

## SATURDAY 01 OCTOBER 2016

SAT 00:00 Richard Matheson - Duel (b007k3qp)

Episode 2

A hunted motorist is forced to become the hunter in a deadly, primordial duel. Classic tense thriller read by Nathan Osgood.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b00t5hs)

Series 10, Faure Requiem

"He wanted it to be something that's consoling and helpful. It's the end of their lives where they can rest in peace". World renowned choral conductor Sir David Willcocks, shares his personal reflections on the Faure Requiem alongside those for whom the music has comforted and inspired. Known for its peaceful and hopeful nature the Faure Requiem has been called 'The lullaby of death'. Whilst Gabriel Faure himself never spoke directly about what inspired his interpretation of the Requiem, author and biographer Jessica Duchan has speculated that it may have been born out of his experience as a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war. In this edition of Soul music, personal stories of conflict and deliverance are shared from across the decades. Reaching from the beaches of Normandy to the plains of Afghanistan and into the skies of Salisbury, Faure composed the first version of the work, which he called "un petit Requiem" with five movements, of which the Pie Jesu and In Paradisum have become arguably the most popular. "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

SAT 01:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x4qbm)

Tipping the Black Spot

Commissaire Henri Castang is a reluctant bystander as the police net closes in, but he still has a role to play.

Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, James Greene as The Bishop, Angus Wright as Morosini and Simon Treves as Robert. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 01:30 The British Film Studios (b07x4r4c)

4 Extra Debut. John Huntley traces the history of one of Britain's most iconic centres of film making. With Norman Wisdom. From February 1996.

SAT 02:00 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrzr)

Episode 10

Englishman Philip confesses all to Italian Gino, and learns a bitter truth. Stars Sian Thomas, Jamie Bamber and Tom George.

SAT 02:15 A History of the Brain (b017551u)

Einstein's Brain

Dr Geoff Bunn's 10 part History of the Brain is a journey through 5000 years of our understanding of this complex organ in our heads. From Neolithic times to the present day, he reveals the contemporary beliefs about what the brain is for and how it fulfils its functions.

While referencing the core physiology and neuroscience, this is a cultural, not a scientific history. What soon becomes obvious is that our understanding of this most inscrutable organ has in all periods been coloured by the social and political expedients of the day no less than by the contemporary scope of scientific or biological exploration.

Episode 10: Einstein's Brain focuses on how advances in neurology have influenced our understanding of human's as 'neurochemical selves'. Examining the recent trend to explain every aspect of personality by underlying brain processes, Geoff Bunn highlights how disciplines from aesthetics to sociology have felt the impact of neuroscience. He acknowledges the benefits supplied by MRI scanning but points out the flaws in promoting an understanding of humanity based entirely on analysis of the brain. If the dissection of Einstein's brain were all we had to go on, we wouldn't know much about the famous physicist's life and character.

The series is entirely written and presented by Dr Geoff Bunn of Manchester Metropolitan University, with actors Paul Bhattacharjee and Jonathan Forbes providing the voices of those who have written about the brain from Ancient Egypt to the present day. The original, atmospheric score is supplied by composer, Barney Quinton.

Producer: Marya Burgess.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d4g0w)

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 5

Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

Anna is bombarded by her friends' problems as she continues to struggle with her own. Then Tommy takes dramatic action that shocks them all.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Molly ..... Fenella Woolgar

Dick ..... Marc Parry

Tommy ..... Adam Poulden

Marion ..... Julia Rounthwaite

Janet ..... Ellie Sager

Directed by Polly Thomas.

SAT 02:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jywt)

Episode 5

The guards discover the prisoners' home-made radio set. The

autobiography of a prisoner of the Japanese, read by Alec Heggie.

SAT 03:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlrk)

Episode 3

Gertrude clings to her son Paul, who now turns to a new lover, yet his first love is not forgotten. Stars Benedict Sandiford.

SAT 04:00 Heresy (b0184333)

Series 8, Episode 3

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

Her guests this week are comedian David Mitchell, the Rev Richard Coles and Diane Abbott MP. Together they have fun exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events.

Diane Abbott is happy to argue against the received wisdom that "the Labour Party chose the wrong Miliband" though she can't help observing that the party really should have chosen her, the Rev Richard Coles is happy to speak in defence of parents who go to church just to get their kids into the local faith schools, and David Mitchell is incredulous that anyone would believe that "if a friend is doing something for charity you should sponsor them.

Producer: Brian King

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 04:30 Simon's Bug (b04hgms)

Episode 3

Simon is sure he knows what his family are up to behind his back. Things are falling apart. Stars Hwyl Bennett. From March 1989.

SAT 05:00 Winston Back Home (b00pbv78)

So This Is What Happiness Is All About

The old rogue and Nancy's idyllic return to Winterleaf Gunner proves to be short-lived. Stars Bill Wallis and Maurice Denham. From March 1994.

SAT 05:30 Sketchorama (b01sdcv)

Series 2, Episode 3

Thom Tuck presents the pick of the new sketch groups currently performing live on the UK comedy circuit - with character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.

In this third episode of the second series:

McNEILL &amp; PAMPHILON

Double act Steve McNeill and Sam Pamphilon have been performing their comedy socks off since 2009 and have won rave reviews for their three Fringe runs. They have become a regular fixture on the sketch circuit, have written for several other BBC projects and now have their own BBC sitcom script in development. They both appeared on BBC 1 in Richard Hammond's Secret Service.

BARBERSHOPERA

Six years ago, Rob Castell and Tom Sadler came up with the idea to form a comedy musical quartet - and Barbershopera was born. Since then, the group has gone from strength to strength, winning a total of six Musical Theatre Matters awards over four years at the Edinburgh Festival, performing in London's West End two years running, and entertaining audiences around the UK on three successive tours.

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Sketchaters Mark Cooper-Jones, Kieran Boyd and Naz Osmanoglu came together after achieving notable success as stand-ups on the circuit. Along with appearances on BBC3's Live at the Electric, the boys are in the middle of a sell-out tour and host a London residency at The Courtyard Theatre in Shoreditch every month.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 The Forsyte Saga (b07w5tnc)

The Forsytes Returns, Episode 1

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dramatised by Shaun McKenna from the novels of John Galsworthy

Fleur has vowed to be faithful to Michael and settle down with their son. But scandal is around the corner in the shape of Jon Forsythe's brother-in-law and an amoral socialite who seems not to care what she says.

Original music composed by Neil Brand

Director ..... Marion Nancarrow

It's 1924 and young socialite Fleur Forsythe (Jessica Raine) has vowed that she'll put her past - including her love for Jon Forsythe (Jonathan Bailey) - behind her and settle into marriage with the devoted Michael and their son Kit. Michael's standing for Parliament and Fleur's determined to help. But those around them seem intent on stirring up trouble - albeit unwittingly. First, there's the arrival of Jon Forsythe's handsome brother-in-law, Frances and then Fleur's father Soames, bored by his retirement, overhears something unpleasant and decides to do something about it.

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SAT 07:30 Moral Notes (b00760k1)

Empire

Simon Brett explores morality through the popular songs under the theme of The Empire and British imperialism. From February 2001.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01bw7hy)

The Lost World of the Suffragettes

In the 1970s, historian Sir Brian Harrison embarked on a huge project to record the experiences of women who had been part of the UK suffragette movement in the early part of the 20th Century.

The audio files - 'Oral Evidence on the Suffragette and Suffragist Movements: The Brian Harrison Interviews' - are now housed by the Women's Library, London Metropolitan University.

The 205 interviews Sir Brian carried out between 1974 and 1981 have never been broadcast before.

Here BBC Radio 4 is given exclusive access to the archive which gives a fresh insight into the lost world of the suffragettes.

In this Archive on 4, Presenter Dan Snow, whose great, great grandfather was Liberal Prime Minister Lloyd George, listens through the tapes with Sir Brian, Baroness Brenda Dean. Director of Liberty Shami Chakrabarti and suffragette historian Elizabeth Crawford.

Recordings include graphic testimony of women who were beaten by police, force-fed and drugged while on hunger strike.

In one extract, one former suffragette recalls: "I didn't make a sound whatever they did to me because I knew others had to be forcibly fed after me and I didn't want to frighten them. When they injured my nose I screamed so loud they heard it all over the prison."

The interviews also give fresh insight into the splits that existed at the heart of the movement, about how ordinary campaigners felt about the contrasting approaches of Emeline, Sylvia and Christabel Pankhurst - and how the women that formed the suffragette movement viewed late 20th Century feminism.

Producer: Ashley Byrne

A Made in Manchester Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 09:00 Poetry Puh-lease (b050bh69)

Comedy and poetry have always had strong links, with many comics and poets blurring the boundaries. Now, comedian Kevin Eldon takes us on a three hour walk along the fine line between the two.

With the occasional input of his poet alter-ego, Paul Hamilton, Eldon presents a rich collection of radio comedy that celebrates the risible and funny side of poetry, including Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme; The Simon Day Show; Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter From Salford and the classic episode of Hancock's Half Hour, The Poetry Society.

There is also a look back at the life of the cult poet Hovis Presley, some scholarly input from Cariad Lloyd, and a brand new interview between Kevin Eldon and the magnificent John Cooper Clarke.

