

SATURDAY 08 OCTOBER 2016

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b00xhfk)

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.

SAT 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h6vz3)

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.

SAT 01:30 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-Bondhu 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-Bondhu 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.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01p7h7f)

Julian MacLaren-Ross - Of Love and Hunger, Episode 5

5/5 Julian MacLaren-Ross' darkly comic semi-autobiographical love story 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 selling Sucko vacuum cleaners. He's working for the dubious 'Smiler' Barnes. He's looking after his friend Roper's wife Sukie, while Roper is away. They have fallen in love and started a passionate affair. First published in 1947.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Reader: Carl Prekopp

Producer: Beth O'Dea

Music: The Touch Of Your Lips by Hildegard.

SAT 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mz57f)

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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 02:45 The Commuters (b007wxhq)

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

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 04:00 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 columnist 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.

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Fritz Lang and Thea von Harbou - M (b007qv4)

It's 1930. Berlin is gripped with fear as a murderer preys on the city's children against a backdrop of political turbulence and rising criminality.

Peter Straughan's kaleidoscopic adaptation of Fritz Lang and wife, Thea von Harbou's cinema classic, exploits the emphasis Lang placed on sound in his first steps beyond the silent movie era.

This drama won the Prix Italia for Adapted Drama in 2004. Stars Jonathan Taffler, Gilly Tompkins, Ewan Bailey, Peter Marinker, Michael Flannery, Clare Corbett, Ben Crowe, Rebecca Manley, Cressida Whyte, Emily Button, Gregg Prentice, Ruby Stokes and Jack Durrant.

Fritz Lang: Born: 5th December 1890. Died 2nd August 1976,

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2003.

SAT 07:10 The Film Programme (b07v6j19)

Francine Stock talks to filmmaker Ian Sinclair about Fritz Lang's dark 1931 cinema masterpiece, M. From September 2014.

SAT 07:15 On Films (b07v6nlp)

4 Extra Debut. Film director Fritz Lang, creator of M and Metropolis, tells Paul Mayersberg about his career. From the BBC Home Service, 1962.

SAT 07:30 Lyrical Journey (b014qnlh)

Series 1, Up the Junction

In a series which explores the mysterious relationship between much-loved songs, and the places which inspired them, presenter Jonathan Maitland goes on a lyrical journey close to his heart. A passionate 'Squeeze' fan, he meets the band's lyricist Chris Difford and takes him to Clapham Common which features in his 1979 hit 'Up the Junction'.

So how has the area changed since he wrote the song, and who else has it inspired? Could the song only ever have been about Clapham - or could the man in the song have had 'some or other

passion' with a girl from Balham? And how does Chris feel about performing at the station itself?

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01mn4v4)

Presenting the Past - How the Media Changes History

Change has swept through the way history is presented to the public. Programmes, films and books dealing with the past used to emphasise authority and accuracy as their great strengths. While those elements are still valued, argues historian and broadcaster Juliet Gardiner, the over-riding aim now has become to present an authentic view of the past. But how is that achieved? And what happens when the desire for authenticity conflicts with the facts?

Drawing on her role as an historical adviser on television programmes, feature films and to writers of historical fiction over the years, Juliet Gardiner shows how directors, writers and producers achieve authenticity in their work and how this affects the history we see, read and hear. She also lifts the veil on behind-the-scenes tensions and disagreements over how far the facts should be bent to achieve the precious authentic "feel".

Taking her examples from documentaries, recent movies, dramas and books as well as children's programmes, Juliet Gardiner presents a lively and revealing personal essay on how the ways of presenting history have evolved - and how they have in turn shaped the way we, the public, see and think about the past.

SAT 09:00 Brian Blessed's Radio Adventures (b07y77x3)

Arthur Bostrom meets with Brian Blessed to celebrate the adventurer's remarkable life and career as presented on radio. A giant of a man accompanied by an eloquent wit and booming, operatic voice the boisterous British actor Brian Blessed is known for his hearty, king-sized portrayals on film and TV, however what is often overlooked is his fascinating career in radio.

There are over 40 years of recordings in the BBC radio archives, including hilarious interviews, dramas, poetry readings and panel shows. He's presented Down Your Way, appeared on the nature series Sounds Natural and hosted his own radio show. As a regular guest Brian Blessed has been interviewed on a diverse number of subjects and memorably on BBC Radio 4's Midweek revealing how he helped to deliver a baby in a South London park.

With an enthusiastic audience at the BBC Radio Theatre in London, Arthur introduces extracts and programmes from Brian's radio years to build an enthralling and unique insight into the actor and explorer's life. In his own irreverent style Brian reveals a passion for radio which has rarely been discussed.

Programmes include:

* Down Your Way: Stratford Shakespeare

Actor Brian Blessed was to have gone to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford straight after drama school. Instead he joined Z Cars and was unable to do a Season until 1984, he returns in this episode from 1991

* Sounds Natural:

Brian Blessed discusses with Derek Jones his interest in wildlife & mountaineering & chooses some recordings from the BBC's Sound Archive, in an episode from 1975.

* Outlook - Galahad of Everest:

Brian Blessed talks to John Waite about his expedition to climb Everest in the footsteps of George Mallory

* The Brian Blessed Show:

A programme from 1988 where Brian Blessed talks to theatre critic Jack Tinker about his career.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2016.

SAT 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00j1w3j)

The Pet Dog

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

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.

SAT 12:30 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.

SAT 13:00 Writing the Century: Omnibus (b07vjmkc)

Suffering from TB, 12-year-old Alan is admitted to Stanington Sanatorium to join his brother Ken. Starring Sian Phillips.

SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b07vjqt1)

Baroness Summerskill

Feminist, Labour politician, doctor and writer, Baroness Summerskill answers questions posed by Denzil Batchelor and Stephen Black.

The Baroness keeps the interviewers on their toes in a time where women were traditionally not so forthright with their opinions. She was interviewed in 1961 (aged 60) when her time in the House of Commons was nearing an end.

Baroness Edith Summerskill was born in 1901 and died in 1980. 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 (b007jrbn)

Series 2, Dark Satanic Writer

Carter and Uncle Mort chew the cud as they tour a museum of northern life. Peter Tinniswood's adventures with Peter Skellern.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01mn4v4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Fritz Lang and Thea von Harbou - M (b007fqv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:10 The Film Programme (b07v6jj9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

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SAT 18:00 Afternoon Drama (b01dtkjl)

John Dryden - Pandemic, The Present

Written by John Dryden.

Dr Jan Roldanus (Ben Daniels) a microbiologist and WHO advisor on infectious diseases, arrives in Bangkok to give a keynote lecture at a medical conference. Whilst there, he is invited to observe the local authority's handling of an outbreak of bird flu.

But when a new virulent strain, 'Red Eye', emerges - causing bleeding eyes followed by death - he finds himself trapped in Thailand, unable to fly home to his wife and son. As the virus spreads at a terrifying pace, his investigations lead him to one inescapable and terrible conclusion...

