

artists including Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Muddy Waters, and Champion Jack Dupree. These visits gave emerging players like Eric Clapton and Van Morrison a chance to see their idols, and introduced the true stars of blues to a whole new generation. Van Morrison talks about the impact that Chris made on his music and on the British music scene as a whole, and his belief that Chris' contribution should receive wider recognition.

Andy Fairweather-Low explains how rehearsing with Chris changed his whole approach to music, and reveals the man's hidden talents as a racing driver. In a newly-discovered interview, Chris' ex wife, singer Otilie Patterson, remembers stepping out with Big Bill Broonzy, the pride she felt in being compared to Bessie Smith and how she was chatted up by Muddy Waters, backstage in Croydon.

Archive interviews with Chris' business partner Harold Penldentle reveal the moment when they knew the blues baton had been passed, as thousands of teenage girls rushed into their festival to see The Rolling Stones perform.

Producer: Toby Field

SAT 09:00 James Follett's Men, Martians and Machines (b007jp32)

Novelist, playwright and screenwriter James Follett is nothing if not prolific - many of his dramas graced BBC Radio's schedules throughout the 1980s and 90s - most notably the Destruction Factor, The Light of a Thousand Suns and Earthsearch.

According to his website, he's one of the few English language authors published in China. Over 25 novels have made him one of the most borrowed authors in British libraries.

Over 3 hours, James introduces some of his own BBC radio highlights:

- * The Devil to Pay

A car crash on a hot deserted road. A camper on hand to drag the driver from the wreckage. What's the story? Stars Derek Seaton. From 1979.

- * The Man Who Invented Yesterday

Scientist, Sir Max is delighted when his experiments come to fruition. His most recent, however, takes him slightly by surprise... Stars Alan Rowe. From 1979.

- * Destruction Factor - episode 1

Can a corporation's new plant strain mutation bring relief to famine stricken countries? Stars Paul Copley and Rosalind Adams. From 1978.

- * Earthsearch I

Episode 2/10 First Footprint City

Heading for a home they've never known, the crew of starship Challenger must come to terms with shock news. Stars Sean Arnold. From 1981

- * Earthsearch I

Episode 10/10 Earthfall

The crew locate an Earth-like planet, but the Angels are not beaten yet. Stars Sean Arnold, Sonia Fraser and Gordon Reid. From 1981

- * Earthsearch II

Episode 1/10 Return

The Challenger crew's settled life on planet 'Paradise' is soon to be shattered. Stars Sean Arnold and Amanda Murray.

- * The Bionic Blob

A "thing" from outer space helps a hapless private eye on Earth. Stars Sandra Dickinson and Ed Bishop. From 1979.

Producer: Martin Dempsey

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2003.

SAT 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jllw)

Series 3, Death in the Family

Distraught Harold must break some sad news to his father, 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 write 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone man 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 March 1971.

SAT 12:30 The Atkinson People (b007jsb0)

Sir Corin Basin

The actor, raconteur and general bore talks to just about anyone who will listen. Stars Rowan Atkinson. From April 1979.

SAT 13:00 Charlotte Jones - Wild Things: Omnibus (b0844gh0)

The Brighton Ladies Sea Swimming Club alters lives. Five very different women's paths cross there. Starring Sheila Reid.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05ysvt9)

Stewart Lee

Comedian Stewart Lee chooses 'Solitary Man' by Neil Diamond and 'Chicken Nuggets For Me' by The Fish Police.

SAT 14:15 Down Your Way (b0844rl8)

Hugh Scully in Plymouth

Hugh Scully returns to Plymouth - the Devon city where he began his career as a BBC TV presenter - to reflect on the roles Francis Drake, Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolf Hitler played in the city's fascinating history.

Down Your Way was one of the BBC's longest-running radio series - starting on the BBC Home Service in 1946 and ending its run on BBC Radio 4 in 1992. Using a variety of hosts, including Richard Dimbleby and Brian Johnston, the programme toured

villages, towns and cities across the UK. At the height of its success in the 1950s, the series was attracting 10 million listeners a week.

Hugh Scully (1943-2015) was best known for presenting the BBC's Antiques Roadshow from 1981 to 2000. But he originally started in radio, before moving to TV for BBC South West's news programme Spotlight in 1965, which earned him his big break on BBC1's popular daytime news show Nationwide.

Producer: Anthony Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b0012p7x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Don Taylor - Daughters of Venice (b008xzs3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Lyrical Journey (b01qkxnb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Scarifiers (b0844sf6)

The King of Winter, Episode 1

Midsummer, 1938: When a train porter is frozen to his living room chair (then nearly crowned Miss Croydon), MI-13's Harry Crow and Professor Dunning are on the case.