Along the way there is a rich mix of poetry that might be funny, sometimes cringe-worthy, occasionally absurd, sporadically nonsensical, but often brilliant.

SAT 12:00 Dilemma (b01qmb08)

Series 2, Episode 1

In Dilemma, Sue Perkins puts four panellists through the moral and ethical wringer by posing a series of finely-balanced dilemmas and then cross-examining them on their answers. So, in the first series, Dominic Lawson was asked if he would provide an alibi for someone he hated; Fi Glover was offered £25,000 to give a talk to a company that once screwed over her husband; John Finnemore was asked if he'd grass up a sweet old lady who was shoplifting. (Yes, Yes, No, were the answers if you're interested.)

As well as these hypothetical questions, the show also features a variety of rounds which may include: Audience Dilemmas, where the panel 'solve' any problems the audience may be having; What Did I Do?, where each panellist relates a dilemma they were faced with in their own lives and the others have to guess how they resolved it; Why I Was Right, where each panellist is given an indefensible action that they must morally justify in 30 seconds; Choose Your Own Adventure, where the panellists get a series of dilemmas, each one following on from the last as they burrow their way deeper into a moral quagmire; and Quickfire, where shades of grey are dismissed in favour of a fingers-on-the-buzzers binary choice - "Would you rather eat a kitten or fight a swan?". This week's show sees comedian Paul Sinha struggling with his sporting loyalties; poet Lemn Sissay experiencing Something New; actor and comic Margaret Cabourn-Smith facing up to some poor parenting; and Graeme Garden contemplating life without one of his favourite Aunties.

The show was devised by the award-winning comedian Danielle Ward, and is presented by Sue Perkins.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

SAT 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)

Series 2, The Siege of Steptoe Street

Albert and Harold are besieged by all their creditors demanding money.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Robert Dornig as Mr Stacey the butcher

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

**SAT 13:00 John Galsworthy - The Forsytes Returns Omnibus (b07xsh8s)**

Soames fears history will repeat itself as Fleur rushes headlong towards Jon. Neither of them could guess where it will end.

Joseph Millson, Jessica Raine and Jonathan Bailey star.

**SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07xpm0w)**

Colin Jackson

Former hurdler Colin Jackson chooses 'It's Now or Never' by Elvis Presley to inherit and Viola Wills 'Dare to Dream' to pass on.

**SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b07xpm12)**

Peter Scott

The conservationist, ornithologist and painter, Peter Scott answers questions posed by Dilys Powell, Harry Rae and John Hillaby. He was interviewed in 1961 (aged 52) when his autobiography 'The Eye of the Wind' had just been published.

Sir Peter Scott was born in 1909 and died in 1989.

Launched in 1952 on the BBC Home Service, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewers firing direct questions. Early critics described it as 'unkempt', 'an inquisition' and described the guest as prey being cornered, quarry being pursued - with calls to axe the unscripted interview. But the format won out and eventually won over its detractors.

Only 40 or so of the original 100 programmes survive.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1961.

**SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrb8)**

Series 2, My Friend Dornford

Carter Brandon and his uncle's day trip to see Arthur Scargill's 'twin'. Peter Tinniswood's adventures with Jim Broadbent.

**SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01bw7hw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 The Forsyte Saga (b07w5tnc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Moral Notes (b00760k1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 18:00 Dangerous Visions (b047cz98)**

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?. Episode 2

By Philip K. Dick

Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway

Philip K. Dick's cult sci-fi novel inspired the film Blade Runner. Set in a world devastated by nuclear war, a San Francisco bounty hunter is on a mission to retire a group of rogue androids. James Purefoy and Jessica Raine star in this new adaptation.

Bounty hunter Rick Deckard is on a mission to locate and retire a rogue group of androids who have escaped a life of slavery on Mars and returned to Earth. But now that androids are almost indistinguishable from human beings, 'retirement' begins to feel more like murder and Deckard's morals get in the way of the job.

The boundaries continue to blur when he develops feelings for the beautiful and sentient Rachael Rosen, herself an android.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

**SAT 19:00 Poetry Pub-lease (b050bh69)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 The Simon Day Show (b010dw09)**

Series 1, Geoffrey Allerton

Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's characters come to perform at The Mallard and we hear the highlights of that night's show along with the backstage and front-of-house goings on at the theatre itself.

In show one the theatre is visited by acclaimed Yorkshire poet, Geoffrey Allerton (Simon Day). Geoffrey reads poems and excerpts from his recent memoir "Marking Time" and struggles to get a hot meal from sound and lighting technician, Goose (Felix Dexter). Meanwhile in the bar two local mums are getting to know each other over several bottles of wine.

Cast list:

Geoffrey Allerton ..... Simon Day

Anna / Claire ..... Catherine Shepherd

Sarah ..... Arabella Weir

Goose ..... Felix Dexter

Ron Bone ..... Simon Greenall

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

**SAT 22:30 The Secret World (b03ls15z)**

Series 4, Episode 4

This week, the Queen hatches a plot to get Pippa Middleton out of the way. Ed Miliband is so keen to pally-up with some builders that he ends up helping them do their work, and Russell Crowe has a bizarre fixation with sprouts.

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Jon Culshaw, Julian Dutton,

Lewis Macleod, Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

**SAT 23:00 The League Against Tedium (b03b4zcz)**

Episode 2

Attention scum! Monitoring flatulence and supporting Arsenal.

Simon Munnery's comedy and music Radio 1 show. From

January 1997.

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**SUN 06:00 Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook (b0414btt)**

Episode 1

The Nobel prize-winner's groundbreaking novel about motherhood, breakdown, marriage and communism. Stars Susannah Harker.

**SUN 07:15 The Romantic Road: On the Trail of the German Philosophers (b001xd7d)**

Human, All Too Human

Writer Stephen Plaice takes a journey through the German cities where the great philosophers of the 19th century lived and worked, exploring the impact that these thinkers have had on each stage of his life. Along the way, he reflects on the Germany which has been locked away behind the two World Wars, and examines our contemporary prejudices towards Germans.

Stephen visits the Nietzsche House in Naumburg, in the former East Germany, where Nietzsche spent part of his youth and where he returned at the onset of his madness.

He meets the head of the Nietzsche Archive, Rüdiger Schmidt Grepaly, and Fellow in residence Stefan Wilke. The archive is housed in the house where Nietzsche died, having been removed to Weimar by his ambitious sister Elizabeth Förster Nietzsche on the death of their mother.

Grepaly and Wilke explain the triangular relationship between Nietzsche, his friend, the psychologist Paul Rey, and a beautiful and brilliant young student Lou Andreas Salome. The relationship ended in disaster for Nietzsche when the other two abandoned him to a life of hermetic isolation.

Stephen compares this relationship to the three-cornered friendship between himself, his Nietzschean school friend Kevin and Maja, a beautiful doctor's daughter, when they all lived in Zurich in the late 1970s. Stephen's romantic hopes were finally dashed when Maja declines to accompany him on a nocturnal ski sortie across a frozen lake in the Alps, close to where Nietzsche wrote many of his major works. In the freezing temperatures, the limitations of the Nietzschean path become all too apparent to the lonely skier.

Stephen is reunited with Maja in Berlin. They recall Kevin and the events of that time together. Stephen realises he was unable to live up to Nietzsche's demand that man should transcend his humanity and become the Superman.

**SUN 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01ng89q)**

Series 5, Turn Around Dave Eyes

More shop-based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.

The staff of Fags, Mags and Bags continue their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built the business up over 30 years and loves the art of the shop.

However, he does apply the "low return" rules of the shop to all other aspects of his life. Then there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them whether they like it or not!

In this episode, Dave embraces internet dating and gets close to someone who is passing themselves off as 80s rock goddess Bonnie Tyler. Meanwhile Ramesh has a wobble about his Meat Loaf date with Malcolm as it falls on a delicate family anniversary.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b007iq2s)**

Time to celebrate the 21st episode of Take it From Here!

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, Joy Nichols,

Clarence Wright and Alan Dean.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra.

Classic comedy scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1948.

**SUN 08:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007iq9g)**

The Unknown

David Jason and company explore fork bending, time travel and things that go bump in the night.

With Sheila Steafel, Royce Mills and John Owen Edwards.

Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and Professor Galbraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the universe and the meaning of life.

Scripted by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton, Barry Pilton and Alastair Beaton.

Music by John Owen Edwards

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.

**SUN 09:00 Another Day in the Death of America - Omnibus (b07xs9hb)**

Gary Younge tells the story of seven children and teenagers shot dead on a single average day in America.

**SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06rdlhi)**

Mary Berry

Bake Off star and food guru chooses Susan Boyle's 'How Great Thou Art' and 'Mamma Mia' by Abba.

**SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07xs9sz)**

Adventurers, Chris Bonington

4 Extra Debut. From Salad Days to Joan Baez. Mountaineer Chris Bonington shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 1999.

**SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b07xsbpy)**

Series 3, Hidden

Guy Raz explores what lies beyond the reach of the naked eye, and how do these hidden forces shape our lives?

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

**SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pdzgj)**

Series 1, Sloths

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

David muses on the natural history of the sloth - perhaps the most lethargic beast in the animal world, and one that he has admitted to wanting to be.