Other parts are played by Ellie Marleen, Ulli Schneider, Chanida Yasiri, Teerawat Mulvilai, Jarunon Phantachat, Ornanong Thaisriwong, Kosit Pomiam, Soontorn Meesri, Andrea Lowe and Marene Vanholk

Production Team:

Casting: Marilyn Johnson and Nadir Khan

Production Manager: Jarunon Phantachat

Sound Recordist: Ayush Ahuja

Sound Design: Steve Bond

Music: Sacha Putnam

Producer: Nadir Khan

Executive Producer: Gordon House

Recorded in Bangkok, Thailand

Producer/Director: John Dryden

A Goldhawk Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:45 Edinburgh Haunts (b03dxv6d)

I Remember Yesterday

By Val McDermid.

A young woman haunts 'The Serpent's Back' of The Royal Mile in Edinburgh, seeking revenge to the 70s strains of Donna Summer's song 'I Remember Yesterday'. Read by Hannah Donaldson

The first of three brand new ghost stories from leading Scottish writers set in Edinburgh. Bestselling crime writer Val McDermid, whose Tony Hill detective novels were dramatised as TV series Wire in the Blood, kicks off our haunted Edinburgh tales.

The series continues with Susie Maguire's tale of an actor at the Edinburgh Festival whose performance of a Robert Louis Stevenson short story begins to take hold of him uncannily. And thriller writer Louise Welsh concludes with a story that evokes the folklore of the doppelgänger, or double, but is set in a contemporary Edinburgh town house. In traditional tales, your double is a shadow heralding your own death - if you see your own doppelgänger in passing, it's very bad news.

Producer: Allegra McLroy.

SAT 19:00 Brian Blessed's Radio Adventures (b07v77x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Simon Day Show (b010my50)

Series 1, Tony Beckton

British comedy legend and star of The Fast Show, Down the Line and Bellamy's People, Simon Day debut his own Radio 4 character comedy show.

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 back stage and front of house goings on at the theatre itself.

Episode 2 of 6: Tony Beckton. Reformed violent criminal Tony Beckton visits the Mallard Theatre to read from his memoirs as part of his rehabilitation.

Tony Beckton / Peter Simon Day

Catherine Catherine Shepherd

Goose Felix Dexter

Ron Bone Simon Greenall

Stacey Susan Harrison

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

SAT 22:30 The Secret World (b03m7zb9)

Series 4, Episode 5

Bishop Rowan Williams gets in deep water after deciding to celebrate Boxing Day with a game of knock down ginger. William Hague finds himself stranded in a snow drift with only some Belgian truffles for food, and John Lydon ends up killing sir Anthony Hopkins. It can only be the weird goings on in the show that imagines the private lives of public people: A Boxing Day edition of The Secret World.

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Jon Culshaw, Julian Dutton, Lewis Macleod, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey. Produced by Bill Dare.

SAT 23:00 The League Against Tedium (b007jnsi)

Episode 3

War is declared on war, and sporty people are really good fun.

Simon Munnelly's surreal music and comedy hour. From January 1997.

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SUN 06:00 Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook (b041tp38)

Episode 2

The Nobel prize-winner's groundbreaking novel. Writer Anna Wulf is drawn in again to sort out her friends' conflicts. Stars Susannah Harker.

SUN 07:15 The Romantic Road: On the Trail of the German Philosophers (b001xd7g)

Lifting Berlin

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 ends his philosophical journey in Berlin where he considers how, in maintaining our prejudices towards the Germans, we have excluded the liberal wisdom of its philosophers. Berlin, a city with an very divided past, provides a living metaphor of the Hegelian dialectic of history. Out of the opposing forces of Communism and Nazism, a third, democratic synthesis has emerged. But at Checkpoint Charlie, Stephen discovers that the old oppositions of the Cold War have been turned into tourist entertainment. Is there an ironic phase to history?

Visiting the cemetery in which Hegel is buried, and then the Humboldt University where he lectured, Stephen reflects on the two opposing ideologies that tried to gain control of Berlin in the 20th century, and examines the extent to which the accusation holds that German idealist philosophy was responsible for the rise of both Fascism and Communism. He cites Kant's treatise On Perpetual Peace to illustrate the enlightened legacy which has been obscured behind the pseudo-philosophy of the Third Reich. Stephen argues that we have handed Hitler a victory by allowing our image of the Germans and of German culture to remain fixated on the Nazis.

Stephen also reflects on The Principle of Hope, a key work by the German Jewish utopian philosopher Ernst Bloch, which he co-translated in the 1980s. In conclusion Stephen reflects how, from the early Romanticism of student days in Germany, via Nietzsche and Schopenhauer, to Ernst Bloch's philosophy of hope and the Kantian responsibilities of parenthood, philosophy has the power to shape personal experience.

SUN 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01nl7wn)

Series 5, Meter Reading Chic

Fifth series of the hit Radio 4 series, with 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 final episode of the series, Ramesh decides it's time to ponder retirement from the corner shop game, but has to decide who will carry on his shop legacy and take over the Fags, Mags and Bags empire.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b00dyvvt)

From 24/08/1948

A song for a musical, a look at leisure time and a musical twist in a medical drama.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, Joy Nichols, Clarence Wright and Alan Dean.

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra

conducted by Frank Cantell.

Frank Muir and Denis Norden's scripted classic comedy

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1948.

SUN 08:30 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01c6h6v)

Episode 1

"We arranged to start on the following Saturday. Harris and I would take the boat up to Chertsey, and George, who would not be able to get away from the city till the afternoon, would meet us there. (George goes to sleep at the bank from ten to four each day, except Saturdays, when they wake him up and put him outside at two)."

George, Harris and J holiday on the River Thames from Kingston to Oxford - with Montmorency the dog. Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas.

Music by Jeremy Nicholas. Performed by The Grimethorpe

Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

SUN 09:00 Hisham Matar - The Return: Omnibus (b07vk69n)

Hisham Matar's memoir of hope and loss - a powerful insight into

life in Libya under Gaddafi. Read by Khalid Abdalla.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07vk69q)

Danielle de Niese

Lyric soprano Danielle de Niese with Barbra Streisand's

'Evergreen' and 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth' from

Handel's Messiah.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07vk6gg)

Adventurers, Joe Simpson

4 Extra Debut. From Joy Division to Etta James, mountaineer and

author Joe Simpson shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

From September 2004.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b07vk6t8)

Guy Raz explores how an idea, a brand, or a behaviour can catch

fire? From laughter to sadness to viral ideas. With Bill Gates.

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting

speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

SUN 11:50 In a Nutshell (b00s18sx)

Power Struggles

Leonard Rossiter reads Barry Pilton's persuasive ponderings. A

breakthrough in 'ecological physics' is scandalously ignored.

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SUN 14:30 Emma Donoghue - The Wonder: Omnibus (b07ykcvs)

Episode 2

Ireland, 1859: As Anna's health deteriorates, Nurse Wright seeks

out potential allies. Read by Carey Mulligan.

SUN 15:45 Christopher Hope - Covered Bridge and Autumn Splendour (b00752mf)

In cosmopolitan Maida Vale, Miranda becomes obsessed with a

Canadian double-bass player. Written and read by Christopher

Hope.

SUN 16:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)

A haunting tale of secret passion set in a remote Welsh valley in

the 1950s.

Stars Philip Madoc as The Inquisitor, Alan Moore as Pugh and

Manon Edwards as Bronwen.

Dramatised by Colin Haydn Evans.

Producer: Geni Hall-Kenny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b07ykhvp)

The Dub Poetry of Linton Kwesi Johnson

BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's

radio poetry archive with Dread, Beat an' Blood.

