SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2021

SAT 00:00 The First Church of the New Millennium by Bryan Appleyard (b007jqqm)

Episode 10

Architect Stephen Rix's cathedral has finally been built.

But what has been the true cost?

Concluded by David Horovitch.

Set in 1999, Brian Appleyard's novel was first published in 1994.

Abridged by Ed Thomason.

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996. SAT 00:15 The Second Pan Book of Horror Stories

(m0000z4y)

The Judge's House by Bram Stoker

A scholar moves into the former home of a judge with an evil

Written by Bram Stoker.

The Pan Book of Horror Stories was a paperback series of short story anthologies first published in 1959

Early editions were known for their lurid cover art and editor Herbert Van Thal's selection of stories by new authors alongside classics of the genre. It was credited with introducing a new generation to the horror tradition in the 1960s.

The Second Pan Book Of Horror Stories, published in 1962, was considered to be one of the best. Anita Sullivan has selected five from this edition for her own fresh interpretation.

Malcolmson Luke Thompson Mrs Witham Pippa Haywood Dempster Kathryn Drysdale Producer/Director: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b017wy7c)

The Making of You

Dominic Arkwright talks to three guests about their formative

Sports writer Julie Welch recalls boarding school days of innocence, lusting after her Games Captain.

Social entrepreneur, Gwilym Gibbons, remembers growing up in a commune, feeling an outsider from the mainstream world. Psychotherapist Paul Welcomme, whose schooldays were far from halcyon, argues that the decisions adults make for their children can have a devastating and lasting affect on their lives. Producer: Sarah Langan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011

SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (b011qm8r)

Whip Hand 5 The Finish

Sid Halley believes he knows the truth behind the doping and phoney racing syndicates, but dare he reveal it?

Conclusion of Dick Francis's thriller set in the world of horseracing.

Starring Mick Ford.

Dramatised by Alan England.

Sid Halley Mick Ford Chico Barnes Kim Durham

Rosemary Caspar Patricia Gallimore Charles Simon Carter

Trevor Deansgate Terry Molloy

Rammileese Andy Hockley Ullaston Geoff Serle

Jenny Petra Markham

Mark Rammileese Philip Molloy

George Casper Alan Devereux

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

SAT 01:30 The Hot Kid (b055g8zr)

3. Teddy's on 18th and Central

Fed up with waiting for Deputy Marshal Carl Webster to take her dancing, Louly has gone to Kansas City to make a fresh start, with a new job and new name.

She arrives at the same time as Jack Belmont, who's fled Tulsa after shooting his partner and now plans to start robbing banks. Both soon come to the attention of local crime boss Teddy Ritz and it's not long before Carl has to bail them all out of trouble. Elmore Leonard's enthralling criminal odyssey is set against the dusty, sun-kissed backdrop of Oklahoma and Kansas during

America's Great Depression. Starring Samantha Dakin and Lucian Msamati.

Dramatised Katie Hims.

Louly Brown Samantha Dakin Tony Antonelli Nathan Osgood Carl Webster Luke Norris

Jack Belmont Adam Gillen Teddy Ritz Lucian Msamati Heidi Dilworth Bettrys Jones Lou Tessa Shaun Mason

Bank Guard David Acton Bank Teller Hannah Genesis Bank Manager Ian Conningham

Hotshot Paul Heath
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

SAT 02:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (b09sr1k8)

Episode 10

Stephen is sloughing off the ties of his life in Ireland, in order

to be free to pursue the life of an artist.

James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece

Concluded by Andrew Scott. Abridged by Sara Davies. Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

SAT 02:15 D for Dexter (b06nrzqr)

Series 2 Episode 5

It's the early hours of Friday morning. Dexter could sleep through a riot. In fact, he just has.

But Skye isn't going down to see her Mum, not this time. Amanda Whittington's heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story exploring the issue of neglect.

Skye ... Sydney Wade Dexter ... Alfie Johnson

Joe ... Bill Rodgers

Jak ... Una McNulty

Dean ... Peter Caulfield Amber ... Liz Godber

Ant ... John Elkington

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

SAT 02:30 Mysteries from the Past (b01lhbg8)

A new outdoor production of the medieval York Cycle of Mystery Plays opened in 2012.

It starred Ferdinand Kingsley as Jesus and Graeme Hawley as the devil, with a community cast and crew of over 500 people. The revival of these plays first took place as part of 1951's Festival of Britain and were staged, like the 2012 production, against the backdrop of the ruined St Mary's Abbey in the Museum Gardens.

The York Mystery Plays are the most complete cycle telling stories from the bible in 48 separate plays each one originally performed by one of the city's medieval guilds. Staged on the back of waggons at various locations around the city the plays were performed on Corpus Christi Day from around 1390 until 1575 and took all day to perform. Since 1951 the plays were staged every three or four years until 2000 when the last fullscale production took place in York Minster directed by the RSC's Gregory Doran.

Playwright John Godber takes to the medieval streets of York to look back at how these 'modern-day' performances relate to the original ideas behind the plays of communicating bible stories to the illiterate masses

Examining archive material including medieval manuscripts and recordings of the some of the productions, he talks to experts in medieval drama and some of the people involved in past productions which have launched the careers of actors Judi Dench, David Bradley and Mary Ure.

Productions have not been without controversy - such as casting a women as God or having Hindu actor, Victor Banerjee, playing Christ - guaranteeing publicity for these adventures in major community theatre production.

Producer: Andy Cartwright

A Soundscape production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2012.

SAT 03:00 Choderlos de Laclos - Les Liaisons Dangereuses (b007 iptt)

Episode 2

Can Vicomte Valmont and the Marquise de Marteuil win their

game of seduction and revenge? Choderlos de Laclos's 1782 epistolary novel.

Stars Ciaran Hinds, Lindsay Duncan and Emma Fielding.

Dramatised by Christopher Hampton Le Vicomte de Valmont Ciaran Hinds La Marquise de Merteuil Lindsay Duncan

Mme de Tourvel Emma Fielding Chevalier Danceny Adam Godley Mme de Volanges Joanna David Cecile Volanges Alison Pettitt

Mme de Rosemonde Elizabeth Spriggs

Azolan Charles Simpson Emilie Sarah-Jane Holm Narrator: John Moffatt

Music composed by Ilona Sekacz.

Director: Gordon House:

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 1998. SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53jl3)

From 20/08/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Barry Cryer, Sid Colin and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982. Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1979.

SAT 04:30 In the Red (b007k07w)

Episode 4

Reporter George Cragge grabs headlines, as the plot to overthrow the BBC Director General grows darker. London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are old-style Chief Police Inspector Frank Jefferson and BBC Radio's anarchic crime correspondent, George Cragge.

Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.

Mark Tavener's blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties.

Dramatised by his novel by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham. George Cragge Michael William

Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore

Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt ... Peter Woodthorpe

Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry Controller Radio 4 John Bird Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow

Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost Andrew James Peter Serafinowcz

Laetitia Victoria Carling

Caroline Susie Brann

Other parts played by Jonathan Keeble, Don Macorkindale,

Annabel Mullion and Alice Arnold.

Music by Paul Mottram Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 05:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r7b8n)

Series 1

Power Block

Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents. But when she tried to head back to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village - refusing to let anyone in or out.

Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to them, so Katrina's had to start the resistance movement herself.

Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.

Starring Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

In this episode, Uljabaan is busy with a construction project and asks Margaret to help with some routine duties in the village collecting data, checking up on the man they put down the old well, that sort of thing.

Katrina is dismayed - he's too busy to oppress the humans, so

he's getting them to do it to each other.

But the construction project involves opening up the force-field that surrounds the village. Can Katrina and Lucy sneak a message into the outside world?

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Field Commander Uliabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Richard Lyons Peter Davison Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Producer: Ed Morrish First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013

SAT 05:30 It's Not What You Know (b09wt185)

Episode 4

What does Russell Kane's think his best personality trait is? What's Fern Britton's party trick and who does Ivo Graham believe is the funniest person he knows?

All these burning questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Joe Lycett, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

Produced by Matt Stronge.

It's Not What You Know is a BBC Studios production.

SAT 06:00 McLevy (b00pd7d0)

Christmas Special

McLevy is hardly a natural Yuletide reveller.

So as the good citizens prepare to make merry, it comes as a relief to the good Inspector to find that a supernatural thief is

haunting the city. Stars Brian Cox and Siobhan Redmond

David Ashton's special seasonal case for Victorian Edinburgh's

most idiosyncratic policeman.

McLevy Brian Cox Jean Brash Siobhan Redmond

Mulholland Michael Perceval-Maxwell

Hannah Colette O'Neil

Marcus Crowe Matthew Pidgeon

Donald McIver Andrew Neil

Margaret Beaton Helen McAlpine Percev Bierce Stuart McOuarrie

Simone Tracy Wiles

Finlay Hodge Robert McIntosh Lafferty Mark Bonner

Daniel Dominic Di Rollo

Child Anna McPhail Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b095rrzz)

Series 43

Helena Morrissey on Rachael Heyhoe Flint

City boss Dame Helena Morrissey champions the life of Rachael Heyhoe Flint, the pioneer of women's cricket. Regarded as a ground breaker, Baroness Heyhoe Flint ruffled

feathers and shook up a male dominated sport. Helena Morrissey makes the case for why Heyhoe Flint is a

With Matthew Parris and Dr Raf Nicholson who teaches history at Queen Mary University of London and is a writer on the women's game

Dame Helen has also made it to the top of her career in a male dominated word of the City. She is founder of the 30% Club, a

campaign group whose aim is to get a minimum of 30% women on FTSE-100 boards. Now working as Head of Personal Investing with Legal and General Investment Management. Producer: Perminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

SAT 08:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)

Series 1

Episode 6

From the magnificent to the mundane.

From the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more... Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the lists. With:

Sara Cox

Elis James

Gary Delaney

Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis Producer: Jane Berthoud and Adnan Ahmed.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2015.

SAT 08:30 All the Young Dudes (b007rkc3)

Series 1

People's Parties

Billy gets bullied into having some people round to his place. It seems like a bad idea, until someone suggests a game of

The lives of Patrick and wife Helen as they settle back into the town where he was born.

Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.

Patrick Jim Sweeney Helen Cathryn Harrison

Billy Steve Steen

Moira Sadie Shimmin Joe Stephen Frost

Maria Flaminia Cinque

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b01kjsg3)

Overseas

Captain Barry Cryer welcomes you aboard a special edition of Comedy Greats showcasing a selection of the BBC's hit comedy shows that were adapted for listeners overseas

During the 1950s to 1970s, a surprising number of series were either edited, rescripted or remade.