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**SUN 14:30 Emma Donoghue - The Wonder: Omnibus (b07xsf0g)**

Episode 1

1859: English nurse Wright arrives in Athlone in Ireland to witness a 'miracle' called Anna O'Donnell. Read by Carey Mulligan.

**SUN 15:45 Julia Stoneham - The Outing (b07xsf0j)**

4 Extra Debut. Edwin and Norma go birdwatching on the Devonshire coast, but have an unusual encounter on the beach.

Read by Christian Rodska.

**SUN 16:00 The Forsyte Saga (b07wmzbx)**

The Forsytes Returns, Episode 7

As Fleur rushes headlong towards her old love, Jon Forsyte, she has no idea how things will rebound on her.

Original music by Neil Brand

Produced & directed by Marion Nancarrow

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**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b07xsgq7)**

National Poetry Day 2016

Made for 4 Extra. Poets Sarah Howe, Maura Dooley and Denise Riley join our Poet-in-Residence Daljit Nagra to celebrate National Poetry Day 2016.

**SUN 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01ng89q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 Afternoon Drama (b0117sfr)**

Lewis Nowra - Echo Point

By Louis Nowra

A couple arrive at an old hotel in the Blue Mountains - a breathtakingly dramatic beauty spot in New South Wales. Gavin has come to work on the renovations. The building used to be a Victorian spa. He has brought his wife Esther for a holiday hoping that she will find the setting restorative.

Esther a pianist, hasn't played for a while but she noodles away on the piano in the hotel ballroom and a strange tune comes to her.

Esther becomes convinced that the music has something to do with strange sounds and voices that she begins to hear in different parts of the old building. As her husband and his team hack away at the walls and find the inner rooms of the old spa, Esther discovers secrets that help her to feel more vital and to take control.

All other parts played by members of the cast.  
Music Composed by Stewart D'Arrietta and performed by Carollyn Eden.

Technical production: David McCarthy and Peregrine Andrews.  
Produced and Directed by Judith Kampfner.  
A Corporation for Independent Media Production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 18:45 Roger Dodsworth - The Re-animated Englishman (b07xslng)**

4 Extra Debut. A 17th-century Englishman, found in the ice of the Alps, is brought back to life. Mary Shelley's tale is read by Catherine Dolan.

**SUN 19:00 TED Radio Hour (b07xsbpy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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**SUN 22:30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b01r5s28)**

Series 9, How to Be a Man in the 21st Century  
Stand by your radios! Jeremy Hardy returns to the airwaves with a broadcast of national comic import as he asks the question "Does power come from the barrel of a gun or from a jar of onion marmalade?"

Helping him fail to find the answers will be actor and Jeremy regular Gordon Kennedy ("Absolutely", "Sherlock") and special guest Katy Brand.

Welcome to "Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation", a series of debates in which Jeremy Hardy engages in a free and frank exchange of his entrenched views. Passionate, polemical, erudite and unable to sing, Jeremy returns with a new series of his show, famous for lines like -

"Kids should never be fashion slaves, especially in the Far East. My 12-year old daughter asked me for a new pair of trainers. I told her she was old enough to go out and make her own" and, "Islam is no weirder than Christianity. Both are just Judaism with the jokes taken out."

Few can forget where they were twenty years ago when they first heard "Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation". The show was an immediate smash-hit success, causing pubs to empty on a Saturday night, which was particularly astonishing since the show went out on Thursdays. The Light Entertainment department was besieged, questions were asked in the House and Jeremy Hardy himself became known as the man responsible for the funniest show on radio since Money Box Live with Paul Lewis. Since that fateful first series, Jeremy went on to win Sony Awards, Writers Guild nominations and a Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

The show is a Pozzitive production, and is produced by Jeremy's long-standing accomplice, David Tyler.

Written by Jeremy Hardy

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07yjc3j)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Richard Gadd.

**SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b07x4pvp)**

Series 15, Episode 4

This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops written by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is our host, Nish Kumar.

In this week's show edition we hear about 'Owen Smith - The Movie', take a trip to Iceland and listen in on a meeting of evil dentists...

This week Nish is joined by James Meehan, Alison Thea-Skot and Freya Parker.

Newsjack was produced by Adnan Ahmed and Matt Stronge.

Script Editors: Ed Amsden and Tom Coles.

Production Co-ordinator: Beverly Tagg.

It was a BBC Radio Comedy Production.

**SUN 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007iq8z)**

Series 2, Episode 1

Joining the Sheffield singer/songwriter on-air are Barbara Dickson and Bill Bailey. Stars Graham Fellows. From February 2000.

The start of series 2 and aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth presents a mixture of celebrity guests, domestic chores & music.

Bill Bailey drops in for "Impress an Impresario"; Hattie Hayridge telephones to "Make Mary Merry" and Barbara Dickson pops in for a chat, but her timing couldn't have been worse as John is expecting a rush of callers responding to his advert for the sale of son Darren's cabin bed.

Written & performed by Graham Fellows as John Shuttleworth. From February 2000.

## MONDAY 03 OCTOBER 2016

**MON 00:00 Afternoon Drama (b017sfr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:45 Roger Dodsworth - The Re-animated Englishman (b07xslng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook (b0414btt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:15 The Romantic Road: On the Trail of the German Philosophers (b001xd7d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 Emma Donoghue - The Wonder: Omnibus (b07xsf0g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:45 Julia Stoneham - The Outing (b07xs0f1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 The Forsyte Saga (b07wmzxb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b07xsgq7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01ng89q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)**

Series 1, A Bit of Tomfoolery

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook is teamed-up with young Detective Constable Maxton from sleepy Epsom. How will he cope with the mean streets of his new London patch?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr. Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving police officer DS Dave Brook. His new side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

With Peter Cleall as DC Harrison, David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach and James Taylor as Dr Briggs.

Writer Robert Barr [died 1999] is probably best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**MON 06:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)**

Reverend Richard Coles explores the world of spiritual sound and meditation and tries to understand what it is about certain sounds and chants which gives practitioners a sense of proximity to the Divine. He tunes into the Om, a sacred sound in several religions including Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism and Buddhism and its vibration is believed by many to be healing. He speaks to the Director for the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Shaunaka Rishi Das, who states that Meditation is something we all do from childhood, for example when we are focussing on something we want to buy and how to get it or when we kiss, but that it can be used for greater ends

Richard meets neuroscientist Dr Alan Watkins of Imperial College who has worked with the Dalai Lama and his team in Tibet and found that people who meditate together showed signs of "entrainment" in their brain activity, the same phenomenon that allows flocks of birds or shoals of fish to move together. Is this the sense of "one-ness" people talk about when meditating? Richard speaks to the expert in comparative religion Martin Palmer who suggests that there is nothing inherently sacred about chanting, but that is a trick whose powers can be harnessed by despots as well as for good.

Richard talks to Jem Finer of The Pogues, writer of their greatest hit The Fairytale of New York about his Longplayer project, a musical composition based on the meditative sound of Tibetan Singing Bowls and designed to play continuously for 1000 years. Richard also hears from the nuns at Saint Cecilia's Abbey on the Isle of Wight who sing Gregorian Chant everyday in its original form. What does the power of the Mother Note in Gregorian chant have in common with the mantra recitations of the Hindu tradition?

Producer: Victoria Shepherd

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 07:00 Gloombsbury (b01nblff)**

Series 1, He's Got to Be Stopped

Vera Sackcloth-Vest is bracing herself for the departure of her adored husband Henry on a Foreign Office posting to Romania. Her friends Ginny and Lionel Fox have come down to Sizzlinghurst to support her, along with her slightly demented devotee Venus Traduces. Whilst maintaining a veneer of cheerful serenity, Vera is inwardly desperate and hatches several intricate plots to detain him: an ominous dream, a succession of spurious telegrams, an extensive repertoire of ailments. She even attempts, disastrously, to persuade the cook to stage a staff crisis.

Meanwhile, down in the gazebo at midnight, Venus encourages Henry to resist all Vera's attempts to detain him as she will surely give in at the last moment and go with him to Romania.

Cast:

Vera Sackcloth-Vest ..... Miriam Margolyes

Henry Mickleton ..... Jonathan Coy

Mrs Gosling ..... Alison Steadman

Venus Traduces ..... Morwenna Banks

Lionel Fox ..... Nigel Planer

Mrs Ginny Fox ..... Alison Steadman

Mr Gosling ..... Nigel Planer

Produced by Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b07w9jg9)**

Series 76, Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons and guests return for the 76th series of the panel

show where participants must try to speak for 60 seconds without hesitation, deviation or repetition. No repetition? That's no small order after nearly 50 years.

Nicholas is joined by Paul Merton, Gyles Brandreth, Josie Lawrence and Katherine Ryan.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Matt Stronge.

It was a BBC Studios production.

**MON 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqv4)**

Series 3, How to Succeed in Business

"It's That Script Again!" with fast-talking old-time radio comedy fun - and at the Council Planning Committee, will Satan eat a cucumber or offer a million pound bribe?

Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Scripted by David Renwick and Andrew Marshall.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.

