Dylan Edwards, Beverley Crew and

Alison O'Kill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

TUE 23:30 Cliche (m000xrpm)

From 06/04/1981

From theatre hooligans to Tip Top toupees.

Sketches galore from Red Dwarf creators, Rob Grant and Doug

Naylor.

Starring Carole Hayman, Nick Maloney, Simon Molloy and

Brian Southwood.

Music by Peter Lingwood.

Producer: Ron McDonnell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1981.

WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b01bwmw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07synwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m000xlvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xrcp)

Series 3

13. A Fire in Time

Fire investigator 'Q' Barnaby looks into a fire at a clothing factory, when stock is water damaged. Stars Robert Beatty.

The third series of the adventures of writer Philip Levine's fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby. Levine's fascination with arson "never waned", with its "numerous motivations

including: greed, financial reverses, the destruction of evidence, revenge, jealousy, pyromania and even boredom. Arson is a crime of secrecy and cold premeditation."

CAST:

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Crane Gudrun Ure

Vickers Hector Ross

Chesney Noel Howlett

Diana James Jane Wenham

Pollard Henry Stamper

Osborne Bruce Beeby

Constable Taylor Anthony Jackson

Director: Martyn C. Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.

WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002c9k)

The Mystery of the Blue Train

3. A Meeting at the Villa Marguerite

With a victim brutally murdered and a fabulous gem stolen,

Hercule Poirot starts to 'arrange the facts'.

First published in 1928, Agatha Christie's thriller is based on a

short story from 1923, The Plymouth Express.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin Robert Beatty

Derek Kettering Anthony Snee

Major Knighton Michael Deacon

Lady Tamplin Gwen Cherrell

Lenox Moir Leslie

Mason Pauline Letts

Chubby Jonathan Owen

Mr Goby Brian Smith

Monsieur Carrege Gordon Reid

Servant David Learner

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

WED 07:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)

An Encounter with Mr Newton

Lucy Porter's sitcom set in pre-enlightenment Edinburgh.

This week intellectual giant Isaac Newton (Gavin Mitchell) is in town and he's struggling with a new theory to explain why things keep falling on his head.

He encounters the members of the Fair Intellectual club - a secret society for the scholarly improvement of young ladies. With the help of carefree socialite Isabel (Caroline Deyga), devout clergyman's daughter Marjory (Samara Maclaren) and maths boffin Alison (Jessica Hardwick), the penny finally drops.

Mr Newton also has to contend with Alison's idiot brother Robert (Simon Donaldson), Isabel's ancient retainer Kennedy (Gordon Kennedy) and a rented pineapple.

Music by Aly Macrae

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

WED 07:30 Unite (m000xm7k)

Series 1

Chicken Man

New sitcom series starring Radio 4 favourite Mark Steel (Mark Steel's in Town, The News Quiz), Claire Skinner

(Outnumbered), Elliot Steel and Ivo Graham.

When Tony (Mark Steel), a working class, left wing South Londoner, falls in love and moves in with Imogen (Claire Skinner), an upper middle class property developer, their sons - disenfranchised Croydon rube boy Ashley (Elliot Steel) and Eton and Oxbridge-educated Gideon (Ivo Graham) - are forced to live under the same roof and behave like the brothers neither of them ever wanted.

In this episode, Ashley starts a new job promoting a local fried chicken restaurant, and after inadvertently stopping a jewellery heist, he becomes a national hero. Meanwhile, Gideon and Rebecca open up a vegan pop up cafe, Imogen holds a Jiu Jitsu class and Tony catches up with one of his old comrades from The Revolutionary Party for Working Workers (Marxist-Leninist)

Tony - Mark Steel

Imogen - Claire Skinner

Ashley - Elliot Steel

Gideon - Ivo Graham

Rebecca - Ayesha Antoine

Stefan - Naz Osmanoglu

Cas - Jamali Maddix

Len - Dave Johns

Jeremy Vine - Marcus Brigstocke

News Reader - Olivia Lichtenstein

Labour MP - Barry Castagnola

Eileen/Dorothy - Ruth Bratt

Jacob - Stefano Paoolini

Young Boy - James Potter

Rachel - Nessa Ericksen

Written by Barry Castagnola, Elliot Steel and Mark Steel

(additional material from the cast and Sian Harries)

Executive Producer Mario Stylianides

Producer/Director Barry Castagnola

Sound recordist and Editor Jerry Peel

Broadcast Assistant Sarah Tombling

Production Co-ordinator George O'Regan

Golden Path and Rustle Up production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1x5)

Series 2

The Television Set

Living in the only house in Railway Cuttings without a telly, the

lad takes action.

Starring Tony Hancock, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly

and Kenneth Williams.