Barry reveals bits that never made it out of Blighty to enable

shows to be better understood abroad. * The Clitheroe Kid - Another Mother for Ossie. From

November 1965 * The Navy Lark - Going Dutch. From November 1959

* The Men From the Ministry - Birds of a Feather. Re-

recording from 1980. * Hancock's Half Hour - The New Secretary. Re-recorded in

November 1958. * Round the Horne - The Man With the Golden Thunderball Re-recorded July 1966 with an edited version of the original

* I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again - series 3 (10/13). Re-

recording from 1966. Producer: Kerry Reece

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2012.

SAT 12:00 Molesworth (m000fqk5)

Home Life

Remember that school boy terror who loved flicking ink pellets? Many trillions of eons ago Nigel Molesworth was The Curse of St Custards.

But he's come a long way since those days, and now returns

with his guide to modem life. Starring Willie Rushton.

Series written by Simon Brett based on characters created by

Geoffrey Willans and by Ronald Searle.

Molesworth Willie Rushton

Grimes Clive Swift

Louise Penelope Nice

Gillibrand Robert Harley Peason Bob Sinfield

Fotherington-Thomas Phil Nice

Arabella Chrissy Roberts

Music: Oonagh Bernon Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

SAT 12:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007k1fl)

Series 2 Episode 1

Chantal's biological clock is ticking. She knows she must have a baby and she desperately needs to find a mate.

Pamela remembers that feeling only too well. So does Merv and wishes he didn't.

But for Chantal the hunt for a suitable piece of trouser is on!

Return of the sitcom written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv Mervyn Stutter

Pam Lill Roughlev

Dibden John Challis PC Dilkes Michael Mears

Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003. SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b0b4vkkw)

The American Art Tapes

A unique insight into the vibrant art scene of mid-1960s America from an archive of recordings made then

In 1965, painter and teacher John Jones headed to the USA for a year, intending to record the most important and most influential artists he could find. His wife Gaby and their two young daughters went with him. One of those daughters. Nicolette Jones is now a writer and critic and she tells the story of how they lodged in New York, while her father grabbed interviews with Yoko Ono, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg and many more.

This was the moment of Happenings, Pop Art and Abstract Expressionism, while the long shadow of Dada and Surrealism, represented on the tapes by Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray, reached forward to Louise Bourgeois

Later, with nothing planned at all, the family set off on a three month road-trip in their old Ford station wagon, travelling America from East to West Coast, turning up in little towns on the off chance of getting an interview with artists like Jasper Johns in Florida or a young Ed Ruscha in California.

The unique archive of over 100 recordings, gathered by John Jones, lay in boxes in the family home for decades, waiting for him to write a book based on the tapes. He wasn't able to do this and so the family offered the whole set of recordings to the

Tate Archive, which acquired them in 2015. Listen out for a tantalising sample of this extraordinary material, airing a pivotal moment in 20th century art and revealing John Jones to be on a par with some of the great audio collectors like Alan Lomax and Studs Terkel.

The mood of the time is evoked by interweaving the artists' reflections with a soundscape of mid-60s American music, TV and location sound.

Art historian and Artistic Director of the Royal Academy, Tim Marlow gives a powerful sense of the artists' achieveme Nicolette Jones conjures up the feeling of a great American road trip through the eyes of the child she was.

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Producer: Emma-Louise Williams A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June

SAT 14:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b08x2zf1)

Le Carré on Spying

David Cornwell (John Le Carré's real name) desperately tries to uncover the latest mole in the Secret Service.

John F Kennedy's official visit to Berlin looms and the pressure is on to get to the truth.

Le Carre style comedy romp through 1960s Berlin courtesy of comedy trio, The Penny Dreadfuls.

Starring Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck

Also starring Miles Jupp and Mark Heap. David Cornwell Miles Jupp

Narrator Mark Heap

Various Humphrey Ker

Various David Reed

Various Thom Tuck Lizbeth/Mrs M Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Written by David Reed

Producer: Julia McKenzie

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

July 2017.

SAT 15:00 The Secret World (b0125n5t)

Series 2

Episode 1

From Al Pacino to Keith Harris and Orville.

The comedy impressions series examining the bizarre and private lives of public people.

Ion Culshaw

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Dutton Jess Robinson Lewis Macleod

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare and Julian Dutton.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010. SAT 15:30 Concrete Cow (b00768y0)

Series 1

Two kids from Peckham enter Narnia, Dr Jekyll get a telling off, and Radio 4's new panel show - full of excessive pedantry and nit-picking - I Think You'll Find...

Six-part sketch show series in which anything is possible. Starring

Olivia Colman Robert Webb

Sally Hawkins Steven Kvnman Chris Pavlo

Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd. Ashley Blake, Jon Holmes, Adam Bromley, Stuart Barker,

Robin Ince and Tim Key. Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002

SAT 16:00 McLevy (b00pd7d0) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b095rrzz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] SAT 18:00 Drama (m0001pih)

The Haunting of MR James

Every Christmas, the master of the ghost story, MR James would read a tale to his Cambridge students

But he discovers horrific events from those stories are echoed in reality - alongside the inevitable forces of change and modernism

Starring Mark Gatiss.

Original chilling drama written by Neil Brand.

MR James Mark Gatiss Gwendolyn MacBryde Fenella Woolgar Jack Pownall Ryan Whittle

Dr. Luxmoore Gerard McDermott

Davey Steadman Cameron Percival

Sellerman Ronny Jhutti

Jukes Michael Bertenshav

Grant Tony Turner

Thomas Herrick Ewan Bailey

Dr. Cameron Chris Harper Webb Sam Dale

Student Lewis Bray

Director: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b01kjsg3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00c075z)

Tom Robinson

Lee Mack presents stand-up comedy, sketches and music. With:

Tom Robinson

Mike Wilmot

Angela McHale

Music by Steve Brown, Mark Allis, David Catlin-Birch and Adam Phillips.

Written by Lee Mack and Neil Webster.

Additional material by Paul Kerensa and Tom Robinson.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2005.

SAT 22:30 Ida Barr: Artificial Hip Hop (b00txj0l) Responsibility

Ida Barr is a music hall singer embracing hip hop and rap, reflecting the cultural diversity of London's East End, where

she's lived in retirement for several decades With her genuine love of talking to people, Ida sets out investigate a new topic in each episode, creating a unique brand of music-hall, hip-hop fusion with beat boxer Shlomo.

Ida kicks off with "Responsibility". Written by and starring Christopher Green as Ida Barr.

Producer: Claire Grove First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

SAT 22:45 Paperback Hell (b0076cd4)

Series 1

Disco Shoes A series of four chapters by four different authors, all of them imaginary, all of them straight out of the bestseller charts - and

none of them very good. This week, Chapter 15 of Disco Shoes by Mike Horner.

Starring:

Michael Fenton Stevens Rebecca Front

Mel Hudson

Alex Lowe Dan Tetsell

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Lucy Armitage First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

SAT 23:00 The Shuttleworths (b008hq68)

Plonker's Baby Singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth is busy planning a nativity play which he intends to perform in the lounge for Grand Niece

Michaela later that evening. Unfortunately the task is fraught with problems: wife Mary thinks he's left it a little late and wants him to clean the bathroom instead; sole agent and next-door-neighbour Ken Worthington isn't happy with his costume, and John can't decide

which role he wants to play. Will the nativity play go ahead or will John have to provide an

alternative entertainment? Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

With a guest appearance by George Fellows.

Producer: Dawn Ellis. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002. SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lv795)

Series 1 Don't Bet on It

The Bletchley Park codebreakers must play football against Italian prisoners of war.

James Carv's sitcom set in Bletchlev Park in 1941. Three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut, as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate

Charles Robert Bathurst Archie Tom Goodman-Hill Minka Olivia Colman Gordon Fergus Craig Mrs Best Lill Roughley Joshua Alex MacQueen Producer: Adam Bromley

each other.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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SUN 00:00 Drama (m0001pjh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday] SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b0b4ykkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b08x2zf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 The Secret World (b0125n5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 Concrete Cow (b00768y0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 McLevy (b00pd7d0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday] SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b095rrzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (Omnibus) (b09t28tj)

Episode 2

16-year-old Stephen Dedalus has confessed his terrible sins and been forgiven.

Relieved and restored to faith, he's determined to adhere strictly to the most pious Catholic practice.

James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.

Concluded by Andrew Scott

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies.

Music is 'Oft in the Stilly Night' by Sir John Stevenson performed by Robin Harris.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0bk12c9)

Robert Winston

Professor Robert Winston chooses the second movement from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and JS Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

SUN 07:20 D for Dexter (Omnibus) (b06p4syr)

Series 2

Skye hates to leave her baby brother Dexter with the fosterwhatevers, but she knows that come Thursday, they'll all be back together.

With Mum.

And if that visit goes well, maybe they can both stay for more

Skye is 12, Dexter is three. They live in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, but they were taken away from their Mum last

year after things got bad. There's nothing Skye wants more than to have the family back together. Her Mum has stopped drinking and Skye has had supervised visits. Now she's here for the whole of half-term and Dexter is coming too for the first time. Not the last time

Amanda Whittington's heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect.

Skye and Dexter's story was developed with the help of Hull Children's University and Voice of Young People in Care, both organisations that receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need

Omnibus of five parts.

Skye...Sydney Wade

Dexter...Alfie Johnson

Joe...Bill Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty Dean...Peter Caulfield

Amber...Liz Godber

Ant...John Elkington

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (m0008x0x)

Dangerous Company Having finished with Zoe, David finds himself a new girlfriend. But will Anne and Tony approve?

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

David Alexander George Cole

Anne Fellows Diana Churchill

Tony Fellows Colin Gordon

Zoe Hunter Sheila Sweet

'Psyche' the Dog Percy Edwards

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

episodes in 1969. Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive. The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1959.

SUN 09:00 The Clitheroe Kid (m0012my4)

Series 5

The Kid Who Got The Bird

With Christmas coming, Grandad sees pound signs when 20 turkeys come his way.

Starring the diminutive Jimmy Clitheroe.

Legendary sitcom about Lancashire's eternal cheeky schoolboy who lives with his Mother, sister and Grandad,

At its peak, ten million fans tuned in each week to hear Jimmy's latest scheme sparking havoc

Written by James Casey and Frank Roscoe.

The Kid Himself Jimmy Clitheroe

Mother Patricia Burke

Grandad Peter Sinclair

Susan Diana Day

Danny Ross Alfie

Theodore Craythorpe/Harry Whittle Leonard Williams

Mr Higginbottom Tony Melody With Harry Towb, Basil Jones and Brian Trueman.

