

## SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2017

**SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007jrt5)**

The World in Peril, Episode 10  
The enigmatic Paddy Flynn reveals more about the hierarchy of asteroid crews. Sci-fi classic from 1955 stars Andrew Faulds and David Jacobs.

**SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b01blj2b)**

Series 13, Gresford, the Miners' Hymn  
The haunting melancholy of Gresford, the Miners' Hymn, is the music explored in this week's programme.  
Written by a former miner, Robert Saint, to commemorate the Gresford pit disaster in 1934 it has been played at mining events ever since; most notably at the famous Durham Miners' Gala.  
Contributors to the programme include:  
(note: since the programme was broadcast, we've been contacted by the daughter of the man who wrote the words to Gresford: his name was George Leslie Lister and he wrote the words in 1970).  
Albert Rowlands, now 91, was working in the lamp-room of Gresford colliery when there was a devastating underground explosion. His father was among the men lost.  
Peter Crookston is the author of 'The Pitmen's Requiem' a book which explores the history of the great northern coalfield and the life of Robert Saint.

Robert Saint's grandson, David Saint, is the acting principal of the Birmingham Conservatoire and organist at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Playing through Gresford on the cathedral organ, he explains what makes the piece work at an emotional level.

Cecil Peacock is a former miner, musician and music teacher. Illustrated by his own rendition of Gresford, he recalls playing Gresford at the funerals of 83 miners who died following the Easington Colliery disaster in 1951.

Max Roberts is the Director of the hugely successful play, The Pitmen Painters, which tells the story of a group of miners in the 1930s who studied art and whose work became internationally renowned. He talks about why he decided to use the hymn Gresford - sung wonderfully in harmony - at the end of the play.  
Roy Dickinson attended the famous Durham Miners' Gala every year. As a small boy he was overwhelmed when he walked into the vast space of Durham Cathedral... hung with miners' banners proclaiming socialist slogans... with Gresford as the musical backdrop... bringing tears to the most hardened of miners' eyes.  
Canon David Griffiths is a former miner, and was once the priest of Gresford Parish Church. He commissioned a painting to commemorate the disaster and the men who lost their lives.  
With thanks to Trevor Sutherland and the Llay Welfare band who kindly allowed us to use their version of Gresford to illustrate David Griffiths' interview.

Producer: Karen Gregor  
NB: Some sources say that 266 men lost their lives, some say 265. The figure given in the official report of the Public Inquiry by HM Inspector of mines is 265, which is why this number was quoted in the programme.  
This quote from Peter Crookston's book 'The Pitmen's Requiem' provides clarity (thanks to Mr Crookston for permission to quote):  
Of the 261 men killed by the explosion in the Dennis Section of the mine, at 2 am on Saturday 22 September 1934, only 11 bodies were recovered. All had died from poisoning by carbon monoxide, a gas known to miners as afterdamp, which is formed following an explosion of firedamp. Three members of a rescue brigade died from the same cause later that day as they tried to find survivors.

'Fire followed the explosion,' wrote the Chief Inspector of Mines, 'and more particularly an extensive fire in the main intake airway, which was fought continuously and unavailingly until the evening of the following day, by which time it was certain that all men unaccounted for must be dead and the conditions as regards the presence of inflammable gas had become imminently dangerous.'

Both shafts of the colliery were capped and sealed off. For three days after the explosion other explosions followed as fire raged through the gas-filled section of the mine, one of them killing a surface worker when he was hit by debris blown out through a capping seal. This brought the total number of dead to 265.  
A man died months later and the miners' union said he had also been a victim of the disaster, so his name was put on the memorial in Wales, which is where the figure 266 comes from.  
But for those actually killed by the explosion, its aftermath and the gas, the figure is 265.

**SAT 01:00 Roy Clarke - The Events at Black Tor (b0891m27)**

The Deepest Dark  
As the sect begin their ceremony, the police move in. As Jamie moves closer, he recognises one of the worshippers in the firelight...

Roy Clarke's six-part serial directed by Alan Ayckbourn.  
Stars Juliet Cooke as Pam, Brian Peck as Jamie, Bob Grant as Probert, James Beck as the Sergeant, David Mahlowe as the Superintendent, Colin Edwynn as Brown and John Nettles as Palmer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

**SAT 01:30 Hemingway in Havana (b017x3pd)**

The least chronicled chapter of Ernest Hemingway's life is the 20 years he spent in Cuba. The political stand off with the USA meant that scholars were denied access to his home, Finca Vigia, and to the many papers and books he left there after his suicide 50 years ago in 1961.