Announcer: Kenneth Williams

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed 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 June 1955.
WED 08:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008m30v)
Boning Up on History
Harold Perkins wants to dig for postwar Britain, but the workmates decide to soil his plans.
Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour".
Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Steven Harrold as Harry, Hilary Mason as Miss Farquhar, Douglas Blackwell as the Farmer and Ben Aris as Trev the Rev.
Narrated by Bernard Cribbins.
Written by Ted Walker.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.
WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b00762kw)
Series 4
Episode 3
Graeme Garden hosts the comic debating game with Marcus Brigstocke, Steve Punt, Stuart Maconie and Jenny Eclair. From June 2001.
WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (m000xtcr)
Series 2
Romance Is Dead
Rosie's event management company helps organise a romantic tour for American tourists. Stars Prunella Scales. From June 2001.
WED 10:00 Inspector Chen (b08bygsf)
Series 2
1. A Case of Two Cities
When the head of the Shanghai anti-corruption squad is found dead in compromising circumstances Inspector Chen is drafted in as "Special Envoy to the Emperor with an Imperial Sword".
Inspector Chen Jamie Zubairi
Detective Yu Dan Li
Catherine Rohn Pippa Bennett-Warner
Zhao Ashley Alyman
An Louise-Mai Newberry
Dong Nicholas Murchie
Gu John Dougall
Secretary Keziah Joseph
Bao John Bowler
Reporter Gavi Singh Chera
By Qiu Xiaolong
Dramatised by John Harvey
Director: David Hunter.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
WED 11:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xtcw)
3. Bletchley Park and Beyond
As a mathematician, Dr Hannah Fry specialises in understanding patterns of human behaviour and nowhere does the human factor smash headlong into the reality of numbers than in the secretive world of code-breaking.
So she's delved into the BBC Radio Archive to present a fascinating selection of programmes all about codes, secrets and ciphers. Have a pen and paper handy, because she'll be presenting you with a code which you can try to crack at home. On hand to help are two experts who between them have got numbers and words covered. Bobby Seagull is a maths teacher and author of 'The Life-changing Magic of Numbers' and Richard Rogan is the editor of The Times Cryptic Crossword. They'll share their insights into codes, and give their takes on a fascinating selection from the archive. Featuring:
The Bletchley Girls [R4 22/07/2015]
An extract from The Infinite Monkey Cage: GCHQ [R4 13/08/2018]
Producer: Kevin Core
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2020.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1x5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008m30v)
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WED 13:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xtcp)
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3. Life with Austin
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But while her own life was the primary source for her books, she was never afraid of adding a little colour.
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period for publication, including the book she was working on at the time of her death, The Girl in the Polka-dot Dress, which was published posthumously.
Readers:
Narrator James Fleet
Beryl Bainbridge Samantha Bond
Author: Brendan King
Abridger: Pete Nichols
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.
WED 14:15 Shardlake (b0910blf)
Heartstone
Episode 8
Continuing Colin MacDonald's dramatisation of the Tudor mystery novel by C.J. Sansom.
As he continues his investigations into the murky history of the Hobby family, Shardlake finally realises the startling truth about Sir Nicholas Hobby's young ward, Hugh Curteys. And in his parallel enquiries into the case of Bedlam inmate Ellen Fettiplace and the traumatic events at Rolfswood nineteen years earlier, he boards the Mary Rose for a second interview with Phillip West – an assistant purser on the warship, and Ellen's one-time fiancé.
Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger
Jack Barak Bryan Dick
Warner Neil McCaul
Priddis Clive Hayward
Hugh Curteys Will Howard
Sir Richard Rich Nicholas Murchie
Phillip West Chris Pavlo
Queen Catherine Emily Wachter
David Hobby Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong
Nicholas Hobby David Seddon
Dyrick Philip Bretherton
Sailor Gary Duncan
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Writer C. J. Sansom
Dramatist Colin MacDonald
Director David Jackson Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
WED 14:30 Every Day in Every Way (b01mqq6f)
Gillian Darley explores the life of Emile Coué who created the mantra 'every day, in every way, I'm getting better'.
Positive thinking gurus and hypnotherapists aren't the only ones familiar with the phrase 'Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better.' It's reputation today is that of a trite, rather ineffective 'feel good' relic of yesteryear but the phrase, and the man who conjured it up have a fascinating history.
Writer Gillian Darley explores the work of the Frenchman Emile Coué who, though a mere pharmacist in his native France, came to be one of the best known figures of the post First World War world. His visits to England and America were preceded by record sales of his books which encouraged advocates in the ways of auto-suggestion.