Theme music by Alan Roper and played by the BBC Northern Dance Orchestra directed by Alan Ainsworth.

Producer: James Casey

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1961.

SUN 09:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017ckf5)

September 18th to 24th

Damien 's routine is thrown into disarray when Anthony's goddaughter, Libby, is sent to stay with them for "respite' Meanwhile, Anthony finally has his long-awaited job interview and Damien is offered the chance to front his own TV cookery

More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly"

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes

* Cracking crepes Suzette

* Spanish-as-sangria, "chorizo und patatas'

* A tastebud tantalising, Beef Oxford.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony Justin Edwards

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Libby/Angie Maggie Service

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0824q6f)

Absent Friends 2021

Stephen Sondheim

From George Gershwin to Igor Stravinsky.

Legendary US composer and songwriter Stephen Sondheim

shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. Born in New York, he wrote the scores of some of Broadway's best-known shows including Company, Follies and A Little Night Music. He also wrote the lyrics for West Side Story. Winner of eight Grammy awards, nine Tony awards - including the special Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre - and one Academy Award. He also received a Pulitzer Prize First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.

SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001173)

Series 12

The Good Bad Food

"Why does bad food taste so good?" asks Alan Fouracre from Tauranga, New Zealand. "And by 'bad' food, I mean the things we are told to hold back on like sausage, chips and chocolate.' From sugar to salt and fat, we investigate why our body derives pleasure from the very foods we're often told to avoid.

Adam discovers why retronasal smelling makes bacon taste delicious on a trip to the BBC canteen with materials scientist, Mark Miodownik

Hannah consults food scientist Linda Bartoshuk on her fizzy pop habit. Plus The Angry Chef, Anthony Warner, discusses the

dangers of labeling certain foods as 'bad' Presenters: Hannah Fry, Adam Rutherford

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000kwzv)

Series 10

Occasional Magic

True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces stories of moments of beauty, awe, and clarity uncovered amidst chaos.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the

humorous to the heart-breaking. The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First broadcast in the USA in 2019. SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0bk12c9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m0012my8) Four Seasons - Poems for the Winter Solstice

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects 'Poems for the Winter Solstice' - a collection of seasonal poems

celebrating the year's turning point. Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/ Poets Caroline Bird and Vanessa Kissule join actors Simon Russell Beale, Juliet Stevenson, Anton Lesser and Siobhan Redmond to share readings of much loved and memorable verse. There is rain, snow, darkness and warmth to mark the

Producer: Sarah Adezzio & James Cook

An Appraisal

An angry senior manager has been caught verbally abusing a

client. His HR officer must take him to task. Can he? Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SUN 13:00 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, his ghostly visitations and

Read by Sean Baker.

Written within a long tradition of the yuletide ghost story,

Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol came to define not just a genre but an entire season.

offer a "sledge hammer blow" against the poverty he had witnessed, whilst giving readers something that would "haunt their houses pleasantly" during midwinter.

Relish the spirit of Christmas past, present and future with this offering from the BBC's Classic Novels series of unabridged

Producer: Martha Littlehailes

The Joy of Dickens

Even in his own lifetime Dickens was dismissed by some as a great showman and entertainer rather than an accomplished author, and today his biography can overshadow his novels. In this programme novelist Thomas Keneally, Professor John Mullan, and writer Armando Iannucci share their joy in his use of words and language, his literary inventiveness and modern

Meanwhile, food historian Pen Vogler guides us through some

Producer: Nicola Holloway
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0012my8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

One of MR James's few great passions in life was a fascination

So when he received an invitation to spend Christmas at Medborough Abbey, he accepted without a second thought. But had he known of the strange, supernatural and eventually tragic series of events that were to take place, he might have

Inspired by a fragment of his writing, Sheila Hodgson provides MR James with a ghostly encounter at Christmas.

James David March Mary Helena Breck

Arthur Layton Arnold Diamond

2nd Carol Singer Brian Smith 1st Fireman Christopher Douglas

2nd Fireman Colin Starkey Harley Timothy Stark

SUN 18:45 A Sacrifice at Christmas by Dafydd Ifans

Two children go in search of a wren.

'That sort of thing is nothing short of paganism. You'd be better off leaving such things alone...

Dilys Price reads Dafydd Ifans' short story.

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

Producer: Herbert Williams

SUN 20:00 Saturday Drama (b00mz3pg) Annie Caulfield - The Von Trapps And Me

Annie Caulfield's comedy tells the famous story of the Von Trapp family singers from the perspective of the Princess Yvonne, the woman Captain Von Trapp jilted in order to marry Maria.

Princess Yvonne Helen Froggatt

shortest day of the year.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018. SUN 12:30 HR (b00hg6mz)

of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague. Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Director: Peter Cavanagh

(m0012myb)

festive redemption

Possibly the most interpreted and adapted novellas of all time, this unabridged version offers a full, and fully-fleshed, picture as intended by the author - something which would in his words

audiobooks.

SUN 16:30 Open Book (m000qhgq)

Johny Pitts explores the dazzling brilliance of Charles Dickens, a writer we often associate with Christmas

techniques

of the delicious and celebratory meals in his novels.

SUN 17:30 HR (b00hg6mz)

SUN 18:00 MR James (b01pg64z) Echoes from the Abbey

for our great English Abbeys.

thought again - or perhaps not ...?

Starring David March

Gladys Tessa Worsley Nora Ysanne Churchman

Cook Anne Jameson 1st Carol Singer Peter Acre

Director: David Johnston First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985. SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000kwzv)

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0bk12c9) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

Helena Helen Baxendale Captain Von Trapp James Fleet Maria Helen Ayres

Boy Benjamin Askew Girl Lizzy Watts

Reverend Mother Caroline Guthrie

Sam Mark Meadows Directed by Mary Ward-Lowery.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0824q6f) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001173)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today] SUN 22:00 HR (b00hg6mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today] SUN 22:30 Stand-Up Specials (b0b3bcsp)

Geoff Norcott: Right Leaning But Well Meaning

Geoff Norcott is working class, had two disabled parents, votes Tory and voted Leave.

How did he end up a comedian?

In this stand up show, Geoff introduces us to his family, his early career as a teacher and how he ended up on Question

With:

Geoff Norcott

Leanne Everitt Barry Castagnola

Written by Geoff Norcott with additional material by Stephen Grant and Barry Castagnola.

Producer: Caroline Raphael

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.

SUN 23:00 It's David O'Doherty Time (b00tlw72)

Award-winning comedian David O'Doherty combines stand-up, documentary and song to introduce himself, and tells the story of the entire day he once spent trying to tidy his Dublin bedsit. Covering everything from stealing next door's wireless internet to the jokes and songs he finds from when he was young. With

Larrington Walker

Bryan Quinn

Nadia Kamil

Producer Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SUN 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k3wp)

Series 2

The Museum Reopens

Discover the fate of Badgerland as well as finding out about the life and work of Victorian author Thomas Queesley

Feel free to wander around our many galleries and experience the history of everything.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021

MON 00:00 MR James (b01pg64z) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 A Sacrifice at Christmas by Dafydd Ifans (m000cll1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday] MON 01:00 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

(m0012myb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:30 Open Book (m000qhgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday] MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0012my8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 HR (b00hg6mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

1. A Shot in the Night

Sick of the espionage business, professional hitman Art Gordo had quit the British Secret Service.

But then he's offered big money to carry out one last killing..

Starring Dinsdale Landen. Jim Eldridge's five-part thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen Clarke Manning Wilson

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Ben/Roberts Jon Croft Joe/Ferguson Peter Craze

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

MON 06:30 The Hot Kid (b05mt3h4)

4. Public Enemy Number 1

As far as Jack Belmont sees it, the only thing standing between him and realising his dream of becoming America's most wanted criminal is Deputy Marshal Carl Webster.

A chance encounter in prison enables Jack to formulate a plan

that will put an end to his nemesis once and for all.

Conclusion of Elmore Leonard's enthralling criminal odyssey set against the dusty, sun-kissed backdrop of Oklahoma and Kansas during America's Great Depression.

Starring Adam Gillen and Luke Norris.

Dramatised Katie Hims.

Tony Antonelli Nathan Osgood Jack Belmont Adam Gillen Carl Webster Luke Norris Louly Brown Samantha Dakin Oris Belmont John Chancer Nancy Polis Roslyn Hill Cecil Guyton Ian Conningham Virgil Webster David Acton Walter Shaun Mason Cell Mate Paul Heath Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

MON 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000mmf)

Series 3

Welcome back to Hardacre's, the worst advertising agency in London, as Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom returns for

The second series ended in euphoria, as Hardacre's secured their biggest ever account - the Cosmos X10 smartphone. Now there's a reality check, as the team realise how woefully illequipped they are to handle a client of this magnitude.

Accounts manager Amanda Barnes (Josie Lawrence) immediately sets to work hiring new staff, while agency chief and creative director Rupert Hardacre (Nigel Havers) heads into Soho to secure new and grander premises

Meanwhile on the creative side, copywriter Joe Starling (Mathew Baynton) begins to doubt his ability to deliver work for an account this size, despite reassurance from his art director and best friend Teddy Beech (Rasmus Hardiker), leading Joe to take drastic action.

Nigel Havers- Hardacre Mathew Baynton- Joe Josie Lawrence- Amanda Rasmus Hardiker- Teddy Holly Morgan-Singer/Waitress Andrew Nolan- Irish Barrista

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0012g7c)

Series 76 Episode 3

The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre. Marcus Brigstocke and Rory Bremner are pitched against Pippa Evans and Andy Hamilton with Jack Dee in the umpire's chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b0617187)

Series 2

Episode 4 George worries about what the future holds for baby Helen. Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Richard Briers Kate Prunella Scales Helen Carol Marsh Dave/Michael Philip Guard

George's Mum Diana King George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner

Mr Dixon/Mr Fielding Wilfred Babbage

Mrs Fielding Pearl Hackney Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

MON 08:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvgy)

Landlord Jack has the flu, so Nicola takes over just as the pub inspectors are due

If the father-daughter bond can survive this, it could probably survive anything... Starring Michael Williams.

Joe Turner's sitcom about a landlord who runs a pub with his, until recently, estranged daughter

Jack Michael Williams Nicola Lisa Coleman

Mrs Drummond Cherry Morris Andy Simon Greenall

The Inspector Sally Grace Joe Toby Longworth Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

MON 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m0012mw7)

Ouote... Unquote: A Celebration

BBC Radio 4 Extra marks the end of an era for the longrunning literary panel game, Quote... Unquote. Quote... Unquote was devised by Nigel Rees, who chaired

every one of its 500 episodes. Becoming a 57 series staple on the airwaves since January 1976, its aim was to reflect all aspects of the English language and the humour derived from it. Deliberate or otherwise.