Benjamin Zephaniah reassesses dub poet Linton Kwesi Johnson's

1978 debut album. Dread Beat an' Blood expressed the black

British experience as it had never been heard before. Using his

trademark spoken word style set to an instrumental reggae beat,

the record voiced the frustration of a generation.

Linton discusses the issues he tackled on the record, such as

police harassment, the National Front and the criminal justice

system. How much has changed since back then?

Made by Somethin' Else for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in

2007.

SUN 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01nl7wn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Alex Jones - Lightbulbs (b038xn76)

Steve's been away for a year. Back in Tipton he finds all is not as

it should be with his dead relatives.

Alex Jones's tale of the supernatural stars Terry Molloy as Bill,

David Holt as Steve, Jillie Meers as Joan and Lorna Laidlaw as

Karen.

Music by Alex Jones.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SUN 18:30 William Gibson - Burning Chrome (b007jgrf)
Episode 1

Two cyberpunks go for their big score by hacking a vicious criminal. Adam Sims reads the novel that coined the term 'cyberspace'. Read by Adam Sims.

When not jacking into the matrix to hack corporate mainframes for shady clients, Bobby Quine and Automatic Jack are hanging out in the Gentleman Loser trying to figure out a way of pulling off that one big score that will make them rich. But industrial espionage is a dangerous business, especially when they decide to rip off Chrome, the most ruthless figure in the local mob subsidiary.

Described as the father of cyberpunk fiction, William Gibson's 1982 story still influences modern sci-fi.

Producer: Eugene Murphy

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

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SUN 22:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01nl7wn)

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SUN 22:30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b01r9slc)

Series 9, How to Speak

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?"

In this show, Jeremy is joined by special guests Paul B Davies and Pauline McLynn as he examines how to speak, when to speak and when not to speak - via the medium of speaking.

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 (b07vjm4l)

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

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b07xywdq)

Series 15, Episode 5

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. The Conservative Party Conference, immigration and sexy weather reports are some of the stories the Newsjack team tackle this week.

Nish is joined by Jenny Bede, Jason Forbes and Emma Sidi.

Newsjack was produced by Matt Stronge and Adnan Ahmed. The production coordinator was Beverly Tagg.

It was a BBC Radio Comedy Production.

SUN 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jqcl)

Series 2, Episode 2

The Sheffield singer hosts a special edition of Countdown with Richard Whiteley. Stars Graham Fellows. From March 2000.

MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016**MON 00:00 Alex Jones - Lightbulbs (b038xn76)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 William Gibson - Burning Chrome (b007jgrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Doris Lessing - The Golden Notebook (b041tp38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 The Romantic Road: On the Trail of the German Philosophers (b00lxd7g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Emma Donoghue - The Wonder: Omnibus (b07ykeys)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Christopher Hope - Covered Bridge and Autumn Splendour (b00752mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Patrick O'Brian - Testimonies (b0076bnl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b07ykhyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01nl7wn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h73w7)

Series 1, The Do-It-Yourself Job

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook's tactics for recovering stolen silver ingots doesn't impress his boss. And why is a newlywed crook pleading not guilty - if he's trying to go straight? 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 Bill Nighy as Dickie Fenn, David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach, Peter Cleall as DC Harrison and Derek Francis as Peter Parsons.

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 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)

Tom Mangold joins a spy-themed cruise around the Caribbean. Outward appearances suggest it's just a regular cruise. But as the MS Eurodam sets sail from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, this vast ship is carrying two men who've been at the very heart of the US intelligence services. Former CIA directors Porter Goss and Michael Hayden are on board for the Spy Cruise, a seven day trip devoted to issues of national security. Passengers have paid to hear and mingle with these senior ex-spooks, as well as a range of other former intelligence and military officers. Whilst other passengers on the ship gamble in the casino, play pool games and try their hand at line-dancing, the spy cruisers are locked into a lecture theatre worrying about the state of global security.

Tom Mangold discovers that the cruise is part of an attempt to repair the damaged reputation of the CIA after a string of controversies. In wide-ranging and rigorous interviews, he grills the two ex CIA bosses on extraordinary renditions, enhanced interrogations, water-boarding, and targeted assassinations. Producer: Laurence Grissell.

MON 07:00 Heated Rollers (b007jwzv)

Episode 1

The all-women sketch show starring Lynda Bellingham, Gwyneth Strong and Joanna Monro. From February 1999.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b07wpgjr)

Series 17, Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Rich Hall, Lloyd Langford and Holly Walsh are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as mosquitoes, flags, roads and North Korea. The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's 'I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue'.

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqxd)

Series 3, Son of the Burkiss Way

Film 77 presents the premiere of the BBC's first ever motion picture for radio

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 December 1977.

MON 08:30 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01mrq07)

From 15/06/1974

Kenneth Williams and Ted Ray take on the legend of Lord Nelson. Songs and sketches with Miriam Margolyes. From June 1974.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b00lv13k)

Series 55, Episode 2

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devils word game. With Paul Merton, Shappi Khorsandi, Gyles Brandreth and Kit Hesketh-Harvey.

MON 09:30 In the End (b007rj63)

Episode 5

A fresh death and a singing Prime Minister make George Cragge ponder. Comedy thriller with Michael Williams. From December 1999.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b01m9n85)

John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath, Episode 1

By John Steinbeck

Dramatised by Donna Franceschild

A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit.

Set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl, a family of farmers from Oklahoma head west in search of work, only to discover thousands like them are also on the move. Stars Robert Sheehan as Tom, Zubin Varla as Preacher Casey, Michelle Fairley as Ma and Steven McNicol as Pa

Michelle Fairley won Best Actress for her performance at the BBC Audio Drama Awards 2013.

Director: Kirsty Williams.

MON 11:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sf015)

Episode 1

In which the bear goes visiting and gets into a tight place. Alan Bennett begins reading the first of five parts of AA Milne's tale of the much-loved bear.

Winnie-the-Pooh has given delight to generations of children and adults. The book was first published on 14th October 1926, though the bear 'of very little brain' had previously featured in a poem and a tale in a newspaper. His success has long continued through theatre, TV and film.

The honey-loving hero is styled on the teddy bear of the author's son and his co-stars, like Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger, are based on the rest of Christopher Robin Milne's own soft toys.

Adapted and produced by Colin Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

MON 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00770hp)

RK Narayan - A Tiger for Malgudi

By R K Narayan, dramatised by Ronald Frame.

Now the companion of a Sadu, an ageing tiger looks back on his life. A rich evocation of Indian life in the 1970s, this comic narrative views human absurdities through the eyes of a wild animal.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

MON 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqxd)

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MON 12:30 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01mrq07)

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MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h73w7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b0167z17)

Anna Funder - All That I Am, Episode 1

Anna Funder shot to fame when her first book, 'Stasiland', about the secret police in East Germany, won the Samuel Johnson Prize in 2004. Now she has taken a true story and written a gripping novel that reveals what happened to the German Left as the Reich took over in the early nineteen-thirties. In a story of fear and fortitude, enormous bravery and terrible betrayal, she reveals not only the lengths the Gestapo went to, to drive the socialists out and to pursue them across Europe, but also the sacrifices made by the émigrés who wanted to tell the truth about what was happening in their homeland.

