

SATURDAY 09 OCTOBER 2021

SAT 00:00 The Spaceship II (b0091tns)

5. The End

The space crew is brought face-to-face with reality when they reach the end of the universe.

Starring James Fleet.

Conclusion of the comic sci-fi adventure by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.

Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet

Stuart Jackson Paul Barnhill

Karen Trex Rosie Cavaliero

Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce

Clive 55 Neil Warhurst

Narrator Nicholas Boulton

Producer: Sally Avens

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in February 2008.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b012fs6p)

Neighbours

When Guy Browning decided to make a film, he roped in his

entire village to help keep the costs down.

Which makes you wonder - is this the Big Society finally at

work?

Also joining Dominic Arkwright to discuss the support network of neighbours, both nasty and nice, are:

Laurie Penny the writer of the Penny Red blog;

And Dr Edson Burton, who recalls when living in bedsits didn't

just mean your neighbours were in the same street, but under

the same roof.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

SAT 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v66b5)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 2

5. The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax

Can the Baker Street sleuth locate a missing woman with valuable jewels?

Starring Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective tale first published in 1893.

Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Dr Watson Norman Shelley

Dr Horson Charles Simon

Jules Vibart John Hollis

Herr Dietrich George Morrilt

Marle Devine Cecile Chevreau

The Hon. Philip Green John Humphry

Mrs Hudson Kathleen Helme

Peters Michael Turner

The Police Sergeant Tom Watson

The Workhouse warden Hugh Manning

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1960.

SAT 01:30 Imperial Palace (m0010935)

4. New Beginnings

From Paris to London – as changes beckon at the heart of the

Imperial Palace. .

Starring Robin Ellis.

Conclusion of Arnold Bennett's novel about the 1930s goings on

at the luxurious London hotel.

Dramatised by Peter Ling.

Evelyn Orcham:Robin Ellis

Violet Powler:.....Charlotte Attenborough

Sir Henry SavottDerek Waring

Gracie Savott:.....Colleen Prendergast

Miss Cass:.....Ann Beach

M PerosiMichael Mears

Mr PlimsingStephen Thorne

Gino CeriaChristopher Scott

Mrs PowlerDi Botcher

Mr RowbottomKim Wall

Other parts played by the cast.

Director Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1997.

SAT 02:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03ghjm4)

5. Don't Fence Me In

John Osborne reaches the end of his formal education, when

girls and rebellion cost him dear.

Highly-acclaimed first volume of the playwright's

autobiography - covering 1929 to 1956 when 'Look Back in

Anger' was first performed.

Read by Peter Egan.

Abridger/ Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

SAT 02:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b097cj29)

5. Chill Winds

Ex-Prime Minister Kerensky has joined forces with the

Cossacks and is advancing on Petrograd

Meanwhile in Moscow, there is fighting in the streets with

rumour is rife that the Revolution cannot survive.

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian

Revolution in October 1917.

Stars Richard Laing and Kelly Burke.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks

John Reed Richard Laing

Louise Bryant Kelly Burke

Kerensky Ewan Bailey

Comberg Matthew Gravelle

Soldier Nicholas Murchie

Commissar Richard Elfyn

Saratov Sion Pritchard

Woman Sarah Ridgeway

Director: Alison Hindell

A BBC Cymru/Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in October 2017.

SAT 02:30 Losing The Children (b0076qk1)

The story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin has been part of

German folklore for centuries.

But who was the colourful figure who led first, the plague of

rats - and then the children, away forever from the town of

Hamelin?

Author and former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen visits

the actual town of Hameln in Lower Saxony, exploring its

medieval streets via rat-infested London, ancient German pagan

ritual and the whispering silence of Eton College library.

He finally uncovers the truth behind the legend that should

never again be thought of as just a fairy tale.

Producer: Lizz Pearson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

SAT 03:00 Rebus (b098bpyq)

Fleshmarket Close

2. Discovery

Rebus and Clarke close in on a people-trafficking gang.

The murder of a convicted rapist is investigated, and they

unravel the mystery of two skeletons in an Edinburgh pub

cellar.

Conclusion of Ian Rankin's crime thriller.

Starring Ron Donachie and Gayanne Potter.

Dramatised by Chris Dolan

DI Rebus Ron Donachie

DS Clarke Gayanne Potter

Cafferty Gary Lewis

Storey Damian Lynch

DI Young Chris Reilly

DS Reynolds Robbie Jack

Mangold Grant O'Rourke

Caro Karen Bartke

Bullen Simon Donaldson

Ishbel Hannah Jarrett-Scott

Hill Kenny Blyth

Kate Laura Lovemore

Min Tan Siu Hun Li

Other parts played by the cast

Producer: Bruce Young

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

October 2017.

SAT 04:00 The Food Quiz (b083j269)

Series 3

28/09/2005

Journalist and food critic, Jay Rayner puts four gastronomes

through their culinary paces.

On the menu: Stephen Fry, Clarissa Dickson Wright, Henry

Harris and Kimiko Barber.

Issues for digestion include - where in the world do they hold a

Saffron, a Mackerel and a Pawpaw festival?

Producer: Rebecca Wells

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 04:30 Clare in the Community (b008fxxz)

Series 1

Glad to be Ray

The social worker gets a shock when she drops in on her

secretive colleague, Ray.

Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but

never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in

other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of

which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and

private life

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there

for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Starring Sally Phillips and Alex Lowe.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Megan Nina Conti

Ray Richard Lumsden

Irene Ellen Thomas

Helen Gemma Craven

Simon Andrew Wincott

With Nicholas Boulton and Stephen Hogan.

Producer Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

SAT 05:00 On the Rocks (b05v7tcj)

Series 2

Adventure

1938: Ben tries to prove to Morwenna-May that he's a man of

action.

Christopher William Hill's comedy set on a remote island of the

Isles of Scilly.

Even on St Martin's war seems inevitable, but the islanders have

their own battles to contend with, stuck on a rock flung 27 miles

out into the Atlantic with only their natural grit and gallows

humour to see them through.

Frank Gunwallow Joseph Kloska

Tommy Trehear Stuart Fox

Ben Trehear Alex Palmer

Morwenna-May Alex Tregear

Pender Christopher William Hill

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

SAT 05:30 Comedy from the Wilderness (m00109vz)

The Wilderness Festival in Oxfordshire was one of the few UK

summer festivals to go ahead this year. Join Molly, Jack, Will,

Rob and James Peak as they report back on all the fun stuff you

may have missed - including Letters Live with Jordan Stephens

and Amanda Abbington; Gallic miserabilist Marcel Lucont; top

festival hype-man Robin Clyfan; the fabulous Missy Fatale;

Queen B and the Cabaret Fatale; Tom Hodgkinson and The

Idler Magazine; Sanderson Jones and Sunday Assembly's mass

lockdown wedding; and not forgetting Henry Blofeld, who is

coaxed from Test Match Special retirement to join Timmy

Sampson in commenting on the annual WCC Goodies v

Baddies Cricket Match.

Original Music by Totton Adkins

Edited by Andre Jacquemin.

Produced and Presented by James Peak.

An Essential Radio production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Douglas Livingstone (m00101jg)

Road to Lisdoonvarna

Most people who go to the match-making fair in County Clare

protest that they're just there for a good time.

But things happen when hopeless romantic Maggie meets nerdy

Derek...

Starring Frances Barber and James Fleet.

Written by Douglas Livingstone

Maggie Frances Barber

Derek James Fleet

Danny Conleth Hill

Dad John Hollis

O'Brien Mark Lambert

Susan Dervla Kirwan

Fergus Dominic Letts

Pearce John Rogan

Bookie James Hayes

Bookie Stephen Tompkinson

With Sam Dale, Shay Gorman, James Greene, Deborah Berlin

and Marcella Riordan

Director: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b08rq6mg)

Series 42

Iain Lee on Andy Kaufman

There were so many hoaxes in Andy Kaufman's brief career

that for years his fans believed that he wasn't really dead.

Kaufman's best known as Latka Gravas in the American TV

sitcom Taxi, and his life was undoubtedly weird. Performance

artist, Elvis impersonator, wrestler - he's difficult to pin down.

Nominator Iain Lee believes he was a genius, while Oly Double

of the University of Kent school of arts reckons Kaufman didn't

really care if his audience laughed or not.

Presenter Matthew Parris draws his own conclusions about

Kaufman's extraordinary life, later turned into a film starring

Jim Carrey called Man on the Moon.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Warde.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (m0007kr4)

Series 5

Episode 3

From life beginning at 50 to banning windows.

Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show.

With:

Bernard Ingham

Hugh Dennis

Victoria Coren

Arthur Smith

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

SAT 08:30 Smelling of Roses (b00d4qky)

Series 3

Private Views

Events organiser Rosie plans a private view for an odious art

dealer.

Prunella Scales stars in the return of Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event

management company, based in Brighton, where the clients are

only

ladies Janet Brown, Alison Steadman and June Whitfield.

* THE NEWLY DISCOVERED CASEBOOK OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES (16/01/1999) BBC Radio 2

Roy dons his deerstalker to investigate 'The Case of the Clockwork Fiend' with June Whitfield.

* HUDDWINKS (14/08/86) BBC Radio 2

Chris Emmett and Denise Coffey join Roy for 'Railway '86 - The Movie!': British Rail's new 'Silver Bullet' train ends up as a runaway express to Aberdeen. Sony Radio Academy Gold award-winning comedy.

* THE SCAN (29/09/1999) BBC Radio 4

Roy reveals his more dramatic side in Peter Tinniswood's drama. Compulsive talker Ernest seeks reassurance from a protective nurse. Co-starring Judy Cornwell.

Sadly Roy died aged 83 in 2020.

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra - and first broadcast in March 2008.

SAT 12:00 Jest a Minute (b012h804)

Series 1

Episode 1

Rhod Gilbert hosts the panel game about the serious business of comedy.

From the Comedy Store.

With:

Justin Moorhouse

Jarred Christmas

Chris Corcoran

Jeremy Hardy

Producer: Paul Forde

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in August 2006.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00rz184)

The Blood Donor: Pye's Re-recording

The Lad creates havoc in hospital.

Starring Tony Hancock

The classic TV episode of 'Hancock', 60 years after it was re-recorded for release as a vinyl LP.

Re-created before an invited audience in Pye Records London studio in October 1961.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Hancock Tony Hancock

Nurse June Whitfield

Mr Johnson Frank Thornton

Mrs Forsythe/Second Nurse Annie Leake

Dr McTaggart Patrick Cargill

Mr Thomas Hugh Lloyd

Doctor in Casualty John Bluthal

Originally broadcast on BBC TV in June 1961

Re-recording first released on Pye Records in 1961

First broadcast on BBC 7 in June 2008.

SAT 13:00 Pieces of Britney (p09mw66w)

6. Shattered

Pandora Sykes explores of the heavy cost of having private troubles as a public figure.

