

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson. Beauty Olonga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk. Beauty is looking after the elderly Mr Easterby, who has a new girlfriend and is behaving like a lovestruck teenager. She is also trying to get to the Aspire to Dream retreat. Meanwhile Anil is on a big cat stakeout, as several have been spotted in the region. Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien
Sally Felicity Montagu
Karen Nicola Sanderson
Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi
Anil Paul Sharma
Mr Easterby Leslie Phillips
Mrs Mason Liz Fraser
Kevin/Cab Man/Steve Christopher Douglas
Girl on Stretcher Nicola Sanderson
Music by The West End Gospel Choir.
TUE 23:30 The In Crowd (b00sbrl6)
Series 3, Episode 1
Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store with Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward. From July 2002.

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016

WED 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Comic to Comic (b0080ssp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007w4dj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Found in Translation (b012f5qj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Ian McEwan - Saturday (b0076r3w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:15 Book of the Week (b01m1slq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w4it1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:45 Travels With a Donkey (b00cbmpc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855zth)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 Trivia Test Match (b007js6n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 Flying the Flag (b00dr99l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 Dave Sheasby - Sharing Fatman (b0075krt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 Clare in the Community (b084bmf9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007w2k6)
Series 3, A Case of Hard Times
When a pub quiz jackpot is consistently won by the same contestant, the landlord's convinced trickery is involved so calls in Blackburn to crack the scam.
But general knowledge isn't really Stephen's strength and anyway, is it really a question of fraud?
Another case for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.
Starring Finetime Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan, Gerry Kersey as Walton Bentley and Rod Arthur as the Quizmaster.
Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
Director: Dave Sheasby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.
WED 06:30 John Arlott - My Kind of Country (b03vztj9)
The late and much-missed cricket commentator John Arlott waxes lyrical about the rural splendour of Hampshire. From May 1968.
WED 07:00 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0132tk0)
Series 3, Alka Salsa
Robin is talked into a salsa weekend, against his better judgement. Starring Kay Stonham and Amelia Bulmore. From June 2004.
WED 07:30 Women Talking About Cars (b084bpc0)
Olivia Colman
Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews famous women about their lives through the cars they have known, the journeys they've been on and the things they shout in traffic.
This week Olivia Colman reveals the nickname of her beloved Morris Minor, and answers that crucial question for any award-winning actress: "What are you driving these days?"
With car descriptions read by Josette Simon.
Produced by Gareth Edwards
A BBC Studios Production.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b017h7cp)
Impressions for Survival
The crew of HMS Troutbridge is set to be disbanded if Povey gets his way, but Pertwee has a cunning plan.
Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather,

Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as Lieutenant Burket.
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 May 1971.
WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4m9)
The Bolshoi Ballet
The lad's hopes for a night of dance at London's Covent Garden don't quite go to plan.
Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr 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 1956.
WED 09:00 Heresy (b01slnl0)
Series 9, Episode 3
Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.
Her guests this week are comedians Mark Steel and Bridget Christie and journalist Matthew Norman.
Producers: Victoria Coren Mitchell and Daisy Knight
An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 09:30 Rent (b00752s3)
Series 3, Episode 5
Paul has a serious question for Ruby, and Maria has got a serious problem with gambling. Stars Patrick Barlow. From February 1997.
WED 10:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855wfh)
The Melody Lingers On
Wallis realises marrying an ex-King means broken promises, plus doubtful acquaintances and scandal. Stars Stockard Channing.
WED 11:00 James Bond - Casino Royale (b0162qv2)
Episode 3
Bond deals with a bomb attack, but can he fend off the charms of his new colleague? Alex Jennings reads Ian Fleming's classic spy novel.
WED 11:15 Steve Chambers - Victoria Station (b0855xkk)
Series 2, Express Desire
Wednesday December 11th 1896: Ancient passion and modern excitement at Bridford's Victoria railway station.
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 December 1996 and set a century before.
WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b017h7cp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4m9)
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WED 13:00 The Blackburn Files (b007w2k6)
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WED 13:30 John Arlott - My Kind of Country (b03vztj9)
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WED 14:00 Ian McEwan - Saturday (b0076r4f)
Episode 8
15th February, 2003: At the mercy of an intruder, Henry's family must face night-time intimidation. Read by Robert Glenister.
WED 14:15 Book of the Week (b01m1ss5)
Bring Me Sunshine - A Windswept, Rain-Soaked, Sun-Kissed, Snow-Capped Guide to Our Weather. Clouds
by Charlie Connelly
Read by Stephen Mangan
The meteorological journey continues with the invention of the barometer, a Fleet Street pharmacist's obsession with clouds and the father of the weather forecast Robert FitzRoy.
We talk about the weather a lot. It exacerbates, confounds and on occasion delights us. Our national conversation is dominated by the weather, but how much do we really know about it? In Bring Me Sunshine, Charlie Connelly sets off on the trail of our island obsession.
He breezes through the lives of meteorological eccentrics, geniuses, rainmakers and cloud-busters and brings vividly to life great weather events from history.
He sheds light on Britain's weirdest wind, the first weather forecast and why people once thought firing cannons at clouds was a great idea.
Having adventured round the shipping forecast areas for his bestselling Attention All Shipping, Connelly is the perfect guide through a melange of gales, blizzards, mists, heatwaves and the occasional shower of fish. Bring Me Sunshine answers all your weather questions as well as helping you to distinguish your graupel from your petrichor.
Produced by Joanna Green
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5jbt)
Episode 3
Charlotte recalls how chocolate led to a French adventure with a stranger. Stars Sylvia Syms, Paula Wilcox and Carolyn Pickles.
WED 14:45 Travels With a Donkey (b00cbt7k)
On the Road Cheylarde
Struggling with his French mountain adventure, Robert Louis Stevenson approaches a monastery at nightfall. Read by Alan Cumming.
WED 15:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855wfh)
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WED 16:00 Heresy (b01slnl0)
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WED 17:30 Women Talking About Cars (b084bpc0)
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WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpc)
Small Gods, Episode 3
In the city of the Citadel, novice Brutha stands up to the devious Deacon Vorbis. Stars Anton Lesser and Patrick Barlow.
Synopsis:
There are gods everywhere on Terry Pratchett's Discworld - you can't swing a simian librarian without hitting one - except, of course, only a few people can see them. Each small god lies in wait, desperately seeking to make someone believe in him. On the Discworld gods need people more than people need gods, for belief is the food of the gods.
Brutha, a tubby novice-priest with a phenomenal memory, is chosen as the one true Prophet. Will he succeed in bringing belief back to Omnia? The great God Om is currently stuck in the body of a small tortoise. He is ready for smiting and other godly activities if only he could get out of the basket of rotting vegetables into which he has fallen. Meanwhile Deacon Vorbis rules this harsh desert country and the Quisition works tirelessly to beat sin out of its people. Vorbis is all set to expand his empire and recruits Brutha with his incredible memory to help him.
Brutha accompanies Deacon Vorbis to the land of Epebe where philosophers cover the landscape like locusts, argue violently among themselves, and live in barrels. One such philosopher is Didactylos, whose philosophy can be boiled down to the words "It's a funny old world." He now becomes the unifying part of an underground movement that insists, despite the tenets of the Church that "the Turtle moves"; that turtle being the Great A'Tuin - the whole of Discworld rides on its giant shell. As so often happens, religious dispute breeds war, and the future of Omnia, not to mention the future of the Great God Om, is in Brutha's hands.
Cast: Anton Lesser narrates, Patrick Barlow is the Great God Om and Alex Jennings is Deacon Vorbis. Carl Prekopp is Brutha and Michael Kilgariff plays Death.
The rest of the cast includes Geoffrey Beevers, Philip Fox, Sean Barrett, Gerard McDermott, John Cummins, Nick Sayce
Terry Pratchett worked for many years as a journalist and press officer, writing in his spare time and publishing a number of novels, including his first Discworld novel, The Color of Magic, in 1983. In 1987 he turned to writing full time, and has not looked back since. To date there are a total of 33 books in the Discworld series, of which three (so far) are written for children. The first of these, The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents, won the Carnegie Medal. His new Discworld novel, Thud!, was published autumn 2005. Regarded as one of the most significant contemporary English-language satirists, Pratchett has won numerous literary awards, was named an Officer of the British Empire "for services to literature" in 1998, and has received four honorary doctorates from the Universities of Warwick, Portsmouth, Bath, and Bristol. His acclaimed novels have sold 40 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 33 languages.
Robin Brooks dramatised Terry Pratchett's 'Mort' for late night Radio 4. Other R4 dramatisations include Daphne Du Maurier's The Parasites, Love and Friendship adapted from Jane Austen, and Byron's Women. Also for R4 an original comedy A Quick Change, Bloody Stefi a play about Bartok and The Man Who Knew Everything, three original plays about the infamous solicitor, George Lewis.
Producer: Claire Grove.
WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00nv8gr)
I'm H.A.P.P.Y
4 Extra Debut. From euphoria to contentment - Miriam Akhtar, Dr Phil Hammond, Lucy Mangan and Dominic Arkwright focus on happiness. From November 2009.
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FRI 14:30 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club