Anna Funder was inspired by the true story of her friend, Ruth Blatt, and by those of Dora Fabian, Ernst Toller and Hans Wesemann. She has woven history into a story of passion for a cause, for the truth and for life.

Today: As Ruth Becker reaches the end of her life she finds herself remembering more and more, and above all thinking of her beloved cousin Doris.

Hattie Morahan, Sara Kestelman and Samuel West read All That I Am by Anna Funder.

It was abridged by Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

MON 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01nklx1)

Series 1, United Kingdom - Cmdr Dalglish and Ch Insp Wexford PD James' Adam Dalglish and Ruth Rendell's Reginald Wexford first appeared in novels written in 1962 and 1964.

Mark Lawson continues his series about the way crime fiction has depicted modern European history by looking at the shifts in UK society they have encountered from rural racism and road rage to fears about changes in the Church of England and the rise of an environmental movement.

You can hear an extended interview with PD James on the Front Row Crime Writers' Archive.

Producer: Robyn Read.

MON 14:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011j6lv)

Episode 1

Loved by two very different men, Laura Monteville must choose between passion and virtue. Romantic drama with Maureen Beattie and Gerda Stevenson.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b017t53)

Claire Tomalin - Charles Dickens: A Life, Episode 1

Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.

Today's theme is Dickens' troubled childhood.

As part of Dickens on the BBC Radio 4 broadcasts extracts from Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of the novelist who called himself the "inimitable". He was the writer "so charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality." The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield are just a handful of the characters he created and who continue to endure. He was also a hard-working journalist, a philanthropist, a supporter of liberal social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side which emerged with the break down of his marriage. Claire Tomalin was literary editor of the The New Statesman and then the Sunday Times before becoming a full time writer. Her biographies are award winning. The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.

Read by Penelope Wilton

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b01m9n85)

[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]

MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b00lv13k)

[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]

MON 16:30 In the End (b007rj63)

[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]

MON 17:00 Heated Rollers (b007jwzw)

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

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b07wpgjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

MON 18:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Birds (b007jq6k)

Episode 1

The birds are "never satisfied, never still". Charlie Barnecut reads Daphne du Maurier's chilling classic in three parts.

The novel was famously filmed for the cinema by Alfred Hitchcock in 1963. But don't expect anything like what was on the big screen here. This is Du Maurier's original story. In fact, the author disliked what Hitchcock did to her tale: particularly his translation of her setting from Cornwall - with its small fields and stone hedges - to small-town America.

As this original story opens, with the colder winter weather drawing in, Nat and his family notice the hungry birds are gathering in the village...

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076c43)

Roger Graef & George Galloway

Rosie Boycott and her guests, documentary filmmaker, Roger Graef, and politician, George Galloway discuss books by Andrea Ashworth, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and George Orwell. From 2002.

Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Publisher: Penguin

Once in a House on Fire by Andrea Ashworth

Publisher: Picador

Burmese Days by George Orwell

Publisher: Penguin.

MON 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqxd)

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MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b07wpgjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b03nt8bk)

Series 9, Frankie Boyle talks to Grant Morrison

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 comedian Frankie Boyle talking to comic book legend Grant Morrison.

They talk Batman, where ideas come from and the future of humanity.

Producer ... Carl Cooper.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b07vqm7c)

Series 18, Episode 5

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

MON 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d8h)

Placebo

The duo tell Parky about their lean years. Stars Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March 2003.

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016

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TUE 01:30 Ship of Spies (b00xgqx9)

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TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b0167zl7)

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TUE 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01nkx11)

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TUE 02:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011j6lv)

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TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b017lt53)

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TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b07wpgjr)

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TUE 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7jqv)

Series 1, The Birthday Party, part 1

Could a swish soiree at a very high class club be the start of an audacious heist? DS Dave Brook is on it.

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 David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach, Jacqueline Tong as

Judie, Johnny Wade as Tommy and Alan Lake as Thorn.

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 Politics of Dancing: How Disco Changed the World (b0124284)

Disco is one of the most maligned and misunderstood of musical genres, thought to be musically vapid, hedonistic and frivolous. Far from it. Disco was utopian and subversive, and political to its core. Born in New York's deepest underground, it brought

together strands of gay liberation and post Civil-Rights racial integration. Disco put into practice what the Sixties preached.

This feature uncovers the politics of the disco movement, beginning in the lofts of New York and culminating in a racially charged backlash and the mass burning of disco records in football stadiums across America.

Presented by Martha Reeves, with contributions from Nile Rodgers, Gloria Gaynor, Frankie Knuckles, Jocelyn Brown, Nicky Siano and Vince Aletti.

Producer: Simon Hollis

A Brook Lapping production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)

Episode 5

Juan Jose's declaration of love has thrown Martina into confusion. Is she falling in love with him too? Stars Roger May and Jane

Whittenshaw. From February 1999.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07wt5tq)

Series 11, Episode 1

Episode 1: 'The Reboot'

Ed Reardon is back, and this time in slightly unfamiliar territory as he has entered the groves of academe and returned to full-time education at 'Uni'. He's doing a three-year course in, well he's not entirely sure, but at the end he'll get a BA with the chance of a two-year MA add-on. The fact that he'll have warm, comfortable accommodation for the foreseeable future, a student loan to pay the rent and that he'll reach 65 by the time he's finished the course and therefore passed the age of paying back the fees has nothing to do with his decision to study. No, this is all to do with making up for lost time when his studies were cut short in his youth following expulsion from school.

Of course, as with all students nowadays Ed will need to boost his loan by earning extra cash so he'll still be pestering his agent, Ping for writing opportunities and so it is as we renew our acquaintance with Ed, and trusty companion Elgar, that we find him reimagining a series of children's books and giving them a savvy post-modern twist for a "cool hundred each" whilst trying to keep up with the other students and their love of coffee shop loyalty cards, seminar satisfaction surveys and certain daytime TV programmes.

The regular cast are joined this series by guests including

Sylvestra Le Touzel, Nicholas Farrell and Maya Sonधि.

Cast list ep 1

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b013jf7r)

Series 2, The Wooden Overcoats

Trouble ensues when Harold brings home coffins on the cart,

sparking a burst of manic superstition from Albert.

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 Off 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 (b007k13p)

Seal of Office

The blundering civil servants try to organise a military display.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. From August 1976.

TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b07vqm7c)

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TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b01mhtd2)

John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath, Episode 2

By John Steinbeck

Dramatised by Donna Franceschild

A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl.

The Joads have travelled from Oklahoma to California in search of work, only to discover thousands like them have also been on the move. Following a violent altercation with some locals, they head back on the road with their dream of a promised land temporarily in tatters.

Director: Kirsty Williams.

TUE 11:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00s07tk)

Episode 2

In which the bear and Piglet nearly catch a Wozzle, and Eeyore loses a tail. Read by Alan Bennett.

TUE 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01bbd8l)

John Steinbeck - The Pearl

Dramatisation of John Steinbeck's novella by Donna

Franceschild.

A captivating and atmospheric parable set in a small Mexican fishing village about the greatest pearl ever found and the tragic impact its discovery has on one young family.

Director: Kirsty Williams.

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TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b0168112)

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Wesemann. She has woven history into a story of passion for a cause, for the truth and for life.