In this eight-part series for BBC Radio 4, Pandora traces Britney's incredible life: from her hardscrabble childhood in rural Louisiana, to her coronation as the inaugural pop princess of the internet, navigating an insatiable celebrity gossip complex; through to a young mother on trial by the paparazzi. Britney is a pop culture phenomenon. Pandora looks behind that mask - and beyond Britney herself - to explore how Britney became the most Googled person in the world, for almost 7 years, and what it says, both then and now, about the entertainment industry, politics, sex and how we see women in the public eye.

Britney's public struggles saw her placed in a conservatorship, in which she lost the right to control her finances and day to day life. Thirteen years later, and she is in court, pleading for this controversial legal arrangement to end. We will look at how Britney has been transformed from girl-next-door teen sensation to pop music's Rapunzel, trapped in a supposedly rotten system.

Pieces of Britney mixes documentary, archive and interviews to tell Britney's remarkable story. It also features drama, written by playwright Katie Hims, to bring Britney and her extraordinary world to life.

Pieces of Britney is a sympathetic portrayal of Britney, during a time of cultural reappraisal about how we treat women - famous, or otherwise.

Episode 6 Cast:

Britney Samantha Dakin

Kalie Julianna Jennings

Sam Paul Chahidi

Jamie Elliot Cowan

Lynne Laurel Lefkoff

Other parts were played by Joseph Ayre, Adam El Hagar and Elinor Coleman

Sound design by Peter Ringrose

Produced by Anne Isger and Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 13:50 The Chippendales (m0010905)

The Chippendales nightclub in downtown Los Angeles was looking for ways to attract customers on a weeknight - when they hit upon the idea of male strippers.

The male "exotic dance" night for ladies only became wildly successful and inspired imitators all over the world.

But there was a dark side to the Chippendales' story.

Lucy Burns speaks to Chippendales co-founder Bruce Nahin.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 2019.

SAT 14:00 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqk5)

1995

Sponsoring the British Army, the impact of total European integration - and the House of Commons votes for the Honesty Act...

Recorded in 1993 - 'the comedy team look back' at the rest of 1990s yet to happen - starting with 1995.

Starring:

Brian Perkins

Kate Robbins

Special guest: Chris Barrie

A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.

Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

SAT 14:30 The Harri-Parris' Radio Show (b0662trn)

Series 1

The Visitor

Ani tries to stop cultures clashing when her boyfriend Ben meets her farming family.

Sitcom with songs by Llinos Mai about the latest goings on from West Wales' most dysfunctional farming family.

Starring:

Llinos Mai

Daniel Rochford

Rhys ap Irefor

Oli Wood

Rhian Morgan

Producer: Mark Harrison

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in August 2015.

SAT 15:00 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00smngp)

1990s

Cockney comedian Micky Flanagan charts his life story during the 1990s.

This was the decade when he returned to education and became a teacher.

He chats to his parents, his sister and his school friends in interviews that shed light on the stand up comedy.

In his first radio series, Micky charts his progression from working-class Herbert to middle-class intellectual and being caught awkwardly between the two.

Told through reflective interviews, but mainly, Micky's acclaimed stand up comedy. Micky's transition from the mean streets of the East End to the leafy lanes of Dulwich is a fascinating story, with each episode focusing on a different decade of Micky's life.

Written and performed by Micky Flanagan.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

SAT 15:30 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multi-Media Lecture (m001093c)

From Cliff to Dale

Disgraced Rock Musicologist and Media Studies lecturer Brian Appleton delivers a series of unique and bizarre lectures to an invited audience.

Drawing on his own bitter memories of thwarted pop stardom - he begins by charting five decades of British pop.

Written by and starring Graham Fellows.

Additional Research by Rex Brough

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

SAT 15:45 The Jail Diaries of Sir Ralph Stanza (m001093g)

Prison Bard

Albie Sachs, Nelson Mandela, Jeffrey Archer... the literary penal tradition is an honourable one.

It now reaches its pinnacle with Sir Ralph Stanza, the poet dedicated to bringing culture to the masses, and gently explain it to them.

This is the first of Sir Ralph's audio diaries from his recent stint as poet-in-residence at a maximum security prison.

Written by and starring James Quinn.

One lucky inmate receives poetic tips, covering street culture, spelling and jokes about poets' names...

Sir Ralph Stanza ...James Quinn

Robo ...Jack Deam

Dean ...Neil Bell

Josh ...Theo Ant Smith

Officer ...Joan Kempson

Produced at BBC Manchester by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 16:00 Douglas Livingstone (m00101jg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b08rq6mg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Jenny McDade - Something of the Night (b0075bgz)

A bad dream, ley lines, the marsh mist - or simply an overactive imagination?

A schoolboy witnesses strange goings-on. But will any of the grown-ups believe his fantastic tale?

Written by Jenny McDade.

Dean Batty Leonard Kirby

Inspector Andrews John Challis

Adrian Knight MP Geoffrey Whitehead

Hatty Fielding Jane Whittenshaw

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

SAT 18:45 The Man and the Snake by Ambrose Bierce (m0010g5n)

Harker Brayton is relaxing on a sofa but is startled when he spots a snake staring at him.

Should he confront it...?

Robert Lang reads Ambrose Bierce's short story, first published in 1890.

Ambrose Bierce was an American Civil War soldier, wit and writer.

Producer: Maurice Leitch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

SAT 19:00 I Did It My Way (b00921b4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dsy7d)

Series 1

Isy Suttie

Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for music and comedy.

This time they make music on the subject of 'hard water'; shine a spotlight on the troubled life of the double bassist and reveal the haunting sound of the 'ocarina'.

With guest comedian Isy Suttie who persuades Alex to sing in a duet.

Host Alex Horne

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland

Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier

Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds

Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe

Guest performerIsy Suttie.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt)

Series 11

1. Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray

Two heavyweights of stand-up are in conversation as Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray.

Ed tackles Al on a vast array of topics from Thackeray's attitude to the Irish to the thorny issue of offence in comedy via how best to talk to McFly.

Ed Byrne is an Irish comedian and actor. His celebrated observational routines made him a leading light of the UK stand-up circuit in the mid-90s and he went on to tour internationally, playing festivals and theatres across the world.

After an early stand-up foray as a character called 'The Murderer', Al Murray created his famous Pub Landlord character in the mid-90s as part of a touring show with Harry Hill. The Pub Landlord went on to tour venues and festivals worldwide before making his own TV chat shows and sitcom. Al also presents history documentaries and stood against Nigel Farage in the 2015 UK General Election.

Chain Reaction is the long running host-less chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

SAT 23:00 The Curried Goat Show (b009170w)

Episode 4

It's Fabric Night! Plus all you never knew about flying.

Sketch-bonanza written by and starring Dan Gaster, Will Ing and Ben Silburn.

With special guest: James Fleet

Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.

Producer: Maria Esposito.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1998.

SAT 23:30 Cowards (b00ftm0)

Series 2

Episode 2

Meet a greedy darts player and an irritating rower. Plus a visit to a video rental shop...

More from inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards.

Sketch comedy with a comic slant on human frailties

Written by and starring:

Tom Basden

Stefan Golaszewski

Tim Key

Lloyd Woolf

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

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SUN 06:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (Omnibus) (m0010fsh)

Episode 1

Playwright John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering 1929 to 1956 when 'Look Back in Anger' was first performed.

Recollections of his early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.

He had a peripatetic life - thanks to his mother's whims and father's work.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts.

Read Peter Egan.

Abridger/ Producer: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0715ftn)

Maria Friedman

Actress-singer Maria Friedman chooses 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev and 'Bess, You is My Woman Now' by George Gershwin.

SUN 07:20 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (Omnibus) (b098hpxl)

Episode 1

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian Revolution in October 1917.

Petrograd under the Provisional Government is in chaos.

American journalists John Reed and Louise Bryant arrive to find the tension between factions is palpable and it's only a matter of time before the situation explodes. But in which direction?

Stars Richard Laing and Kelly Burke.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Robin Brooks

John Reed Richard Laing

Louise Bryant Kelly Burke

Lenin Nicholas Murchie

Liazonov Ewan Bailey

Lunacharsky Matthew Gravelle

Buchanan Richard Elfyn

Doorwoman Lynn Hunter

Zorin Sion Pritchard

Woman Sarah Ridgeway

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Alison Hindell

A BBC Cymru/Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

SUN 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00b0jz0)

To Bed or Not to Bed

Simon Sparrow takes Wendy off for a naughty weekend, but events don't quite go to plan...

The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow. Starring Richard Briers

Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's

'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.

Simon Sparrow Richard Briers

Wendy Swithenbank Norma Ronald

Tony Benskin Ray Cooney

Colonel Brown Dennis Ramsden

Receptionist David Jason

Waiter Edward Cast

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1969.

SUN 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0816y6m)

Series 2

Domestic Help

Desperate to get a cleaner - how can Jennifer raise the cash?

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.

The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig

Henry Corner Francis Matthews

Mrs Scraggs Doris Rogers

Mrs Foskett-Dyke Joan Sanderson

Trudi Roberta Tovey

Amanda Jill Riddick

Mrs Hobson Olwen Griffiths

Don Scraggs Nigel Lambert

PC Wilson Frederick Treves

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.

Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes. Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969.

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1970.

SUN 09:30 Man at the Helm (b07x5vrg)

Episode 2

Local handyman Charlie Bates is not on the man list for Lizzie's

three meddlings kids.

But they're prepared to give him a shot when their divorced

mum falls for him - because he looks like Frank Sinatra...

Nina Stibbe's comic novel set in 1970s rural Leicestershire.

Adapted by Amanda Whittington.

Lizzie Eloise Webb

Amy Fern Deacon

Little Jack Ben Barker

Elizabeth Amanda Hale

Charlie Bates Andy Nyman

Mr Lomax Jason Barnett

Dad James Lailey

Mrs Bates Elizabeth Bennett

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010f7w)

Musicians

Christine McVie

From Etta James to Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Singer and composer Christine McVie shares her choices with

Kirsty Young.

Christine enjoyed huge success with Fleetwood Mac, penning

many of their signature songs including You Make Loving Fun,

Oh Daddy, Little Lies, Everywhere and Songbird.

The band has sold more than 100 million records and rumours

remains one of the most popular albums of all time, with sales

of over 40 million. It was recorded in 1976 whilst band

members were going through relationship break-ups and the

stories of excess and drug taking during the 1970s and 1980s

are well documented.

In 1998, McVie was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame as a member of Fleetwood Mac and received the Brit

Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music. The same year,

after almost 30 years with the band, and having a developed a

fear of flying, she opted to leave and lived in semi-retirement

for the next 15 years, releasing only one solo album in 2004.

She bought a Jacobean house in Kent and spent the next four

years restoring it.