What links the unfortunate porter to exclusive gentleman's establishment, The Tartarus Club, whose membership appears to be rapidly dwindling?

Stars David Warner as Harry Crow and Terry Molloy as Professor Dunning.

With Guy Henry, Stephen Critchlow, David Benson, Alex Lowe, Lisa Bowerman and David Bickerstaff.

The Scarifiers follows the exploits of 1930s ghost-story writer Professor Dunning and retired policeman Harry Crow, who together investigate weird mysteries under the auspices of top-secret government department MI:13.

Written by Simon Barnard and Paul Morris.

A Bafflegab Production.

SAT 18:25 The Fanthorpe Investigations (b038bfcn)

The Moving Coffins of Barbados

Priest and paranormal investigator Lionel Fanthorpe relates a story from the world of the strange and unexplained.

SAT 18:30 Weird Tales (b01nrd24)

Series 3, Original Features

by Christopher William Hill. The first in a new series of chilling plays for winter nights.

When Carl and Rob buy a flat in a nineteenth century house, it seems they've found their perfect home. With Carl away on business, Rob throws himself into restoring the flat, but he ends up with more of the original features than he had anticipated.

Cast:

Carl Martin Hutson

Rob Carl Prekopp

Jess Adjoa Andoh

Girl Francine Chamberlain

Answerphone Tracy Wiles

Woman Alex Rivers

Man Christopher Webster

directed by Mary Peate.

SAT 19:00 James Follett's Men, Martians and Machines (b007jp32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b01kbhkd)

Series 4, Caitlin Moran

My Teenage Diary returns with six brave celebrities ready to revisit their formative years by opening up their intimate teenage diaries, and reading them out in public for the very first time.

Comedian Rufus Hound is joined by writer Caitlin Moran, who relives her teenage years when she was home-schooled in Wolverhampton, shared a small house with her seven brothers and sisters, and had a novel published at only 15.

Producer: Harriet Jaie

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:30 Little Britain (b008jdxn)

Series 1, Episode 4

Back where it started out, Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball TV smash hit - without the cameras.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0854h18)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Dave Gorman.

SAT 23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jn2c)

From 13/01/1990

David Baddiel, Rob Newman, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis address east European revolution. With Mark Thomas. From January 1990.

SAT 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b019n2m7)

Series 1, Politics

More historical heroism as Aneurin Bevan, Hywel Dda and the Rebecca Rioters are put to the Totaliser. With Ben Partridge, Nadia Kamil. From January 2012.

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SUN 06:00 Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane: Omnibus (b0845381)

4 Extra Debut. Jane, a young white woman from a tough background, discovers the magic of Bollywood. Stars Joanne Froggatt.

SUN 07:15 A Father for My Son (b01dhfks)

Episode 2

The Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott died a hundred years ago, leaving behind a fascinating and talented wife, the sculptor Kathleen Scott. Jenny Coverack's trilogy *A Father for my Son* is adapted from her own one-woman stage play, written with Robert Edwards, based on Kathleen Scott's autobiography and journals. Having arrived in Paris to study art at the turn of the twentieth century, Kathleen makes friends with the sculptor Rodin, and through him makes friends with the dancer Isadora Duncan. After a series of adventures around Europe, with and without Isadora, Kathleen meets the figure she has been searching for: the one man who is worthy to be a father to the son she desperately desires. With grateful acknowledgement to the novelist Louisa Young for her biography of her grandmother, Kathleen Scott, 'A Great Task of Happiness'.

Reader: Jenny Coverack

Producer: Sara Davies.

SUN 07:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Open Letters (b00vjs4c)

Series 1, Bankers

Through the medium of four open letters, the comedian Tom Wrighlesworth investigates the myriad examples of corporate lunacy and maddening jobsworths in modern Britain. In this series his subjects range from traffic wardens to estate agents, with Tom recalling his own funny and ridiculous experiences as well as recounting the absurd encounters of others. Tom wonders how the bankers keep getting away with it.

SUN 08:00 Take It From Here (b01c6fkb)

From 16/04/1958

Dick's dreaming of Persia - and Eth's agitated after being accused of theft at work, in 'The Glums'

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.

Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

SUN 08:30 Fletcher's Fare (b03mj8xd)

Cyril Fletcher mixes monologues and sketches with special guest, film star Herbert Lom (Inspector Dreyfus in the Pink Panther films) in a series of crazy mix-ups.