Today: Ruth remembers the heady early days when she fell first under her cousin, Dora's, spell, and then met the charismatic Toller and the handsome Hans Wesemann, and love and the cause of the left became intertwined.

Hattie Morahan, Sara Kestelman and Samuel West read All That I Am by Anna Funder.

It was abridged by Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

TUE 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz73)

Series 1, Sicily - Inspector Rogas

Leonard Sciascia used crime stories to highlight Mafia crimes.

The Sicilian was the author of novels including The Day of the Owl, A Simple Story and Equal Danger - which features

Inspector Rogas. Paul Bailey, Gianrico Carofiglio, Andrea Camilleri and Petra Reski discuss with Mark Lawson the

influence of Leonardo Sciascia and the continuing presence of

the Mafia in Italian life.

Producer: Robyn Read.

TUE 14:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011km7g)

Episode 2

Painter Laura's skills are praised by a London artist, but her father hears bad news of his investments. Stars Gerda Stevenson.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b017mrbl)

Claire Tomalin - Charles Dickens: A Life, Episode 2

Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of Britain's great

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Today's themes are his early successes as a writer, and new

beginnings.

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England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality."

Read by Penelope Wilton

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b01mhtd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]

TUE 16:00 Counterpoint (b07vtnck)

2006, Heat 6

Ned Sherrin asks musical questions of Robert Atkins of

Abertillery, Jonathan Jacob of Chesham and Margaret Kember from Suffolk.

TUE 16:30 Chambers (b007jp12)

Series 2, Only the Lonely

John Fuller-Carp uses his masculine charms on a lady judge, and

Ruth decides to adopt a baby. Stars John Bird. From May 1998.

TUE 17:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)

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

TUE 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07wt5tq)

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

TUE 18:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Birds (b007jq6k)

Episode 2

The Hockens have battened down the hatches against the avian

invasion, but will they be safe? Read by Charlie Barnecut.

TUE 18:30 Lives in a Landscape (b007704p)

Series 2, Cruising for a Bruising

Documentary series telling original stories about real lives in Britain today.

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Essex Boys and their motors are inseparable, from the gold-flecked paint work to TV screens, huge speakers and tinted windows.

But what happens when girls get involved, rivalries occur and a lovingly souped up car ends up at the wrong end of a baseball bat? Two friends from Benfleet talk about their families, their cars, and the Southend On Sea cruise scene.

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TUE 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00xn9fp)

Series 2, Episode 3

Will the museum's first ever Sunday opening run smoothly? Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt and Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.

TUE 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00z58bb)

Series 1, Osminia

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 he travels to Osminia, a land where marriage is outlawed.

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 (b00gpbcc)

The Brothers Faversham, Augustus Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most celebrated magician. The comedy trio's swashbuckling family romp. From February 2008.

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2016

WED 00:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Birds (b0071q6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Lives in a Landscape (b007704p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7iqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Politics of Dancing: How Disco Changed the World (b0124284)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b0168112)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011km7g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b017mrbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b01mhdt2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Counterpoint (b07vtncx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Chambers (b007jp12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075h5q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07wt5tq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7vny)

Series 1, The Birthday Party, part 2

Detective Inspector Mannock arrives to take charge of investigations into the suspicious gathering of crooks at a swish birthday party. What is Terry Neale up to?

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 Maurice Colbourne as Detective Inspector Mannock, Alan Lake as Thorn and Tony Anholt as Neale.

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 Interrail Tales (b0134ssl)

The Early Years: 1972-1990

Writer Miranda Sawyer dons her rucksack to explore the impact of cheap European train travel on generations of Britons. For many, it was a rite of passage, clutching that all important rail pass. Sleeping on trains, running out of money, barely escaping trouble. Seeing new cultures and making friends. But with the arrival of budget airlines a decade ago, is exploring Europe by train as popular as it once was?

Part one: the early years: 1972 - 1990.

WED 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b00f86w)

Series 2, Lassie Go Home

Wendy adopts a dog which adores her, but hates Robin. Stars Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall. From June 2003.

WED 07:30 Mark Steel's In Town (b07vtd76)

Series 7, Lynton and Lynmouth

Mark Steel's In Town - Lynton and Lynmouth

Lynton and Lynmouth - Don't mention the goats!

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 lovely seaside towns of Lynton and Lynmouth in North Devon, lovely that is until he mentions the goats, then the rest of the show doesn't go entirely to plan.

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 (b008f41)

Celebrating Their Important Anniversary

The crew discover HMS Troutbridge has been afloat for 25 years, so Pertwee plans some special commemorative gifts...

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Cuddeford as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Mrs Povey, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral 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 (b001283q)

The Jewel Robbery

The lad's getting a new car, so Sid makes the most of the opportunity.

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 (b01r0h4y)

Series 2, Episode 3

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 Dave Gorman cheating higher,

faster and stronger; journalist Anita Anand deal with an unexpected guest; creator of Bleak Expectations Mark Evans getting a hand in the bush (but no birds); and comedian Jenny Eclair embrace dating in the digital age.

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 (b007wpmk)

Series 1, Tangled Webs

The complex life and loves of Izzy Comyn, with her propensity for telling lies. Stars Imelda Staunton. From November 1987.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b01mnqms)

John Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath, Episode 3

By John Steinbeck

Dramatised by Donna Franceschild

A Pulitzer Prize winning novel about economic migration and the endurance of the human spirit set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl.

Just as the Joads money and food run out, they find work on a peach farm. But Tom discovers they're breaking a strike led by their old friend Casey the Preacher. Tom and Casey are ambushed by a Deputy Sheriff and a mob of vigilantes and Casey is killed. In his fury, Tom hits back before running for his life.

The Joad family's dream of a promised land is about to end.

Director: Kirsty Williams.

WED 11:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sfbgn)

Episode 3

In which Piglet meets a Heffalump. Read by Alan Bennett.

WED 11:15 Neil Brand - Stan (b0076mjl)

As death finally threatens to separate the greatest double act in film comedy, Stan Laurel tries to say the things to Oliver Hardy which have been left unsaid. Stars Tom Courtenay.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b008f41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b001283q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7vny)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Interrail Tales (b0134ssl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01685zp)

Anna Funder - All That I Am, Episode 3

Anna Funder shot to fame when her first book, 'Stasiland', about the secret police in East Germany, won the Samuel Johnson Prize in 2004. Now she has taken a true story and written a gripping novel that reveals what happened to the German Left as the Reich took over in the early nineteen-thirties. In a story of fear and fortitude, enormous bravery and terrible betrayal, she reveals not only the lengths the Gestapo went to, to drive the socialists out and to pursue them across Europe, but also the sacrifices made by the émigrés who wanted to tell the truth about what was happening in their homeland.

Anna Funder was inspired by the true story of her friend, Ruth Blatt, and by those of Dora Fabian, Ernst Toller and Hans Wesemann. She has woven history into a story of passion for a cause, for the truth and for life.

Today: As Ruth Becker reaches the end of her life she finds herself remembering more and more, and today recalls her marriage, Dora's love affair and the night in the TicTacToe Club in Berlin, when the noose began to tighten around them all.

Hattie Morahan, Sara Kestelman and Samuel West read All That I Am by Anna Funder.