Christine re-joined the band officially in January 2014, and that

year she received the British Academy's Ivor Novello Award

for Lifetime Achievement.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011vjj0)

Series 2

Waterton

Squire Waterton of Walton Hall was an eccentric Englishman

and gentleman who made many visits to South America and

wrote about his travels.

His travel books are "amongst the oddest I know" Sir David

Attenborough tells us, written in an odd, almost biblical style.

But nevertheless, they are accounts of natural history 200 years

ago.

Attenborough argues that Waterton shouldn't be just

remembered for his writing. He should be credited with

establishing the first nature reserve in this country.

Appalled by the ravages of the industrial revolution's impact on

the landscape, he built a wall around his estate to protect the

wildlife - and free of charge allowed people to visit, which they

did in their masses.

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0010fsl)

Series 8

Ashes On The Lawn

A global pandemic. An afflicted, angry group. A seemingly

indifferent government. Reporter Tracie Hunte wanted to

understand this moment of pain and confusion by looking back

30 years, and she found a complicated answer to a simple

question: When nothing seems to work, how do you make

change?

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity.

Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur

between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in

2020.

SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0715ftn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m0010f5n)

Pursuit Of Beauty - In Emily Dickinson's Bedroom

The house where Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst,

Massachusetts, is now The Emily Dickinson Museum. The

museum has restored her bedroom, where she wrote most of her

poetry, and they offer writing sessions for those who wish to

spend an hour or two alone in Emily's Room.

In this programme three very modern writers, Cheryl Strayed,

Ocean Vuong and Sharon Olds visit her room, to write, and to

examine their writing through their own personal connections

with Emily Dickinson's life and work.

For someone who has had such a huge impact on American

poetry, Emily Dickinson lived a very small life. She published

only a handful of poems in her lifetime, and as she grew older

became a recluse who wore only white. Dubbed 'the myth of

Amherst', her posthumous fame poses her as a puzzle to be

solved. In visiting her room and meeting her on the page

Cheryl, Sharon and Ocean reclaim her as a passionate,

politically engaged writer whose work speaks powerfully to our

present moment.

Cheryl Strayed is the author of four books and is best known

for her memoir of hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, 'Wild', which

was turned into a film starring Reese Witherspoon. She also

wrote the beloved advice column 'Dear Sugar', the best of

which was collected into 'Tiny Beautiful Things'.

Ocean Vuong won the 2018 TS Eliot prize in 201 for his debut

poetry collection 'Night Sky with Exit Wounds'. Born in

Vietnam, Ocean has lived most of his life in Emily Dickinson's

New England, and currently teaches at the University of

Massachusetts, based in Amherst.

Sharon Olds is one of America's leading contemporary poets,

the author of many collections of poetry and the recipient of

many prizes, including the Pulitzer and the TS Eliot.

Producer: Jessica Treen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 12:30 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sp1rs)

2000s

Cockney comedian Flanagan takes us through the noughties.

This was the decade spent settling down with a middle class

woman - "she's been ski-ing and everything" - and building a

career as a stand up comedian.

In the documentary segments, Micky chats to his parents about

turning to stand up. He also discusses comedy and class with the

brilliant Sean Lock.

Concluding his first radio series, Micky charts his progression

from working-class Herbert to middle-class intellectual and

being caught awkwardly between the two.

Written and performed by Micky Flanagan.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

SUN 13:00 The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce (Omnibus) (b0828x1q)

Episode 2

The newly refurbished Music Shop opens. However Frank's

latest music lesson causes Ilse to reveal a painful secret.

Written, abridged and read by Rachel Joyce.

It's 1988. Frank owns a music shop. It is jam-packed with

records of every speed, size and genre. Classical, jazz, punk - as

long as it's vinyl he sells it. Day after day Frank finds his

customers the music they need. Then into his life walks Ilse

Brauchmann.

Ilse asks Frank to teach her about music. His instinct is to turn

and run. And yet he is drawn to this strangely still, mysterious

woman with her pea-green coat and her eyes as black as vinyl.

But Ilse is not what she seems. And Frank has old wounds that

threaten to re-open and a past he will never leave behind ...

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes.

Producer: Michael Shannon

Executive Producer: Gemma McMullan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06nsvty)

Cliff Richard

The 'Peter Pan of Pop' chooses 'Chewing A Piece of Straw' by

Jack Payne and His Orchestra and his own 'We Don't Talk Any

More'.

First broadcast during 'Saturday Live' on BBC Radio 4 in

December 2013.

SUN 14:20 Jonathan Myerson - That Was Then (Omnibus) (b09rwbk3)

Series 2

Episode 2

Concluding Jonathan Myerson's tense drama.

Held at knife-point - but will the truth set Anna free?

When a convicted murderer is released on appeal, his

supporters claim a victory for justice. But for the murdered

man's friends, life implodes.

What really happened back then, in the student house they all

shared? The house where Ben died?

Only one of them wants to uncover the old lies.

Starring Rosie Cavaliero as inner city vicar Anna who logs her

secrets on her phone.

Omnibus of episodes 11-15 of 15

Anna Rosie Cavaliero

Beeston Batman Johann Myers

Stuart Joseph Millson

Harry Samuel James

Ben Tom Forrister

Roisin Pooky Quesnel

Phoebe Isabella Inchbald

Lauren Kath Weare

Mike Rupert Holliday Evans

Imogen Sudha Bhuchar

Max Gary Duncan

Reporter Sanchia McCormack

Dispatcher Emilio Doorgasingh

Jaap Charlie Clements

Waiter Rob Thomson

Pip Rebecca Hamilton

Tom Abbie Andrews

Monk Neil McCaul

Archdeacon Ellie Darvill

Jacqui Ellie Darvill

Kyle Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

With Philip Bretherton, Adam Fitzgerald, Philip Fox, Kerry

Gooderson, Clive Hayward, Chetna Pandya, David Reakes.

Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

SUN 15:30 The Welsh M1 (b03nt8g7)

1. Heading South

The A470 runs nearly 200 miles through the heart of Wales from Llandudno to Cardiff Bay.

It was created to connect north and south of the country, yet it takes four hours – sometimes more - to make the journey. It's certainly not the fastest road in the UK but to drive the A470 is to truly understand the landscape, history, culture and language of Wales.

In the first of two programmes, Cerys Matthews sets out on a road trip in search of a nation's identity and the essence of Welshness. She travels through the Welsh-speaking heartland of the north-west, meeting writers, musicians and historians. She falls into conversation on the streets of Llanrwst, encounters poetry in the paving stones of Blaenau Ffestiniog and discovers the roots of one of her favourite folk songs on the high passes of the A470 beyond Dolgellau.

The A470's route is ancient, its northern sections following the old Roman road, Sarn Helen.

Yet it's also modern: the politics of Wales are complicated by the challenge of bringing together a whole nation both geographically and symbolically. The road was created in 1979 by re-designating older roads. And that's why this tarmac tribute to nationhood winds back and forth across the Welsh landscape, apparently reluctant to reach its final destination.

As she travels south, Cerys hears many different definitions and descriptions of the A470: a road to nowhere; the road Wales deserves; a highway of loss; the Welsh M1.

Producer: Jeremy Grange

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SUN 16:00 Peter Ling - Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)
The most constant and adored companion in the life of the celebrated stage actress Mrs Patrick Campbell was her little dog Moonbeam.

With war declared in 1939, 'Mrs Pat' travels with Dorothy, the daughter of her former secretary, on a train journey to Spain. Thus begins Dorothy's voyage of discovery as she learns of her marriages, love letters from George Bernard Shaw – and how she met her beloved Moonbeam.

Imelda Staunton stars in Peter Ling's drama.

Mrs Patrick Campbell... Imelda Staunton

Egypt... Sarah Badel

Madame Lescaux... Zulema Dene

Mrs Whittall... Jilly Bond

Dorothy Whittall... Oona Beeson

George Cornwallis West... David Collings

Harrington Bayley... John Hartley

George Alexander... Roger May

With: Mark Montgomerie, Geoffrey Whitehead, Patience

Tomlinson, Ross Livingstone, Andrew Branch, Stephen

Critchlow and Joshua Towb.

Peter Ling - with Hazel Adair - most famously created the long-running Midland-based ITV soap opera, Crossroads.

Mrs Patrick Campbell made a name for herself in a variety of diverse theatre roles: Mrs Darling in Peter Pan, Eliza Doolittle in Pygmalion, Roxane in Cyrano de Bergerac and Raina in Arms And The Man. (Born Beatrice Stella Tanner - she died aged 74 in 1940)

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0010fsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sp1rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Martin Kizsko - Scramble (b007jwnl)

Episode 1

Imagine a Britain in which the State attempts to have absolute control over all its citizens, even to the extent that music and sound recording have been outlawed as subversive.

A tale of love and treachery, in which an individual is pitted against enormous odds.

Starring Clare Corbett.

Written in three-parts by composer Martin Kizsko.

Young Mel Femka Whitney

Mel Clare Corbett

Jason Ben Tinniswood

Commander-in-chief David Collins

Agent Peters Ben Addis

Agent Daniels Simon Winkler

Levant Christian Rodska

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in March 2006.

SUN 18:30 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)

1. The Captain of the Polestar by Arthur Conan Doyle
As a Dundee whaling ship becomes trapped in the Arctic, strange cries sound across the ice at night and a figure is glimpsed on the floes.

Is it the Captain's lost love come to reclaim him?

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Marty Ross.

Series of three Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery.

Craigie Alec Heggie

Milne James Bryce

Doctor Nick Underwood

Williamson John Buick

McLeod Brian Pettifer

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m0010fsl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0715ftn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Peter Ling - Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010f7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011vjjo)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sp1rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b00jj0mx)

Series 1

Walsall

This week, Mark performs the local Town Hall in Walsall, West Midlands: a town which has nothing to do with Birmingham. Mark discusses their statue of a concrete hippo, smaller than he expected and the fact that people keep moving it. Mark also jokes about the statue of Princess Diana that turned black.

Mark then talks about the leather trade and the local leather museum. Then there's the Walsall man who shot himself with his own taser.

Mark explores the town's history - mining and how he visited a very hot iron foundry. We hear about the creation of St. Monday, in which people tried to get the Monday off from work. Sister Dora was the "Civilian Florence Nightingale" helping to improve health care for the poor, who also has a statue.

Mark tells us about the Walsall Anarchists who were framed by the police and probably the most famous anarchists in British history. And we can't forget Walsall's very own football club, who defeated the unstoppable Arsenal 2-0 in the 1930s - one of the biggest upsets in football history.

Produced by Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SUN 23:00 On the Hour (b007lzwz)

Series 2

Episode 5

Ireland hits the headlines as the programme ransacks the archives to celebrate its 33rd birthday.

All the news as it happens, if it happens from the BBC's urgent and incisive news overview.