[\(b00w6f7p\)](#)

Episode 5

Mysterious Mrs Drexel is last to share a chocolate tale, and the members soon discover why. Moya O'Shea's tale with Sylvia Syms and Paula Wilcox.

FRI 14:45 Travels With a Donkey [\(b00cblbn\)](#)

A Night Among the Pines

There's donkey trouble and no women around for Robert Louis Stevenson on his French mountain adventure. Read by Alan Cumming.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial [\(b00cq7p2\)](#)

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

FRI 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity [\(b03cf03n\)](#)

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

FRI 16:30 The Phenomenon Squad [\(b0855z15\)](#)

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

FRI 17:00 Never Too Late [\(b011j605\)](#)

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

FRI 17:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music [\(b084tr0\)](#)

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

FRI 18:00 Robert Aickman - The Hospice: Omnibus

[\(b0855zx8\)](#)

4 Extra Debut. BBC 6 Music's Gideon Coe reads Robert Aickman's teasingly elusive strange tale, with a newly commissioned soundtrack by Vic Mars.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music [\(b013q20t\)](#)

Series 12, Spiegel im Spiegel

Exploring the impact that Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's piece for piano and violin *Spiegel im Spiegel* has had on people's lives.

Written in 1978, just prior to his departure from Estonia, Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel* is musically minimal, yet produces a serene tranquillity.

It's in F major in 6/4 time, with the piano playing rising crotchet triads and the violin playing slow scales, alternately rising and falling, of increasing length, which all end on the note A. The score of the piece looks deceptively simple, but as violinist, Tasmin Little explains, it's one of the most difficult pieces to perform because the playing has to simply be perfect, or the mood is lost.

"*Spiegel im Spiegel*" in German literally can mean both "mirror in the mirror" as well as "mirrors in the mirror", referring to the infinity of images produced by parallel plane mirrors.

The programme contains an interview with visual artist Mary Husted who heard this work and was inspired to produce a set of collages called "*Spiegel im Spiegel*" which in a round about way, led to her long lost son tracing her for the first time in his life.

FRI 19:00 Yes Minister [\(b007k0fx\)](#)

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

FRI 19:30 The Goon Show [\(b00gklbf\)](#)

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

FRI 20:00 The Blackburn Files [\(b007wn7k\)](#)

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

FRI 20:30 In Search of the Villa Noel Fleuri [\(b00x44dz\)](#)

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

FRI 21:00 James Bond - Casino Royale [\(b0161pxg\)](#)

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

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama [\(b01dvw76\)](#)

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

FRI 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music [\(b084tr0\)](#)

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

FRI 22:30 Pleased to Meet You [\(b018j463\)](#)

A Very Dora Christmas, Episode 1

Theatre veteran Dora Dale puts the 'X' into Xmas with saucy festive yarns. With Jake Yapp and Martin Kelner. From December 2011. Episode 1 of 2.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews [\(b0875yzy\)](#)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Tez Ilyas.

FRI 23:00 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive [\(b007wk83\)](#)

Series 3, Episode 2

Armando holds the ring for more hard-hitting blarney and outrageous fibs. With guests Jo Brand, Dave Gorman and Will Smith. From August 2007.

FRI 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea

[\(b007k154\)](#)

Series 2, Fame Idol

The Scotsmen are desperate to utilise Mrs Naughtie's hidden talents. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From March 2004.

FRI 23:45 Self Storage [\(b01gk2wm\)](#)

Househunting

Separated and homeless, Dave muses on life outside his temporary storage pod home. Stars Reece Shearsmith. From September 2007.