The scientific community are dismissive of his place in the development of psychiatric thinking and development and Gillian reveals reports of one event in which he caused chaos amongst a group of shell-shocked soldiers during a 1922 visit to England. But there are others who say that the 'Every day, in every way' phrase, borrowed to comic effect by Frank Spencer amongst others, hides a genuine pioneer in cognitive therapy.
Using contemporary eye-witness reports and newspaper coverage of his travels, Gillian reveals a character who might well merit a more measured response from those writing the popular, as well as the academic, history of 20th-century medicine.
Meanwhile in France a recent conference in his old base in Nancy is part of a new interest in the Coué method, ensuring that 'Every Day, in Every way' he's reputation is, at the very least, changing.
Producer: Tom Alban
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
WED 15:00 Inspector Chen (b08bygsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b00762kw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Smelling of Roses (m000xtcr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Unite (m000xm7k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jr72)
The World in Peril
Episode 3
Captain Jet Morgan and his crew get on the trail of Earth's alien visitors.
Completing the sci-fi trilogy, the third series in the adventures of Jet Morgan, Mitch, Doc and Lemmy is a continuation of the preceding stories, 'Operation Luna' and 'The Red Planet'.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Stephen 'Mitch' Mitchell Don Sharp
Doc Matthews Guy Kingsley-Poynter
Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
Various Alan Tilvern

Various and Announcer David Jacobs
Music composed by Van Phillips
Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.
WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m000824d)
Series 20
Musical
A spider infestation turns into a musical performance, the pianist Glenn Gould unlocks the magic of Petula Clark's Downtown and Patrick Haggerty talks about Lavender Country, which has come to be known as the first gay country music album.
Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound about music and musicians.
Lavender Country
Featuring Patrick Haggerty
Produced by Thomas Curry, Lauren Eisen and Sofie Strobeck
Downtown
Featuring Glenn Gould
Produced by Alan Hall
Spiders! The Musical
Produced by Phil Smith
Image Credit: Matthew Wilson
Production team: Andrea Rangelcroft and Alia Cassam
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowell
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1x5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008m30v)
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WED 20:00 Destination - Fire! (m000xtcp)
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WED 20:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002c9k)
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WED 21:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xtcw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Unite (m000xm7k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Life on Egg (b087tx29)
Series 1
CCTV
Harry Hill is the governor of the UK's remotest prison, The Egg. However, his resources are limited, so when there is an incident within the prison he is forced to record it in watercolours.
That's why he is delighted when he receives a brand new CCTV system to monitor goings-on within The Egg. But the system soon malfunctions...and Harry has to think quickly to save the sanity of his team.
Harry Harry Hill
Anne Karen Bartke
Peter Marek Larwood
Nev Jason Forbes
Doubleday Jason Forbes
Rev Simone Alison Belbin
The Minister Alison Belbin
Written by Dan Maier
Producer: Sam Michell
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2017.
WED 22:45 Woof (b0bh5hpw)
True Tales of Romance and Failure
It's All in a Name
None of us are getting any younger and is kitchen matchmaking on the cards?
Bittersweet comic real life stories written and performed by Chris Neill.
With Isy Suttie and Martin Hyder
Producer: Steve Doherty
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2018.
WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007k18c)
Series 4
The BioShow
The station's biographical series pays tribute to the sensational life of celebrated actor, Sir John Lesley.
Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station. Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.
Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins with Jon Canter, John Docherty, Moray Hunter, Helen Murry and Nick Wilton.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.
WED 23:30 Bunk Bed (b092g8gg)
Series 4
Episode 2
Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to any particular task - the nearest faraway place which allows us to drift. The state between wakefulness and deep slumber where strange thoughts can be followed like balloons floating through the air. Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander through uncharted territory. Bunk Bed, the chat show with a difference, is written by and stars Patrick Marber and Peter Curran. To kick off the fourth series, they invite award-winning actor and director Kathy Burke, to share her memories of reading saucy novels aloud for an audience of fellow teenagers in the 1970s. Curran and

Marber fight over concepts of male sensitivity, only to be severely admonished by their guest, and the unlikely bedfellows discuss how the words of The Sex Pistols' 'God Save The Queen' now mock them in middle-age.
 Producer: Peter Curran
 A Foghorn production.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

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THU 02:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07syrrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)

1. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Cheque Book

"Cheque books should be regarded as valuable and the bank should be promptly advised in a case of loss."

After second-hand car dealer Andrew Marsh loses a cheque book, it sparks a dramatic chain of highly suspicious events.

Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial written by David Ellis.

Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson

Roger Sherwin Douglas Blackwell

Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper

Joyce Marsh Madi Hedd

George John Baddeley

Peter Lloyd Michael Deacon

Carol Ransome Jenny McCracken

Doctor David Brierley

Constable Peter Baldwin

Noel Johnson is best remembered as the voice of BBC Radio's Dick Barton Special Agent.