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

Written by Chris Morris, Armando Iannucci, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick, Stewart Lee and Patrick Marber.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

SUN 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqm8)

1996

Coming out to parents with a twist, an unusual Blue Peter appeal - and is the end of the world nigh...?

Recorded in 1993 - Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Hugh Dennis 'look back' at 1996 - a year that was yet to happen. A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.

Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Welsh M1 (b03nt8g7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Peter Ling - Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0010fsl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sp1rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v8t0s)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 2

6. The Engineer's Thumb

Can the great detective solve the mystery behind engineer

Victor Hatherley's injury?

Starring Carleton Hobbs as Sherlock Holmes. The actor played the Baker Street sleuth in 80 radio dramas between 1952 and 1969.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale was first published in the Strand Magazine in 1893. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

With Norman Shelley as Dr John Watson, Harold Reese as

Victor Hatherley, Julian Somers as Colonel Lysander Stark, Geoffrey Wincott as Mr Ferguson, Stella Textor as Elise, Edgar Norfolk as Inspector Bradstreet, John Scott as the Clerk, Janet Morrison as the Maid and Ian Sadler as the Railway Guard.

Producer: Martyr C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1960.

MON 06:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0hy)

1. Escape

A story of espionage in the remote mist-veiled islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Lonely and withdrawn, the islands stand like a breakwater off the north-west coast of Britain. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist-and on other things

A strange discovery is made. Could it be the sign of a plot that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain?

Jim Nicholson ...Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Lieutenant Ritchie ... Roy Spencer

Jim Nicholson ... Edward de Souza

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Brigadier ... Michael Kilgarriff

Written by Robert Barr

Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

MON 07:00 Man at the Helm (b07z4dj4)

Episode 3

The kids begin to wonder if Charlie Bates is reliable man at the helm material and decide the local vet is a much better option.

Nina Stibbe's comic novel set in 1970s rural Leicestershire.

Adapted by Amanda Whittington.

Lizzie Eloise Webb

Amy Fern Deacon

Little Jack Ben Barker

Elizabeth Amanda Hale

Charlie Bates Andy Nyman

Mr Lomax Jason Barnett

Mr Swift Tom Forriester

Pub landlady Adie Allen

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m00106br)

Series 87

Episode 6

Sue Perkins hosts Radio 4's longest running panel show, Just a Minute. Sue challenges guests Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Shaparak Khorsandi and Gyles Brandreth to talk without

hesitation, deviation, or repetition. This episode was produced using remote recording technology, with the audience joining

from their homes all over the world.

Devised by Ian Messiter

Whistle blown by Caroline Barlow

Produced by Hayley Sterling

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

Series 6

Seance in a Wet Rag and Bone Yard

Sceptical Harold slams Albert's claims about speaking to the dead...

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Patricia Routledge, Gwen Nelson and Edward

Kelsey.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold

and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.

MON 08:30 Albert and Me (b007jsbh)

Series 1

Spanner in the Works

Single dad Bryan's son Albert is starting nursery - what could possibly go wrong?

Stars Richard Beckinsale as Bryan Archer, Pat Coombs as Mum/Albert and John Comer as Dad. With John Junkin as

Harry.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1977.

MON 09:00 Jest a Minute (b012n3rz)

Series 1

Episode 2

Justin Moorhouse, Rob Deering, Chris Corcoran and Tom Allen hit London in Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz. From September

2006.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00805vh)

Series 1

Episode 2

Pam's absent hubby returns, so Merv tries to woo his ex and find somewhere to live. Stars Mervyn Stutter. From November

2001.

MON 10:00 Douglas Livingstone (b083pchd)

Road to Oxford

David is the first of his family to go to university. The young

student goes up to Oxford full of hope and with his parents bursting with pride, but finds that it's not all plain sailing. Matters come to a crisis during the chaotic festivities of May Day.

Road to Oxford is set at the celebration of the dawn on May 1st, when the choristers sing from the top of Magdalen tower and the students shiver in their evening clothes at the base - after a night of partying. The production team went to Oxford to record the overnight festivities and shivered with the rest of them, town and gown, but managed to avoid the temptation of a warming nip of alcohol - a temptation which quite a few other people succumbed to.

Cast:

Bernard John McAndrew
David....Michael Gilbert
Shirley...Annabel Smith
Mary...Jane Whittenshaw
Julian...Jordan Metcalfe
Christopher...Charlie Bateman
The Porter...Christopher Benjamin
The Senior Tutor...Frank Stirling
The Guide...Ella Road
The Policeman...Christopher Royle
Written by Douglas Livingstone
Directed by Jane Morgan

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

MON 10:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w46nz)

Episode 1

At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.

At the inaugural meeting, Sarah reveals how chocolate helped her make one of the biggest decisions of her life...

Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.

Mrs Drexel - Sylvia Sims
Clementine - Paula Wilcox
Rosie - Helena Breck
Sarah - Eleanor Bron
Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles
Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp
Luke - Peter Darney

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0010j19)

Series 8

Lessons From The Summer Of 2020

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores what lessons and wisdom we can take of the summer of 2020, a time of pandemic and protest. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2020.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0010gcd)

Emma Barnett

Woman's Hour presenter Emma Barnett chooses 'Cheek to Cheek' performed by Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong as her inheritance track. It brings back happy memories of dancing with her grandparents and her amazing "fairy godmother." The track she'd pass on to her son is 'The Time is Now' by Moloko, from their 2000 album 'Things to Make and Do.' Emma says it inspires her to seize the moment and live for now.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2021.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

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MON 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v8t0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h71kq)

6. Hold the Front Page

A ten-part reading of John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering the period from 1929 to 1956 when Look Back in Anger was first performed.

The famous playwright recalls early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.

Read by Peter Egan.

Produced by Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

MON 14:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098h70f)

6. The Revolutionary Front

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian

Revolution in October 1917.

Kerensky and the counter-revolutionary Cossacks are making gains and threatening Petrograd. Reed visits the Revolutionary frontline with the Bolshevik commander-in-chief - who seems less than organised.

John Reed's vivid eye-witness account of his time in Petrograd was written in early 1918 and published in the USA the following year. It was an instant best-seller, so much so that in Russia it was some years before Stalin - who is only mentioned twice in the book - felt he could ban it for its portrayal of Trotsky. Possibly naïve, definitely politically one-sided, nevertheless the veracity and impact of Reed's enthusiastic

snapshot-style reportage has become a classic memoir and inspired films including Eisenstein's classic 'October' and 'Reds' which won an Oscar for its director and star, Warren Beatty.

CAST:

John Reed Richard Laing
Comberg Matthew Gravelle
Colonel Nicholas Murchie
Dybenko Richard Nichols
Antonov Sion Pritchard
With Simon Ludders, Tom Forrister and Philip Fox
Dramatised by Robin Brooks.
Director Alison Hindell.

A BBC Cymru Wales production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

MON 14:30 Peter and the Wolf (b0076vxx)

'Peter In The Wolf' is a classical music classic, perhaps even the classic, for children. Almost from its first performance in Stalin's Russia it's images of boy, duck, bird, cat and wolf have become a staple. Pianist and entertainer Rainer Hersch is just another of those brought up on Prokofiev's tale of boyish bravery and bravado. In this programme he endeavours to find out more about the hinterland of the piece.

Alongside the likes of Richard Baker, Terry Wogan and Angela Rippon are some more unlikely figures like the American comic Peter Schikele, the broadcaster Floella Benjamin and, most telling of all, the daughter of Natalia Satz, the woman who encouraged Prokofiev to write the piece in the first place and who performed it thousands of times before handing over the role to her daughter.

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

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MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m00106br)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4lg)

1. The Seeds of Creation

Ralph Exon - working for an international fertiliser corporation - has created a new strain of plant: a mutation which he hopes will bring relief to the famine-ridden countries of the world. It's an innocent-looking plant. But in that plant, known as the Exon Strain, there also lurks the Destruction Factor...

James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six-parts.

CAST:

Max Flinders T.P. McKenna
Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
Howard Rogers Paul Copley
Ralph Exon Clifford Rose
Balfour Peter Wickham
Garrard Rod Beacham
Ted Downes Bruce Beeby
Kathy Downes Joan Matheson
Milly Karen Archer
Anne Christine Absalom
Harriet Debby Cumming

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in

March 1978.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01qj9fx)

Meg Rosoff and Sara Pascoe

Harriet Gilbert is joined by writer Meg Rosoff and comedian

Sara Pascoe.

BOOKS DISCUSSED

Snow Country by Yasunari Kawabata

Published by Penguin Classics

The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand

Published by Penguin

An Education by Lynn Barber

Published by Penguin

Producer Beth O'Dea

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MON 22:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxqnm)

And the Hackett March on...

Milford, Parker and Marmite venture to Moran's ruins to try and locate the "ancient finding device", while Raamen Bod

summons general Geezer to finish them off once and for all.

Continuing the epic and timeless tale of two men and their quest to find "The Sofa of Time", the most magical and powerful item of furniture in the entire universe.

It is said that those who sit on the sofa can be transported to anywhere and anytime.

Fantasy sitcom written by Nick Frost and Matt King.

Milford Matt King

Parker Nick Frost

Marmite Mark Heap

Raamen Bod Peter Serafinowicz

With Kevin Eldon, Julia Deakin, Janei Anderson, Daisy Jones and Simon Pegg.

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0010617)

Series 106

Episode 6

Kerry Godliman, Anand Menon, Kiri Pritchard-McLean and

Ola Labib join host Andy Zaltzman to pore over the week's

news. This week, they get their teeth into the Tory party

conference, the scrapping of the Universal credit uplift in the

week it was announced fuel prices could go up by 30%,

Facebook's 6hr lost weekend and the Nobel Prizes.

The chair's script is written by Andy Zaltzman, with additional

material by Alice Fraser, Heidi Regan, Suchandrika

Chakrabarti and Tasha Dhanraj.

Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Marc Wilcox

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:30 The Harri-Parris' Radio Show (b066z15x)

Series 1

West End Boys

Ifan plots to split Anni from Ben, roping her ex-boyfriends into a scheme at Rumourz.

Sitcom with songs by Llinos Mai about the latest goings on

from West Wales' most dysfunctional farming family.

Starring Llinos Mai, Daniel Rochford, Rhys ap Iffor, Oli

Wood and Rhian Morgan.

Producer: Mark Harrison

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in August 2015.

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021

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TUE 04:00 Jest a Minute (b012n3rz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00805vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Man at the Helm (b07z4d4j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (m00106br)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v8t0s)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 2

7. The Illustrious Client

Why is the Baker Street sleuth asked to intervene in a special

matter of the heart?

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale was first published in the Strand

Magazine in 1893. Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

CAST:

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Dr John Watson Norman Shelley

Sir James Damery John Humphry

Baron Gruner John G. Heller

Shinwell Johnson Anthony Vaccars

Kitty Winter Eva Stuart

News Vendor Nicholas Edmott

Carleton Hobbs played the great detective in 80 radio dramas

between 1952 and 1969.