It was abridged by Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

WED 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz7f)

Series 1, Spain - Pi Pepe Carvalho

In his Pepe Carvalho novels, Manuel Vázquez Montalbán created a Barcelona based Private Eye with a gastronomic passion, whose investigations are set against political developments in post Franco Spanish society.

Mark Lawson continues his series looking at European history through crime fiction - discussing the books of Montalbán with Antonio Hill and Jason Webster - whose own crime novels depict contemporary Spain.

Producer: Robyn Read.

WED 14:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011kqj4)

Episode 3

Laura and her father's search takes them to London, where they meet a man who dresses like a monkey. Stars Gerda Stevenson.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b017my1k)

Claire Tomalin - Charles Dickens: A Life, Episode 3
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man. Today the novelist is well received in America.

As part of Dickens on the BBC Radio 4 broadcasts extracts from Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of the novelist who called himself the "inimitable". He was the writer so "charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality."

Read by Penelope Wilton

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b01mnqms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Dilemma (b01r0h4y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b007wpnk)[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]**WED 17:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008f86w)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]**WED 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wt76)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**WED 18:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Birds (b007jq79)**

Episode 3

Will the Triggs be able to help Nat's family, or have the avian attackers got to them first? Read by Charlie Barnecut.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b007j7v0)

One Big Happy Family

4 Extra Debut. Dominic Arkwright, John O'Farrell, Kathryn Flett and Andi Oliver discuss how family life shapes up to the ideal. From March 2009.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b008fj41)[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]**WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00j283q)**[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]**WED 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7vny)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]**WED 20:30 Interrail Tales (b0134ssl)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]**WED 21:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sfbn)**[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]**WED 21:15 Neil Brand - Stan (b0076mjl)**[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]**WED 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wt76)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**WED 22:30 Party (b01n6rsf)**

Series 3, Radio

Series 3 of the satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party. For the last episode in the series the group get a crucial radio interview ahead of the upcoming by election. Written by Tom Basden.

Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key

Jared Jonny Sweet

Mel Anna Crilly

Phoebe Katy Wix

Alison the radio producer Rachel Stubbings

Radio Interviewer Peter Curran

Drama interviewee Jot Davies

Producer Julia McKenzie.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b07z7751)

The best in contemporary comedy. Jessica Fostekew chats to Adam Hess and Rhys James.

WED 23:00 Hearing With Hegley (b07yv9n7)

Series 2, Episode 5

The Luton Laureate entertains with songs and poems about glasses. With Nigel Piper and the Popticians. From September 1998.

WED 23:15 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

The Scythians and Mongols

From Vikings to Normans, the National Theatre of Brent presents their definitive history of Earth. Stars Patrick Barlow. From May 1990.

WED 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lxzvd)

Series 1, Food

The Bletchley Park code-breakers think of some new ways to improve wartime rations. Stars Robert Bathurst. From July 2007.

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016**THU 00:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Birds (b007jq79)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 00:30 Off the Page (b007j7v0)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h7vny)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 01:30 Interrail Tales (b0134ssl)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01685zp)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz7f)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 02:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011kqj4)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:30 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b017mv1k)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 03:00 Classic Serial (b01mmqms)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 04:00 Dilemma (b01r0h4y)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 04:30 Up the Garden Path (b007wpnk)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 05:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008f86w)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07wt76)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Wednesday](#)]**THU 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03h828w)**

Series 1, The Coming Out Present

A newly paroled villain becomes involved in a security raid.

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook sees a way to settle an old score. 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, George Tovey as Harry Dean, James Cosmo as Collator and Alan Barry as Brennan. 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 Interrail Tales (b013f5kc)

1990 to the Present Day

Miranda Sawyer dons her rucksack to explore the impact intertrailing has had on different generations of young people. The scheme's been going almost forty years. For many, it was a rite of passage, clutching that all important month-long rail pass. Sleeping on trains, running out of money, barely escaping trouble. The collapse of communism in the late 80's opened up new cultures and unfamiliar places in Europe for backpackers to explore. But do people still intertrail around Europe these days, especially when they're used to cheap flights to exotic locations. Join Miranda Sawyer to find out. Playwright David Greig, travel writer Sarah Baxter and railway guru, Mark Smith, amongst others, talk to the programme. Part Two: 1990 - 2011.

THU 07:00 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

Episode 1

After the local elections, Chesbury is in uproar. The undefeatable have been defeated, while the unelectable have been elected - and it looks like the unspeakable will become Mayor...

Lucy Flannery's local government sitcom stars Nelson David, John Duttine, James Grout, Rosy Fordham, Nick Hardy, Howard Lew Lewis, Toby Longworth, Jan Ravens, Vivienne Rochester and June Whitfield.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

THU 07:30 It's Not What You Know (b07wthbz)

Series 4, Episode 2

Joe Lycett discovers how well a panel of celebrity guests know their nearest and dearest.

This week Joe probes into the lives of Zoe Lyons, Adrian Chiles and Mae Martin.

Production coordinator: Emily Hallett

Producer: Matt Stronge

A BBC Studios production.

THU 08:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r156h)

From 30/10/1988

Cat burglar Fingers Fogerty pays Harry Worth an unwelcome visit.

Starring Harry Worth. With Jacqueline Clarke, Roger John-Lee and Michael Robbins.

Script by Vince Powell.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

THU 08:30 Radio Active (b007jw34)

Series 7, The Flu Special

A serious in-depth look at the problem of the flu virus - illustrated by song, dance, comedy and magic. Plus, two medically-trained adults will be demonstrating how to use a handkerchief.

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 (b01946wq)

Series 2, Episode 3

Another panel of comedians endeavour to beat each other at their own games, watched over by Angus Deayton.

The rounds this episode include:

Will Self's "What's In My Hand?"...further explanation unnecessary.

Glyes Brandreth's "It's My Party", in which panellists must all pitch their own, new political party.

Sara Pascoe's "Tax Loss Entertainment", in which panellists must improvise the worst play in history.

Arthur Smith's "How Much Would It Cost For You To?", a refinement of a game he's played before in which panellists must guess the money they'd require in order to complete various unpleasant tasks.

Producer: Sam Michell.

THU 09:30 Crazy Big Fish (b0075z0w)

Fish is Back in Hull

4 Extra Debut. Can five everyday Hull women overcome the barriers and fulfil their dreams upon the stage? Stars Deborah McAndrew.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b01pt998)

Janet Frame - An Angel at My Table, Episode 1

Janet Frame was New Zealand's best known but least public author. The author of twelve novels, four story collections, one book of poetry and three volumes of autobiography, even at the height of her success Frame shunned publicity, which had the effect of making the media and her readership even more intrusively interested.

Frame's story is extraordinary. As her biographer Michael King said, "her family was an anvil on which disasters fell". But it was the issue of Frame's mental health which generated the most conjecture. To set the record straight about the circumstances of her committal to mental hospitals and being diagnosed with

schizophrenia, in the early 80's Janet Frame wrote her autobiography; three volumes entitled "To The Island" (1982), "An Angel At My Table" and "The Envoy From Mirror City" (both 1984).

It was after the publication of "An Angel At My Table", at a time when several of her books had gone out of print, that Frame's literary status was cemented. When later the books were made into an award winning film by Jane Campion, her writing was introduced to an international audience.

This two-part radio adaptation is by Anita Sullivan.