With Cyril's real wife, Betty Astell and budding comedy duo Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin, who also scripted this series.

Back in the 1950s Cyril was one of radio comedy's pioneers, beginning on Radio Luxembourg before switching to the BBC. Cyril is probably best-remembered for reciting his 'Odd Odes' on BBC TV's *That's Life* with Esther Rantzen.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1953.

SUN 09:00 Queen of the Desert: Omnibus (b06165cp)

Gertrude Bell - traveller, diplomat, spy and the political officer who helped establish Iraq. Read by Sylvestra le Touzel.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0654gk6)

Mari Wilson

Singer Mari Wilson chooses 'The Folks Who Live on the Hill' by Peggy Lee and 'How Can You Mend a Broken Heart' by the Bee Gees.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08454qp)

Americans, Tom Hanks

4 Extra Debut. The Beatles to Richard Strauss. Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks makes his castaway choices. With Kirsty Young. From May 2016.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b08454wr)

Series 3, Extrasensory

Guy Raz explores whether we can experience the world more deeply by not only extending our senses - but going beyond them. A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

SUN 11:55 In a Nutshell (b00s91n)

Dear Mother of God

If the Son of Man returned, how would Christianity celebrate?

Barry Pilton's musings read by Leonard Rossiter. From 1981.

SUN 12:00 Take It From Here (b01c6fkb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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Producer: Joanna Green
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Greenlit Productions.
WED 06:15 15 Minute Drama (b01n3hq9)
 Le Donne, Episode 3
 Written by Chris Fallon.
 Based on an original idea by Rosalind Ward and Chris Fallon. Set in modern day Naples - vibrant, picaresque, and for some, terrifying - where the Camorra has its hands in virtually every enterprise, from prostitution and drug running, to rubbish collection, and street vendors - "Le Donne" ("The Women") focuses on Caterina Riccardi, a beautiful, privileged wife and mother who has - until now - lived in wilful ignorance of her husband's criminal business dealings, and the source of her material wealth.
 Caterina, who has managed to reach the age of forty three in relative innocence, adhering to the philosophy of "see no evil, hear no evil", must come to grips with the dark and violent world of the Camorra, and bring her understanding and will to bear on it - or see herself and her family destroyed.
 She must quickly awaken from her wilful slumber, learn to exert her power in a predatory and dangerous milieu, and is then forced to make a terrible moral choice.
 3/5. Set in contemporary Naples. Caterina's son Nino starts to go off the rails. She discovers a terrible truth about her husband Franco, who is still in prison.
 Chris Fallon is a writer and director. This is his first original radio drama. He has previously written for film and television as well as writing adaptations for radio. He has sold and optioned scripts to Paramount and Warner Bros. His short film "Killing Joe" was nominated for an Academy Award.
 Cast includes Indira Varma, Anton Lesser and Haydn Gwynne. Original music composed and performed by Simon Russell. Produced by Rosalind Ward
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 06:30 Lanyon's Last Flight (b00yvg27)
 In August 1964 the artist Peter Lanyon died as the result of a gliding accident. He was 46, had enjoyed successful shows in New York, and his work was being eagerly sought. Today he is recognised as one of the most innovative painters in 20th century British art.
 Lanyon's great painting, Thermal, has been admired by the thousands of visitors to his recent retrospective at Tate St Ives. It's a painting that grew out of Lanyon's passion for gliding, yet its vivid abstract forms and resonant colour express his lifelong attempt to create a visual language for his intense experience of the environment - his quest for an art of 'placeness'.
 This programme follows Lanyon's creative journey, which began with his deep immersion in the landscape and history of his native Cornwall and took him to the experimental edge of international abstract art in the 1950s.
 Michael Bird tracks Lanyon to places that were crucial to his art, like the ruined tin mine at Levant and the cliff-top airfield from which he flew. He talks to Lanyon's sons, who each shed a different light on their father's complex personality. He asks Lanyon fans in Tate St Ives what draws them to his work, and Lanyon expert Toby Treves about his wider reputation.
 We also hear archive appreciations of Lanyon from Mark Rothko and the poet W.S. Graham reading 'The Thermal Stair', his powerful elegy to his artist friend. Lanyon himself speaks about how gliding influenced his art.
 Like Jackson Pollock's fatal car crash eight years earlier, the story of Lanyon's last flight speaks of a generation of artists for whom art demanded physical immersion in the act of painting and a wholehearted faith in the creative accident.