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1960.

TUE 06:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0dx)

2. Risk

A story of espionage in the remote mist-veiled islands of the

Outer Hebrides.

Lonely and withdrawn, the islands stand like a breakwater off the north-west coast of Britain. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist- and on other things Officer Jim Nicholson risks his life investigating the spy torpedo. Could it be the sign of a plot that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain?

Jim Nicholson ...Edward De Souza
Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick
Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch
Mary Somers...Rosemary Miller
Colonel Jamieson / Hotel Manager ... Alaric Cotter
Alec Thompson ... John Graham
Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins
Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

TUE 07:00 Polyoaks (b08gij0)

Series 5

The Ghosts of Patients Present

The staff at Polyoaks continue their struggle to survive, all the while dodging the CQC, the GMC and the many other acronyms the NHS is prone to - as well as keeping their finances, computer systems and patients from collapsing. Doctors Hugh and Roy Thornton continue to argue over who's responsible for the state of the NHS - Lansley or Hunt, Corbyn or May, Blair, Thatcher or Bevan. Dr Jeremy struggles to understand medicine, duty of candour and fungal infections, while Staff Nurse Monica takes on the Herculean task of managing the dysfunctional Polyoaks practice - while wishing she was back in Scotland.

Dr Roy Thornton..... Nigel Planer

Dr Hugh Thornton Simon Greenall

TV's Dr Jeremy David Westhead

Nurse Monica..... Polly Frame

Stephanie Simons Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Mrs Parriss..... Sheila Reid

Malcolm / Waiter.....David Holt

Written by Dr Phil Hammond and Mr David Spicer

Directed by Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2017.

TUE 07:30 The Birthday Cake Game (m00107w6)

Series 1

Episode 6

A brand new comedic quiz hosted by Richard Osman that poses one simple question - do you know how old people are? Part quiz show, part panel show, and sometimes part chat show - The Birthday Cake Game is always play-along and full of entertaining guesses, with some surprising take home facts. The trio joining Richard this week, battling to prove they're the best at working out ages and to take home the coveted birthday cake, are Suzi Ruffell, Andrew Hunter Murray and Sophie Duker. Tune in to find out who comes out on top and see if you can beat the players and score higher at home.

Production Manager: Ellie Threlfall

Production Executive: Gemma Whitford

Producer: Tamara Gilder

A Remarkable production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jrj3)

Series 2

Episode 4

The World Cup's gone missing! MI5's Disguise Department run by Julian and Sandy provide a bona disguise for Master Spy Kenneth Horne.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round the Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.

TUE 08:30 Our Man at Wembley (b0075j2s)

Episode 2

Bill Matthews's four-part comedy series set in 1947.

2: As the FA Cup final looms, it seems Eric will not be able to broadcast from within the stadium. Stars Alistair McGowan.

With John Salthouse, Dax O'Callaghan, Jeremy Child, Nicholas Pepper, Jane Whittenshaw and Melanie Hudson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m001067)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Nineteen Ninety-Eight (b01dbfn3)

Episode 6

Edward and Tabitha finally face their foe, Colonel Brad.

Orwellian sitcom with David Threlfall and Hugh Laurie.

Yes, it's all in your throwaway Nineteen Ninety-Eight! Am Jap: The Inside Story.

Plus!!! Edward and Tabitha - the end of the line????

And: who is the mysterious Mrs Wigg?

With Rebecca Stevens, Steve Steen, Richard Turner, Jenny Luckraft, Pam Ferris and Mike Myers.

Written by William Osborne and produced by Nick Symons.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

TUE 10:00 Drama (b09gkscm)

Road to Lautrec

The hilltop community in the medieval village of Lautrec is one of the most beautiful villages in France. It holds a festival to celebrate the harvest of their distinctive pink garlic. This two day event on the first weekend of August, attracts thousands of visitors with its bewildering array of garlic twining competitions, garlic sculptures, dancing, processions, elaborate church services, markets, culinary contests, a vast dole of free garlic soup and a huge communal dinner held under the stars. Three oddly assorted people from a London cookery course take advantage of an offer to visit the fete, staying with a local ex-pat. What follows is a comic romance of gastronomy, lost love and prodigious amounts of garlic and, rose wine, played out in a truly extraordinary place in the shadow of Brexit.

Cast:

Mary Cheryl Campbell

Colin.... ..Robin Ellis

Harry..... Nigel Anthony

Susanna..... Emma Cunniffe

Young Mary..... Bronte Tadman

Phillippe.....Pierre Elliott

Writer: Douglas Livingstone

Director: Jane Morgan

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2017.

TUE 10:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w4ht1)

Episode 2

Following her mother, it's Rosie's turn to tell her shameful tale of how her 21st birthday party nearly didn't happen...

At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.

Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.

Mrs Drexel - Sylvia Sims

Clementine - Paula Wilcox

Rosie - Helena Breck

Sarah - Eleanor Bron

Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles

Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp

Luke - Peter Darney

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

TUE 11:00 Pieces of Britney (p09mw6j1)

7. Groundhog Day

Pandora Sykes revisits the events that led to Britney's conservatorship and the key players around that time.

In this eight-part series for BBC Radio 4, Pandora traces Britney's incredible life: from her hardscrabble childhood in rural Louisiana, to her coronation as the inaugural pop princess of the internet, navigating an insatiable celebrity gossip complex; through to a young mother on trial by the paparazzi. Britney is a pop culture phenomenon. Pandora looks behind that mask - and beyond Britney herself - to explore how Britney became the most Googled person in the world, for almost 7 years, and what it says, both then and now, about the entertainment industry, politics, sex and how we see women in the public eye.

Britney's public struggles saw her placed in a conservatorship, in which she lost the right to control her finances and day to day life. Thirteen years later, and she is in court, pleading for this controversial legal arrangement to end. We will look at how Britney has been transformed from girl-next-door teen sensation to pop music's Rapunzel, trapped in a supposedly rotten system.

Pieces of Britney mixes documentary, archive and interviews to tell Britney's remarkable story. It also features drama, written by playwright Katie Hims, to bring Britney and her extraordinary world to life.

Pieces of Britney is a sympathetic portrayal of Britney, during a time of cultural reappraisal about how we treat women - famous, or otherwise.

Episode 7 Cast:

Britney Samantha Dakin

Lynne Laurel Lefkow

Jamie Elliot Cowan

Sam Paul Chahidi

Adnan Adam El Hagar

Other parts played by Joseph Ayre and Julianna Jennings

Sound design by Peter Ringrose

Produced by Sasha Yevtushenko and Anne Isger.

TUE 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b07g75p5)

Leona Lewis

Singer Leona Lewis chooses 'The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face' by Roberta Flack and 'One Love' by Bob Marley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b007jrj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Our Man at Wembley (b0075j2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v9wgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h7g49)

7. Kindly Leave the Stage

A ten-part reading of John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering the period from 1929 to 1956 when Look Back in Anger was first performed.

The famous playwright recalls early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.

Read by Peter Egan.

Produced by Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

TUE 14:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098j5l7)

7. Counter-Revolution

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian Revolution in October 1917.

Bryant is caught up in a vicious street battle and witnesses the bloody violence of the Revolution at close quarters. Counter-revolutionary government troops holding the telephone exchange are captured by Bolshevik sailors - who then have to learn to man the switchboards. Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

John Reed's vivid eye-witness account of his time in Petrograd was written in early 1918 and published in the USA the following year. It was an instant best-seller, so much so that in Russia it was some years before Stalin - who is only mentioned

twice in the book - felt he could ban it for its portrayal of Trotsky. Possibly naïve, definitely politically one-sided, nevertheless the veracity and impact of Reed's enthusiastic snapshot-style reportage has become a classic memoir and inspired films including Eisenstein's classic 'October' and 'Reds' which won an Oscar for its director and star, Warren Beatty.

CAST:

John Reed Richard Laing

Louise Bryant Kelly Burke

Trotsky Matthew Gravelle

Meshkovsky Nicholas Murchie

Girl Gwawr Loader

Antonov Sion Pritchard

Doorman Ewan Bailey

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director Alison Hindell.

A BBC Cymru Wales production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

TUE 14:30 For One Night Only (b007y0p7)

Series 5

The Reunion in Central Park

Central park, New York, was the scene of a momentous reunion on 19 September 1981. In front of 400,000 people, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel sang together again for the first time in 11 years. The duo who had brought folk music into the mainstream showed that their estrangement had not tarnished the magic. Out of what had begun as another Paul Simon gig, grew a night that fans had never imagined possible, and an album to remember it by.

Paul Gambaccini discovers the stories behind the concert that almost didn't happen.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

TUE 15:00 Drama (b09gkscm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 15:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w4ht1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b08vx113)

Series 7

The University of Liverpool

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Liverpool with specialist subjects including Physiology, Egyptology and Psychology and questions ranging from the great god Ammit, the Eater of the Dead, to Buzz Aldrin and from gallstones to Gershwin.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.

Other Universities featured in this series include Roehampton, Hull, Queen's University Belfast and St John's College, Cambridge.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.

TUE 16:30 Nineteen Ninety-Eight (b01dbfn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Polyoaks (b08tgij0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Birthday Cake Game (m00107w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4mr)

2. The Devil's Harvest

As fires erupt - why is Ralph Exon's new plant strain mutation growing so rapidly?

James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six parts.

CAST:

Max Flinders T.P. McKenna
Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
Howard Rogers Paul Copley
Ralph Exon Clifford Rose
DI Balfour Peter Wickham
Commander Rod Beacham
Nurse Joan Matheson
Voice in Climatorium Jennifer Piercey

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0367s12)

Series 16

Lili Marlene

A new series of Soul Music begins with stories of love, loss and friendship through the WWII favourite Lili Marlene, made famous by Marlene Dietrich and sung by soldiers on both sides.

Producer: Maggie Ayre.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007jrj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Our Man at Wembley (b0075j2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v9wgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Pieces of Britney (p09mw6j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:55 Inheritance Tracks (b07g75p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]

TUE 22:00 The Birthday Cake Game (m00107w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b00wg3mg)

Series 4

George Washington

Captain Brimshaw attempts to broker peace with George Washington.

Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

McGurk Andy Hamilton

Samuel Jay Tarses

Joshua Tony Maudsley

Mary Julia Hills

Ezekiel Hugh Dennis

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

with Philip Pope and Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

TUE 23:00 Small Scenes (b04mcw89)

Series 2

Episode 3

A man gets lost in a breakfast buffet and a stag party goes very wrong.

Symphonious sketch show, starring Daniel Rigby, Sara Pascoe, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd and Henry Paker.

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak with additional material from Oly Cambridge.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

TUE 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b04dmgb0)

Series 2

Bean's Odyssey

Comedian Adam Riches introduces a series of one-off comic adventure stories. In this opening episode, we are taken on "Bean's Odyssey": an epic journey which follows Sean Bean's attempts to save his castle, his wife and his O2 contract from the ever-growing threat of...the McGann brothers.