With students from Houghton Valley School and Wellington High School, New Zealand

Adapted for radio by - Anita Sullivan

Music: Simon Russell

Sound Design: David Thomas

Production Assistants: Sarah Tombling and Kathy Caton

Associate Producer: Andrew Foster (New Zealand)

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 11:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sfzfq)

Episode 4

In which Christopher Robin leads an 'expedition' to the North Pole. Read by Alan Bennett.

THU 11:15 Georgia Pritchett - Showing Up (b007jw2q)

When Sheila Martin meets the son she gave up for adoption, some unexpected home truths are uncovered. Starring Polly James.

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Anna Funder - All That I Am, Episode 4

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fortitude, enormous bravery and terrible betrayal, she reveals not only the lengths the Gestapo went to, to drive the socialists out and to pursue them across Europe, but also the sacrifices made by the émigrés who wanted to tell the truth about what was happening in their homeland.

Anna Funder was inspired by the true story of her friend, Ruth Blatt, and by those of Dora Fabian, Ernst Toller and Hans

Wesemann. She has woven history into a story of passion for a cause, for the truth and for life.

Today: As Ruth Becker reaches the end of her life she finds herself remembering more and more. Tonight she recalls 1933 and the night when stormtroopers forced Hans and herself into exile and Dora into terrible danger.

Hattie Morahan, Sara Kestelman and Samuel West read All That I Am by Anna Funder.

It was abridged by Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

THU 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz7r)

Series 1, Britain - DCI Jane Tension

Helen Mirren's portrayal of DCI Jane Tension created a new image of women police officers in Britain. Lynda La Plante describes the creation of her character and what serving officers taught her about the macho culture of British policing before the millennium.

The Granada TV series which first aired in 1991 was sold around the world. Dutch best seller Saskia Noort and Scottish authors Ian Rankin and Val McDermid discuss its impact with Mark Lawson.

Producer: Robyn Read.

THU 14:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011kq71)

Episode 4

Colonel Hargrave pursues Laura Montreuil from Perthshire to London, where she meets a new admirer. Stars Gerda Stevenson.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b017mvx0)

Claire Tomalin - Charles Dickens: A Life, Episode 4

Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.

Today a theatrical performance changes the course of his life.

As part of Dickens on the BBC Radio 4 broadcasts extracts from Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of the novelist who called himself the "inimitable". He was the writer so "charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality."

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b01pt998)[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]**THU 16:00 It's Your Round (b01946wq)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]**THU 16:30 Crazy Big Fish (b0075z0w)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]**THU 17:00 Any Other Business (b012rb49)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]**THU 17:30 It's Not What You Know (b07wthbz)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**THU 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Project Raphael (b008p7w1)**

Episode 1

British Intelligence, MI7 are working with agents from beyond the grave to gather secrets from the mysterious Nablovski Colony. Agent Raphael volunteers to be transferred, but no-one can contact him.

Enter local ghost-hunter Malcolm Holmes, and his friend Polly, would-be ace reporter.

First of a three-part sci-fi thriller by Jenny Stephens. Starring Deborah McAndrew and Aneirin Hughes as Agents Finch and Evans, with Dan Hagley as Malcolm Holmes and Emily Chenery as Polly Williams. John Flitcroft is the revenant Raphael, with Sunny Ormonde as Holmes's mum.

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b007zmv0)

Series 13, Elizabeth David

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

8/9. Prue Leith nominates Elizabeth David, arguably the greatest food writer of the 20th century. She is joined by biographer Artemis Cooper.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 It's Not What You Know (b07wthbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (b07yvv5t)

Series 15, Episode 6

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 (b07z7d7)

The best in contemporary comedy. Jessica Fostekew chats to Adam Hess and Rhys James.

THU 23:00 The Harri-Parris' Radio Show (b0662trn)

The Visitor

Anni tries to stop cultures clashing when her indie musician boyfriend Ben meets her eccentric farming family.

THU 23:30 As Told to Craig Brown (b00bnxt)

Series 1, Episode 5

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.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hw1vb)

Series 1, The Legacy

DS Dave Brook seems personally affected by a theft from a young woman. Max, meanwhile, is hauled in by their boss.

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 David Daker as Chief Insp. Roach, Peter Cleall as DC Harrison, Jessie Evans as Mrs Kendall and Victoria Plucknett as Susan Graham.

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 The Shipwrecked Bears (b012r6tt)

Gyles Brandreth investigates the mystery of three thousand missing teddy bears, the first ever made.

Three thousand teddy bears went missing in 1903, supposedly en route for New York from their native Germany. Bear expert and storyteller-par-excellence Gyles Brandreth attempts to discover what really happened to these earliest toy bears.

In 1902 the first ever toy bear was designed in Germany by Richard Steiff: Bär 55 PB, a lifelike bear with joints, a humped back and a snout. A New York toy company placed an order at the Leipzig Toy Fair in 1903 for three thousand of the bears - a novelty - to be ready in time for the Christmas market. The bears were made and packed up for shipment, but there is no record of them reaching their destination and none of this load of US-bound bears has ever been found. The templates, patterns and even photos of this bear exist but not even one sample was kept. One popular explanation is that there was a shipwreck and the bears had a watery end. All that is certain is that if one of these bears turned up now it would be 'open chequebook' time for certain museums and collectors.

Witty, magical and heart-warming, the documentary reveals fascinating detail behind the making of the bears, including a trip to the Steiff factory and a rifle through their detailed archives, as Gyles delights us with this little-known story, and imagines where water-logged bears might have washed up.

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery.

FRI 07:00 Winston Back Home (b00pkvby2)

Don't Call Me Soams

Rosie and William irk the old rogue, so he turns to The Forsythe Saga. Stars Bill Wallis and Maurice Denham. From April 1994.

FRI 07:30 Sketchorama (b01sji11)

Series 2, Episode 4

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.

This final episode of the second series is in Glasgow and also features a special one-off reunion performance from classic sketch group Absolutely.

The sketch groups featured in episode four of Sketchorama are: ENDEMIC

Endemic came together in 2009 as a loose collective of performers who just wanted to make new, funny stuff. This diverse bunch of experienced comedians, musicians, writers, actors and film-makers have since produced a variety of comedic offerings - music videos, online sketches and live shows, including a run at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. Their fan-base is growing, and now includes some of their own friends and family. ABSOLUTELY

Members of the cast of Channel 4's hugely popular sketch show Absolutely reunited for a special, one-off radio appearance as part of this second series of Sketchorama. Pete Baikie, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes recorded the show at The Oran Mor in Glasgow and performed new and classic material from some of the show's favourite characters - including Calum Gilhooley, Denzil and Gwynedd, The Little Girl and the Stoneybridge Town Council.

FRI 08:00 Yes Minister (b007j189)

Series 1, Big Brother

MP Jim Hacker crosses swords with Sir Humphrey over civil liberties

Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby and Derek Fowldes as Bernard.

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 (b007jpp1)

The Moriarty Murder Mystery
Inspector Neddie Seagoon turns sleuth and meets a creepy undertaker. Stars Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From January 1958.

FRI 09:00 Heresy (b018xtrr)

Series 8, Episode 6

Victoria Coren presents the last in the current series of the show which dares to commit heresy.