 Producer: Julian May.
WED 07:00 The Attractive Young Rabbi (b007k2vh)
 Series 2, Brief Encounter
 Feeling snubbed over Rabbi Abraham's Royal invite, Rabbi Su finds a new boyfriend. Stars Tracy-Ann Oberman. From October 2000.
WED 07:30 The Brig Society (b0832rjd)
 Series 4, Scandal!
 Marcus Brigstocke becomes a victim of his own newspaper as he gets caught up in a scandal and discovers that it's really, really difficult to doorstep yourself.
 This week, there's sex, scandal and saucy secrets on Radio 4! But enough about Moneybox Live. In this show, Marcus examines how the great British press combine the difficult jobs of both selling newspapers and ruining peoples' lives.
 Helping him peek through the curtain will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head") and Colin Hault ("Derek")
 Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt and Dan Tetsell
 Produced by David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b030cq8)
 Have Been Painting Pink Spots
 Pertwee's wheeling and dealing leaves HMS Troutbridge in the firing line.
 Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as the Landlord, Heather Chasen as Rene, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Flag Lieutenant.
 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 November 1967.
WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k456)
 The Test Match
 MCC chairman Sid makes the lad cricket captain for England, but places his bet on Australia to win!
 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 February 1956.
WED 09:00 Heresy (b01sdrh5)
 Series 9, Episode 1
 The first in a new series of the programme that dares to commit heresy.
 Victoria Coren Mitchell and her guests have fun challenging knee-jerk public opinion, and exposing the wrong-headedness of received wisdom.
 In the first programme of the series Victoria Coren Mitchell is joined by comedians Lee Mack and David Schneider, and writer-broadcaster Germaine Greer, to argue about foxes, maths and Andy Murray
 Producers: Victoria Coren Mitchell and Daisy Knight
 An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 09:30 Rent (b00752fm)
 Series 3, Episode 3
 Havoc in the Reynolds household as all prepare for baby Piglet's naming ceremony. Stars Barbara Flynn, Patrick Barlow and Linda Polan. From February 1997.
WED 10:00 Home Front: Omnibus (b07nn8r2)
 Epic drama series set in Great War Britain.
WED 11:00 Jane Gardam Stories (b0546zg8)
 Grace
 Clockie Gosport has a diamond under the skin at the back of his neck. Unlikely mysteries and miracles, read by Paul Copley.
WED 11:15 Steve Chambers - Victoria Station (b0848gww)
 Series 2, Goods Perishable
 Wednesday November 27th 1896. An expeditious recovery and a recovered expedition at Bridford's train in Nottingham.
 The second series of Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers' drama series set in Victoria Station, Bridford in 1896. Each is a self-contained story featuring the day-to-day doings of the station staff.
 Stars Sean Baker as Station Master Joe Braddock, Christopher Scott as Tidmarsh, John Hartley as Union activist Fred Roberts, Gavin Muir as Area Manager Mr Cripps and Colleen Prendergast as Josie.
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996 and set a century before.
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WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ddbbm)
 Capital, Episode 8
 At Paddington Green Police Station Shahid gets a nice surprise, meanwhile at work Roger gets a terrible one.
 Capital - the new novel by John Lanchester - is the story of one south London street, which has seen a hundred years of fortunes made and lost, of hearts broken, of first steps and last breaths. And then, one day a card with a simple message drops through each letterbox: 'We Want What You Have'....
 Capital interweaves the lives and stories of the residents of Pepsy Road in an utterly compelling, post-crash, state-of-the-nation novel told with compassion, humour and truth; epic in scope, yet intimate and contemplative.
 Producer: David Roper
 A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 14:15 The Science of DIY (b008x0vn)
 If I Had a Hammer
 The art of construction deconstructed. Len Fisher and fellow experts locate the 'sweet spot' to hit your nail on the head.
WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01kjmtd)
 Where'd You Go Bernadette?, Episode 3
 Maria Semple's brilliantly comic debut novel about misplaced genius and mother-daughter love, starring Miranda Richardson, Lydia Wilson, Richard Laing and Madeleine Potter.
 Bernadette and Elgin have promised their 15 year old daughter, Bee, a family trip to Antarctica, for gaining perfect grades at school. The socially reclusive Bernadette becomes increasingly confessional in her emails to Manjula, her virtual assistant in India.
 CAST:
 Bernadette Miranda Richardson
 Bee Lydia Wilson
 Elgin Richard Laing
 Audrey Madeleine Potter
 Soo Lin Laurel Lefkow