**MON 08:30 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01ml3jv)**

From 08/06/1974

Kenneth Williams and Ted Ray romp through the permissive society. Songs and sketches with Miriam Margolyes. From June 1974.

**MON 09:00 Foul Play (b00zshr5)**

Series 4, Dead as a Parrot

Crime writers Ian Rankin and Stella Duffy ponder a case of footballers and models. Chaired by Simon Brett. From October 1998.

**MON 09:30 In the End (b007r45j)**

Episode 4

Still hunting the killer, hack George Cragge denies he is retiring. Comedy thriller with Michael Williams. From December 1999.

**MON 10:00 Nan Woodhouse (b04y2w8w)**

Judith Shakespeare

William Shakespeare's younger daughter is a loner, yearning to be a part of her playwright father's life. Stars Amanda Root, Michael Pennington and Anton Lesser.

**MON 11:00 HE Bates - Three Country Stories (b007iv63)**

Series 2, Loss of Pride

Uncle Silas tells his tale of the womanising shoemaker and the baked potato. Read by David Neal.

**MON 11:15 Eric Pringle - The Last Piano Player (b0075x8c)**

It is 2020, and technology rules supreme. An elderly musician is invited onto a TV show to justify his existence. Stars Bernard Cribbins and Philip Jackson.

**MON 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqv4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01ml3jv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p70cs)**

Julian Maclaren-Ross - Of Love and Hunger, Episode 1

1/5 Julian Maclaren-Ross' darkly comic semi-autobiographical novel about the low life, as lived by a struggling salesman in a seaside town. With the shadow of war looming, Richard Fanshawe is eking out an existence in a boarding house. He's trying in a half-hearted way to sell vacuum cleaners door-to-door... First published in 1947.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Reader: Carl Prekopp

Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegarde.

**MON 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mz2n)**

Series 1, Belgium - Hercule Poirot and Jules Maigret

Foreign Bodies: A History Of Modern Europe Through Literary Detectives

Crime fiction reflects society's tensions. Helped by famous literary detectives including Maigret, Montalbano, Dalgliesh and Wallander, Mark Lawson shows how crimes reflect Europe's times from the world wars of the 20th century to the Eurozone crisis and nationalist tensions of the 21st. In programme one, Mark Lawson looks at the template set by a Belgian created by an Englishwoman and a French cop created by a Belgian: Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot and Georges Simenon's Jules Maigret

hearing from Val McDermid, Lord Grey Gowrie, Andrea Camilleri and David Suchet.

In crime fiction, everyday details become crucial clues: the way people dress and speak, the cars they drive, the jobs they have, the meals they eat. And the motivations of the criminals often turn on guilty secrets: how wealth was created, who slept with whom, what somebody did in the war. For these reasons, detective novels often tell the story of a place and a time much better than more literary novels and newspapers which can take a lot of contemporary information for granted.

Mark Lawson's series focuses on some of the celebrated investigators of European fiction and their creators: from popular modern protagonists - including Henning Mankell's Kurt Wallander, Jo Nesbø's Harry Hole and Andrea Camilleri's Inspector Montalbano - through Ian Rankin's Inspector Rebus and Lynda La Plante's DCI Jane Tennison back to Friedrich Dürrenmatt's Inspector Barlach and Josef Skvorecký's Lieutenant Boruvka.

The series accompanies BBC Radio 4 dramatisations of the Martin Beck novels written by Swedish husband and wife Maj

Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö.

Producer: Robyn Read.

**MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh2)**

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 6

Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

Tommy's blindness has an unsettling effect on his family and friends. Anna is once again called in by everyone to sort out their conflicts, at the same time as her own depression and anxieties start tipping her into mental turmoil.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Molly ..... Fenella Woolgar

Richard ..... Ron Cook

Dick ..... Marc Parry

Tommy ..... Adam Paulden

Marion ..... Julia Routhwaite

Janet ..... Ellie Sager

Nurse/Jean ..... Laura Harding

Ella ..... Emma Fielding

Mrs Marks ..... Brigit Forsyth

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**MON 14:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jxsg)**

Episode 6

Having been transferred and brutalised by his Japanese captors, the signals officer's interrogation begins. Read by Alec Heggie.

**MON 15:00 Nan Woodhouse (b04y2w8w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 Foul Play (b00zshr5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 16:30 In the End (b007r45j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Gloombsbury (b01nlbff)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b07w9jg9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Doctor Who (b007jxx3)**

Protect and Survive, Episode 1

The TARDIS is out of control! The Doctor is missing! His young friends, Ace and Hex must cope alone. Starring Sophie Aldred as Ace and Philip Oliver as Hex. Protect and Survive... If those two words fill you with fear, you must have grown up in the 1980s.

Back in the era of Stanislav Petrov, Threads and 99 Luftballons, the prospect of nuclear conflict never seemed more real. Thank goodness it never happened.... Or did it?

The Doctor's young companions Hex and Ace are plunged alone into the late '80s, where history has gone horrifyingly wrong.

Global tension is escalating, and the world trembles on the brink of a final, terrible war. What happened to glasnost and perestroika? Why are people actually building fallout shelters?

Hex and Ace aren't too worried - after all, the Doctor (Sylvester McCoy) will rescue them... won't he?

It's Sylvester McCoy's turn to time travel, in this four-part full-cast audio drama. Sylvester has not only played the Time Lord but a wizard also - Radagast the Brown in the recent big screen adaptation of The Hobbit. He was also part of the Ken Campbell roadshow.

Writer: Jonathan Morris.

Director: Ken Bentley.

Producer: David Richardson

A Big Finish Production.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076c0b)**

Laura Thompson & Mary Kenny

Rosie Boycott and her guests, biographer and greyhound fancier, Laura Thompson and newspaper columnist Mary Kenny discuss books by Muriel Spark, Diana Mosley and Nicholas Monsarrat. From 2002.

Loitering with Intent by Muriel Spark

Publisher: Penguin

A Life of Contrasts - The autobiography of Diana Mosley

Publisher: Gibson Square

Kapillan of Malta by Nicholas Monsarrat

Publisher: Cassell.

**MON 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqv4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01m13jv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 20:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 21:00 HE Bates - Three Country Stories (b007jv63)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**MON 21:15 Eric Pringle - The Last Piano Player (b0075x8c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b07w9jg9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b03mjcbp)**

Series 9, Kevin Bridges talks to Frankie Boyle

Chain Reaction is Radio 4's long running hostless chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

The chain continues this week with razor sharp Scottish comedian Kevin Bridges talking to his comedy mentor, the lovely Frankie Boyle.

Producer ... Carl Cooper.

**MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b07xtxr4)**

Series 18, Episode 4

An extended version of the News Quiz for Radio 4 Extra.

**MON 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d57)**

Hereford Hop

The duo tell Parky about diversifying into cheese. With Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March 2003.

## TUESDAY 04 OCTOBER 2016

**TUE 00:00 Doctor Who (b007jxx3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076c0b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pg50h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 The Power of Om (b012mzsp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p70cs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnnz2n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jxsg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Nan Woodhouse (b04y2w8w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Foul Play (b00zshr5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 In the End (b007r45j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Gloombsbury (b01nlbff)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b07w9jg9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pckm9)**

Series 1, Operation Homecoming

DS Dave Brook and his new young partner are drafted into a Scotland Yard operation to tackle an armed gang.

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr. Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving police officer DS Dave Brook. His new side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' Detective Constable Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

With Peter Cleall as DC Harrison, David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach and Jacqueline Tong as Julie.

Writer Robert Barr [died 1999] is probably best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**TUE 06:30 The Music That Melted (b00y8v0w)**

Every year on a frozen fjord in Norway, musicians gather under the full moon, and a canopy of Northern Lights, to perform ice music. Over a weekend, instruments are carved from blocks of ice, and music played in an arena of carved ice blocks to a well wrapped audience, who arrive on cross country skis. Sometimes standing in flurries of snow, sometimes in the light of flame torches, under the northern lights, they listen spellbound (and a bit chilly) to the magical sounds produced by instruments with a short life span - each one as unique and short-lived as a sandcastle.

Richard Coles, ex band member of the 90's pop group The Communards, meets the people who play these instruments, which last only as long as the temperature stays below zero, and has a go himself.

Bill Covitz is the expert ice sculptor who makes a different range of instruments each festival. This year he is creating, for the first time, an Isleik, an ice version of a langleik, the traditional harp of Norway.

Musicians come from across the globe to try their hands at instruments which require, more often than not, fingerless gloves and good circulation; the ice-sculpted instruments giving off surprising sounds that vary according to the quality of the ice and the temperature.

Richard Coles joins the preparations, to see the creation and the destruction of the music that melted.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall.

**TUE 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075h0f)**

Episode 4

There's a strange man around. Why is he interested in the catering team's van? Stars Jane Whittenshaw and Gerard McDermott.

From February 1999.

**TUE 07:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b07wby0v)**

Series 2, Scandinavia

The multi-award winning comic Mark Watson, assisted and impeded in equal measure by henchmen Sam Simmons and Will Adamsdale, as he revises his quest to make sense of life against the backdrop of a world that, in recent times, has come to appear even more peculiar than usual.