David Ellis also wrote for BBC TV's Dixon of Dock Green and Z-Cars.

Producer: Betty Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.

THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002chk)

The Mystery of the Blue Train

4. Le Comte de la Roche

After the murder of Ruth Kettering and theft of her jewels, suspicion falls on her none-too-scrupulous former lover, the Comte de la Roche, who has a weakness for ladies and expensive gems.

But to Hercule Poirot, nothing is as obvious as it seems...

First published in 1928, Agatha Christie's thriller is based on a short story from 1923, The Plymouth Express.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin Robert Beatty

Derek Kettering Anthony Smea

Major Knighton Michael Deacon

Lady Tamplin Gwen Cherrell

Lenox Moir Leslie

Mirelle Judy Buxton

Mason Pauline Letts

Le Comte de la Roche Nigel Graham

Monsieur Caux Adrian Egan

Monsieur Carrege Gordon Reid

George Edward de Souza

Hipolyte Andrew Branch

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

THU 07:00 Lemn Sissay's Origin Stories (b07zyg5w)

4. The Dark Side

Batman was an orphan; Lisbeth Salander, The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, was an orphan; Superman was an orphan and a founding. Cinderella was a foster child. Darth Vader - well, they can't all be winners. Lemn Sissay returns to BBC Radio 4 with a comic and poetic look at the treatment of children raised in care, orphans and foster children in popular culture, comparing them with reality. Because it surely says something about how we view them that we create so many for fiction.

Lemn will explore the gap between fiction and reality, based on his own experiences of growing up in care as well as those of

some special guests.

4. The Dark Side

No-one, really, believes they are doing evil. Anakin Skywalker did not become Darth Vader because he liked being bad, he did it because he believed his pregnant wife was in danger - and so began his journey to the Dark Side. In this final, and possibly toughest, episode, Lemn examines his bad choices; where he let himself do the wrong thing - and how he has attempted to make amends. When must you let go of your memories and live?

Written and performed by ... Lemn Sissay

Producer ... Ed Morrish

BBC Studios productions

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 07:30 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000xmls)

Episode 1

Join comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch and her digital assistant Algo as the digital duo take the truths that you hold dear and tear them to shreds using logic, like a teenager on the internet. A four part stand-up special exploring Nationality, Beauty, Health and Privacy through the eyes of a woman with half a masters degree in the social science of the internet. By applying computer science to the world around her, Olga and Algo take an hilarious and pedantic journey to reveal the inherent absurdities of the modern world.

Comedian and Computer Scientist Olga Koch takes a deep dive into the world of computer science with her trusty virtual assistant Algo as the digital duo take the truths that you hold dear and tear them to shreds using logic, like a teenager on the internet. A four part stand-up special exploring Nationality, Beauty, Health and Privacy through the eyes of a woman with half a masters degree in the social science of the internet. By applying computer science to the world around her, Olga and Algo take an hilarious and pedantic journey to reveal the inherent absurdities of the modern world.

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin

Starring Sindhu Vee as Algo

Additional Material from Rajiv Karia

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0125g83)

Series 7

Episode 13

A look at love, sex and marriage - plus a tense climax in the hunt for the Professor Prune's Time Trousers.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1969.

THU 08:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kk7pr)

Series 4

Another Year, Another Head

A surprise awaits the school staff at King Street returning from their summer holiday.

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

CAST:

Mrs Eastwood Brigitte Forsythe

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane

Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan Janice Acquah

Mr Long Paul Copley

Rory Charlie Barker

Natasha Leah Verity-White

Paula Rebecca McElroy

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000y16t)

Series 8

Noël Coward

Episode 2

James Walton presides over team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Wendy Holden and Loise Doughty. The Author of The Week and subject for Sparkling Pastiche is Noel Coward. The reader is Beth Chalmers.

Producer: Katie Marsden

THU 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00zf4tk)

Series 1

Educating Robert

Sue manages to get Robert some work instructing drama at her school. Is he a natural teacher or a natural disaster?

CAST:

Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair

Sue Caroline Quentin

With John Clive, Jennifer Piercy, Jo Kendall, Richard Tate, Joan Walker, David Learner, Ian Targett, Melinda Walker and Richard Pearce.

Written by Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1989.

THU 10:00 Inspector Chen (b08cq790)

Series 2

2. Red Mandarin Dress

The fifth in Qiu Xiaolong's series of crime novels following the career of academic turned Special Case Squad detective, Inspector Chen. A serial killer is loose on the streets of Shanghai but Chen is otherwise engaged on a high-level corruption case. With bodies appearing at the rate of one a

week. Homicide are in desperate need of help. Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.