Her guests this week are comedian Sue Perkins, singer Cerys Matthews and actress Maureen Lipman. Together they have fun exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom and challenging knee-jerk public reaction to events.

Both Sue Perkins and Maureen Lipman disagree with the view that the world would be a better place if it was run by women, arguing that women would make an equally fine mess of things.

Former lead singer with the rock group Catatonia, Cerys Matthews, doesn't believe it's more fun to be a pop star than a classical violinist. Confessing to a previous life as an oboe player, she claims that orchestral musicians definitely have more fun - particularly the horn players.

All three guests rather struggle to argue against the received opinion that there is still stigma attached to Internet dating but, when challenged by Victoria Coren, they all admit that they have never tried it themselves - and never would.

Producer: Brian King

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 No Commitments (b01qkw3m)

Series 11, Accentuate the Positive

Emily is in Australia, Charlotte is still engaged and Roger is worried. Can Anna cope? Stars Rosemary Leach. From January 2005.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b01q76l0)

Janet Frame - An Angel at My Table, Episode 2

The autobiography of Janet Frame, dramatised for radio by Anita Sullivan.

Frame was New Zealand's best known but least public writer. The author of 12 novels, four story collections, one book of poetry and three volumes of autobiography, even at the height of her success Frame shunned publicity - which had the effect of making the media and her readership even more intrusively interested. It was the issue of her mental health which generated the most conjecture.

In her twenties she spent four and a half years in mental hospitals and was wrongly diagnosed with schizophrenia. Her writing saved her; the success of her first collection of short stories (The Lagoon and Other Stories) convincing doctors that she did not need a planned lobotomy.

To "set the record straight" about the circumstances of her committal to mental hospitals, in the early 80's Janet Frame wrote her autobiography; three volumes entitled 'To The Is-land (1982) An Angel At My Table and The Envoy From Mirror City (both 1984). It was after the publication of "An Angel At My Table", at a time when several of her books had gone out of print, that Frame's literary status was cemented.

An Angel At My Table Episode 2 of 2

In episode two, after a failed suicide attempt, Janet agrees to a short period in hospital to recuperate. But the arrival of her mother to take her home triggers a reaction in Janet that will have calamitous repercussions for years to come.

All other roles were played by members of the cast.

With thanks to Houghton Valley School and Wellington High School, New Zealand.

Adapted for radio by Anita Sullivan

Music - Simon Russell

Sound design - David Thomas

Productions assistants - Sarah Tombling and Kathy Caton

Associate producer - Andrew Foster (New Zealand)

Producer/Director - Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sg2nq)

Episode 5

In which Eeyore has a birthday and gets two presents. Read by Alan Bennett.

FRI 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01cwwld)

Stephen Wakelam - Waiting for the Boatman

By Stephen Wakelam

The painter Mario Minniti has travelled to Naples to seek out his old friend and former mentor Caravaggio. But on arrival, the great painter is nowhere to be found. In a bid to track him down, Mario retraces Caravaggio's last known movements. His search reveals a life lived dangerously.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

FRI 12:00 Yes Minister (b007j189)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jpp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hw1vb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Shipwrecked Bears (b012r6tt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01694p6)

Anna Funder - All That I Am, Episode 5

Anna Funder shot to fame when her first book, 'Stasiland', about the secret police in East Germany, won the Samuel Johnson Prize in 2004. Now she has taken a true story and written a gripping novel that reveals what happened to the German Left as the Reich took over in the early nineteen-thirties. In a story of fear and fortitude, enormous bravery and terrible betrayal, she reveals not only the lengths the Gestapo went to, to drive the socialists out and to pursue them across Europe, but also the sacrifices made by the émigrés who wanted to tell the truth about what was happening in their homeland.

Anna Funder was inspired by the true story of her friend, Ruth Blatt, and by those of Dora Fabian, Ernst Toller and Hans Wesemann. She has woven history into a story of passion for a cause, for the truth and for life.

Today: Ruth remembers how hard life was as a refugee in London, with no money, no rights, no status, but how some rose to the challenge.

Hattie Morahan, Sara Kestelman and Samuel West read All That I Am by Anna Funder.

It was abridged by Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

FRI 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz8f)

Series 1, Italy - Inspector Montalbano

Andrea Camilleri discusses the influence of both the Spanish writer Montalbán and Belgian author Georges Simenon on the creation of his Sicilian detective Inspector Montalbano. In a conversation recorded at his home in Rome with Mark Lawson, he describes the way he uses his crime stories to comment upon the effects of both the Mafia and Berlusconi's leadership on Italian society today.

Producer: Robyn Read.

FRI 14:30 Mary Brunton - Self Control (b011kx2)

Episode 5

Laura's father is ill, their money is running out and Hargrave is growing desperate. With Gerda Stevenson and Andrew Wincott.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b017mwz2)

Claire Tomalin - Charles Dickens: A Life, Episode 5

Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man. Today's themes are adulation and farewells.

As part of Dickens on the BBC Radio 4 broadcasts extracts from Claire Tomalin's acclaimed new biography of the novelist who called himself the "inimitable". He was the writer so "charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality."

Read by Penelope Wilton

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b01q76l0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Heresy (b018xtrr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 No Commitments (b01qkw3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Winston Back Home (b00pkvb2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Sketchorama (b01sij11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Jenny Stephens - Project Raphael (b008p9wx)

Episode 2

As MI7 recruits Malcolm Holmes to contact Agent Raphael, some uncomfortable truths are uncovered. Stars Deborah McAndrew.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b00v1pk9)

Series 10, The Emperor

Majestic and moving in equal measure, Beethoven's fifth and final piano concerto, The Emperor, is this week's Soul Music.

Richard McMahon (concert pianist, and teacher at the Royal Welsh School of Music and Drama) plays extracts and discusses the virtuosic demands posed by The Emperor.

Australian film producer, Hal McElroy, talks about using the Adagio (the second movement) to illustrate the classic 1970s film Picnic at Hanging Rock.

That was where Andrew Law - now Chaplain at Malvern College - first heard the piece. He describes the Adagio as being 'one of those pieces of art which it is worth being alive to have heard'.

Concert pianist, James Rhodes, describes how The Emperor was central to his childhood and his developing love of Beethoven's piano music.

Music teacher and singer, Prue Hawthorne, recalls how her father (an amateur clarinetist) labouriously transcribed by hand the horn and clarinet sections of the first movement so they could play along with the record in their living room.

Also contributing is the renowned Beethoven biographer, John Suchet.

FRI 19:00 Yes Minister (b007j89)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jpp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hw1vb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Shipwrecked Bears (b012r6tt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 AA Milne - Winnie-the-Pooh (b00sg2nq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01cwwld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Sketchorama (b01sij11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00w7bv1)

Series 2, Episode 3

Comedy sketch show starring Kevin Bishop, Stephen K Amos, Doon Mackichan, Justin Edwards & Jessica Ransom. In this third episode, we meet a woman who believes crystals solve everything, learn about a brand new pension plan and also hear Madeline the naughty cellist upset yet another conductor.

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08039ts)

From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Jenny Collier.

FRI 23:00 Eric Idle - Radio Five (b04vg6vs)

From 26/05/1973

'Radio 2 has on at the moment a rather lovely blue frock'. Eric Idle's continuity confusion. First on BBC Radio 1 in May 1973.