But now, as Susan Marling reports from Cuba, a unique partnership between the Cubans and conservators and academics from America has allowed the house (and Hemingway's beloved

fishing boat, Pilar) to be restored and, more importantly, many of his letters, manuscripts and books have also been saved.

Susan visits the house, speaks to Hemingway experts about the significance of the documents and gives an account of the writer's deep love of Cuba, its people, landscape and the fabulous Gulf Stream.

Producer: Susan Marling

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01q03r1)**

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Episode 5  
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie is Muriel Spark's best known and best loved novel - the justly enduring story of an Edinburgh school teacher who eschews the normal curriculum in favour of lessons on the Italian Renaissance painters, on Mussolini and stories of her own love life. As she seeks to mould her 'set' of girls of an impressionable age, into the 'crème de la crème', and as her love becomes complicated by affections for and from the art and the singing masters, she identifies two girls, one of 'instinct' and one of 'insight', in whom her ambitions will chiefly lie. But despite her own unassailable convictions, life does not always work out as planned and amongst her own set there will be those who begin to question her authority and purpose.

A writer with a keen eye, a biting wit and a pithy sense of comedy, Muriel Spark created in Jean Brodie a character who remains as vivid as she was in 1963, the year the book was published. Charismatic, unfettered by school boundaries, literal or metaphorical, she is the teacher who steps beyond the bounds of prescriptive education to the true sense of the word, opening the eyes of her girls to a wider world. Spark also captures the city of Edinburgh, a character in itself, and of a time - those years in the thirties when, denied conventional marriage, war-bereaved women sought other paths to fulfilment.

Sparkling, funny, fresh and tragic, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie fully deserves its place in the canon of twentieth century literature. Today: Sandy realises that 'you can only betray where loyalty is due'.

Gerda Stevenson is an actor, writer and director, winner of the Vanbrugh Award at RADA.

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

**SAT 02:15 The Value of Failure (b03ws7gw)**

Sport  
When struggling to invent the electric light bulb, Thomas Edison said, "I have not failed; I've simply found ten thousand ways that won't work."

In this series, five people from very different spheres of life reflect on what failure has taught them personally and explain what value those lessons have in their worlds.  
As a teenager, Ed Smith told anyone who'd listen that he wanted to play cricket for England. He did - but only three times. In this programme, Ed meets the first ever professional sports psychologist, William Davies, and together they reflect on some key moments of sporting failure, and how the lessons learned on the sports field can transfer into real life.

Producer: Catherine Carr.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 02:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00cqzj4)**

Episode 5  
Emma meets wealthy land owner Rodolphe Boulanger, and succumbs to temptation. Gustave Flaubert dramatisation with John Hurt.

**SAT 02:45 Michael Crawford - Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (b019fx7g)**

Episode 5  
The tribulations and ultimate triumph of 'The Phantom of The Opera'. Michael Crawford concludes reading from his autobiography.

**SAT 03:00 Graham Swannell - Kiss of Life (b05n7tp5)**

Married 40 years, Dot tries to make Arthur fully appreciate her and show extra affection. Stars Brenda Bruce and Norman Bird.

**SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b007y2sv)**

Series 2, Episode 2  
Martin Young chairs the famous people quiz. With Francis When, Claire Rayner, Roy Hattersley and Fred Housego. From June 1998.

**SAT 04:30 No Commitments (b0388ffj)**

Series 12, Upstaging  
Charlotte and Victoria's daughters take centre stage in the sisters' one-upmanship. Stars Angela Thorne. From May 2006.

**SAT 05:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007ix5n)**

Miss Willow and the One-Eyed Gentleman  
"I'm afraid you're too trusting for your own good, Miss Willow. Believe me, appearances can be very deceptive..."  
Hapless vicar Timothy Carswell visits some of the more sinister members of his flock.

Stephen Sheridan's six-part series stars James Grout as the Reverend Timothy Carswell, Margaret Courtenay as Miss Tilling, Jean Heywood as Miss Tapp, Jacqueline Tong as Hilary and Patricia Hayes as Miss Willow.