Hundreds of guests appeared in the show's 45-year history, including Tom Stoppard, Kenneth Williams and Neil Ninnock. The actor William Franklyn read the quotes and extracts until his death in 2006. From that point, familiar Radio 4 continuity and news readers took over the role, the most recent being Charlotte Green.

Devised and introduced by Nigel Rees Produced by James Robinson

A BBC Studios Production

New to 4 Extra.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b008gdc5)

Series 2 Episode 2

Merv is becoming very aware that those he once described as

'old' will soon include himself. Has he prepared for this? Has he ever really thought about it? No - he's still struggling with the idea of being a menopausal flower child.

So what does a penniless Child of The Sixties do as a

Go back to the garden of course. Mery tries out the Commune again.

Sitcom written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv Mervyn Stutter Pam Lill Roughley Dibden John Challis PC Dilkes Michael Mears

Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman With Gyuri Sarossy.

Producer: Mario Stylianides First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

MON 10:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v)

Episode 1

Young hero Kay Harker sets out on a magical quest to find longlost family treasure.

In a race against time, Kay is pitted against the evil Abner Brown and his dark magic. But Kay has the very special Midnight Folk to help him. Nibbins the cat, Bitem the fox and Blinky the owl. Not to mention a rat, an otter and a bat! Plus a tribe of toys, including his beloved Edward the Bear. Kay's adventures take him to many exotic and magical

locations Along the way, he rides on a magic broomstick, visits his greatgrandfather inside his own portrait and after taking a swig of Invisible Potion eavesdrops on the Pouncer Seven, a tribe of

Starring Sam Salter, Nickolas Grace and Charles Dance. First published in 1927. John Masefield's book was described. by The Times as one of 'the greatest children's books ever

Dramatised in two parts by Christopher William Hill.

Kay...Sam Salter

Nibbins...Nickolas Grace Abner Charles Dance

Miss Sylvia Daisy.....Deborah Findlay

Captain Harker.....Andrew Sachs

Susan....Liz Smith

Ellen....Helena Breck

Bitem.....Jon Glover

Bilges/The Keeper....Ewan Bailey Jane/Keeper's wife.....Ann Beach

Twiney.....Harry Myers

Blinky.....Graham Seed Nightshade.....Miranda Keeling

Belladonna....Bethan Walker

Brother Venom....Mark Straker Sir Theopompus.....Sam Dale

Bert.....Ian Masters

Hollings.....Joseph Kloska

Woman.....Christine Kavanagh John Masefield was Poet Laureate from 1930 until his death in 1967.

Producer: Tracev Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0012mwb) Series 8

How To Citizen

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores how, in divided times, we can commit to civic duties. What ideas can help us to be good citizens?

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

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0012mwd)

Pete Tong

DJ Pete Tong inherits 'Jingo' from Santana and passes down

'What's Going On' by Marvin Gaye. MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b0617187)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 12:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 13:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Hot Kid (b05mt3h4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b09g5xml)

1. Dolly's Mother

The beauty, grace and efficiency of her perfect parents always made Dolly feel inferior - until the day of her 16th birthday.

Specially written for the BBC by Maeve Binchy - one of

Ireland's most-loved authors. Read by Stella McCusker

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast ion BBC Radio 4 n April 1989.

MON 14:15 D for Dexter (b082fgt4)

Series 3

Episode 1

Skye knows Dexter needs a proper breakfast, but there's no milk and Mum hasn't got a pound. So it's cornflakes with water, again. Or toast. With no spread.

Skye and Dexter are back in this heart-breaking, heart-warming and award-winning serial, one of the highlights of the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Radio 4.

Skye is thirteen, and she's growing up. Dexter's four. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. They've been back with Mum, Jak, for a while now, because she doesn't drink any more, except loads of coffee and coke. Jak doesn't cook either, and she's never hungry. The only thing Skye misses about school is the free dinners, but she doesn't go very often because she likes to keep an eye on Dexter. Sometimes she thinks about the time they were in foster care. The foster carers were really annoying but they were always cooking. And Dexter was always eating. Then Jak announces she's having a night out. She's going to the Psychic Supper at the Centre. Skye doesn't care what the spirits

will say but she'd like to know what's for supper. The story was developed with the help of Can Cook, an organisation that receives funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Writer...Amanda Whittington

Music by Black Sabbath, performed by...Tom Constantine

Skye...Sydney Wade Dexter...Alfie Johnson

Jak...Una McNulty Uncle Dean...Peter Caulfield

Boy...Harry Steel

Dog Man...John Elkington

Shelagh...Sarah Parks

Kim/Clare...Jane Godber

Riley...Hattie

Director Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2016.

MON 14:30 Alice Is Still in Wonderland (b06pb5pw) Alice's Adventures in Wonderland has become an icon of

British culture - the bizarre story and flamboyant illustrations have inspired all kinds of imagery, fashion, architecture, theatre, decoration and events

But its sinister undercurrents and dreamscape have also impressed artists and musicians.

Lead singer and songwriter of alternative rock band Siouxsie and the Banshees, Siouxsie Sioux, explores the strange allure of Lewis Carroll's book, first published in 1865.

"From 8 onwards, I returned to those pictures of strange, impossible animals and freakish, devious adults as I followed the solitary, brave girl, from one weird encounter to the next. I was struck that Alice could grow or shrink at the bite of a cake or the sip of a drink - my body was changing by the day and I was desperate to be older and taller, like my sister, as I wobbled around in my mum's high heels. The Mad Hatter, the Dozy Dormouse, the Mock Turtle, the Duchess' baby pig and playing croquet with flamingos as mallets all made me laugh and I loved the floating head of the grinning Cheshire Cat who couldn't be beheaded.

But there was something else that drew me into Wonderland that I couldn't have named then, though I sensed its irreverence something darker about adults and their rules and their craziness and endless unreasonableness. Alice was an ally and the book helped me dream myself out of the London suburbs." Siouxsie Sioux

Siouxsie Sioux travels to Oxford to retrace Lewis Carroll's inspiration and influence. With an Un-Oxford soundtrack.

Made to mark the 150th anniversary of the book's publication. A Cast Iron Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015

MON 15:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Quote... Unquote (m0012mw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b008gdc5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000mmf) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0012g7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007ilzi)

The Primary Phase

Fit The First

Arthur Dent is trying to stop his house being demolished to make way for a by-pass.

But his friend, Ford Prefect is more concerned about the imminent destruction of the Earth.

Ford is a writer for the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. "the most successful book ever to have come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor" and he may just know how to avoid being evaporated by the Vogons..

Douglas Adams' epic adventure in time and space including some helpful advice on how to see the Universe for less than 30 Altairian dollars a day.

The Book Peter Jones Arthur Dent . Simon Jones Ford Prefect Geoffrey McGivern Vogon Captain Bill Wallis

Lady Cynthia Jo Kendall Barman David Gooderson The original scripts went on to spawn a series of novels, a feature film, at least three stage shows, a TV series, a computer game, a collection of comic books - and various towels.

Radiophonic sound and music: Paddy Kingsland

Producer: Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b02x7t3y)

Antonia Quirke and Kerry Shale

Harriett Gilbert and her guests - film critic, Antonia Quirke and actor, Kerry Shale - discuss their favourite books by Craig

Thompson, Gavin Maxwell and Simon Armitage. Short and Sweet: 101 Very Short Poems

Edited by Simon Armitage Publisher: Faber and Faber Blankets by Craig Thompson Publisher: Top Shelf Productions

A Reed Shaken By The Wind: Travels Among The Marsh

Arabs of Iraq by Gavin Maxwell

Publisher: Eland

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013. MON 19:00 Marriage Lines (b0617187)

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MON 20:00 Down Payment on Death (b007itkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Hot Kid (b05mt3h4) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m0012mwb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0012mwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0012g7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:25 Comedy Club Extra (m0012mwh)

Christmas Crackers

Rob Deering
Rob Deering kicks off our Christmas Crackers with a Song to

MON 22:30 Life With Lederer (m0012mwk)

3. Relationships

Helen decides she needs man in her life, but finding a suitable partner proves to be a challenge

Written by Helen Lederer.

Malcolm Raeburn

Diane Whitley

James Quinn Victoria Finne

Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1990.

MON 22:45 Date With Fate (b0090x8s)

Nice Little Number

Vernon Hedges sets out to disprove the existence of Lady Luck.

Harold Wing Pinero is your host.

One of four comic close encounters with fate written by Gary

Parker and Phil Whelans

Vernon Philip Jackson

Harold Wing Pinero Charles Grav

Arthur Michael Troughton

Dory/Shelley Tracy Wiles All other parts played by Toby Longworth.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m0012fx8)

Christmas Specials 2021

Dead Ringers LIVE

For the first time broadcast live, from the Radio Theatre, London with look at the big issues, from political sleaze to the feeling of not having bought enough potatoes.

With Lewis Macleod, Jan Rayens, Debra Stephenson and

Written by: Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Edward Tew, Sophie Dickson, Rob Darke, Cody Dahler and Rachel Ethorn.

Producer: Bill Dare

Production Coordinator: Caroline Barlow A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 Steven Appleby's Normal Christmas

(m0001a08)

Although Steven would like nothing more than a normal Christmas - a succession of meals and presents, as his parents tend to his every whim - this year it's going to be different

With Santa Claus on a bender, after his wife left him for Frostv the Snowman, Steven is his unlikely replacement.

Will Christmas ever be the same again?

Written by Steven Appleby.

Starring Paul McCrink as Steven Appleby.

WIth:

Ewan Bailev

Rosalind Paul Nigel Betts

Rachel Atkins

Director: Toby Swift.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2021

TUE 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jlzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b02x7t3y)

TUE 01:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday] TUE 02:15 D for Dexter (b082fgt4)

TUE 02:30 Alice Is Still in Wonderland (b06pb5pw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b008gdc5)

TUE 05:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0012g7c)

TUE 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007itkg)

2. The Double Target Retired hitman, Art Gordo, heads to his friend Louise's flat to

plan his next moves

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot gets an urgent telephone call from his old friend, the distinguished crime writer Ariadne

She's asking for his help - so he knows she means business

Sir George Michael Cochrane

Miss Brewis Liza Sadovy Marlene Nicola Holmes

Merdell Trevor Cuthbertson

Episode 1

life, such as a woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crosswords, a saxophonist who is tortured by his

Wozniak, with additional material from the cast

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

Series 2 Case #139 - Help! The Aged!

penury, with mad landlord Malcolm going to extreme lengths to get his hands on their rent. Nonetheless, Max seems ready to jack in the business when he discovers that his Great Uncle Bernard (guest star Richard Wilson) might be in trouble. But when he and Ivan investigate Bernard's retirement home and meet the terrifying Sister Geraldine, all might not be as it seems.