The tenacious trio take on some of human life's central topics - family, spirituality, Scandinavia. Watson peddles his unique, high-octane stand-up while Simmons and Adamsdale chip in with interjections which include (but are not limited to) music, shopping lists, life advice, stunts, avant-garde offerings and divvy interactions.

Expect big laughs, controlled chaos and an attempt to answer the one question none of us can quite escape from - what exactly is going on?

This week, in the final episode of the series, Watson allows Simmons to choose a topic which demonstrates the epitome of Good Living. They've tackled most of human life, but now the trio turn their attention to the biggest of them all - Scandinavia. Is it a northern utopia? Does it even exist?

Mark Watson is a multi-award winning comedian, including the inaugural If.Comedy Panel Prize 2006. He is assisted by Sam Simmons, winner of Fosters Edinburgh Comedy Award 2015 and Will Adamsdale who won the the Perrier Comedy Award in 2004.

Produced by Lianne Coop

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlb0)**

Series 2, Pilgrim's Progress

Old soldier Albert is eager to revisit the World War One battlefields of Flanders, but Harold's in the mood to mock.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

**TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b007k0vc)**

A Turn for the Nurse

Operations at a hospital turn sickly from the civil servants' cure. Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. From August 1976.

**TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b07xtxr4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d57)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

**TUE 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2ms)**

Episode 1

Midway through the war, a disillusioned Captain Charles Ryder finds himself posted to a remote country retreat. It's Brideshead Castle, scene of the happiest years of his young, impressionable life and the beginnings of his friendship with Sebastian Flyte - whose presence will forever haunt him.

Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of life, love and a forgotten era.

Starring Ben Miles as Charles Ryder, Jamie Bamber as Sebastian Flyte, Benjamin Whitrow as Mr Ryder, Anne-Marie Duff as Julia and Toby Jones as Brideshead.

Adapted by Jeremy Front.

Music by Neil Brand

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**TUE 11:00 8.51 to Brighton (b0117mc3)**

Along the Line, by Alison Fisher

A series of short stories written by new writers to radio. Each writer has taken the 8.51 to Brighton and given the journey their own twist, introducing us to characters whose lives have changed by taking that particular train.

Episode 1 of 3: Along the Line by Alison Fisher.

This is the story of generations following in each others footsteps. How journeys are repeated time after time and extraordinary things happen in unextraordinary ways. The 8.51 to Brighton has meant more to the family in Alison Fisher's story than they will ever know.

Read by Deborah Findlay and recorded in front of an audience at The Old Courtroom as part of 2012's Brighton Festival. The stories are introduced by Lynne Truss.

Director: Celia De Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b0460hvx)**

The State of Water

A Welsh family is fiercely divided over the future of their farm. Eldryd and his daughter, Siwan, are sheep farmers in the uplands of Wales. Prices are better than they have been but it's a hard, physical life that increasing age doesn't make any easier. Still, Eldryd loves this landscape and the life - the raw beauty, the wide horizons, the solitude. Then Siwan hears about a scheme which helps sheep farmers to give up their animals and become eco-stewards of their landscape. The idea is that this will improve water retention on the uplands, which helps the water supply and hinders flooding. For Eldryd the answer is simple: no. For Siwan, things are more complex - this new way of life might offer her a future. Sarah Woods' new play looks at the debate between sheep farming and eco management through the experience of one family.

The writer Sarah Woods is an award-winning writer and has written a number of drama-documentaries for BBC Radio 4 including LOVESONG TO THE BUSES which explored the world of a young man with Asperger's Syndrome.

A BBC/Cymru Wales production, directed by Kate McAll.

**TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b007k0vq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pckm9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 The Music That Melted (b00v8v0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p71h1)**

Julian MacLaren-Ross - Of Love and Hunger, Episode 2  
2/5 Julian MacLaren-Ross' darkly comic semi-autobiographical novel about the low life of a struggling salesman in a seaside town. With the shadow of war looming, Richard Fanshawe is eking out an existence in a boarding house. He's trying in a half-hearted way to sell vacuum cleaners door-to-door. His colleague, Derek Roper, introduces Fanshawe to his wife, Sukie, and the three of them begin to go about together. First published in 1947. Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths  
Reader: Carl Prekopp  
Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegard.

**TUE 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnnz34)**

Series 1, Germany - Inspector Barlach  
Mark Lawson's history of Europe seen through the pages of crime fiction looks at the ideas of guilt, responsibility and justice in the writing of Friedrich Dürrenmatt (1921-1990).  
His Inspector Barlach books were published in Switzerland in 1950 and 1951 and he used elements of the crime genre in plays including The Pledge and The Visit.

Theatre directors Josie Rourke and Simon McBurney, Hollywood scriptwriters Jerzy Kromolowski and Mary Olson-Kromolowski; Professor and crime blogger Katharina Hall and German lawyer turned best selling author Ferdinand von Schirach share their passion for Dürrenmatt's clear eyed depictions of the impact of German and Swiss actions in World War II.  
Producer: Robyn Read.

**TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh4)**

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 7  
Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

Anna's fragile mental state is made worse by the increasing demands of her friends to resolve their problems. She does so, to their delight, but her own troubles are increasing.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Molly ..... Fenella Woolgar

Richard ..... Ron Cook

Tommy ..... Adam Paulden

Ella ..... Emma Fielding

Janet ..... Ellie Sager

Mr Mathlong ..... Wyllie Longmore

Marion ..... Julia Rounthwaite

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**TUE 14:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jv7v)**

Episode 7

Almost 50 years after the end of World War Two, the former officer meets one of his Japanese tormentors. Read by Alec Heggie.

**TUE 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2ms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Counterpoint (b07xxstm)**

2006, Heat 5

Ned Sherrin hosts the music quiz featuring Roger Behrend from Cardiff, Ian Dunning from Crosby and Russell King from Bolton.

**TUE 16:30 Safety Catch (b00w236m)**

Series 3, Unforgivable, That's What You Are

A new series of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.

Simon McGrath is a generally nice chap who just happens to be an arms dealer. It's not something he planned, he just fell into it, and despite all his best intentions he just doesn't seem to be able to leave because he has to pay his mortgage like everyone else. Of course his real love is electronic music and this is just a stop gap until he finds the perfect outlet for his music - okay so the gap has lasted five years but that's not the point. Once he can get himself motivated he'll be out of there and, as his ever supportive mum says, people will always want to kill each other. So that's alright then...

This week Heathcote Sanders are under the microscope when some of the weapons they sold to a hostile government are turned against the British. This prompts Simon to wonder if he should be seeking some kind of forgiveness, although of course, he has absolutely nothing to seek forgiveness for...does he? Meanwhile his personal life is going fantastically well, until he and Anna realise that they don't know why they love each other.

Cast List:

Simon McGrath.....Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg.....Joanna Page

Boris Kemal.....Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath.....Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath.....Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull.....Rachel Atkins

Sarah.....Di Botcher

Vicar.....Mike Hayward

Written by Laurence Howarth

Produced By Dawn Ellis.

**TUE 17:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075h0f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b07wbv0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Doctor Who (b007jv4p)**

Protect and Survive, Episode 2

Can Ace and a blinded Hex survive World War Three? And there's no sign of the Doctor...

Starring Sylvester McCoy as the Seventh Doctor. With Sophie Aldred as Ace and Ian Hogg as Albert  
Protect and Survive... If those two words fill you with fear, you must have grown up in the 1980s.

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Writer: Jonathan Morris.

Director: Ken Bentley.

Producer: David Richardson

A Big Finish Production.

**TUE 18:30 Lives in a Landscape (b007701g)**

Series 2, Barbaraville

A Romany community in Hatfield, saved by Barbara Cartland, is under threat again. The writer's son is helping them. From September 2006.

**TUE 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 The Men From the Ministry (b007k0vq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00pckm9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 The Music That Melted (b00v8v0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 8.51 to Brighton (b0117mc3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b0460zhx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**TUE 22:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (b07wbv0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00x7glv)**

Series 2, Episode 2

Deputy curator Rod holds a museum press conference, and Walter hits on Susie Maltby. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07yjdgg)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Ciarad Lloyd chats to Sara Pascoe.

**TUE 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00vvc83)**

Series 1, Juradia

by Bill Dare

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have had a number of bizarre adventures.

This week we hear about his travels in Juradia, a country where every other person is a lawyer.

Produced by Steven Canny

Brian Gulliver's Travels is a new satirical adventure story from Bill Dare. The series has attracted an excellent cast led by Neil Pearson and award winning star of the RSC's current season, Mariah Gale. Cast includes fantastic actors Tamsin Greig, John Standing, Paul Bhattacharjee, Christopher Douglas, Catherine Shepherd, Vicky Pepperdine, Phil Cornwell, Antonia Campbell Hughes, Jo Bobin and Katherine Jakeways.

For years Bill Dare wanted to create a satire about different worlds exploring Kipling's idea that we travel, 'not just to explore civilizations, but to better understand our own'. But science fiction and space ships never interested him, so he put the idea on ice. Then Brian Gulliver arrived and meant that our hero could be lost in a fictional world without the need for any sci-fi.

Satirical targets over the series: the medical profession and its need to pathologize everything; the effect of marriage on children; spirituality and pseudo-science; compensation culture; sexism; the affect of our obsession with fame.

Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university.