Marcus Strang Don Gilet
 Ollie-O/ Jacob Sam Alexander
 Paul Jellinek Patrick Brennan
 Helen/ Gwen Goodyear Susie Riddell
 Dr Kurtz Christine Absalom
 Other parts played by members of the company.
 Adapted by Miranda Davies
 Produced/ directed by Emma Harding.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b008gwyn)
 No Way Home: A Cuban Dancer's Story, A Fairytale Prince
 Jot Davies reads from ballet superstar Carlos Acosta's enchanting and inspirational memoir.
 3/5. A Fairytale Prince
 At the age of 18, Carlos is invited to dance as a principal with the English National Ballet.
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WED 18:00 Doctor Who (b01871wk)
 Hornets' Nest, A Sting in the Tale, part 2
 With the Doctor feeling increasingly disorientated, the alien swarm begin communicating...
 Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs.
 Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey, Claire Corbett as the Nun, Suzie Riddell as the Sister and Rula Lenska as the Swarm.
 Producer: Kate Thomas
 Made by BBC Audio.
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00lk2zc)
 Turn That Down
 Musician Andrea Oliver and comedian Simon Evans join Dominic Arkwright to talk about noise and how loud or quiet we all ought to be. Father Tom Cullinan, a monk who has lived for many years in complete silence, breaks it to talk about the reality of the solitary life.
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WED 22:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076w2p)
 The Firesign Theatre
 An exclusive performance by cult comedy troupe The Firesign Theatre in their first British appearance for many years. From December 2005.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0854jxr)
 The best in contemporary comedy. Diane Morgan chats to Mr B. The Gentleman Rhymer.
WED 23:00 We Know Everything (b08461wq)
 Episode 3
 If all roads lead to Rome, how do you drive out again? Dan Gaster and Paul Powell tackle audience quirky questions. From July 1995.
WED 23:15 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b0076f1p)
 Series 2, Security Bard
 It's pound shop territory for the wordsmith as he helps a security guard win his true love. Stars James Quinn. From May 2003.
WED 23:30 Hut 33 (b00vs38k)
 Series 2, Royal Visit
 The Bletchley Park codebreakers hit panic stations when a royal visitor arrives. Stars Robert Bathurst. From May 2008.

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THU 05:30 The Briq Society (b0832rid)
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THU 06:00 Vintage Crime: Jacques Futrelle - The Thinking Machine (b0848hcf)
The Problem of the Hidden Million Reporter, Hutchinson Hatch and The Thinking Machine are called in to track down a missing inheritance. Read by Eric Meyers. Meet America's answer to Sherlock Holmes - Professor Augustus SFX Van Dusen. Tragically, his creator Jacque Futrelle died in the sinking of the RMS Titanic in 1912. "Logic, logic, logic. Two plus two makes four, not some of the time, but all of the time." That's the unwavering belief of this crime and puzzle-solving Professor, who harnesses the power of his focused mind to think through any problem. This diminutive egghead scientist and irascible genius is known to the world as 'The Thinking Machine'. In five stories recorded for BBC Radio 4 Extra, he sets out to prove the infallibility of logic in some extraordinary ways. Each tale features classic elements of an apparently unsolvable problem. Born in Georgia in 1875, American author Jacques Futrelle wrote almost 50 tales featuring Professor Van Dusen, as magazine serials and published collections. Abridged by Adrian Bean Producer: Joanna Green Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Greenlit Productions.

THU 06:15 15 Minute Drama (b01n3jp8)
Le Donne, Episode Four
Written by Chris Fallon.
Based on an original idea by Rosalind Ward and Chris Fallon. 4/5. Set in modern day Naples - vibrant, picaresque, and for some, terrifying - where the Camorra has its hands in virtually every enterprise, from prostitution and drug running, to rubbish collection, and street vendors - "Le Donne" ("The Women") focuses on Caterina Riccardi, a beautiful, privileged wife and mother who has - until now - lived in wilful ignorance of her husband's criminal business dealings, and the source of her material wealth. Caterina, who has managed to reach the age of forty three in relative innocence, adhering to the philosophy of "see no evil, hear no evil", must come to grips with the dark and violent world of the Camorra, and bring her understanding and will to bear on it - or see herself and her family destroyed. She must quickly awaken from her wilful slumber, learn to exert her power in a predatory and dangerous milieu, and is then forced to make a terrible moral choice. 4/5. Nino goes missing, with tragic consequences. Caterina has to act decisively and show leadership to prevent a war between rival factions of the Camorra. Chris Fallon is a writer and director. This is his first original radio drama. He has previously written for film and television as well as writing adaptations for radio. He has sold and optioned scripts to Paramount and Warner Bros. His short film "Killing Joe" was nominated for an Academy Award. Cast includes Indira Varma, Anton Lesser and Haydn Gwynne. Original music composed and performed by Simon Russell. Produced by Rosalind Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 06:30 Testing Times (b0122pcw)
John Humphrys revisits his old school to assess education in Wales today. The decade since devolution has seen the educational performance of Wales fall behind the other nations of the UK. The Principality emerged particularly poorly from a recent international test of educational ability. What is Wales doing wrong? Wales abandoned the controversial SAT tests and school league tables in 2001. Could this move-part of the Welsh Assembly's larger effort to put "clear red water" between Cardiff and Westminster-be at the heart of the nation's poor performance? John Humphrys goes back to school to ask what is education for and what part should testing and tables play?