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

**SAT 05:30 Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate**

**Encyclopaedia of Evolution (b06j5gr3)**  
One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman returns to Radio 4 with a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of Survival of the Fittest and The Selfish Gene with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and

hilarious.

Rob is our guide on a journey through a unique audio A-Z of nature that takes in everything from altruistic amoebae and dancing squid to Richard Dawkins wrestling naked with a postal worker.

Piecing these fragments together allows Rob to correct some major distortions of Darwinism, as well as rejig the theory of natural selection in the light of what we now know about epigenetics, mirror neurons and the Flintstones.

Written by Rob Newman

Starring Claire Price, with Jenni Murray as the voice of the Encyclopaedia.

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 06:00 Annie Caulfield - Glass Chair Chair Glass (b08scqbl)**

What might have happened if magician, Tommy Cooper had met absurdist playwright, Eugene Ionesco in Paris in 1975?  
Imaginary comedy starring Russ Abbot as Tommy Cooper, Harriett Walter as Gwen Cooper, Allan Corduner as Eugene Ionesco, Emily Bruni as the Actress and Hugh Ross as Miff Ferrie.

It could have happened. In the throes of a paranoia laced drunken spree, Tommy Cooper may not be in the best place to enter Eugene Ionesco's world, where events have the logic of a dream, where people don't tell the truth or even know what it is and where mysterious and brutal threats are always close. Survivor of Nazis and Stalinists, in permanent exile from his native Romania, Ionesco was always drawn to anarchic comedy as the only way to express the world. His plays generate emotion rather than obvious meaning because he felt life was too unstable to mean very much. Ionesco and Tommy Cooper's world views collide with surprising results, concluding that laughter is often the only real revolution we have left.

Annie Caulfield's play waltzes us through thoughts about the state of the world, how to make a salt pot disappear, and how to travel on imaginary motorbikes, as Cooper and Ionesco ask the question: Is comedy just business, escapism or is it for the soul? Directed by Marilyn Imrie and produced by Gordon Kennedy for Absolutely Productions.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2011.

**SAT 07:30 Britain in a Box (b00yw1pk)**

Series 4, Driving School  
Paul Jackson tells the story behind another TV classic, 'Driving School'. Broadcast in 1997, it only ran for six editions, but left an indelible mark on British documentary TV.  
Commanding audiences of up to 12 million, it made a star of Cardiff cleaner, Maureen Rees who failed her driving test six times, and arguably helped spawn Britain's first 'reality television' celebrity.

With Alan Yentob, Grant Mansfield and Phil Hall.

Producer: Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**SAT 08:00 World Book Club (b08br0gw)**

Karl Ove Knausgaard  
Norwegian writer, Karl Ove Knausgaard talks about 'A Death in the Family', volume one of his remarkable series of memoirs 'My Struggle'.

Knausgaard writes with painful honesty about his childhood and teenage years, his infatuation with rock music, his relationship with his loving yet almost invisible mother and his distant and dangerously unpredictable father, and then his bewilderment and grief on his father's death. Becoming a father himself, he must balance the demands of caring for a young family with his determination to write great literature.

A Death in the Family is an exploration of the author's past from which emerges a universal story of the struggles, great and small, that we all face in our lives.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2017.

**SAT 09:00 Greg McHugh Stands Up for Scotland (b01q95nn)**

Greg McHugh - star of Gary Tank Commander and Fresh Meat - introduces some of his favourite Scottish funny men and women, with features, conversations and sitcoms:

\* Take an Englishman and a Scotsman:

Graeme Garden is joined by Elaine C Smith, Colin Gilbert, David Quantick, Hardeep Singh Kohli, Arnold Brown and Johnny Beattie to ponder the north/south divide of comedy style and inspiration. From 2007.

\* When the Dog Dies

Series 1, Ep 1/6 The Same Hymn Sheet:

Ronnie Corbett is the long-suffering head of a dysfunctional family, trying to live out his golden years in peace, along with his trusty mutt Henry. Sandy wants to protect his grandson Tyson from the harsh training programme of Tyson's father Blake. From 2010.