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

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TUE 02:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b09g5xml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwq9v)

TUE 04:00 Quote... Unquote (m0012mw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Jim Eldridge's five-part thriller adapted from his own novel. Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen Clarke Manning Wilson

Roberts/Man on the Phone Jon Croft Joe/Ferguson Peter Craze

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976. TUE 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vh5i)

Dead Man's Folly 1. The Call

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot

Dramatised in four parts by Michael Bakewell. Poirot John Moffatt Ariadne Julia McKenzie

Lady Stubbs Amanda Waring Mrs Folliat Rosalind Knight

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007. TUE 07:00 Small Scenes (b071x4nv)

Award-winning sketch series starring Daniel Rigby, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd, Henry Paker and Jessica Ransom Featuring more overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern inability to play the solo from Baker Street and what happens if you buy Chris de Burgh's old house. Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

TUE 07:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b099wv45)

Cack-handed private eyes Max and Ivan are in a state of

Written by Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez

Developed by John Stanley Productions

Produced by Ben Walker

A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb)

Series 6

The International Christmas Pudding

An eccentric millionaire funds an expedition for fragments of a famous dessert.

Starring Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan With music from The Ray Ellington Quartet, Max Geldray and The Wally Stott Orchestra.

Produced by Peter Eton.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service on 15th November 1955.

TUE 08:30 Molesworth (m000fx16)

Grown-up Nigel Molesworth hates office life. Better to dream of sun-kissed Caribbean beaches.

School boy terror Nigel Molesworth, formerly The Curse of St Custard's, is now all grown-up and determined to share his experience of life.

Starring Willie Rushton.

Series written by Simon Brett based on characters created by Geoffrey Willans and by Ronald Searle.

Molesworth William Rushton

Grint Clive Swift

Louise Penelope Nice Grabber Bob Sinfield

Darryl Robert Harley Carole Chrissy Roberts

Music by Oonagh Bernon Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jphn)

From 09/03/1982

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes

With Alan Bennett, Janet Suzman, Leslie Thomas and Wynford Vaughan Thomas.

The reader is Ronald Fletcher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

TUE 09:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007vh35)

Series 1

5. Neil Innes

The musical comedian presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs. With guest Neil Innes. From August 2005.

TUE 10:00 John Masefield - The Midnight Folk (b00fwdlp) Episode 2 By day Kay Harker is under the eye of his governess, but at

night he escapes into a world where good and evil are pitted against each other

Will Kay and the midnight folk be in time to save the long-lost family treasure from falling into the hands of Abner Brown and a tribe of witches known as the Pouncer Seven?

Cast:

Kay...Sam Salter

Nibbins...Nickolas Grace

Abner...Charles Dance

Miss Sylvia...Deborah Findlay

Capt Harker...Andrew Sachs

Ellen...Helena Breck

Bitem...Jon Glover

Blinky...Graham Seed Rat...Harry Myers

Bat...Ian Masters

Otter....Joe Mills

Brother Venom....Mark Straker

Messenger....Joseph Kloska

Sir Theopompus....Sam Dale

Caroline Louisa....Christine Kavanagh Lady Crowmarsh....Ann Beach

Nightshade...Miranda Keeling

Belladonna....Bethan Walker Mrs Pouncer....Linda Ray Hodbef

By John Masefield

Dramatised by Christopher William Hill

Produced by Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

TUE 11:00 The Forum (w3cswpth) Moomin Creator Tove Jansson

Tove Jansson was a Finnish-Swedish author and illustrator best known for her children's books about the Moomins. These white, hippo-like characters live in the imaginary world of

Moominvalley where they subtly challenge social norms and utter philosophical statements such as "I knew nothing, but I

believed a lot." While the Moomins brought Jansson worldwide fame in the 20th century, she was also a painter, an

accomplished novelist and a political cartoonist who took risks poking fun at Hitler. Her work often mirrored her private life in which she defied stereotypes of the time by working and earning money for her family, travelling alone, and having relationships with both men and women.

Joining Rajan Datar to discuss the life and works of Tove Jansson are her niece, Sophia Jansson; Boel Westin - a professor of children's literature from Stockholm University and the author of the authorised biography of Tove's life called Life, Art, Words; and British children's author Philip Ardagh, author

of The World of Moominvalley. Plus Mayumi Tomihara - an expert on Tove Jansson from Tokyo's Sacred Heart University who has translated many of Tove's adult novels into Japanes First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2019. Photo: Finnish illustrator Tove Jansson in a self-portrait with

her Moomin characters (© Moomin CharactersTM)

TUE 11:40 Charles Dickens (m0012mts) A Christmas Tree

A festive tale by Charles Dickens about looking into the tree, beyond the lights and baubles, and seeing many a curious thing ..

Read by Oliver Ford Davies

Abridged and produced by Duncan Minshull First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 2004.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00fyvxb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 todav]

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TUE 14:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b01pbqkm)

2. Home Coming

The Brennans run Quentin's restaurant in Dublin for the owner, who lives abroad.

But what will happen when he returns for a visit?

Specially written for the BBC by Maeve Binchy - one of

Ireland's most-loved authors. Read by Sean Campion.

Producer: Heather Brennon

First broadcast ion BBC Radio 4 n April 1989.

TUE 14:15 D for Dexter (b082hg37)

Episode 2

Something bad happened to Jak at the Psychic Supper last night, but she won't say what

Skye wishes she could give Dexter mashed banana and porridge for breakfast like he had at the foster-whatevers, but there's

only cornflakes and still no milk. Maybe you can eat cornflakes like crisps?

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

Skye and Dexter's story was developed with the help of Hull Children's University and Voice of Young People in Care, both organisations that receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Written by Amanda Whittington

Skye...Sydney Wade Dexter...Alfie Johnson

Joe...Bill Rodgers

Jak Una McNulty

Dean...Peter Caulfield Amber...Liz Godber

Ant...John Elkington

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016. TUE 14:30 Beatrix Potter's Favourite Tale (b01pgg3x)

Philip Glassborow recounts the tale of the original version of The Tailor of Gloucester - Beatrix Potter's personal favourite.

He also learns about the author's attachment to the many traditional songs and carols which were included when the book was first published in 1901 but excised from the more familiar later version.

With Finty Williams as Beatrix Potter.

It was after a visit to Gloucester that Beatrix Potter became fascinated by the true story behind the miraculous tale of grateful mice stitching the mayor's wonderful waistcoat after the tailor himself had fallen ill and there was no "no more

Potter transformed this into The Tailor of Gloucester and sent it as a gift to Freda, the little daughter of her old governess. She published this privately, including many local songs and carols associated with the old legend that on the stroke of midnight on Christmas eve, the animals are able to speak.

As she had anticipated - and in spite of the astonishing success of her first book, Peter Rabbit - Frederick Warne declined to publish this and eventually brought out a version stripped of most of its music.

Philip Glassborow tracks down the sources of this music and explores Potter's passion for it and the traditions at the heart of the story

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

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TUE 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b099wv45) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm03)

The Primary Phase

Fit The Second

Arthur Dent is - so far - the only survivor from Earth, demolished to make way for a by-pass. He survived thanks to his friend, Ford Prefect (who hails not from Guildford, but somewhere near Betelgeuse), a writer for the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, "the most successful book ever to have come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor" Both are now at the mercy of the Vogon Captain, and even worse, powerless in the face of his poetry. The only thing which can save them now is an unlikely coincidence or two - and it may lead to an encounter with a certain bipolar automaton The global multi-media success story that is "Hitchhiker's" started life as a Radio 4 series in March 1978. The original scripts by the late Douglas Adams then went on to spawn a series of novels, a feature film, at least three stage shows, a TV series, a computer game, a collection of comic books - and various towels.

The Guide helpfully informs us that the most obscene expletive in the Galaxy is "Belgium

Douglas Adams was born in Cambridge and died in 2001 at the age of 49. He suffered a fatal heart attack after working out at his gym in California

The answer to the meaning of life, the universe and everything is 42.

With Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey and Stephen Moore. Produced by the late Geoffrey Perkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (m000cl39)

Series 29

Coventry Carol

Performed as part of the mystery plays, the 'Coventry Carol' is from the Pageant of the Shearman and Taylors and tells the story of the Slaughter of The Innocents. A copy of the manuscript survived a fire in Birmingham Library in 1879 by sheer chance. Musician Ian Pittaway describes seeing the play in the ruins of Coventry cathedral in the 1980s - the drama was so powerful it still moves him to tears.

The carol was sung on Christmas Day in 1940 in a live broadcast to the Empire just six weeks after the bombing of Coventry that destroyed the city's cathedral.

Journalist Donna Marmestein tells of how the carol transformed how she felt about loss in her family.

Composer and performer Tori Amos describes what inspired her cover version of the song. Amy Hanson from the Small Steps Charity talks about how much her mother loved the carol. The children from the school her charity supports in Kenya sing

their version of the song.

Roxanne Burroughs explains about how her daughter Kaitlyn

came to have the carol sung at her funeral. The soloist is Samantha Lewis; early music is from The Night Watch; Reading Phoenix choir and Southern Voices sing the carol and the children's choir is from the Rehabilitation centre

Immanuel Afrika in Nairobi Kenya

Producer: Sara Conkey

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Christmas Crackers

Jessica Fostekew Jessica Fostekew shares what she wants for Christmas. TUE 22:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On

(b09 igklb)

Baking Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to sit on her sofa playing Assassin's Creed, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday, and she's been told by the same long-suffering wife that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable. Susan decided her best bet was to try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. In the first series of this show she attempted to ditch the old Susan Calman and attempted to find the new Susan Calm, by watching Cricket; going Hillwalking; visiting an Art Gallery and being spontaneous. She enjoyed these pursuits, but all too soon found herself slipping back into her old ways. So she's trying again. This week she learns how to bake with Great British Bake Off star Selasi Gbormittah.

In other episodes Susan will learn about gardening with Val McDermid, go to a music festival with Robin Ince and try birdwatching with Emma Kennedy.

Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing

and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts. It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them. Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

A BBC Studios Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00ct1wk)

Series 1

Episode 5

The senior management team head off to a conference on the Isle of Wight, leaving Rod in charge of the museum... Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in David Nobbs'

sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond Des Wainwright Michael Smiley Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Dave Edgecumbe Anthony Glennon Lofty Harmsworth Simon Treves

Gus John Dougall

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

TUE 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076ins)

Series 1

Episode 2

Mr Punch's parole board, Hitler and Wittgenstein playing Monopoly, new product lines for Faberge, temping for NASA and Batman's schedule.