As usual Adam is joined by Cariad Lloyd, Jim Johnson and a host of unwitting and occasionally unwilling audience shaped co-stars to create a cavalcade of mayhem that explodes deep into your ear flaps.

Written by Adam Riches

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b0367s12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b09v9wgs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h7g49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098j517)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 For One Night Only (b007y0p7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Drama (b09gkcsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w41t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b08vxt13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Nineteen Ninety-Eight (b01dbfn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Polyoaks (b08tgj10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The Birthday Cake Game (m00107w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)

1. Village of the White Scorpion

A thriller serial in eight parts by Victor Pemberton with Sheila Grant first broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

What will Elizabeth Warwick discover, when she travels in the footsteps of her famous archaeologist father, in Egypt?

Elizabeth Warwick...Sheila Grant

Mahmoud... James Thomason

Mr Wilder...John Humphry

Fuad... David Spencer

Charles Villiers...Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers... Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

WED 06:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0x9)

3. Danger

A story of espionage in the remote mist-veiled islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Lonely and withdrawn, the islands stand like a breakwater off the north-west coast of Britain. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist- and on other things.

Intelligence offers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant explore who could be in a spy ring that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain and beyond.

Jim Nicholson ...Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Mary Somers...Rosemary Miller

Colonel Jamieson / Hotel Manager ... Alaric Cotter

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

WED 07:00 Rob Newman (b08pf09g)

Rob Newman's Neuropolis

Skull and Bonec

One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.

It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.

Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.

Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution.

Written by and starring Rob Newman

Co-starring Claire Price and Richard McCabe

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2017.

WED 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b092gb3r)

Series 3

Summer: New Swedes

Edinburgh Comedy award winner Adam Riches stars as the bemused and culturally challenged comedian abroad - recorded in Sweden with a cast of the country's most popular comedy actors, and written by Danny Robins.

It's three years since Geoff moved to the tiny north Swedish town of Yxsjö with his girlfriend Linda (Sissela Benn from the Swedish version of The Office). It has been quite a culture shock and they've been through a lot in three years - rotting herring, moose and bears, battles with language, perfect ex-boyfriends and ice hockey, the birth of a son, a marriage proposal and a runaway hot air balloon.

In this third series, Geoff is faced with a road trip south with his disturbingly loved up parents-in-law, the vagaries of the Swedish immigration system, advanced Swedish lessons and the surprising generosity of the benefit system.

Episode 2:

Geoff's father-in-law Sten (Thomas Orredson) sponsors Ashkan, a young refugee from Afghanistan, who has applied for asylum. Was Trump right? Is Sweden being overwhelmed by refugees? Why is Sten friends with a Swedish cowboy,

played by the original Walldner, Krister Henriksson? And is football the only truly international language?

Writer Danny Robins is the co-creator of Lenny Henry's sitcom Rudy's Rare Records. Ashkan is played by Afghan refugee teenager Ajmal Shamsi.

Writer: Danny Robins

Director: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0132tk2)

The Radio Ham: Pye's Re-recording

On the 1st October 1961, many of the original cast members of 'The Radio Ham' episode from the BBC TV series 'Hancock' assembled in the large Pye Records studio in London. There, in front of an invited audience, they recorded an audio version of what has become Tony Hancock's most often-released and best-selling album.

With it celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, please bear in mind that this recording contains references and attitudes of its time.

CAST:

GLK London Tony Hancock

Mayday Caller Patrick Cargill

Phyllis, the Landlady Annie Leake

Albert, the Landlady's Husband Deryck Guyler

HBX Belgrade, Flying Doctor and Others John Bluthal

B45 Malaya and Police Radio Voice Frank Thornton

Robin and Policeman 2 Clive Dunn

Desdemona June Whitfield

Policeman 1 Hugh Lloyd

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

A Pye Records audio re-recording of a BBC Television episode first broadcast in June 1961.

WED 08:30 Give Or Take (m0010h2v)

Episode 6

Wally K Daly's sitcom about a bank clerk who wins the pools.

Annabel and Sam are besieged by the press, who want the story behind the burning of the pools cheque. And Rose panics when she thinks her daughter and son-in-law have been kidnapped. Stars David Roper as Sam Baker and Sharon Duce as his wife, Annabel.

Featuring Bill Owen as Fred and Patsy Rowlands as Rose.

With special guests Hugh Paddick, Tenniel Evans, David Tate and Vicky Ogden.

Theme music by Jim Parker.

Produced by John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns)

Series 5

Episode 4

From the wonder of umbrellas to banning children in pubs Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show.

With Gyles Brandreth, Boothby Graffoe, Hugh Dennis and Lauren Laverne.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b00d8yxr)

Series 3

Promises, Promises

Tasked with organising an auction of promises for a posh school, Rosie finds that it's not the parents who are upper-crust so much as the pupils...

More challenges for Rosie Burns running her family's event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...

The third of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Greg Leo Dolan

Trevor Jim North

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

WED 10:00 Douglas Livingstone (m0000qvr)

Road to Lisbon

Douglas Livingstone's 'Road to ...' series, which creates a specially recorded soundtrack of major festivals to create new stories, takes us to this year's joyous summer festival of St. Anthony in Lisbon. Patron saint of lovers and lost things, St. Anthony presides over days of celebrations. There's fado – the wonderful songs of melancholy and longing peculiar to the Portuguese capital - there are nights of street parties, with sardines and sausages hissing on grills at every corner; there are dance competitions, parades and a mass wedding in the cathedral. But this is more than a story of sardines and sangria - we learn about life under the dictatorship of Dr. Salazar and the effect that the curiously named Carnation Revolution had on one man. 45 years ago Tony's father was one of the 'Retornados'. After the fall of the Portuguese fascists, he was forced to leave his home and business in colonial Mozambique and found himself equally unwelcome in his native Lisbon. He made a new life in England and it's only on his death that his son discovers a clue to the secret that Paulo thought he had taken with him to the grave.

Tony Carl Prekopp

Sharmila Carlyss Peer

Joan Elizabeth Rider

Paulo David Westhead

Receptionist/Afonso Andre Flynn

American Tourist Julie Fitzpatrick

Azra Cleo Sylvestre

Fernando Malcolm Sinclair

Writer: Douglas Livingstone

Producer: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

WED 10:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club

(b00w5jbt)

Episode 3

It's Clementine's turn to create a chocolate delight for the club and Charlotte tells the tale of her terrible chocolate cravings during pregnancy...

At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.

Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.

Mrs Drexli - Sylvia Sims

Clementine - Paula Wilcox

Rosie - Helena Breck

Sarah - Eleanor Bron

Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles

Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp

Luke - Peter Darney

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 11:00 Great Lives - Four Hundred and Counting (m0010h2x)

1. Eric and Ernest

From Eric Morecambe to Ernest Shackleton - Matthew Parris on the rows, revelations and rank incompetence behind 400 editions of Great Lives.

Deep in the summer of 2001, a new programme tiptoed onto Radio 4. The concept was simple - book someone famous to talk about someone dead. Except there was a problem; famous people don't talk much about someone else. In a world of the celebrity plug, getting voices to commit to a radio programme where they couldn't talk about themselves was proving tough. Twelve slots to fill, and nobody signed up.

400 episodes later... Barbara Castle, Beryl Bainbridge, Bernard Manning, eventually everyone says yes. In this episode, Christopher Hitchens was so incensed by the presenter that he walked out. "You're a bleeding Tory," he said, "and always have been. Have you done? I have to be somewhere at one." Matthew Parris and original series producer Miles Wardle go behind the scenes to find out how Great Lives was born. Featuring material never previously played - nominators and experts about their hopes and fears; archive of original presenters Joan Bakewell and Humphrey Carpenter; plus a special selection of the very best of Great Lives.

"There's a joy in judging people by their choice of hero. It's one reason Matthew Parris's Great Lives series has run for 40 series." Ben Preston, Radio Times editor, 2016.

Programme extracts also to include: Penelope Keith on Morecambe and Wise; Piers Morgan on W.G. Grace; Bernard Manning on Mother Teresa and Rosie Boycott on Ernest Shackleton.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Wardle.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2017.

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WED 14:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h7y92)

8. I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles

A ten-part reading of John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering the period from 1929 to 1956 when Look Back in Anger was first performed.

The famous playwright recalls early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.

Read by Peter Egan.

Produced by Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

WED 14:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098jpmh)

8. Victory

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian Revolution in October 1917.

Trotsky has claimed victory over the Cossacks and Kerensky is asking for an armistice. Reed sets out once more for the front line with a driver who takes a dim view of American democracy, and finds himself up against the illiterate brutality of the Red Guard.

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Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director Alison Hindell.

A BBC Cymru Wales production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

WED 14:30 Carnival Queens (b00763pf)

Glamour, power and influence - all part of life as a Carnival Queen in Southend-on-Sea.

Queens may still have chaperones and celebrity status, but what

is the appeal for the modern girl? Sara Parker hears from queens past and present as they get together for this year's event and asks if the tradition will survive for the next 75 years.

Produced and presented by Sara Parker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

WED 15:00 Douglas Livingstone (m0000qvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 15:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5jbt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

WED 16:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Smelling of Roses (b00d8yxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Rob Newman (b08pf09g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b092gb3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007k4ny)

3. The Wings of Azrael

Can a corporation's new plant strain mutation bring relief to famine stricken countries?

James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six parts.

CAST:

Max Flinders T.P. McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Nurse Joan Matheson

Anne Christine Absalom

Blowers Michael Shannon

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in

March 1978.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m000g193)

Series 22

Habitat

Growing up in a changing landscape, communicating disaster through a language barrier, a sonic illustration of the world's dwindling animal populations and finding hope outside our windows. Josie Long presents short documentaries on the climate crisis.

Smoke Signals

Produced by Natalie Kestecher

Hearing Extinction

Produced by Mona Chalabi and Emmy the Great

Mother Earth

Produced by Alia Cassam

Terrace, Rome, Italy during the lockdown

Produced by Daria Corrias

Originally recorded for the Field Recordings podcast

Production Team: Eleanor McDowall and Alia Cassam

Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0132tk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Give Or Take (m0010h2v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Great Lives - Four Hundred and Counting (m0010h2x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter (b092gb3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Harpoon (b007k4cc)

Series 1

Episode 1

From patent cures to whaling for the under 5s.

The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys.

Hip hip!

With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson,

Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jpkc)

Series 5

Music Festival

Mike Flex and Mike Channel host Radio Active's very own live music extravaganza.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Geoffrey Perkins.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Docherty, Moray Hunter and Jeremy Pascall.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

WED 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007wqf1)

Series 1

Salisbury Plain

The sketch show team take their audience on Territorial Army manoeuvres - and a surprise Book at Bedtime.