\* Armando Iannucci: The Radio Scotland Years:

Producer Dave Bachelor chats with the esteemed satirist about his start in the business, playing some hilarious tapes of his early comedy efforts on BBC Radio Scotland. From 2006.

\* Fags, Mags & Bags

Series 3 Ep 3/6 The Wrath of Khan:

Scottish shopkeeper Ramesh causes havoc by installing a slush puppy machine in his Glasgow corner shop Sitcom written by and starring Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary. With Greg McHugh as astrologer Keith Futures. From 2010.

\* Laughing In All the Right Places:

Janey Godley talks to presenter Jo Caulfield about how her Scottishness makes her stand out in the comedy crowd. From

2010.

\* Hiya Pal:

Janice Forsyth pays tribute to the late Gerard Kelly, with contributions from family and friends Ricky Gervais, David Hayman, Jonathan Watson, Craig Ferguson, Andy Gray and Billy Dwyer. From 2010.

Producer: Elizabeth Clark

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Radio Scotland

First broadcast in 2013.

**SAT 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k094)**

Series 4, Full House

Card sharks fleece Harold Steptoe, so father Albert steps in.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Martin Friend, Douglas Blackwell and Michael Kilgariff.

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

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1972.

**SAT 12:30 Anything Legal (b0081qyq)**

Episode 1

Two laid-off city gents keep their secret. Wally K Daly's series stars Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles. From November 1984.

**SAT 13:00 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women: Omnibus (b008cghp)**

Episode 1

Set against the American Civil War, an enduring story of how young women forge a path into adulthood. Stars Natasha J Barnes.

**SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08br19n)**

MC Beaton

Author MC Beaton shares Vera Lynn's (There'll be Bluebirds Over) The White Cliffs of Dover and Kenneth McKellar's The Rowan Tree.

**SAT 14:15 Sentimental Journey (b0075n7z)**

Robert Fisk

Arthur Smith joins award-winning Middle East correspondent Robert Fisk as he returns to the battlefields of northern France. Producer: Rebecca Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

**SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007rprx)**

Series 1, Admiral of the Night

After visiting Hampton Court, Carter's uncle spots a fellow war veteran. Peter Timmisworth's adventures with Christian Rodska.

**SAT 15:00 World Book Club (b08br0gw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Annie Caulfield - Glass Chair Chair Glass (b08cqbtl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Britain in a Box (b00vw1pk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 18:00 Atomic Tales (b007qw7l)**

Land of Plenty

In tomorrow's world, all human food is delivered by Freshmart in sealed mag-cans to the residents of Mars.

But what if the can-openers malfunctioned and people are forced to eat dangerous leftovers...?

1950s American sci-fi spoof starring John Guerrasio, Jeff Harding, Allison Warnyca, Lewis McLeod, Colin Stinton and Liza Ross.

Written by Adam Tandy and Nat Sones.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.

**SAT 18:30 Ursula Le Guin - Earthsea (b05s8wrb)**

The Ring

Ursula Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga set on the magical archipelago rich with wizards and dragons.

Based on the novel The Tombs of Atuan by Ursula Le Guin.

Adapted by Judith Adams.

When Tenar is chosen as high priestess to the ancient and nameless Powers of the Earth, everything is taken from her - home, family, even her name. She is now known only as Arha, the Eaten One, and guards the shadowy, labyrinthine Tombs of Atuan. Then Ged comes to steal the Tombs' greatest hidden treasure, the Ring of Erreth-Akbe. Tenar's duty is to protect the Ring, but Ged possesses the light of magic and tales of a world that Tenar has never known. Will she risk everything to escape from the darkness that has become her domain?

Ged ..... James McArdle

Tenar ..... Sysha Kala

Manan ..... Zubin Varla

Kossil ..... Souad Faress

Willow ..... Jessica Turner

Penthe ..... Ayesha Antoine

Original music by Jon Nicholls

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

**SAT 19:00 Greg McHugh Stands Up for Scotland (b01q95nn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 The Simon Day Show (b01k2bw9)**

Series 2, Mick Cunningham

Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard,

a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's comic characters come to perform at The Mallard while the staff struggle with rivalries, self-doubt and the new owner's vision for the theatre's future.

This week brings Australian celebrity chef, Mick Cunningham to The Mallard Theatre under the misapprehension that he'll be filming a TV show.