Sketch show relying on a mixture of words, actors, jokes and noises all done in the right order.

Starring Olivia Colman, Sally Hawkins, Steven Kynman, Chris Paylo and Robert Webb.

Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd, Ashley Blake, Jon Holmes, Adam Bromley and Williams Ennes-

Borlance. Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002

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3. A Life for a Life

Retired hitman, Art Gordo, faces more pressure to kill the shadowy Charles Allweather.

Dinsdale Landen stars in Jim Eldridge's thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landon

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Sally Le Clerk Joanna Wake

Leon Young Basil Henson

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vydf)

Dead Man's Folly

2. Murder Reality

Ariadne Oliver's worst fears have been realised and her murder game has become a reality. Hercule Poirot is deeply shocked by such a mindless act of cruelty and enthusiastically joins the

local police with their investigations. Poirot John Moffatt

Ariadne Julia McKenzie

Inspector Bland Simon Treves

Sir George Michael Cochrane

Miss Brewis Liza Sadovy

Etienne de Sousa Sam Dale

P.C. Hoskins Joseph Kloska

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Directed by Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

WED 07:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qp1cf)

Series 6 Elgar Writes

Whilst Ed is busily teaching grammar to some clumsy,

apostrophe-ridden phishers. Elgar finds fame when he becomes an internet hit with his blog. Could Elgar be a more successful writer than Ed? Quite probably.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas Olive Stephanie Cole

Jaz Philip Jackson

Pearl Rita May

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessey

.. Geoffrey Whitehead Paul Sharma Nicola Sanderson

Writers Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m0012glr)

Series 11

Whitby There's one thing you definitely can't miss in Whitby and that's the ruined abbey up on a cliff looking down on the town. It's also hard to miss the jawbone of a blue whale set atop the opposite hill and the fact that Dracula was a researched and written here by Bram Stoker. You'll not go wanting if you are in search of a chip either. Mark Steel manages to dodge the

seagulls and presents his findings to a local audience at The Brunswick Centre. The full box set of all episodes (with well over 50 towns visited)

is available now wherever you get your podcasts

Written by and starring...Mark Steel

With additional material from Pete Sinclair

Production Coordinator...Beverly Tagg

Producer...Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios Production WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007 izvs)

Bill and Father Christmas

It's a far from festive season as Bill gets a shock from

overhearing the blabbermouth Lad. Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Warren

Mitchell Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz. Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1958

WED 08:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00ny84w)

Series 1

The Price of Success

Underachiever Giles woos ex-girlfriend Julia when he flat-sits in Knightsbridge. Stars Richard E Grant. From January 1995. Giles...Richard E Grant

Judith....Amanda Root

David....Peter Capaldi

Damien....Alexander Armstrong

Tim....Richard Turner

Mrs Smale/Tricia....Eva Stuart

Sir Harold...Peter Yapp

Marcus....Simon Greenall Writers: Richard Turner and Paul Shearer

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995. WED 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jp4k)

From 11/02/1992

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of

quotations and anecdotes From the Festival Theatre, Chichester with Bernard Bresslaw,

Patrick Garland, Gemma O'Connor and Sir Peter Ustinov. The reader is Ronald Fletcher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992. WED 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b007s74l)

Series 1

Waterloo Sunset

It's the end of the line for Patrick, but Joe and Maria may have some good news to share. Stars Jim Sweeney. From August 2001

WED 10:00 Drama (b085bff4)

Elliott Kerrigan - Midnight at Christmas

A magical drama, set when Christmas Eve turns into Christmas Day. Caught in a snowstorm on the way to see his ex, Matt is taken on an unexpected journey by a series of strangers with a surprising interest in his love life.

Matt Luke Newberry

Lizzie Roper Grace .. Joe Reece Noi

Gavin Chris Jack

Matthew Arthur Bostrom Ezra Joe Wandera

Written by Elliott Kerrigan Produced by Charlotte Riches

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

WED 10:45 Nay, Ivy, Nay by Shena Mackay (b007jqtg)

Ivy covets a sprig of white-berried holly, cultivated by a botany professor in his garden, to decorate her Christmas pudding. Crawford Logan reads Shena Mackay's modern festive tale. Producer: Julia Butt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

WED 11:00 Unsung Heroines (m000p159)

3. Elsie Widdowson, Marjorie Hurst, Noor Inavat Khan, Josephine Butler, Nancy Wake, The Lumberjills, Rani of Jhansi History is full of incredible women who did amazing things. And yet, even though their legacy is still felt today, their name aren't on the tip our tongues. We've all heard of Florence Nightingale and Amelia Earhart - but what about Annie Russell Maunder, Jayaben Desai or Josephine Butler? They're much less well known, yet they all made significant and enduring contributions to our world.

The writer and comedian Viv Groskop has been trawling the BBC radio archives to find out about a kickass sisterhood that refused to stay at home when that's what was expected of them. We meet the pioneering physician, Sophia Jex Blake; the Nobel laureate environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, the social reformer, Caroline Norton; the champion cyclist, Beryl Burton; we take a trip to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to learn about

its founder, Mary Tealby. And many more. Viv also invites contemporary women to nominate their favourite unsung heroines - so we hear from Clare Balding, Cathy Newman, Samira Ahmed, Natalie Haynes, Gemma Cairney, Angela Barnes and Jessica Fostekew about the females they call phenomenal.

From ancient Rome to the 21st Century, Viv Groskop brings inspiring women out of the shadows and into the spotlight

Producer - Mov McGowan

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Read by Jenny Agutter.

3. The White Trolley
Christmas goes awry when Sara brings home the wrong shopping.

Specially written for the BBC by Maeve Binchy.

The counterpart story follows with The Feast of Stephen. Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast ion BBC Radio 4 n December 1998 WED 14:15 D for Dexter (b082hy9t)

Episode 3 Dean is back, snaking his way around Jak. This time he's brought a dog with him, a staffie called Riley. But Skye prefers horses and she can't stop thinking about Boy and his makeshift

stable up on the rec.

And there's still nothing for Dexter's breakfast. A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect, originally part of programming for the

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Dexter...Alfie Johnson Joe...Bill Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Dean...Peter Caulfield

Amber...Liz Godber Ant...John Elkington

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

WED 14:30 We Three Kings (b00g1rmq) The Three Kings merit only 11 lines of the Nativity story but they are so important to the Christian faith that they have their

own feast day. But who are these mysterious figures from the East and why do

they still fascinate us? Ian Hislop examines the legend of the Three Kings of the Nativity to see how history has shaped their legacy encountering strange astrological events, the Archbishop of

Canterbury and an unusual detour to Colchester on the way. Produced by Philip Sellars.

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The Primary Phase

Fit The Third

A whale meets an unfortunate end, as Arthur Dent and company meet the Earth's creators. By Douglas Adams. From March 1978.

Arthur Dent is - so far - the only survivor from Earth, demolished to make way for a by-pass. He survived thanks to his friend, Ford Prefect (who hails not from Guildford, but somewhere near Betelgeuse), a writer for the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, "the most successful book ever to have come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor" Now paired with fellow Earth survivor Trillian and duplicitous two-headed hustler Zaphod Beeblebrox, Arthur and Ford are about to learn more startling truths about the universe.

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With Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey and Stephen Moore. Produced by the late Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

WED 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jp7b)

Sexton Blake, the Other Baker Street Detective

Sexton Blake was born and made resident of Baker Street in the very month Sherlock Holmes was "killed off" - and he proved to be an instant hit.

Aficionado and expert, Professor Jeffrey Richards probes the careers of "the poor man's Sherlock Holmes" and his faithful assistant Tinker - that spanned 100 years.

Affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives.

Producer: Jon Rolph

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Christmas Crackers

Lou Conran

Lou Conran reveals her Christmas List.

WED 22:30 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b04dqf04)

Series 1 George's Cake

Bea can tell you how to peel an onion without crying or how to make the perfect pavlova. In her Shaker style kitchen she prepares a very special Birthday cake for her husband and reflects on a lifetime of culinary success and marital woe

Written by Jenny Eclair. Produced by Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.

WED 22:45 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01d2hf1)

Series 1

Superstition

Tim Key tells the tale of Mike Figg, an intensely superstitious

Tom Basden plays the xylophone and has brought his own

Written and presented by Tim Key

Producer: James Robinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012. WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007 jvwx)

Series 6

Radio Active Goes to the Movies

The team visits Nice only to discover that it doesn't have a film festival after all.

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

Music by Steve Brown and Philip Pope. Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

WED 23:30 The News at Bedtime (b00pftgn)

Series 1

Episode 5

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this once upon a time'.

Mary Mary reports on a medical mystery involving an old woman who swallowed a fly.

With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Fi Glover, Lewis MacLeod, Alex MacQueen, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell.

Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b007k0nv)

Episode 5

A new fish causes friction, and there's drama outside its bowl. CAST:

Martin/Gangster Shaun Prendergast

Susan/Pandora Sarah Parish Anton Hamish McColl

Liam Sean Foley

Written by Shaun Prendergast.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

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4. The Professionals

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But what about Louise?

Dinsdale Landen stars in Jim Eldridge's thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landon

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Leon Young Basil Henson

Francis/Forbes Douglas Blackwell

Parson Terrence Hardiman

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wcwc)

Dead Man's Folly

3. Disappearance

Sir George Stubbs is frantic that the disappearance of his wife is connected to the unexpected arrival of her long-forgotten cousin. Hercule Poirot is concerned that it might have an even more sinister implication - one linked to the murder in the boat-

house. Poirot John Moffatt

Sir George Michael Cochrane

Mrs Folliat Rosalind Knight Inspector Bland Simon Treves

Miss Brewis Liza Sadovy

Sally Legge Jenny Funnell

Michael Weyman Dominic Colchester

Turtle shirt Man Jot Davies

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Directed by Envd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

THU 07:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08ynzzz) Series 6 Buddy, Can You Spare a Tie?; A Modest Proposal

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller is back on Radio 4 with more words of wit and wisdom. This week, some selected sections from a 'style' essay, Buddy, Can You Spare a Tie?, and A Modest Proposal, David's take on the subject of same sex marriage...

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms

and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries. was a critical and commercial succe as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice

(1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.

THU 07:30 Relativity (m000ltrs)

Series 3

Episode 6

The third series of Richard Herring's comedy drama, Relativity, builds on the warm, lively characters and sharply observed family dynamics of previous series.

His affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever tried to get their grandparents to sign up to the climate emergency at a major family dinner. Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life. In this series, he focuses on the roller coaster ride of first time parenting, how to maintain a long standing marriage and brass rubbing. Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.

Episode 6 Holly and Jane are both back at home, as Pete and Jane try to work things out. Ian and Chloe have made it up, Ken and Margaret are relieved to have their house back. So celebrations for Holly's 18th birthday look set to go swimmingly- until the vegan cake debacle. Even a brief appearance by Richard Osman can't lighten the mood.

Cast: Margaret..... ..Alison Steadman Ken.....Phil Davis Jane.....Fenella Woolgar Ian.....Richard Herring Chloe......Emily Berrington Pete.....Gordon KennedyTia Bannon Mark.....Fred Haig Nick......Harrison Knights George......Danny Kirrane Richard Osman Richard Osman Written by Richard Herring Sound design by Eloise Whitmore

Producer: Polly Thomas Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007 iw7r) Christmas Spirit

The bungling bureaucrats are acting like Scrooge!

CAST: Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler

Lamb Richard Murdoch

Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddeley Crawley John Graham

One of fourteen shows lost to the archive and re-recorded in 1980 - previously never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for fourteen series between

1962 and 1977. Written and Produced by Edward Taylor.

Re-recording of 'The Magic Carpet' made in April 1980.

THU 08:30 After Henry (b007jn96)

The Romantic Approach 'It's amazing how much harm winning a war does for the moral fibre of a nation. I mean, you'd never have seen Winston Churchill walking around with a personal stereo.

Clare's been dumped, Eleanor finds a friend and Sarah's

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. Sarah Prunella Scales

Eleanor Joan Sanderson Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

Aubrey Lockwood West Delivery boy David Learner Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV, Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV

Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.

THU 09:00 Quote... Unquote (b00rb16j)

From 15/3/2010

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes

With Mary Beard, Marcel Theroux, Arthur Smith and Ariel Leve.

The reader is Peter Jefferson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010. THU 09:30 Clare in the Community (b00fyvqy)

Series 2

Meet the Press

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution. In this episode, international stardom beckons when the social

worker appears on the radio.

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

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

With:

Richard Lumsden Gemma Craven

Ellen Thomas

Nina Conti

Andrew Wincott

Alex Tregear

Producer: Katie Tyrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

THU 10:00 Goethe - The Sorcerer's Apprentice (b008j0gn)

Goethe's magical story of the apprentice magician left alone in his master's workshop - with predictably disastrous results.

Hexenmeister Paul Rhys Copernicus Harry Towb

Peter Zac Fox

Broom Nicholas Boulton

Freda Jennifer Veal

Clock Emily Wachter

Dramatised for radio by Judith French.

Music David Pickvance Director Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

THU 10:45 Short Works (m000qjcv)

Home by Christine Dwyer Hickey

A festive tale of a young girl who becomes a London barmaid and her first Christmas away from home.

Christine Dwyer Hickey is an award winning novelist and short story writer. Twice winner of the Listowel Writers' Week short story competition and a winner of the Observer/Penguin short story award, her short stories have appeared in magazines and anthologies world-wide. Her most recent novel The Narrow Land was awarded the prestigious 2020 Walter Scott Prize as well as Novel of the Year at the Dalkey Literary Awards. Her novel Tatty was also selected as 2020 Dublin One City One Book Choice

Reader Michelle Fairley

Writer Christine Dwyer Hickey

Producer Michael Shannon A BBC Northern Ireland production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0824q6f) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry

(m0001173) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jw7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 After Henry (b007jn96)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Down Payment on Death (b007tcfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wcwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] THU 14:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b01pcsmk)

4. The Feast of Stephen

A mix up at the shop upsets Stephen's plans for Christmas lunch.

Read by Jenny Agutter.

The Feast of Stephen, along with its preceding counterpart story, The White Trolley were specially written for the BBC by Maeve Binchy.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon.

First broadcast ion BBC Radio 4 n December 1998.

THU 14:15 D for Dexter (b082j2q6)

Series 3

Episode 4

Dexter spilled the beans about the horses, so Skye's in big trouble and Dean is laying down the law. And they've banned her from seeing Boy.

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

Skye and Dexter's story was developed with the help of Hull Children's University and Voice of Young People in Care, both organisations that receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Skye...Sydney Wade Dexter...Alfie Johnson Joe...Bill Rodgers

Jak...Una McNultv Dean...Peter Caulfield Amber...Liz Godber Ant...John Elkington

Writer: Amanda Whittington

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016. THU 14:30 Chrismukkah and Other Cultural Mash-ups

(b06s7v5w) As the number of inter-faith marriages in Britain increases, we

uncover a growing phenomenon - the cultural mash-up. Sharmini Selvarajah meets the families who are getting creative as they combine different religious and cultural traditions to create their own unique festivals.

Embracing multiple festivals has always come naturally to Sharmini. She grew up in a British-Asian family, celebrating Christmas, Diwali and Tamil New Year. Now that she's married to a Jewish American, Passover, Thanksgiving and July 4th also feature.

Every year she throws a Chrismukkah party for family and friends, where latkes sit next to mince pies on the table, and Christmas carols are sung alongside Hanukkah blessings. She's curious about how other mixed families combine their various beliefs and customs.

The Sommers celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah. Their blue and white Christmas tree is topped by a homemade star of David. Their three sons say the best part of combining Jewish and Christian December traditions is "double the presents -

But their Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Romain, warns that not all interfaith couples are prepared for the challenges of the festive season: "It's a time of year that can be for some families enormously enriching, but for others it's a major trauma. And it brings all issues of mixed faith marriage to the fore, issue they've been able to sweep under the carpet for the rest of the

Sharmini spends Easter Monday hunting for chocolate eggs with Amy who's a Christian, her Muslim husband Takbir, and their extended family. But she also hears from those who don't feel so positively about mashing things up. Is there a risk of diluting celebrations by merging them, so that each is inadequately marked? Does it lead to confusion for children

growing up in interfaith families? Producer: Hannah Marshall

A Loftus Media production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

THU 15:00 Goethe - The Sorcerer's Apprentice (b008j0gn) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 15:45 Short Works (m000gicy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

THU 16:00 Quote... Unquote (b00rb16j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Clare in the Community (b00fyvqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08vnzzz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Relativity (m000ltrs) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

(b007jm12) The Primary Phase

Fit The Fourth

Arthur learns the lucrative answer to the question of Life, the Universe and Everything. By Douglas Adams. From March 1978.

Arthur Dent is one of only two survivors from Earth, demolished to make way for a by-pass. He survived thanks to his friend, Ford Prefect (who hails not from Guildford, but somewhere near Betelgeuse), a writer for the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, "the most successful book ever to have come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor" Now paired with fellow Earth survivor Trillian and duplicitous two-headed hustler Zaphod Beeblebrox, Arthur and Ford are on legendary planet Magrathea - and Arthur in particular is about to understand his demolished home world in a new and startling

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Douglas Adams was born in Cambridge and died in 2001 at the age of 49. He suffered a fatal heart attack after working out at his gym in California.

With Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey and Stephen Moore. Produced by the late Geoffrey Perkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (m0001qvy)

Series 47

Mark Steel on Charlie Chaplin

Mark Steel makes the case for Charlie Chaplin being one of the most radical comedians of his time. He reckons it's sad that most see Chaplin as that bloke who wore a bowler hat, had a funny walk, waved a cane around and wasn't even that funny. Mark argues that Charlie Chaplin's silent films and his "Tramp' character make sense if you look at the upheavals in society that were occurring alongside his career.

Mark is best known for the Mark Steel Lectures and Mark Steel's in Town. He says that while Chaplin was standing up for the working class, the irony was that he became the richest

rebel. Also joining Mark Steel is Simon Louvish author of 'Chaplin: The Tramps Odyssey The presenter is Matthew Parris

Producer: Perminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jw7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 After Henry (b007jn96) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Down Payment on Death (b007tcfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wcwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0824q6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday] THU 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry

(m0001173)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Relativity (m000ltrs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] THU 22:25 Comedy Club Extra (m0012myg)

Christmas Crackers

Arthur Smith

Arthur Smith leaves it a little late to give his gift list to Santa. THU 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b0bgb26r)

Published in two volumes in the early 17th Century, Cervantes' Spanish classic Don Quixote is famous as the world's first modern novel; a ground-breaking piece of art that influenced countless generations of writers and at 800 plus pages of dense

prose, one of the most unreadable novels ever.

Writer David Reed has read it so that you don't have to and condensed this mighty tome into an hour's rip-roaring entertainment. A meditation on the age of chivalry, insanity and truth. A quest of windmills, magic and donkeys. Join peasant Sancho and the man who thinks he's a Knight as they travel together locked together in a quest to save those who don't want saving and unravel enchantments which may or may not only exist in their minds.

Narrator...Amanda Abbington

Don Quixote...Sylvester McCoy

Sancho...Thom Tuck

All other roles played by... David Reed, Humphrey Ker, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Vivienne Acheampong.

Written by David Reed.

Producer Iulia McKenzie

A BBC Studios production. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

THU 23:30 The Secret World (h012h1z6)

Series 2

Episode 2 Alan Titchmarsh - quaint gardener or ruthless murderer? Jon Culshaw and friends probe the private lives of the famous. From July 2010.

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FRI 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm12)

[Reneat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday] FRI 00:30 Great Lives (m0001qvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Down Payment on Death (b007tcfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday] FRI 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wcwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b01pcsmk) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 D for Dexter (b082j2q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday] FRI 02:30 Chrismukkah and Other Cultural Mash-ups (b06s7y5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Goethe - The Sorcerer's Apprentice (b008j0gn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Short Works (m000gicy) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Quote... Unquote (b00rb16j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday] FRI 04:30 Clare in the Community (b00fyvqy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday] FRI 05:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08vnzzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Relativity (m000ltrs) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtl9)

5. The Moment of Truth Retired hitman, Art Gordo, finally comes face-to-face with his mysterious nemesis.

Dinsdale Landen stars in the gripping conclusion of Jim

Eldridge's thriller adapted from his own novel. Art Gordo Dinsdale Landon

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Sally Le Clerk Joanna Wake

Leon Young Basil Henson Forbes Douglas Blackwell

Parsons Terrence Hardiman Hotel Porter Frank Coda Charles Allweather Glyn Owen Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wzgh)

Dead Man's Folly

4. Another Murder?

Hercule Poirot is convinced that yet another murder has been committed and Ariadne Oliver is about to startle him with fresh information. But the great Belgian detective's little grey cells need to work in a different direction if he is to solve the mystery surrounding Nasse House.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt Ariadne Oliver Julia McKenzie Mrs Folliat Rosalind Knight

... John Dougall Alec Legge .. Mrs Tucker Christine Kavanagh Marilyn Tucker Nicola Holmes

Lady Stubbs Amanda Waring Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Directed by Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

FRI 07:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01rcw7j)

Series 1

Little Green Lights

Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents. But when she tried to head back to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village and were refusing to let anyone in or out. Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, s Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself. In the cricket pavilion.