Chen Jamie Zubairi

Yu Dan Li

Party Secretary Li Daniel York

Detective Hong Vera Chok

Jia Ming Nicholas Murchie

White Cloud Elizabeth Chan

Xia Natasha Cowley

Comrade Fan John Bowler

Kong Alison Belbin

Sergeant Qi Gavi Singh Chera

Shen Wenchang David Sterne

Director Zhong John Dougall

Hotel Manager Finlay Robertson

Receptionist Catriona McFarlane

Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson

Directed by Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000xsqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000xsqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0125g83)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000f00m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002chk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07tbrw)

4. When Beryl met Alan

A biography of the novelist who denied that she ever wrote fiction, maintaining that her books were based on her experiences. "What is more peculiar, more riveting, devious and horrific than real life?" she said.

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Narrator James Fleet

Beryl Bainbridge Samantha Bond

Author: Brendan King

Abridger: Pete Nicholas

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.

THU 14:15 Shardlake (b0911wmt)

Heartstone

Episode 9

Continuing Colin MacDonald's dramatisation of the Tudor mystery novel by C.J. Sansom.

Shardlake finally uncovers the truth about Ellen Fettiplace and the events at the Rolfswood foundry nineteen years earlier. And as he tracks down Sir Nicholas Hobby's young ward Hugh Curtesy to the warship Mary Rose, the lawyer-detective's two investigations begin to converge.

Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger

Phillip West Chris Pavlo

George Leacon Finn den Hertog

Sir Richard Rich Nicholas Murchie

Hugh Curtesy Will

Howard Pelham Gary Duncan

Officer Philip Bretherton

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C. J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

THU 14:30 Scotland Meet Murray Lachlan Young (b03m3ntr)

In 1994, a young man named Murray Lachlan Young, who had been born in the United States to a Scottish father and an English mother, went in search of his Scottish roots.

As a reedy 20-something in a tweed cap, he toured around a Scotland still recovering from the downturn of the 1980s and 90s, meeting his Scottish relatives from dank Glasgow to mystical Skye, sometimes bemusing them with his enthusiasm for all things Scottish. His encounters spurred him into an outpouring of poetry and a re-examination of the role his Scottish roots played in his life. "The trip was to write a poem that captured the wild heart of Scotland and delivered my Scottishness to me."

Twenty years on, Murray was ready to undertake that trip again. This time, the cultural context is the referendum on Scottish Independence. Murray is now an award-winning poet and a well-known voice on the airwaves – BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live and BBC 6 Music. But he is still struggling to grasp his own cultural identity.

Murray retraces his steps from Edinburgh, via Lochgilphead, to Islay in search of the answers to his personal predicament of what it means to be an Anglo-Scot in a time of deep historical change. All the while, he explores what Scottishness means for the people he encounters along the way. And the end result is a new poem to reflect his journey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 15:00 Inspector Chen (b08cq790)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000y16t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00zf4tk)

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THU 17:00 Lemn Sissay's Origin Stories (b07zyg5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000xmls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007k42r)

The World in Peril

Episode 4

After an attempt on their lives, Jet and crew fight against time to blast off back to Mars

Completing the sci-fi trilogy, the third series in the adventures of Jet Morgan, Mitch, Doc and Lemmy is a continuation of the preceding stories, 'Operation Luna' and 'The Red Planet'.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Stephen 'Mitch' Mitchell Don Sharp

Doc Matthews Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Various Alan Tilvern

Various and Announcer David Jacobs

Music composed by Van Phillips

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b088fg46)

Series 41

Len Goodman on Lionel Bart

Len Goodman's great life was one of the biggest figures in creating British musicals and pop music in the 1960's. The writer and lyricist behind the hit musical Oliver, knew everybody who was anybody, made a fortune and partied with Royalty. But like many who flourished in that era he also lost everything in a blitz of booze, drugs and bad behaviour.

Len Goodman makes a case for why he regards Bart as a genius and helping him to unravel the story of his hero the expert witness is author and broadcaster David Stafford who has co-written a biography on Lionel Bart named after Bart's second most famous musical: Fings Aint Wot They Used T'Be .

Producer: Perminder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 2017.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Irish Micks and Legends (b01nl8gr)

Series 1

The Salmon of Knowledge

Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram become Ais and Yaz and are the very best pals. They take their role as Ireland's freshest story-tellers to the British nation very seriously indeed but haven't had the time to do much research, learn their lines or work out who is doing which parts.

The girls' unconventional way of telling stories involves a concoction of thoroughly inappropriate modern-day metaphors and references to many of the ancient Irish stories.

With a natural knack for both comedy and character voices Yasmine Akram and Aisling Bea will bring you warm, modern re-workings of popular ancient Irish stories.

Today it's the Salmon of Knowledge.

Written and performed by Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram.