THU 07:00 Bristow (b007rgl8)
Series 2, The Power of the Press
The Chester-Perry buying clerk crusades to improve conditions for cleaning ladies. Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard. With Rodney Bewes as Jones, Dora Bryan as Mrs Purdy, Owen Brennan as Hewitt, Liz Fraser as Gert and Joan Sims as Daisy. RSC talent and popular stage and TV actor, Michael Williams

died in 2001
Music: John Whitehall
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

THU 07:30 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vno)
A Sojourn with Mr Swift
Lucy Porter's sitcom set in early 18th Century Scotland. It's festival time in Edinburgh, but in the early 18th century it's not a place for comedians and actors, but priests and storytellers like Jonathan Swift. This young Irish clergyman wants help with his tales, and the members of the Fair Intellectual Club are keen to help him win the So You Think You're Holy competition. Alison's idiot brother Robert needs assistance too - and an unfortunate mix-up leads to the creation of a literary masterpiece. Music by Aly Macrae
Director: Marilyn Imrie
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b058dnd)
Doddy's Comic Cuts - From 21/01/1974
Doddy sets out in search of normality and looks at the life and works of Shakespeare. With Miriam Margolyes. From January 1974.

THU 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00ijq7x)
From 05/02/1984
From playing Dame Nellie Drongo to a prehistoric caveman, it's the ultimate one-man show, written by the host. From February 1984.

THU 09:00 The Personality Test (b00mvs9s)
Series 2, Antony Worrall-Thompson
The celebrity chef and writer quizzes a panel about himself. With Lucy Porter, Robin Ince and Will Smith. From December 2006.

THU 09:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1qg)
Sir Benjamin Fletcher
Rowan Atkinson's satirical investigation into the life of the fictional master orator. With Hugh Thomas. From April 1979.

THU 10:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b07kcgly)
15-19 August 1916
In the week, in 1916, when the king praised the "cheerful confidence" of the troops in France, courage and hope are hard-won in Folkestone. Written by Katie Hims
Directed by Allegra McIlroy
Editor: Jessica Dromgoole
Story-led by Katie Hims
Sound: Martha Littlehailes
Composer: Matthew Strachan
Consultant Historian: Maggie Andrews.

THU 11:00 Jane Gardam Stories (b0547wvz)
Missing the Midnight
A woman looks back on the train journey when she left university and travelled home for Christmas. Read by Sylvestra le Touzel.

THU 11:15 John Pilkington - Apostle of Light (b00765xy)
Blinded by an accident in the early 19th century, Louis Braille aspires to improve the status of blind people. Louis Braille was determined that he and other blind children at an institution in Paris should be rescued from being treated almost as social outcasts. But the only way to do this would be to devise a system which would enable them to read. John Pilkington's drama stars Adam Godley as Louis Braille, John Rowe as Pignier, Alex Etxarch as Young Louis, Sean Baker as Simon-Rene/Guadet and Carl Prekopp as Gabriel. With children of Kentish Town C of E Primary School, London. Producer: Cherry Cookson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b058dnd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00ijq7x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Vintage Crime: Jacques Futrelle - The Thinking Machine (b0848hcf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:15 15 Minute Drama (b01n3jp8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