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1990

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1k)

2. Into the Darkness

A thriller serial in eight parts by Victor Pemberton with Sheila Grant first broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

Will Elizabeth be able to find out more about the tomb her father discovered in Egypt before his death? Stars Shelia Grant.

Elizabeth Warwick: ...Sheila Grant

Mahmoud: ...James Thomason

Mr Wilder: ...John Humphry

Fuad: ...David Spenser

Charles Villiers: ...Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers: ...Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby: ...Haydn Jones

Bertie Pringle: ...Barry Lowe

O'Hara: ...Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz: ...John Justin

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

THU 06:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0v9)

4. Suspects

A story of espionage in the remote mist-veiled islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Lonely and withdrawn, the islands stand like a breakwater off the north-west coast of Britain. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist- and on other things.

Intelligence officers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant explore who could be in a spy ring that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain and beyond.

Jim Nicholson ...Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Mary Somers ... Rosemary Miller

Colonel Jamieson / Hotel Manager ... Alaric Cotter

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

THU 07:00 Ankle Tag (b092fwx8)

Series 1

The Date

Bob decides it's time to get back on the horse, dating wise, and strikes up a friendship with a woman he meets in a local museum. Meanwhile Gruff is delighted when his editor commissions an article about smoothies, and Alice joins the local neighbourhood watch.

Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

A BBC Studios Production.

First BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 07:30 The Break (m000k3fp)

Series 3

2. Five Benches Outside Yatterby Hall, Flamford

Nothing could be more relaxing than a visit to a historical stately home - but this is Flamford. Andy (James Northcote) starts the day with a rather alarming haircut and it's downhill from there on.

Jeff (Philip Jackson) drags Andy on a quest to local heritage site, Yatterby Hall, where he hopes to snag the autograph of his hero, Sir Trevor McDonald. On the way, they meet disgruntled and vengeful Big Blue Bus guide Glenn (Rasmus Hardiker), disgruntled and despondent primary school teacher Brendan Liversedge (Mark Benton) and several disgruntled and thin-

skinned costumed museum guides.
Lording it over them all (quite literally) is Lord Yatterby.
Johnny Hussey-Gore-Marshbanks (also Mark Benton), his conversationally-challenged wife Francesca (Shobna Gulati), his scheming dowager mother (Alison Steadman) and Alfred, his junkie son (Rasmus Hardiker).
Created and Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie
Produced and Directed by Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012xpyk)
Series 8
Episode 5
It's music all the way on Wonderful Radio Prune with Dave "the Rave" Hatch.
Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, 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 March 1970.
THU 08:30 After Henry (b007k204)
Series 1
Going Away
Sarah's keen to book a holiday, but can't get away from her family.
Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Mary Maddox as Alison.
Four radio series were made, but instead of then moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1985.
THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b05z1t16)
Series 9
AA Milne
James Walton quizzes the panel in the literary quiz show.
Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Sue Limb and John O'Farrell.
The Author of the Week and subject for pastiche is AA Milne
Reader: Beth Chalmers.
Producer Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.
THU 09:30 Beaumarchais (m0010ts8)
5. Droit d'Auteur
Craig Warner's six-part comedy set in 18th-century France. Beaumarchais is anxious to climb the ladder of nobility...
5. One tap of the censor's gavel and The Marriage of Figaro would disappear forever. It's time to hold a party ... with Sean Baker , Alex Lowe , Stephen Thorne , Joanna Monro , Ioan Meredith and David Bannerman.
Beaumarchais ...Henry Goodman
Marie Antoinette:....Siobhan Redmond
Suard/Beggar:....Ron Cook
Le Compe d'Artois:....Sean Baker
Louis XVIAlex Lowe
Beaumarchais's FatherStephen Thorne
Le Duchesse de PolignacJoanna Monro
Le Duc de Fronzac ... Ioan Meredith
President Dupaty ...David Bannerman.
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.
THU 10:00 Douglas Livingstone (m0008jdv)
Road to Ferrara
Raymond has long since divorced, but is still not resigned to his single status. When his mother dies, he looks to her carer for help of a different sort.
An invitation to go with her to Ferrara to witness the oldest Palio in Italy seems to open up the possibility of romance, but Ferrara is a city with a history of lust, betrayal and revenge - and Raymond's visit there has unexpected echoes of the past.
Drama inspired by extensive recordings made at the 2019 Palio at Ferrara.
Cast:
Raymond.....Peter Wight
Lucia.....Rebecca Lee
Martha.....Joanna McCallum
Marco.....Sebastiano Kiniger
Maid.....Emma Noakes
Restaurant Owner.....Jane Bertish
Maria.....Flaminia Cinque
Written by Douglas Livingstone
Directed by Jane Morgan
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2019.
THU 10:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5rkw)
Episode 4
Rosie delivers her creation to the club. Meanwhile, Clementine tells the tale of how she came to own a chocolate shop in the village.
At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a

chocolate-related tale while eating it.
Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.
Mrs Drexel - Sylvia Sims
Clementine - Paula Wilcox
Rosie - Helena Breck
Sarah - Eleanor Bron
Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles
Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp
Luke - Peter Darney
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010f7w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011vjjo)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b012xpyk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 After Henry (b007k204)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b0v9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h7z97)
9. Fall of a Sparrow
A ten-part reading of John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering the period from 1929 to 1956 when Look Back in Anger was first performed.
The famous playwright recalls early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.
Read by Peter Egan.
Produced by Glyn Dearman.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
THU 14:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098n8z5)
9. Moscow
John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian Revolution in October 1917.
Lunacharsky despairs at the rumour that the revolutionaries' own bombardment has destroyed the historic Kremlin. Reed and Bryant set out to Moscow to see for themselves but find not everyone in the city supports the Bolsheviks.
John Reed's vivid eye-witness account of his time in Petrograd was written in early 1918 and published in the USA the following year. It was an instant best-seller, so much so that in Russia it was some years before Stalin - who is only mentioned twice in the book - felt he could ban it for its portrayal of Trotsky. Possibly naïve, definitely politically one-sided, nevertheless the veracity and impact of Reed's enthusiastic snapshot-style reportage has become a classic memoir and inspired films including Eisenstein's classic 'October' and 'Reds' which won an Oscar for its director and star, Warren Beatty.
CAST:
John Reed Richard Laing
Louise Bryant Kelly Burke
Lunacharsky Matthew Gravelle
Cab Driver Nicholas Murchie
Melcher Charlie Clements
Wife Eiry Thomas
Student Sion Pritchard
With Simon Ludders and Tom Forriester
Dramatised by Robin Brooks.
Director Alison Hindell.
A BBC Cymru Wales production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
THU 14:30 A Tale Of Two Theatres (b03zdbrg)
Mehmet Ergen is best known to UK theatre audiences as the co founder of London's Arcola Theatre. In this programme we learn that his pioneering work in Hackney is only half the story. We follow him to his Turkish homeland, post Gezi Park and post Arab Spring, caught between the Syrian conflict and EU aspirations; an emerging economy where freedom of speech still in jeopardy.
Produced by Kirsty McQuire
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4 First broadcast in April 2014.
THU 15:00 Douglas Livingstone (m0008jdv)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 The Break (m000k3fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbg)
4. Birdstrike
After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's advancement continues.
James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six parts.
CAST:
Max Flinders T.P. McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams
Howard Rogers Paul Copley
Blowers Michael Shannon
Prime Minister Noel Johnson
Shand Gregory de Polnay
Wayne Roy Spencer
Dymond Rod Beacham
Producer: David Spencer
First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b08zc6fs)
Series 43
Maxine Peake on Ellen Wilkinson
The actress Maxine Peake nominates her working class hero, Ellen Wilkinson, as a great life. Ellen is regarded as one of the most important figures in the history of British radical left politics. She joined the Communist party, met Lenin and Trotsky in Moscow and then went on to become one of the Labour Party's youngest people entering parliament in 1924. For Maxine Peake, the tragedy is that Ellen Wilkinson is now virtually a forgotten figure despite her remarkable achievements. With help from historian Helen Antrobus from the People's History Museum in Manchester, they make the case for Ellen Wilkinson meriting the description of a great life. The presenter is Matthew Parris and the producer is Perminder Khatkar.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
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THU 22:00 The Break (m000k3fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 What's Funny About ... (m0010f7z)
Series 2
4. Pamela Stephenson & John Lloyd on Not The Nine O'Clock News
TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers, and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.
In the next episode of What's Funny About... Peter and Jon talk to John Lloyd and Dr Pamela Stephenson about their pioneering sketch show Not The Nine O'Clock News
Over 17 million viewers tuned in over 4 series to watch Pamela alongside Rowan Atkinson, Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Smith, and Chris Langham perform scripts written by some of the cream of British comedy talent - Richard Curtis, Andy Hamilton, and even a (then undergraduate!) Stephen Fry.
John Lloyd recalls how the NTNOn team was put together, and how a chance meeting with Pamela at a party led to her becoming the one of the most recognisable faces on British television.
They talk us through some of their favourite sketches and reveal how they created their vast array of characters, from Gerald the Gorilla to Janet Street-Porter (and in particular, the interview that Pamela's Janet did with Billy Connolly that would change both of their lives).
And John and Pamela discuss the perks and perils of commercial success in the world of comedy, when the business of books, albums, and movies come calling, and how it eventually led the end of Not The Nine O'Clock News.
With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how they went about making a great bit of TV comedy? Who came up with it? How did it get written? We'll talk about the commissioning, the casting, and the reception the show received when it first aired.
We'll do our very best to wrinkle out some backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, as we hear the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put these iconic shows on the telly.
THU 23:30 The Secret World (b011dkny)
Series 1
Episode 2
From Lord Alan Sugar to Bruce Forsyth - Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk.
The comedy impressions series examining the bizarre and private lives of public people.
Starring:
Jon Culshaw
Margaret Cabourn Smith
Julian Dutton
Jess Robinson
Lewis Macleod
Duncan Wisbey
Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton, Tom Jameson & Nev Fountain, Rufus Jones and Dan Skinner.
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

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FRI 05:30 The Break (m000k3fp)

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FRI 06:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1m)

3. Strangers in a Cafe

A thriller serial in eight parts by Victor Pemberton with Sheila Grant first broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968. Elizabeth Warwick visits the site of the tomb excavated by her father in the Valley of the Kings. With her goes a young Egyptian whom she thinks to be Fuad Yassif, a former friend of her father. Suddenly she finds herself locked in the darkness of the tomb with only a cobra for company.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant

Mahmoud ... James Thomason

Mr. Wilder ... John Humphry

Fuad ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle ... Barry Lowe

O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin

The stranger ... Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

FRI 06:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b15z)

5. Escalation

A story of espionage in the remote mist-veiled islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Lonely and withdrawn, the islands stand like a breakwater off the north-west coast of Britain. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist- and on other things Intelligence offers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant explore who could be in a spy ring that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain and beyond.