Producer: Raymond Lau.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

THU 22:45 Hannah Gadsby: Arts Clown (b0541914)

1. Edouard Manet's Olympia

Art historian Hannah Gadsby kicks off her comedy lectures about four masterpieces, with Edouard Manet's masterpiece 'Olympia'.

She shares her first encounter with the art work as well as looking at what critics had to say about it at the time it was created.

Born in Tasmania, Hannah's first encounters with art was solely through books. These books taught her the language of art appreciation but they also legitimised her desire to look at 'boobs'. This was just as well as Hannah realised in her teens that she was 'a little bit lesbian' but homosexuality was still illegal in Tasmania at that time.

The painting 'Olympia' was first exhibited in Paris in 1865. It

made a lot of people very angry at the time. Here was a reclining nude but this woman had attitude, looking right at the observer with no embarrassment or demureness. She was a whore - what of it?

The woman who posed for the painting was Victorine Meurent, not a prostitute but an artist in her own right and, says Gadsby, surely she had a major influence on Manet's considerably feminist approach to 'the reclining nude' in this painting. Hannah explains what makes 'Olympia' a cornerstone of modern art and what brings her personally back to this painting again and again.

Hannah Gadsby is assisted in this series by her very own 'Quotebot' who has been inputted with every quote that's ever been written about art.

Quotebot sounds remarkably like comedy legend and all-round boffin John Lloyd.

Written by Hannah Gadsby

Script edited by Jon Hunter

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

THU 23:00 Colin Hault's Carnival of Monsters (b036vte2)

Series 1

Episode 2

Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.

Master character comedian Colin Hault's debut comedy series. Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Thwor - the mighty (but Leeds-based) god of Thwunder; Andy Parker - Nottingham-born martial arts and transformers enthusiast; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and many more.

Writers Guild Award-winner Colin Hault is best known for his highly acclaimed starring roles in 'Being Human', 'Life's Too Short', and 'Russell Howard's Good News', as well as his many hit shows at the Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared and written for a number of Radio 4 series including 'The Headset Set' and 'Colin and Fergus' Digi-Radio'.

Producer: Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

THU 23:30 Party (b01mqq72)

Series 3

The Curry

Return of the satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party.

The group reconvene after their Summer break and the ambition steps up a gear.

Written by Tom Basden.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Anna Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Producer Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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FRI 05:30 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000xmls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)

2. In Which Andrew Marsh Loses a Car

Andrew Marsh is reeling from the shock news about his friend Roger.

With growing police suspicions over his role in the loss of his cheque book, Andrew decides to start his own fraud investigation

Noel Johnson stars in a seven-part thriller serial by David Ellis.

Andrew Marsh Noel Johnson

Joyce Marsh Madi Hedd

Detective Sergeant Rankin Henry Stamper

Constable Peter Baldwin

Harry Yates Leonard Fenton

Salesman Rolf Lefebvre

Constable Peter Baldwin

Margaret Everard Eva Haddon

Producer: Betty Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.

FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cvc)

The Mystery of the Blue Train

5. A Dancer's Revenge

After Ruth Kettering was found murdered on the Blue Train with her priceless rubies stolen, both her husband Derek and former lover are suspects.

And when Hercule Poirot discovers the latter has recently acquired a set of rubies, the case would seem to be cut and dried ... or is it?

First published in 1928, Agatha Christie's thriller is based on a short story from 1923, The Plymouth Express.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin Robert Beatty

Derek Ketterin Anthony Smea

Major Knighton Michael Deacon

Mirelle Judy Buxton

Monsieur Carrege Gordon Reid

Le Comte de la Roche Nigel Graham

Mason Pauline Letts

Zia Jane Leonard

Papopoulos Ronald Herdman

George Edward de Souza

Waiter Jamie Roberts

Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

FRI 07:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)

Episode 2

It's day six of the walk and Ros is concerned that they aren't doing enough to revive the bond between them, while Laura is worried that she doesn't have a passion and focus in her life. Will they both find what they are looking for?

Comedy drama written by Katherine Jakeways with Felicity Montagu and Olivia Nixon.

A mother and daughter are undertaking a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity.

But the mother and father divorced nine years ago and he'd remarried, so relationships between them all have been strained. Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gable table that Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden. This has somehow ended up in the stepmother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it."

Ros Felicity Montagu

Laura Olivia Nixon

Stepmother Katherine Jakeways

Boyfriend Tim Key

With Javone Prince, Evie Killip and Amelia Lowdell.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

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

FRI 07:30 Taboo (m000xxskv)

Kate Copstick and special guests Desiree Birch, Scott Capurro, Tanyalee Davies, Jordan Gray, Roger Mahony, Tim Renkow and Kate Smurthwaite tackle the tricky subject of taboo in comedy, exploring what's wrong with woke, who can say what to whom, where and when, and asking why can't we all just lighten up and laugh. Unless you object to the use of the word lighten... which is not meant in any sense of lighter being better...