His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

**TUE 23:30 The Penny Dreadfuls Present (b00pbcn)**

The Brothers Faversham, Leonidas Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most reckless living explorer. The comedy trio's swashbuckling family romp. From January 2008.

**WEDNESDAY 05 OCTOBER 2016****WED 00:00 Doctor Who (b007jv4p)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p71h1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnnz34)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jv7v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2ms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Counterpoint (b07xxstm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

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With David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach, Tom Bowles as Jimmy Lowrie and Michael Packer as Hughie Crerand.

Writer Robert Barr (died 1999) is probably best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**WED 06:30 Hearing the Past (b014f9q5)**

Professor Jim Al-Khalili explores what the past would have sounded like to our ancestors, and investigates how it is helping us to improve our acoustic designs of the future.

We hear what a singer in Coventry Cathedral would have sounded like before it was bombed in 1940, and how a Stonehenge ritual four thousand years ago had a bass-synthesiser effect going on that Depeche Mode would have been proud of!

Designers of modern concert venues are learning lessons from the layout of Stonehenge and we also learn how better acoustics in today's buildings improve our quality of life, and can even save lives.

Producer: Jane Reck

An Alfi Media production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)**

Series 2, Entertaining Mr Stone

Robin surprisingly brings a friend home, but he isn't all he seems. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From May 2003.

**WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wc305)**

Series 7, Kingston upon Thames

Mark Steel's In Town - Kingston Upon Thames

Mark Steel returns to Radio 4 for a seventh series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.

Mark visits The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames. He takes a trip on a river boat, rides the longest single truss escalator in the world and spends an evening in and the suburb of New Malden, home to the largest population of South Koreans outside Korea where he samples the delights of Kimchi and sings in a Noraebang.

In this series Mark visits Stockport in Greater Manchester, Colchester in Essex, Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Lynton in North Devon and the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Stirling

Producer ... Carl Cooper

This is a BBC Radio Comedy Production.

**WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2vc)**

Have Been Redecorating

HMS Troutbridge needs a facelift preparation for the arrival of a new senior WREN.

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Cudicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Second Officer McCluty, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Tenniel Evans as Uncle and Michael Bates as the Padre.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

**WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b001jw3j)**

The Pet Dog

The lad buys Andree a puppy for her birthday, but to his alarm - it won't stop growing!

Starring Tony Hancock, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott. Recorded

by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.  
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

**WED 09:00 Dilemma (b01qwg1w)**

Series 2, Episode 2

In Dilemma, Sue Perkins puts four panellists through the moral and ethical wringer by posing a series of finely-balanced dilemmas and then cross-examining them on their answers. So, in the first series, Dominic Lawson was asked if he would provide an alibi for someone he hated; Fi Glover was offered £25,000 to give a talk to a company that once screwed over her husband; John Finnemore was asked if he'd grass up a sweet old lady who was shoplifting. (Yes, Yes, No, were the answers if you're interested.)

As well as these hypothetical questions, the show also features a variety of rounds which may include: Audience Dilemmas, where the panel 'solve' any problems the audience may be having; What Did I Do?, where each panellist relates a dilemma they were faced with in their own lives and the others have to guess how they resolved it; Why I Was Right, where each panellist is given an indefensible action that they must morally justify in 30 seconds; Choose Your Own Adventure, where the panellists get a series of dilemmas, each one following on from the last as they burrow their way deeper into a moral quagmire; and Quickfire, where shades of grey are dismissed in favour of a fingers-on-the-buzzers binary choice - "Would you rather eat a kitten or fight a swan?".

This week's show sees comedian Josie Long deal with a catering faux pas; journalist Owen Jones putting a value on human life and/or robots; actor, musician and author Clare Grogan keeping her back yard tidy; and comedian Andrew Maxwell hearing the patter of tiny feet.

The show was devised by the award-winning comedian Danielle Ward, and is presented by Sue Perkins.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

**WED 09:30 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)**

Series 1, New Year, Old Problems

Teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

Sue Limb's comedy stars Imelda Staunton. From November 1987.

**WED 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2nx)**

Episode 2

Friendship brings new vistas for Charles, but for ebullient Sebastian the family close in. Stars Ben Miles and Jamie Bamber.

**WED 11:00 8.51 to Brighton (b0117wvc)**

Anywhere Else, by Tam Hoskyns

A series of short stories written by new writers to radio. Each writer has taken the 8.51 to Brighton and given the journey their own twist, introducing us to characters whose lives have changed by taking that particular train.

Episode 2 of 3: Anywhere Else by Tam Hoskyns

This is the story of a man who travels with a case full of complications and it is on this journey that he begins to unravel who he really is and hopefully where he is actually going. A cathartic tale read by James Fleet.

Recorded in front of an audience at The Old Courtroom as part of 2012's Brighton Festival.

The stories are introduced by Lynne Truss.

Director: Celia De Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 11:15 Alex Ferguson - A Woman's Walk is Never Done (b0075xn8)**

Jessie Lincoln is left holding the baby when husband Tom joins the Jarrow March. But as Tom marches in one direction, headstrong Jessie marches in another - and takes the road to independence.

Alex Ferguson's drama stars Janine Birkett as Jessie, Trevor Fox as Tom, Carol McGuigan as Hannah/Mrs Lincoln, Peggy Shields as Mrs Hudson and Jack McBride as Mr McGovern/Alfred Benson.

Produced in Manchester by Lindsay Leonard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

**WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2vc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0011w3j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p8g0h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 13:30 Hearing the Past (b014f9q5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p7by0)**

Julian MacLaren-Ross - Of Love and Hunger, Episode 3  
3/5 Julian MacLaren-Ross' darkly comic semi-autobiographical novel about the low life of a struggling salesman in a seaside town. With the shadow of war looming, Richard Fanshawe is eking out an existence in a boarding house. He's trying in a half-hearted way to sell vacuum cleaners door-to-door. He's been asked by his friend, Roper, to look after his wife, Sukie, while he's away at sea. Then Fanshawe is sacked from his job, and joins up with rival firm "Sucko". First published in 1947.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Reader: Carl Prekopp

Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegard.

**WED 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnn3x)**

Series 1, Czechoslovakia - Lieutenant Boruvka

When Josef Skvorecky published the Mournful Demeanour of Lieutenant Boruvka in 1966 he had to refer obliquely to the Czech political situation but following the Prague spring he

emigrated to Canada and his writing became more explicit.

Mark Lawson discusses his writing with translator and former member of the Plastic People of the Universe, Paul Wilson, who argues that the country was a crimescape and that Skvorecky's interest in the crime genre went beyond his Boruvka series.

Producer: Robyn Read.

**WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh6)**

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 8

Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

When Anna's daughter goes off to boarding school, she loses her grip on reality. Her new lover Saul is equally unstable, and it is only when she buys a Golden Notebook that Anna begins to see a way out of her chaotic life.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Molly ..... Fenella Woolgar

Ella ..... Emma Fielding

Saul ..... Peter Brooke

Janet ..... Ellie Sager

Mrs Marks ..... Brigit Forsyth

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**WED 14:45 Eric Lomax - The Railway Man (b007jyv7)**

Episode 8

Striking a balance between remembering the horrors of war and harbouring hate. The memoirs of a PoW in Burma, read by Alec Heggie.

**WED 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2nx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 16:00 Dilemma (b01qwg1w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 17:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wc305)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Doctor Who (b007jv4y)**

Protect and Survive, Episode 3

Time repeats itself and The Doctor is responsible. Ace tries to work out his plan.

Starring Sylvester McCoy as the Seventh Doctor and Sophie Aldred as Ace.

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Writer: Jonathan Morris.

Director: Ken Bentley.

Producer: David Richardson

A Big Finish Production.

**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00j4hsc)**

So Bad It's Good

4 Extra Debut. Dominic Arkwright, Bidisha, Toby Young and Safraz Manzoor discuss bad taste and guilty pleasures. From March 2009.

**WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2vc)**

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**WED 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wc305)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Party (b01n1qvq)**

Series 3, The Splits

Series 3 of the satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party. This week the group are on their way to research for the by-election. Written by Tom Basden.

Simon .... Tom Basden

Duncan .... Tim Key

Jared .... Jonny Sweet

Mel .... Anna Crilly

Phoebe .... Katy Wix

European Man .... Jot Davies

Producer .... Julia McKenzie.

**WED 23:00 Hearing With Hegley (b0075s38)**

Series 2, Episode 3

Poet John Hegley doing what he does best - entertaining an audience with a microphone and a book of verse. With Nigel Piper. From September 1998.

**WED 23:15 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)**

The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece

From Troy to Rome, the National Theatre of Brent presents their definitive history of Earth. Stars Jim Broadbent. From May 1990.

**WED 23:30 Hut 33 (b001795)**

Series 1, Don't Bet on It

The Bletchley Park codebreakers must play football against Italian prisoners of war. Stars Robert Bathurst. From July 2007.

#### THURSDAY 06 OCTOBER 2016

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**THU 04:30 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007k02n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wc305)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p66fb)**

Series 1, Bedtime Story, part 2

As his investigation continues, can Detective Sergeant Dave Brook drive a wedge between two notorious London crime families?

Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving police officer DS Dave Brook. His side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' Detective Constable Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

With David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach, Tom Bowles as Jimmy Lowrie and Michael Packer as Hughie Cerander.

Writer Robert Barr [died 1999] is probably best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**THU 06:30 The Dali Christ (b012427y)**

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In 2005 Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross was voted Scotland's favourite painting in the Herald newspaper, but it's had a torrid relationship with its home city of Glasgow over its 50 year existence. It was bought for the then earth-shattering price of £8,200 by Dr Tom Honeyman, the head of the city's art galleries in 1952. But Honeyman was no ordinary curator and the Dali was no ordinary painting. From the start there was uproar: art students, religious bigots, critics, stingy rate-payers were all appalled that Honeyman had spent so much money and bought this atypical Dali with its mesmerising stigmata-less, floating crucifixion. But Honeyman put them at defiance: not for him the baggage of an elitist arts background, he had trained and practised as a Glasgow doctor among the poor of the city. He saw himself as a showman, whose job was to show pictures and to pull the people in. He recognised from the first the unique pulling power of this extraordinary painting which has stormed the hearts of Glaswegians. The painting can't be so much as moved within the gallery without exciting comment and opinion from the public to whom it is THEIR painting - how dare some curator move it! How to explain such an extraordinary outpouring of feeling about a single work of art? Crime writer Louise Welsh gets on the case to examine the remarkable love/hate affair between Glasgow and the Dali.

**THU 07:00 Bristow (b00ct8w3)**

Series 1, The Great Escape

The Chester-Perry buying clerk plots his summer holiday.

With Rodney Bewes as Jones, Dora Bryan as Mrs Purdy, Owen Brennan as Hewitt, Jon Glover as Fudge and Katy Odey as Miss Sunman.

Bristow works as a buying clerk for Reginald Chester-Perry's firm. He's but a small cog in a gigantic wheel...and he knows it. Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard. Frank Dickens died in July 2016.

RSC talent and popular stage and TV actor, Michael Williams died in 2001

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

**THU 07:30 It's Not What You Know (b07wgmf8)**

Series 4, Episode 1  
Joe Lycett discovers how well a panel of celebrity guests know their nearest and dearest.

This week Joe probes into the lives of Holly Walsh, Tim Lovejoy and Nish Kumar.

Production coordinator: Emily Hallett

Producer: Matt Stronge

A BBC Studios production.

**THU 08:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00rd6p0)**

From 23/10/1988

Just as Harry Worth is feeling lonely, a long lost love turns up.

Starring Harry Worth. With Jacqueline Clarke and Joan Sanderson.

Script by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

**THU 08:30 Radio Active (b00gsv6s)**

Series 7, Mike Says - Here's a Bit of Talent

Your chance to help Radio Active spot the stars of the future - and wreck any career they might have had.

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

Music by Philip Pope and Angus Deayton - with guest singer Kate Robbins.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1987.

**THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b018wb95)**

Series 2, Episode 2

Angus Deayton presides over another episode of the show conceived not for the panellists but by them. This time, Sandi Toksvig, Clive Anderson, Humphrey Ker and Milton Jones have each brought their own rounds for them all to play.

The rounds this episode include:

Clive Anderson's "I Fought The Law", a selection of questions based around the idiosyncrasies of British Law.

Sandi Toksvig's "Lost for Words", in which panellists must guess the meaning of various foreign words that have no direct translation in English.

Humphrey Ker's "Pet, Lunch or Hat", a variation on "Snog, Marry, Avoid".

And Milton Jones' "Joke Jeopardy" in which panellists are given punchlines to cracker jokes and the panellists must guess the set-ups.

Producer: Sam Michell.

**THU 09:30 The Elephant Man (b04wjisk0)**

Early Closing Day

The Elephant Man was created by Debbie Barham. Under the pen-name D.A. Barham, she gently obscured her gender and youth to send scripts to BBC comedy programmes.

In 2003 Debbie Barham (1976 - 2003) tragically died from heart failure, due to anorexia, aged only 26. In her short, waspishly brilliant comedy writing life she had written for The News Huddlines, Spitting Image, The News Quiz, Weekending, Loose Ends and for Bob Monkhouse, Graham Norton, Rory Bremner and Clive Anderson amongst others.

Terry Lyon, assistant head keeper of struggling Southwood Zoo. His boss is the formidable 'management-speaking' Miss Stonewick and the head keeper in the taciturn Scot, Leonard. Terry is going through a divorce, his ex - Margaret - is now in a relationship with his friend Richard. He has had to move back in with his parents.

**THU 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)**

Episode 3

Sebastian's drinking strains his friendship with Charles, who is lured by the art of Paris. Stars Ben Miles and Jamie Bamber.

**THU 11:00 8.51 to Brighton (b011h97c)**

Housekeeping, by Vanessa Gebbie

A series of short stories written by new writers to radio. Each writer has taken the 8.51 to Brighton and given the journey their own twist, introducing us to characters whose lives have changed by taking that particular train.

Episode 3 of 3: Housekeeping by Vanessa Gebbie

Everyone is a stranger on a train. But none more strange than the heroine in Vanessa Gebbie's wonderfully unnerving tale Housekeeping. Who is this woman and why is she following this man? Surely it's a strange way for a housekeeper to behave?

Read by Lesley Sharp.

Recorded in front of an audience at The Old Courtroom as part of 2012's Brighton Festival.

The stories are introduced by Lynne Truss.

Director: Celia De Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 11:15 Jeremy Front - The Pitch (b0075rtp)**

Ageing writer Howard wrote some of the great vintage TV sitcoms, but no-one is buying his ideas any more. Surely his new commission is the answer?

Jeremy Front's comedy stars Richard Briers as Howard, Claudia Solti as Marina, Maureen O'Brien as Josie and Rebecca Front as Mel/Nessa.

Scripted by Jeremy Front.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

**THU 12:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00rd6p0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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**THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p7df4)**

Julian MacLaren-Ross - Of Love and Hunger, Episode 4

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Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Reader: Carl Prekopp

Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegarde.

**THU 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mhz4r)**

Series 1, Netherlands - Commissaris Van Der Valk

The Van Der Valk novels written by Nicholas Freeling became a popular Thames TV series starring Barry Foster in 1970s. A British chef who lived first in Holland and then France, Freeling's books depict both post war Europe and the development of closer European ties in the European Union.

Mark Lawson's series exploring European history through crime fiction continues with a trip to Amsterdam in search of Van Der Valk. Lord Grey Gowrie remembers interviewing Nicholas Freeling before his death in 2003, and Dutch author Saskia Noort describes her books about crimes involving women which draw on trends in Dutch society now.

Producer: Robyn Reed.

**THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh8)**

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 9

Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

Anna finally admits the cause of all her problems - she has been unable to write. She finishes with Saul, but not before he has given her the first line of her new novel.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Ella ..... Emma Fielding

Saul ..... Peter Brooke

Mrs Marks ..... Brigit Forsyth

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**THU 14:45 Water Song (b0076zv4)**

4 Extra Debut. From dripping stalactites to the roar of a waterfall, wildlife recordist Chris Watson explores the soundscape of water.

**THU 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 It's Your Round (b018wb95)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 16:30 The Elephant Man (b04wjisk0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Bristow (b00c8w3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:30 It's Not What You Know (b07wgmf8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Doctor Who (b03hwnms8)**

Protect and Survive, Episode 4

Moloch has been summoned, the 'first and the greatest'. What will his arrival mean for Ace and Hex? Starring Sophie Aldred as Ace, Ian Hogg as Albert and Sylvester McCoy as the Seventh Doctor.

Writer: Jonathan Morris.

Director: Ken Bentley.

Producer: David Richardson

A Big Finish Production.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b007vvrp)**

Series 13, Brian Clough

4 Extra Debut. Commentator John Motson chooses football manager Brian Clough. With Matthew Parris and Duncan Hamilton. From September 2007.

**THU 19:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00rd6p0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Radio Active (b00gsv6s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p66fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:30 The Dali Christ (b012427v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 21:00 8.51 to Brighton (b011h97c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**THU 21:15 Jeremy Front - The Pitch (b0075rtp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 It's Not What You Know (b07wgmf8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Newjack (b07xywqd)**

Series 15, Episode 5

This week's stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and hot-takes by the public. Trying to make sense of it all is host Nish Kumar.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07yifb4)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Cariad Lloyd chats again to Sara Pascoe.

**THU 23:00 Wondermentalist Cabaret (b00yqspr)**

Series 1, Episode 4

Matt Harvey's warm-hearted poetry cabaret, Wondermentalist, is today in the company of fellow poets Les Barker, Pete Hunter and Jude Simpson. Supported by one man house band, Jerri Hart, they vie for the audience's approval at the Comedy Box, Bristol, in the Dead Poets' Slam, wooing us with the deathless words of their best-loved poems from the past. The audience too plays their part, composing their own crowd-sourced poem (the subjects of which can vary wildly, from reflecting on the delights and demerits of cheese, to Sunday mornings, and the winter habits of gerbils).

Producer: Mark Smalley.