THU 13:30 Testing Times (b0122pcw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ddb6f)
Capital, Episode 9
It's November 2008 in Pepys Road and life is changing for its residents. For some the changes are good, for the Younts they're not. Capital - the new novel by John Lanchester - is the story of one south London street, which has seen a hundred years of fortunes made and lost, of hearts broken, of first steps and last breaths. And then, one day a card with a simple message drops through each letterbox: 'We Want What You Have'.... Capital interweaves the lives and stories of the residents of Pepys Road in an utterly compelling, post-crash, state-of-the-nation novel told with compassion, humour and truth; epic in scope, yet intimate and contemplative. Producer: David Roper
A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:15 The Science of DIY (b008x3pq)
Tightening Up
The art of construction deconstructed. Len Fisher and fellow experts offer choice tips on nuts, bolts and spanners while renovating an old bicycle.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b01kjmvy)
Where'd You Go Bernadette?, Episode 4
Maria Semple's brilliantly comic debut novel about misplaced genius and mother-daughter love, starring Miranda Richardson, Lydia Wilson, Richard Laing and Madeleine Potter. In today's episode, Bernadette's relationships with the other Galer Street mothers become increasingly fractious. But her husband, Elgin, is at a loss to know how to help. CAST:
Bernadette Miranda Richardson
Bee Lydia Wilson
Elgin Richard Laing
Audrey Madeleine Potter
Soo Lin Laurel Lefkow
Marcus Strang Don Gilet
Ollie-O/ Jacob Sam Alexander
Paul Jellinek Patrick Brennan
Helen/ Gwen Goodyear Susie Riddell
Dr Kurtz Christine Absalom
Other parts played by members of the company. Adapted by Miranda Davies
Produced/ directed by Emma Harding.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b008gwyq)
No Way Home: A Cuban Dancer's Story, Hardship in My Homeland
Jot Davies reads from ballet superstar Carlos Acosta's enchanting and inspirational memoir. 4/5. Hardship in My Homeland
The break-up of the USSR wreaks havoc on the Cuban economy, but the rising star dazzles audiences around the world.

THU 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b07kcgly)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Personality Test (b00mvs9s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 The Atkinson People (b007k1qg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Bristow (b007rgl8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vno)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Doctor Who (b01875j2)
Hornets' Nest, Hive of Horror, part 1
Now fully up to speed, former UNIT ally, Mike Yates joins forces with the Time Lord to tackle the alien swarm. Part of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs. Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins. Producer: Kate Thomas
Made by BBC Audio.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b008tn7j)
Series 14, Hermann Buhl
Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris. 7/7. Mountaineer Joe Simpson takes up the cause of a relatively unknown but pioneering Austrian climber. Hermann Buhl tackled some of the most dangerous climbs in the world and was revered among his contemporaries for his ability to push himself through the bleakest of conditions.

THU 19:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b058dnd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b00ijq7x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Vintage Crime: Jacques Futrelle - The Thinking Machine (b0848hcf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:15 15 Minute Drama (b01n3jp8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

THU 20:30 Testing Times (b0122pcw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Jane Gardam Stories (b0547wvz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 John Pilkington - Apostle of Light (b00765xy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vno)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Crème de la Crime (b007zmpf)
Series 1, A Bowl Full of Serial Killers
Michael Feydeau and David Pershore's melange of multi-murderers. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From October 2001.

THU 22:45 One (b0077224)
Series 1, Episode 6
Spoof shipping forecasts, Top Dog and the hapless yachtswoman. More monologues penned by David Quantick. From December 2006.

THU 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00wnp6m)
Series 6, Investigation
Satan is convinced he knows who killed Edith, and Hell is suddenly overcrowded. Satanic sitcom stars Andy Hamilton. From October 2007.

THU 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007ir62)
Series 3, The St Valentine's Day Mastersons
Budding starlette Genevieve hits seedy 1920s Hollywood. Improved historical family saga with Paul Merton. From August 1995.

FRI 15:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b07kcj4w)

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

FRI 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b03bqchn)

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

FRI 16:30 The Phenomenon Squad (b08490hk)

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

FRI 17:00 London Calling (b05gdw48)

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

FRI 17:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)

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

FRI 18:00 Doctor Who (b0187vc3)

Hornets' Nest, Hive of Horror, part 2

In his battle with the sinister Queen of the swarm, the Doctor must come up with a plan...

Conclusion of a five-story adventure written by Paul Magrs. Starring Tom Baker as the Fourth Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Rula Lenska as The Queen.

Producer: Kate Thomas

Made by BBC Audio.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0137vtp)

Series 12, Mendelssohn's Octet

This exploration of the impact that Mendelssohn's Octet has had on different people's lives, demonstrates the healing power of music in a variety of situations around the world.

Mendelssohn wrote his Octet for double string quartet in 1825 when he was only 16 years old. Despite his youth, this is a mature and brilliant piece of music described in this programme by the interviewees as "carnavalesque", "a romp", "a party".