Written and Presented by Kate Copstick

With Special Guests: Desiree Burch, Scott Capurro, Tanyalee Davis, Jordan Gray, Roger Mahony, Tim Renkow and Kate Smurthwaite

Studio Engineer and Editor: Gerry O'Riordan

Produced by Gordon Kennedy

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007q93v)

Series 1

No Spring for Frazer

When Private Frazer loses a Lewis gun's butterfly spring, he must track down a coffin.

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,

John Laurie as Private Fraser, Arnold Ridley as Private

Godfrey, Bill Pertwee as ARP Warden Hodges, Joan Cooper as

Miss Barker and Timothy Bateson as Mr Blewitt. With 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 the BBC Radio 4 in June 1974.

FRI 08:30 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

4. The Case of the Shadowed Minister

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson help an

Member of Parliament who claims he's being followed...

Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson, written by Grant Eustace.

CAST:

Stamford Holmes Peter Egan
Dr Watson Jeremy Nicholas
Alex Messenger Angela Down
Mr Belling Stuart Organ
Michael Jim Reid
Mrs Waterfield Wendy Murray
Mrs Belling Miranda Forbes
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

FRI 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b036v9hd)

Series 2

Episode 2

Frank Skinner, Grace Dent and Jonathan Agnew each nominate someone they know well to answer a series of questions and they than have to second guess how they answered.

Host Miles Jupp tests Frank on how well he knows his friend and radio co-host Emily Dean, Grace her best friend, the Times columnist Caitlin Moran, and Jonathan his wife's best friend Anne Davies.

What is Frank's favourite drink? Who is Grace's favourite writer? And what would Jonathan do if he wasn't a cricket commentator?

All answers and more will be revealed.

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

FRI 09:30 To the Manor Born (b007k4vh)

Sons of the Fathers

Clearing out the cellar - Audrey finds more than she'd bargained for.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey fforbes-Hamilton.

Keith Barron Richard De Vere

Angela Thorne Marjory Frobisher

Nicholas McArdle Brabinger

Margery Withers Mrs Polouivicka

Frank Middlemass Ned

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.

From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.

First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997.

Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1997.

FRI 10:00 Inspector Chen (b08dmjgw)

Series 2

3. The Mao Case

It's a dangerous and politically sensitive case for Inspector Chen when he is asked to investigate the sudden change of fortune of the granddaughter of Chairman Mao's mistress. The sixth in Qiu Xiaolong's series of Crime novels.

Inspector Chen Jamie Zubairi

Party Secretary Li Daniel York

Mr Xie David Yip

Jiao Alice Hewkin

Old Hunter David Hounslow

Lieutenant Song Chike Chan

Long Paul Chan

Yong Keziah Joseph

Peng David Sterne

Gu John Dougall

Hua John Bowler

Ling Natasha Cowley

Maid Catriona McFarlane

By Qiu Xiaolong

Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson

Director: David Hunter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000xtgp)

British Podcast Awards 2021

Chris Pearson and Laura Grimshaw report on the British

Podcast Awards.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007q93v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Beryl Bainbridge: Love By All Sorts Of Means (b07tc375)

5. Accidental Meeting Sparks Success

A biography of the novelist who denied that she ever wrote fiction, maintaining that her books were based on her experiences. "What is more peculiar, more riveting, devious and horrific than real life?" she said.

But while her own life was the primary source for her books, she was never afraid of adding a little colour.

The author Brendan King is a freelance translator, editor and reviewer, with a special interest in late nineteenth century

French literature. He completed his PhD on Joris-Karl

Huysmans' life and work at Birkbeck College, London, in 2004.

Between 1987 and 2010, King worked for Beryl Bainbridge,

and helped prepare a number of the novels she wrote during this period for publication, including the book she was working on at the time of her death, *The Girl in the Polka-dot Dress*, which was published posthumously.

Readers:

Narrator James Fleet

Beryl Bainbridge Samantha Bond

Author: Brendan King

Abridger: Pete Nichols

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

September 2016.

FRI 14:15 Shardlake (b0912299)

Heartstone

Episode 10

Concluding Colin MacDonald's dramatisation of the Tudor mystery novel by C.J. Sansom.

Matthew Shardlake is on board the Mary Rose when the

warship is sunk in battle with the loss of more than four

hundred lives. Among the handful of survivors, Shardlake

reports back to Queen Catherine with the results of his

investigations into the Curteys children and the family of Sir

Nicholas Hobby. And he pays a final visit to Ellen Fettiplace

in the Bedlam.