Jim Nicholson ... Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Mary Somers ... Rosemary Miller

Colonel Jamieson / Hotel Manager ... Alaric Cotter

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

FRI 07:00 On the Rocks (b05vwtks)

Series 2

Sermons

Father Tregarthan enlists the help of an unlikely source to help him with his irreligious parishioners.

1930s comedy set on the Scilly island of St. Martin's, just before the Second World War.

Written by Christopher William Hill.

Frank Gunwallow Joseph Kloska

Tommy Trehear Stuart Fox

Tregarthan Peter Marinker

Ben Trehear Alex Palmer

Morwenna-May Alex Tregarth

Signor Di Bicci Sam Dale

Reggie Pender Christopher William Hill

Director Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 07:30 The Confessional (m0010g03)

Series 2

The Confession of Olivia Williams

Following the success of its inaugural series earlier this year and by popular demand, Stephen Mangan is back with the comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week Stephen Mangan invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him. This is a cue for some rich and varied storytelling, and surprising insights as their confessions are put under the microscope.

We're used to hearing celebrity interviews, where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements and talk about their proudest moments. Stephen is not interested in that. He doesn't want to know what his guests are proud of, he wants to know what they're ashamed of. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick. Settle back for a stimulating journey through the realms of shame, regret, guilt and toe-curling embarrassment.

This week Stephen meets British and Hollywood screen actor Olivia Williams (The Sixth Sense, The Crown)

Other guest in the series: Anthony Horowitz, Ed Byrne, Shaparak Khorsandi, Konnie Huq and David Quantick.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Produced by Frank Stirling

A 7digital production

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)

Series 2

Mum's Army

When Captain Mainwaring decides to open up his Home Guard unit to women, Mrs Gray catches his eye.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Fraser John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden

Mrs Gray Carmen Silvera

Edith Parish Wendy Richard

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

FRI 08:30 Coming Alive (b007k22v)

Series 1

Hostage To Fortune

A troubled community centre visitor puts ex-convict Terry in danger. Stars Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan. From February 1999.

FRI 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b0608h7v)

Series 3

Episode 1

What is Sarah Millican's worst habit? Who is Richard Osman's mum's favourite recording artist? What would Nathan Caton be doing if he wasn't a comedian?

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, Richard Osman picks his mother, Sarah Millican her mate Lou, and Nathan Caton his brother Mekel to answer questions about each other.

Producer: Matt Stronge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.

FRI 09:30 Clare in the Community (b008h5z7)

Series 1

Last Words

The social worker is wracked with relief when her most detested client dies. Stars Sally Phillips. From December 2004.

FRI 10:00 Drama (b08504lg)

Sebastian Baczkiewicz - The Last Submarine Hunter

An original mystery drama featuring documentary interviews.

In October 2014, reports of a suspected Russian submarine in the Swedish archipelago sparked an international hunt. Lucas Almqvist disappeared at that time.

Now, two years later, Lucas's sister Lina sets out to find him, and discover the truth about the mystery submarines. Along the way, she meets a retired naval commander and an expert in Unidentified Submerged Objects.

Cast:

Lina Almqvist - Ellie Piercy

Inspector Ragnarsson - David Menkin

Maya and Tove - Marion Bailey

With thanks to Janne Westerlund, Sven Kviman, Per

Andersson, Clas Svahn, Freddie Petersson, Max Bergström,

Marie Wennersten, Malcolm Dixelius, Magnus Lindman and

Magnus Berg.

Sound Design by Steve Bond

Written by Sebastian Baczkiewicz

Produced and Directed by Joby Waldman

Executive Producer: Jeremy Mortimer

A Somethin Else production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

FRI 10:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)

Episode 5

A huge cake box sits on the table, as the mysterious Mrs Drexel tells a tale which surprisingly concerns them all - as she explains how she came to be invited to join the club...

At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five

women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.

Conclusion of Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.

Mrs Drexel - Sylvia Sims

Clementine - Paula Wilcox

Rosie - Helena Breck

Sarah - Eleanor Bron

Charlotte - Carolyn Pickles

Hot Shot - Carl Prekopp

Luke - Peter Darney

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0010hjy)

Long Running Podcasts

Laura Grimshaw and Jessica Fostekew look at long running podcasts. That's podcasts that have been going a long time, not podcasts about running. Not exclusively anyway. Podcasts that have been around for a while with loads of episodes to dive into.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Coming Alive (b007k22v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b15z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 A Better Class of Person by John Osborne (b03h84fl)

10. On the Pier at Morecambe

A ten-part reading of John Osborne's highly-acclaimed first volume of autobiography - covering the period from 1929 to 1956 when Look Back in Anger was first performed.

The famous playwright recalls early years in Fulham, his mother's make-up regime and his Uncle's letters.

Read by Peter Egan.

Produced by Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

FRI 14:15 John Reed - Ten Days That Shook the World (b098njdl)

10. The Conquest of Power

John Reed's classic eye-witness account of the Russian Revolution in October 1917.

The Bolsheviks have defeated the counter-revolution and are getting on with the business of government despite the threat of civil war. The abolition of all private ownership of land has won over the peasants and, for a moment, the Revolution seems to have accomplished its goals.

John Reed's vivid eye-witness account of his time in Petrograd was written in early 1918 and published in the USA the following year. It was an instant best-seller, so much so that in Russia it was some years before Stalin - who is only mentioned twice in the book - felt he could ban it for its portrayal of Trotsky. Possibly naïve, definitely politically one-sided, nevertheless the veracity and impact of Reed's enthusiastic snapshot-style reportage has become a classic memoir and inspired films including Eisenstein's classic 'October' and 'Reds' which won an Oscar for its director and star, Warren Beatty.

The Internationale is sung by Eiry Thomas.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Director Alison Hindell.

BBC Cymru Wales production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

FRI 14:30 The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle (b01mkzgf)

The East German secret service, the Stasi, loved to keep records. It built up a library of hundreds of thousands of files on its own people. When the order came to destroy those files, in late 1989, there was so much paper to get through that the state's shredders collapsed under the pressure. They then resorted to using chemicals and burning and, finally, to simply tearing them up by hand, until ordinary people themselves stormed the Stasi buildings and rescued what they could. Amongst the files that were rescued, they found 16,000 sackfuls of torn up bits of paper.

A small group of people near Nuremberg has been painstakingly trying to put those bits of paper back together; but the task was going to take 400 years to complete.

An expert in image processing, Dr. Bertram Nikolay came forward with his E-puzzler prototype computer, which is being put through its paces. Dr. Nikolay says the E-puzzler will be able to read the scraps of paper and put them back together in just a few years.

In The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle Chris Bowlby returns to Berlin, where he spent time as a student in the divided city, and meets the scientists hoping to rescue the destroyed Stasi paper archive. He also hears some disturbing audio archive which is being catalogued; there are stories from some of the Stasi's victims and we hear how, twenty years after the fall of the Berlin wall, the search for the truth within the archives is as important as ever.

Producer: John Murphy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 15:00 Drama (b08504lg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 15:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

FRI 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b0608h7v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Clare in the Community (b008h5z7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 On the Rocks (b05vwtks)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Confessional (m0010g03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor (b007jpbx)

5. Search and Destroy

Despite the national emergency, landowners try to profit from the deadly Exon strain.

James Follett's sci-fi thriller in six parts.

CAST:

Max Flinders T.P. McKenna

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Nurse Joan Matheson

Prime Minister Noel Johnson

Blowers Michael Shannon

TV Presenter Henry Knowles

TV PA Mary Elliott Nelson

Climatorium Technician Rod Beacham

Helicopter Pilot Peter Wickham

Farmer Roy Spencer

Corporal Gregory de Polnay

Sachs Denis Goacher

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as 2 x 90 minute plays on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b016wx2p)

Away with the Fairies

Dominic Arkwright asks why fairies, once threatening and scary meddlers in human affairs, have become innocent, pink and fluffy.

He's joined by Irish storyteller Eddie Lenihan, fairy illustrator and writer Faye Durston, and folklorist Juliette Wood. We hear how Eddie successfully campaigned to save an ancient hawthorn near Shannon Airport which was threatened by a new bypass. It was, he argued, the portal to the other world of the fairies of Munster. The tree still stands, though surrounded by cars on three sides.

Future editions include programmes on Glut, Japan, and Follow the Yellow Brick Road.

Producer: Mark Smalley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Coming Alive (b007k2zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Victor Pemberton - Kill The Pharaoh! (m00101m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Robert Barr - The Dark Island (m000b15z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0010hjt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m0010g03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076w9l)

Shelley Berman

Famed for his pioneering one-sided phone calls, American icon Shelley Berman brings his unique observational wit to the UK. Series in which Mark Thomas introduces iconic American comedy performers.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

FRI 23:00 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multi-Media Lecture (m0010hk1)

Elvis Lives

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Is Elvis Presley alive and well and working as a minicab driver in Blackburn?

Rock musicologist and Media Studies lecturer Brian Appleton examines the conspiracy theories which abound in the history of rock concerning Elvis Presley, Freddie Mercury and Harry Secombe to name but three.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Additional Research by Rex Brough.

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

FRI 23:15 The Jail Diaries of Sir Ralph Stanza (m0010tsb)

Doing Rhyme

Sir Ralph Stanza considers himself to be a marvellous poet and idealises his current job as poet in residence at Longmore Grange Category A prison. He romanticises a burglar called Conor, claiming to understand and appreciate his role as an Irish freedom fighter.

Sir Ralph Stanza....James Quinn

Conor....James Scales

Kerrie....Lorraine Cheshire

Gina....Joan Kempson

Officer Marple....Chris Jack

Produced by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

FRI 23:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b08hnpms)

Series 1

Shaken

"This show is a story, and it's a big story. But it actually starts in

one of my therapy sessions..."

In 1989, 13 and unpopular, Sarah misses the school bus. This prompts her to tell a lie and suddenly she finds herself the focal point of the entire community.

This show is as much about the art of storytelling as it is about a teenager's want to be popular. Sarah examines why stories are so important to her and she leaves us with a message from Ferris Bueller:

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and move around once in a while, you could miss it"

Multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendall, continues her critically acclaimed trilogy of funny and moving, live shows to BBC Radio.

Taking her audience on a trip, Sarah gives a unique snapshot of small-town life in Australia in the early 90s.

At a time when most people were seeing Australians through the filter of 'Home and Away' and 'Neighbours', Sarah's shows present a darker underbelly to the stereotype of the sun-loving, happy-go-lucky Aussie teenager.

Comedic and tragic in equal measure, Sarah's tales of her teenage life blend intricate narratives with a cast of memorable characters, bringing events to life in front of your very ears.

Written and performed by Sarah Kendall

Producer: Carl Cooper

Production Coordinator: Emily Hallett

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2017.