Cast list:

Mick Cunningham ..... Simon Day

Emanuel Akinyemi ..... Felix Dexter

Pat Bennet ..... Morwenna Banks

Ron Bone / Wozak ..... Simon Greenall

Rene ..... Janine Duvitski

Written by Simon Day

Produced by Colin Anderson.

**SAT 22:30 Miranda Hart's Joke Shop (b00mbfmf)**

Pilot Episode

Meet Miranda, a tall, life-embracing, self-effacing clown, who's at her happiest among the wind-up teeth of her Joke Shop. She's got lots to learn about retail and men - as well as coping with her embarrassing mother.

This is the 2007 pilot for Miranda's four-part 2008 series made for BBC Radio 2, which sparked her popular BBC TV series

Miranda. This try-out features some actors who were replaced in the subsequent slightly re-worked radio series. Here Alison Steadman plays Miranda's mother Penny, and Morwenna Banks is Stevie. Also featuring Vincenzo Pellegrino, Katy Brand, Alice Hart, Jim Howick and Charlotte McDougall.

Produced by Lucy Armitage.

**SAT 23:00 Arthur Smith Sings Leonard Cohen (b00763r8)**

With jokes, poignant humour and songs - Arthur Smith takes a light-hearted look at the music of Leonard Cohen. From August 2001.

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**SUN 00:00 Atomic Tales (b007qw7l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:30 Ursula Le Guin - Earthsea (b05s8wrb)**

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**SUN 01:00 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women: Omnibus (b008cghp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08br19n)**

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**SUN 03:00 World Book Club (b08br0gw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Annie Caulfield - Glass Chair Chair Glass (b08cqbtl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 Britain in a Box (b00vw1pk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary Omnibus (b00ct1wf)**

Episode 1

Beautiful Emma meets and marries a doctor, but the lack of passion and excitement soon leads her to stray. Stars John Hurt.

**SUN 07:15 Pierrot Hero: The Story of Clifford Essex (b01qkvys)**

Cowes Regatta, Royalty and Posterity

In this episode, Essex and his A selection of readings from the personal memoirs of Clifford Essex, which have remained unpublished since they first appeared in magazine format in the 1920s. In this episode, Essex and his pierrot troupe are invited aboard the Royal Yacht at Cowes to entertain His Majesty King Edward VII.

The seaside pierrot troupe is a uniquely British art form, which began in 1891. That year, a gifted banjo player and producer of entertainments for society events, called Clifford Essex, watched a performance of L'Enfant Prodigue at The Prince of Wales Theatre. It was a largely mimed performance featuring a family of pierrots and it gave Essex the idea of costuming a concert party in white satin, pompoms and ruffles, to perform banjo pieces at The Henley Regatta and, later that year, at Cowes.

The project was a resounding success and led to his troupe performing throughout the country for almost three decades. During this time, the idea was copied and developed in such a way that, by the 1920s, there were more than 500 pierrot troupes performing along the coasts of Britain. These troupes were the stand-up comedy club and indie pop charts of their day - it was here that artists honed their craft by learning old routines and developing new ideas. They paved the way for the styles of music and humour that subsequently found a mass audience on radio and television.

The reader, Tony Lidington is known by many people as 'Uncle Tacko', leader and founder of The Pierrotters, the last-remaining professional, seaside pierrot troupe in Britain, now in its 27th year of performing.

Abridged and read by Tony Lidington

Producer: David Blount

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 07:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s259m)**

Series 1, Bob and Marie

Isy Suttie (Dobby from Channel 4's Peep Show and double British Comedy Award nominee) returns to BBC Radio 4 with these unique tales, recounting a series of love stories affecting people she's known throughout her life, told partly through song. Sometimes Isy has merely observed other people's love lives; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from Isy's own, often disastrous, love life.

In this fourth and final episode, Isy returns to Matlock to take driving lessons from instructor Bob, who she learns has a crush on another pupil, the mysterious Marie. While Isy tries to master an impeccable 3 point turn, she attempts to unite Bob with the girl of his dreams and discovers some important lessons in love of her own.

With her multi-character and vocal skills, plus her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love.

"A voice you want to swim in" The Independent

Produced by Lianne Coop.