EPISODE FOUR: Little Green Lights.

Uljabaan's superior officer Gryvook is coming for an assessment visit. Uljabaan is hoping to get the go-ahead to invade the rest of Earth - but first he has to prepare a welcome banquet. Tradition dictates he should serve a human child... which could create an awkward atmosphere in the village. Meanwhile Richard is helping him with the invasion budget, and the figures just aren't adding up. It seems set to be a disaster - can Katrina exploit this to get the invasion cancelled permanently?

Welcome To Our Village Please Invade Carefully is written by Eddie Robson (That Mitchell and Webb Sound, Newsjack), and stars Hattie Morahan (Outnumbered, Critic's Circle & Evening Standard Theatre Awards Best Actress') Julian Rhind-Tutt (Green Wing, The Hour), Jan Francis (Just Good Friends, Emmerdale), Peter Davison (A Very Peculiar Practice, Dr Who), Hannah Murray (Skins, Game of Thrones), and John-Luke Roberts (Spats, BBC Three Live At The Fringe), with special guest Geoff McGivern (Hitchhiker's Guide To the Galaxy, Dead Boss).

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2013.

FRI 07:30 Love in Recovery (b06s9szk)

Christmas Eve

Heart-warming comedy drama set in Alcoholics Anonymous on Christmas Eve, written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery. Starring Sue Johnston, John Hannah, Eddie Marsan, Rebecca Front, Paul Kave and Julia Deakin. It's Christmas Eve and the church hall is empty - except for selfappointed group leader Andy, who's waiting for the rest of his

Alcoholics Anonymous group to turn up. Just in case anyone needs him. After all, Christmas can be a difficult time for recovering alcoholics - especially when your support group is this load of idiots.

But nothing proves more difficult than this particular Christmas Eve as, one by one, the members arrive, each with a different reason for seeking out the meeting hall. But whatever their troubles, one thing is clear - no one is there for a meeting. Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found, as most people do, support from the unlikeliest group of disparate souls all banded together due to one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time. AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.

There are many different kinds of AA meetings. Love in

Recovery is about meetings where people tell their stories There are funny stories, sad stories, stories of small victories and milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and those stories that you really shouldn't laugh at - but still do, along with the storyteller.

A second series of Love in Recovery will return to Radio 4 next

year. Cast.

.Julia Deakin Marion. Fiona.....Rebecca Front John Hannah Simon. Julie.....Sue Johnston

Danno......Paul Kave ...Eddie Marsan Andv.. Written and created by Pete Jackson

Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4 FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jqrv)

Present Arms

Military medal rivalry sparks a shooting contest between the Walmington-on-Sea and Eastgate platoons. The winner will provide the guard of honour for a forthcoming visit by Winston Churchill.

Capt. Mainwaring Arthur Lowe Sgt. Wilson John Le Mesurier Cpl. Jones Clive Dunn

Pt. Pike Ian Lavender Pt. Frazer John Laurie Pt. Walker Larry Martin

Pt. Godfrey Arnold Ridley Chief Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Capt. Square Geoffrey Lumsden
Brigadier Bell/'Cheerful' Charlie Cheeseman Jack Watson

The Great Alberto/Bert Postlethwaite Norman Bird

Mrs. Pike Pearl Hackney Announcer John Snagge

An extended episode adapted for radio by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, from the original television script by Jimmy

Perry and David Croft. Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1974.

FRI 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m0001114)

From 5/11/2018

Quote ... Unquote, the popular humorous celebrity quotations quiz is back!

In almost 40 years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian KcKellen Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote Unquote stage.

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

In the first episode of series 54:

Award-winning writer of the Vicar of Dibley - Paul Mayhew-Archer

Broadcaster and author - Francine Stock

Comedian - Phil Wang Presenter, Nigel Rees

Producer, Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

November 2018.

FRI 09:30 In the Red (b007k0hz)

Episode 5

A crucial by-election result is due, as the murders continue - but reporter George Cragge is on the case.

London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are an old-style Chief Police Inspector and BBC Radio's crime correspondent, George

A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties. Dramatised in sevenparts by Mark Tayener and Peter Baynham from Mark Tavener's novel.

George Cragge Michael Williams

Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore

Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt

Max Peter Woodthorpe

Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry Controller Radio 4 John Bird

Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow

Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost

Andrew James Peter Serafinowcz

Laetitia Victoria Carling

Caroline Susie Brann Home Secretary Peter Yapp

Auntie Agony ... Eva Stuart

Controller BBC 1 Ian McNiece

PA Woman Annabel Mullion

With Alice Arnold, Richard Turner and Tim Hope.

Music by Paul Mottram Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

FRI 10:00 Drama (b085trpc)

Rumpole

Rumpole and Memories of Christmas Past

Rumpole shares some of his favourite vuletide poetry, carols and pantomime stories as he recounts seasonal legal cases which reveal, as always, the true nature of men, women, children - and She Who Must Be Obeyed!

Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt.

Written by John Mortimer.

Dramatised by Richard Stoneman.

Rumpole Julian Rhind-Tutt Hilda/Peggy Jasmine Hyde

Donald Compton/Judge Bullingham/Basil Wrigglesworth Stephen Critchlow

Erskine-Brown/Gwent-Evans Nigel Anthony

Rev. Roger Longstaff/D.I. Cartwright/Campbell Forsyth Ewan Bailey

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2016.

FRI 10:45 The Fir Tree by Hans Christian Andersen

(b01pfwn0)

Out in the woods amongst his many large companions, a nice little fir tree is keen to grow up. Read by Paul Copley.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0012mym)

Comedy for Christmas Chris Pearson and Laura Grimshaw present a beautifully giftwrapped selection box of funny comedy podcasts to entertain

you over the festive season.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jqrv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtl9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] FRI 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wzgh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Maeve Binchy Short Stories (b01pcwrh)

Christmas leads Mary to reflect on the family she has not seen in 20 years.

A seasonal story written by Maeve Binchy - one of Ireland's most-loved authors

Abridged by Di Spears

Read by Frances Tomelty

Producer: Sarah Johnson

First broadcast ion BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

FRI 14:15 D for Dexter (b082kbyr)

Series 3

Episode 5

Skye tells Dexter they're safe, even though it's dark and they can hear strange noises. But she's not sure if she believes it. A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

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Dexter...Alfie Johnson Joe...Bill Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Dean...Peter Caulfield

Amber...Liz Godber

Ant...John Elkington

Writer: Amanda Whittington

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 14:30 Stars of Wonder (b06s9j7b)

Miranda Sawyer explores the magic of that enduring British ritual, the school nativity play.

Charlie Higson, Samira Ahmed, Simon Armitage, Tracey Thorn, Rory McGrath, Clare Grogan and Mark Billingham are among those inspired - or scarred - by the experience. Northworld Primary School in Hackney opens its doors to reveal the inside story of its 2015 production from casting to opening night.

A Trevor Dann's Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2015.

FRI 15:00 Drama (b085trpc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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(b01rcw7j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Love in Recovery (b06s9szk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm1h)

The Primary Phase

Fit The Fifth Arthur and company are blown up, but still find time for a bite at a very exclusive eatery. By Douglas Adams. From April

1978 Arthur Dent is one of only two survivors from Earth. demolished to make way for a by-pass. He survived thanks to his friend, Ford Prefect (who hails not from Guildford, but somewhere near Betelgeuse), a writer for the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, "the most successful book ever to have come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor". Now paired with fellow Earth survivor Trillian and duplicitous two-headed hustler Zaphod Beeblebrox, Arthur and Ford were on the legendary planet Magrathea when the Galactic Police attacked them and an explosion occurred - they find themselv in a restaurant with a rather sensational selling point.

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With Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern, Mark

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Wing-Davey and Stephen Moore. Produced by the late		
Geoffrey Perkins. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.		
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b01k1nbq) Tomorrow's World		
Dominic Arkwright and writers Bidisha, Mark Mason and Mark		
C Newton boldly go where no Off the Page has been before: to explore our fascination with Tomorrow's World.		
From biblical prophecy to the predictions of Nostradamus, we		
have a fascination with possibility of what the future might hold, and of the wonders of time travel.		
In our new venture, Mark C Newton writes a science fiction		
piece set in the City of London 100 years from now. Sci-fi nut Bidisha takes us back a century to the same place, and there she		
dreams of what life might be like a hundred years hence, i.e.		
now. And Mark Mason offers his sage thoughts on the great predictions that didn't make the grade, such as Edison's		
assertion that gold would one day be as commonplace as steel.		
With the rate of advancement in technological progress, is science fiction now just fantasy, or does it serve a broader		
purpose?		
Producer: Sarah Langan. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.		
FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jqrv) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]		
FRI 20:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtl9)		
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] FRI 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007wzgh)		
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]		
FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0012mym) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]		
FRI 22:00 Love in Recovery (b06s9szk)		
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 22:25 Comedy Club Extra (m0012myp)		
Christmas Crackers Paul Garner		
Paul Garner Paul Garner shares his last minute preparations for Christmas.		
FRI 22:30 On the Hour (b007jqs0) Christmas Special		
All the festive headlines. Chris Morris hosts the steaming		
flambéed news spoof. With Steve Coogan. From December 1991.		
FRI 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00wqfn8)		
Christmas Spirit Satan decides to ban Christmas in Hell.		
Two-parter written by and starring Andy Hamilton.		
Satan Andy Hamilton Edith Annette Crosbie		
Scumspawn Robert Duncan Thomas Jimmy Mulville		
WIth Felicity Montagu, Nick Revell, Philip Pope and Michael		
Fentons Stevens. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer		
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.		
FRI 23:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m0001qhh)		
Conversations from a Long Marriage at Christmas		
Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been married 'for ever'. Children of the Sixties, they're still free		
spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other.		
A two-hander, we follow their dangling conversations, as they		
prepare for Christmas 'à deux', open their Christmas cards, dissect their neighbours' relationships – and Joanna reveals she's		
planned some rather surprising activities for Christmas Day		
because 'All I want for Christmas is you' A late-night phone call means that her Christmas wish may not be granted		
Written for Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning		
comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington - who's been married for 34 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she has		
created many hit radio and TV series (Second Thoughts, Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change),		
Producer: Claire Jones		
A BBC Studios Production First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.		
That broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.		
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