**THU 23:30 As Told to Craig Brown (b00b71ds)**

Series 1, Episode 4

Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright, with John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

**FRIDAY 07 OCTOBER 2016****FRI 00:00 Doctor Who (b03hwnms8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b007vvrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b00p66fb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 The Dali Christ (b012427v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p7df4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mhz4r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6wh8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:45 Water Song (b0076zv4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2q1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 It's Your Round (b018wb95)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 The Elephant Man (b04wjisk0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Bristow (b00c8w3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 It's Not What You Know (b07wgmf8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h6z3z)**

Series 1, The Bank Raid  
An old style bank raid keeps the detective duo busy. But will DS Brook manage to make his date with Judie?

Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving police officer Detective Sergeant Dave Brook. His side-kick is 23 year-old 'grammar school boy' Detective Constable Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

With Peter Cleall as DC Harrison, Jacqueline Tong as Judie, James Cosmo as Collator and John Ringham as Mr Franklin. Writer Robert Barr [died 1999] is probably best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**FRI 06:30 Paddling with Peter Duck (b012wzfl)**

Arthur Ransome is best known for writing the 'Swallows and Amazons' series of children's books. These tell of school-holiday adventures of children, mostly in the Lake District and the Norfolk Broads. Nearly all of Ransome's books involve sailing, a reflection of his own passion for boats, which he spent his lifetime owning and enjoying.

Ransome owned many boats during his lifetime, and in this programme John McCarthy, a keen sailor himself, goes to see many of them, gradually piecing together a picture of the writer, through the boats he owned.

Nancy Blackett is featured in 'We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea', as the Goblin, the boat in which four children sail across the North Sea to Holland. Ransome sailed the course himself in Nancy, and worked on the book aboard her, while living near Pin Mill on the River Orwell in Suffolk.

Recently rescued and restored, Nancy Blackett is now preserved and maintained and sailed regularly by its owners. Nancy Blackett was Arthur Ransome's favourite amongst the cruising yachts he owned during his lifetime. He named her after his favourite character, the adventurous, irrepressible leader of the Amazon Pirates who first appears in 'Swallows and Amazons'. Ransome's dinghy Coch-y-Bonddhu was his favourite for sailing around the Walton Backwaters, just a few miles from his home on the Orwell. He used to anchor up to work and it was here in Coch-y-Bonddhu that he wrote 'Secret Water'. The boat appears as 'Scarab' in the books. John also visits Ragged Robin, formerly named Lottie Blossom, and Peter Duck.

As John McCarthy travels around the UK visiting and sailing in Ransome's boats, he also encounters Mavis, which was the model for the Amazon and Esperance, a steam launch and a likely model for 'Captain Flint's Houseboat'.

Producer: Kevin Dawson

A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 07:00 Winston Back Home (b00pgpm3)**

A Whale of a Time with Chekhov

Angry Nancy takes action when she hears what the old rogue has

been up to. Stars Maurice Denham and Bill Wallis. From April 1994.

**FRI 07:30 Sketchorama (b061yh01)**

Series 4, Episode 2

Award winning actress and comedian Isy Suttie presents the pick of the best live sketch groups currently performing on the UK comedy circuit.

Each week the programme showcases three up and coming groups featuring character, improv, broken and musical sketch comedy.

There are so many incredibly talented and inventive sketch groups on the British Comedy scene, but with no dedicated broadcast format. Sketchorama aims to bring hidden gems and established live acts to the airwaves.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 08:00 Yes Minister (b007jl60)**

Series 1, Open Government

Newly re-elected, MP Jim Hacker is summoned to the PM's office.

Jim learns from his chauffeur that the new St Edwards Hospital has 300 administrators, cooks and cleaners, but no doctors, nurses or patients. How can he cure it? As usual the Minister doesn't know his ACAS from his NALGO.

Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby and Derek Fowlde as Bernard. Moira Stuart plays herself.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1984.

**FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkcr)**

The String Robberies

Ace investigator Neddie Seagoon must solve a crime, and the link to Moriarty's sock. Stars Spike Milligan. From January 1958.

**FRI 09:00 Heresy (b018gr06)**

Series 8, Episode 5

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

Her guests this week are comedian Dave Gorman and newspaper columnists Matthew Parris and Julia Hartley-Brewer. Together they have fun exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events.

Arguing against the popular opinion that celebrities shouldn't tell people how to vote, former MP Matthew Parris says he would much rather listen to an attractive celebrity talking rubbish than listen to the garbage spouted by the average politician.

Julia Hartley-Brewer defends Chick Lit against its detractors on the grounds that you shouldn't judge a book by its pink cover, and argues that it's the kind of literature Jane Austen would be writing if she were around today.

And Dave Gorman puts his republican views to one side to ride to the defence of the extraordinary hat worn by Princess Beatrice at the wedding of William and Kate. Though the Princess may wish he hadn't.

Producer: Brian King

A Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 09:30 Simon's Bug (b04j2dsb)**

Episode 4

Simon comes to conclusions about his wife, children and friends. But are they correct? Stars Hywel Bennett. From March 1989.

**FRI 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2r7)**

Episode 4

Charles is pleased to spot Julia on the ship, but his relationship with the Marchmains faces stormy waters. Stars Jamie Bamber.

**FRI 11:00 John Mortimer - The Other Girl (b007szcz)**

4 Extra Debut. Beth can't get any acting jobs, so who is her successful rival - the 'other girl'? Thespian mystery read by Jenny Agutter.

**FRI 11:15 Lloyd Peters - A Higher Education (b007jw1y)**

What happens when you combine a university drama lecturer locked in a studio with a shy student, a real gun and a copy of Hamlet?

Add Black Forest gâteau, a scheming dean, a drunken parent and the police, sprinkle liberally with sharp one-liners, slapstick and comic tension, and you have a combination guaranteed to ruin any head of department's day.

Lloyd Peters' comedy stars Rik Mayall as Don, Helen Lederer as Sophie, Philip Glenister as Ronnie/Roy, Judi Earl as Deidre/Ms Jones-Juggler and Gary Brown as Inspector Snoddy/Dennis.

Directed in Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

**FRI 12:00 Yes Minister (b007jl60)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkcr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h6xz3)**

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Reader: Carl Prekopp

Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegard.

**FRI 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mhz57)**

Series 1, Sweden - Inspector Martin Beck

In 1965 husband and wife Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö published the first of their series of 10 police procedurals featuring Inspector Martin Beck and his team. Written during a time when Stockholm saw demonstrations against the Vietnam War, the arming and re-organisation of the police force and stresses on the welfare state, the Beck novels deliberately used the crime genre to depict changes in Swedish society.

Current crime best sellers Jo Nesbø, Henning Mankell, Åsa Larsson, Camilla Lackberg, Jens Lapidus, Val McDermid and Gunnar Staalesen are amongst those discussing the influence of the Martin Beck series with Mark Lawson as part of his series looking at European history through crime fiction.

Producer: Robyn Read.

**FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b00d6whb)**

Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook, Episode 10

Doris Lessing's twentieth-century classic, dramatised by Sarah Daniels.

Anna and her friend Molly finally find their feet again as they put aside the chaos of earlier times and take more control of their lives.

Anna ..... Susannah Harker

Molly/Julia ..... Fenella Woolgar

Ella ..... Emma Fielding

Milt ..... Eben Young

Directed by Polly Thomas.

**FRI 14:45 The Commuters (b007wxhq)**

Nigel Williams explores the practicalities of very different people's daily journeys to work, on planes through to ferries.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 HG Wells (b007jwdh)**

The Sea Raiders

Flesh-eating monsters from the deep terrorise the Devon coast.

Adventure first published in 1896, read by Robert Bathurst.

**FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b00txhfk)**

Series 10, How Great Thou Art

The enduring popularity of the hymn, How Great Thou Art is explored in this series that examines those pieces of music that never fail to move us. Based on a Swedish poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, the hymn was written by the British missionary Stuart Hine in 1949.

It subsequently become an Elvis Presley classic and as the country and western star, Connie Smith explains, it's the piece she always sings to close her show, the stirring lyrics and soaring melody having the ability to move and inspire audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

We also hear from George Beverly Shea, now a hundred and one but with clear memories of singing it at hundreds of Billy Graham crusades.

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**FRI 22:00 Sketchorama (b061yh01)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00w1zxc)**

Series 2, Episode 2

Comedy sketch show starring Kevin Bishop, Stephen K Amos, Doon Mackichan, Justin Edwards & Jessica Ransom. Answering the questions you probably never asked, this week's episode explains why Bagpuss is a bad influence for children, how a seance can go badly wrong and why the vikings never used consumer focus groups.

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07yjlzs)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Sam Simmons.

**FRI 23:00 Eric Idle - Radio Five (b04y57sr)**

From 19/05/1973

Following his TV success with Monty Python in the 1970s, Eric Idle's first solo venture - predating Rutland Weekend Television

by a year - was his very own hour-long music and comedy shows on BBC Radio 1.

Ever the innovator, Idle's Radio Five pre-dated the real BBC network of that name by some 18 years.

Eric links his eclectic choice of music (from the Beach Boys to Joni Mitchell) with self-penned sketches, for which he provides all of the voices.

Sketches include: unusual ways to join the Radio Five Club and the latest headlines from The World at Radio One. A weatherman can't quite manage to sign off his bulletin - and a new panel game called Absolute Rubbish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in May 1973.