Matthew Shardlake Justin Salinger

Hugh Curteys Will

Howard George Leacon Finn den Hertog

Queen Catherine Emily Wachter

Sir Richard Rich Nicholas Murchie

Ellen Fettiplace Kath Weare

Sailor 1 Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Sailor 2 Philip Bretherton

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Writer C. J. Sansom

Dramatist Colin MacDonald

Director David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

FRI 14:30 Essex, My Essex (b03w38q3)

Essex born and bred, writer Ian Sansom goes back to the county that made him who he is.

Ian's grandparents moved there from the east end of London to

fulfil their dreams. For them, Essex was a promised land of

milk and honey, of golden harvests and Harvester restaurants.

Ian left 30 years ago and hasn't really been back since.

But a lot can happen in 30 years and in that time just about

everything has happened to Essex. When Ian left there was no

Essex man, no jokes about Essex girls, no Birds of a Feather, no

Gavin and Stacey, and The Only Way is Essex was a mere glint

in the average commuter's eye.

Now, with the London-overspill county occupying a new space

in the public imagination, Ian retraces his steps back to the

place where he was born and which made him who he is.

Talking to people who've stayed there, meeting family and

friends, going back to landmarks that meant something to him

in his younger days, Ian finds out what's changed in Essex since

he left.

Between the low-rise housing and out-of-town retail parks, he

finds an anarchist community which uses the county as a place

to reimagine life's possibilities, a secret nuclear bunker from

which a post-apocalyptic Essex generation would emerge and a

retired vice Lord Lieutenant who hopes limericks can change

perception of Essex girls.

This is it. This is his Essex.

Producer: Conor Garrett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

FRI 15:00 Inspector Chen (b08dmjgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b036v9hd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 To the Manor Born (b007k4vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Taboo (m000xskv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jrdj)

The World in Peril

Episode 5

Jet and Lemmy monitor strange calls on the ship-to-ship

intercom.

It's April 1972, and Jet and his crew return to Mars in an

attempt to avert the impending Martian invasion.

Completing the sci-fi trilogy, the third series in the adventures

of Jet Morgan, Mitch, Doc and Lemmy is a continuation of the

preceding stories, 'Operation Luna' and 'The Red Planet'.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Stephen 'Mitch' Mitchell Don Sharp

Doc Matthews Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Lemmy Barnet Alfie Bass

Various Alan Tilvern

Various and Announcer David Jacobs

Music composed by Van Phillips

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00vrkx3)

On the Road

"The facts are that four out of five male children start life

pre-disposed in favour of adventure," wrote Peter Fleming in

1933. "They do it because they want to. It suits them. It is their

cup of tea." In a travel themed edition of *Off The Page*, Dominic Arkwright asks domestic obsessive Lucy Mangan and Johnny Green, the former road manager of the Clash, whether this is really the case. Writer Marozzi weighs in with a compelling account of a mercury drinker he met in Uzbekistan, while

debate centres on whether the nomadic urge is innate.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007q93v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Holmes (b0161p3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 David Ellis - Find The Lady (m000dz0w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Hercule Poirot (m0002cvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000xtgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Taboo (m000xskv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Seekers (b060bng4)

Series 2

The Eight Letter Word

Stuart says something very silly, and Nicola tries to impress

Vanessa to gain her confidence.

Matthew Horne, Daniel Mays, Tony Way and Zahra Ahmadi

star in the sitcom set in a jobcentre.

Stuart Matthew Horne

Joseph Daniel Mays

Terry Tony Way

Nicola Zahra Ahmadi

Vanessa Natalie Walter

Gary Probert Steve Oram

Written by Steve Burge.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

FRI 23:00 Sounding Off with McGough (b007k4tl)

5. What She Did

Roger McGough's poetic reflections on the perennially fruitful

topic of love.

With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator

Andy Roberts.

Recorded at the Bath Festival.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

FRI 23:15 The Shuttleworths (b01n6yr5)

Series 4

Every Cloud Has a Silver Wedding

When Joan Chitty calls around unexpectedly, John's silver

wedding plans are thwarted. Stars Graham Fellows. From

March 2003.

FRI 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b017mt04)

Series 2

The Old School Tie

Richard Herring examines 'The Old School Tie' an object that

has come to represent public school networks and contacts.

Richard asks if it is acceptable to be prejudice against the posh?

Series in which Richard Herring pokes and prods a variety of

controversial objects and sees if the controversy falls out.

Through vox pops, interviews and stand up comedy Richard

examines the objects' history, meaning and significance and

challenges our assumed logic and stereotypes.

Can we reclaim these objects away from their unfortunate

associations?

Written by and starring Richard Herring.

With Emma Kennedy and special guest Alexei Sayle.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.