Choreographer Bill T Jones describes the way in which the Octet showed his company how to keep living during the onslaught of AIDS in the 80's. Cellist Raphael and violinist Elizabeth Wallfisch talk about falling in love whilst learning this music in the 70's. South Korean Lisa Kim tells a story about going on tour with the New York Philharmonic to North Korea and her intense fear and mistrust being replaced by wonder when they played the Octet with a North Korean Quartet. And Matthew Trusler describes the importance of playing this work after the death of his son.

The recording of the Mendelssohn Octet featured in the programme is by the Emerson String Quartet on Deutsche Gramophon.

FRI 19:00 Yes Minister (b007jxzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show (b00fgzr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at [08:30 today](#)]

FRI 20:00 Vintage Crime: Jacques Futrelle - The Thinking Machine (b084815g)

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

FRI 20:15 15 Minute Drama (b01n3l7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:15 today](#)]

FRI 20:30 Change of Art (b015zm9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 today](#)]

FRI 21:00 Jane Gardam Stories (b054c6gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b019lv12)

[Repeat of broadcast at [11:15 today](#)]

FRI 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)

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

FRI 22:30 Nurse (b03v15jr)

Series 1, Episode 5

A brand new series starring Paul Whitehouse and Esther Coles, with Rosie Cavaliero, Simon Day, Cecilia Noble and Marcia Warren.

The series follows Elizabeth, a Community Psychiatric Nurse in her forties, into the homes of her patients (or Service Users in today's jargon). It recounts their humorous, sad and often bewildering daily interactions with the nurse, whose job is to assess their progress, dispense their medication and offer comfort and support.

Compassionate and caring, Elizabeth is aware that she cannot cure her patients, only help them manage their various conditions. She visits the following characters throughout the series:

Lorrie and Maurice: Lorrie, in her fifties, is of Caribbean descent and has schizophrenia. Lorrie's life is made tolerable by her unshakeable faith in Jesus, and Maurice, who has a crush on her and wants to do all he can to help. So much so that he ends up getting on everyone's nerves.

Billy: Billy feels safer in jail than outside, a state of affairs the nurse is trying to rectify. She is hampered by the ubiquitous presence of Billy's mate, Tony.

Graham: in his forties, is morbidly obese due to an eating disorder. Matters aren't helped by his mum 'treating' him to sugary and fatty snacks at all times.

Ray: is bipolar and a rock and roll survivor from the Sixties. It is not clear how much of his 'fame' is simply a product of his imagination.

Phyllis: in her seventies, has Alzheimer's. She is sweet, charming and exasperating. Her son Gary does his best but if he has to hear 'I danced for the Queen Mum once' one more time he will explode.

Herbert is an old school gentleman in his late Seventies. Herbert corresponds with many great literary figures unconcerned that they are, for the most part, dead.

Nurse is written by Paul Whitehouse and David Cummings, who have collaborated many times in the past, including on The Fast Show, Down the Line and Happiness.

Written by Paul Whitehouse and David Cummings with

additional material from Esther Coles

Producers: Paul Whitehouse and Tilusha Ghelani

A Down the Line production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:45 Jigsaw (b01r9rtx)

Series 1, Episode 5

Dan Antopolski, Nat Luurtsema and Tom Craine piece together a selection of silly, clever, dark sketches. Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0854k4n)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Ellie Taylor.

FRI 23:00 Blue Jam (b08490hn)

Series 3, Episode 6

From the mind of Chris Morris leaks onto radio in this dreamlike combination of comedy and music. With Julia Davis, Kevin Eldon, David Cann, Mark Heap and Amelia Bullmore.

Are you still lying curare-still, seeking relief in feigning dead? Then welcome, oo-tazz welcome. Chris Morris is here to help you wallow in the melancholy, for third series of this subversive radio classic.

Immediately prior to Blue Jam's initial burst on radio, Chris Morris had caused a furore with Channel 4's Brass Eye. Yet Blue Jam managed to be a total departure from his previous work. Originally airing in the early hours on BBC Radio 1, it's a blend of ambient music, deadpan (sometimes brutal) sketches and offbeat monologues. A whole audio landscape of the subconscious, the ad-hoc low-fi sheen of production lending it a kind of verisimilitude.

In sharp contrast with the personality-led comedies of recent years, Blue Jam makes a virtue of anonymity. Borat scribe Pater Baynham and Father Ted creator Graham Linehan are among the writers. Rightly winning a clutch of Sony Awards, it remains unique - nothing before or after was remotely like it.

Scripted by Chris Morris, Peter Baynham, Julia Davis and Graham Linehan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in February 1999.