**SUN 08:00 Funny You Should Ask (b04st6lb)**

From 19/05/1981

Peter Jones tests the knowledge of three comedy experts: Carry on film star Charles Hawtrey, the comedian famed for his catchphrase 'You lucky people' Tommy Trinder and composer/conductor Ron Goodwin.

Featuring questions about the classic British film comedies, Charles Hawtrey reveals his favourite out of the 24 Carry on films which he appeared in. There are also rounds on music in comedy films and childhood.

Looking at all kinds of comedy, Funny You Should Ask ran for seven series from 1978 to 1982.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1981.

**SUN 08:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01k763p)**

Series 1, Episode 5

Shock news from Eric: Ernie's set to retire! Plus the torrid tale of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning.

Special singing guest: Laura Lee..

Written by Eddie Braben

With Ann Hamilton and Arthur Tolcher.

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.

**SUN 09:00 Mark Vahoenacker - Skyfaring: A Journey With a Pilot (b05pr0rk)**

The simple wonder of flight and the curious idiosyncrasies of life in the cockpit and in the sky are compellingly explored by an airline pilot.

**SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08brf16)**

Alan Davies

Alan chooses Topol singing 'If I Were A Rich Man' and 'St Swithin's Day' by Billy Bragg.

**SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08brf18)**

Absent Friends, Sir Harry Kroto

4 Extra Debut. From Mahler to The Eagles. Nobel prize-winning chemist, Sir Harry shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From June 2001.

**SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b08brwgt)**

Series 4, Mets, McDonalds, and a White House Secret

True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness

introduces tales of obsession, secrets and discoveries.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.

Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide.

The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

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

**SUN 11:55 The Listening Project (b01rddbji)**

Nigel and Roger - Peak Experiences

Fi Glover presents a conversation between Nigel and Roger, who climbed Mount Everest together, yet each found it to be a very different experience.

The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can upload your own

conversations or just learn more about The Listening Project by visiting [bbc.co.uk/listeningproject](http://bbc.co.uk/listeningproject)  
 Producer: Marya Burgess.

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**SUN 14:15 Pierrot Hero: The Story of Clifford Essex (b01qfkyx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SUN 14:30 Reading Europe: Norway - A Death in the Family Omnibus (b08brx3j)**  
 Episode 2  
 Norwegian writer Karl Ove Knausgaard's struggle to write honestly about his childhood and his father. Read by David Threlfall.

**SUN 15:45 Annie McCartney - Don't Think Twice (b08bs2st)**  
 4 Extra Debut. When you share a birthday with your all-time hero, Bob Dylan, you have got to let him know. Written and read by Anne McCartney.

**SUN 16:00 Classic Serial (b00r33v7)**  
 John Steinbeck - Of Mice and Men  
 Dramatisation by Donna Franceschild of John Steinbeck's seminal 1937 novel about migrant workers in 1930s California whose dream of one day owning a place of their own is tragically destroyed.  
 George ..... David Tennant  
 Lennie ..... Liam Brennan  
 Carlson/Crooks ..... Jude Akuwudike  
 Lennie ..... Liam Brennan  
 Candy ..... Christopher Fairbank  
 Curley's Wife ..... Melody Grove  
 Slim ..... Neil McKiven  
 Curley's ..... Richard Madden  
 George ..... David Tennant  
 Directed by Kirsty Williams.

**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b08bs38h)**  
 A Foreigner Everywhere  
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits BBC's radio archive with a profile of poet Elizabeth Bishop.  
 In 'A Foreigner Everywhere', Paul Farley explores the American's extraordinary years in Brazil, and how her rootless, traveller's condition inspired her creativity.  
 Elizabeth Bishop has been called the poets' poets' poet', and her work, often complex and multi-layered, examines the big themes of home, travel and identity. Though she's regarded as an American poet, for nearly two decades Bishop lived in Brazil, where she wrote much of her best work. Essentially an orphan from the age of five, and a constant observer, a 'foreigner everywhere', she speaks to our modern rootless condition, asking how and where we find a sense of 'home'.  
 Paul explores how Bishop tackles questions of travel, and how she challenged approaches to other cultures in the early days of mass tourism. Bishop met the love of her life in Brazil, became deeply involved in the Brazilian political tumult of the 1960s, and made the trip of her life up the Amazon River. But her Brazil years also ended in tragedy.  
 In many ways a poet of our times, Paul explores how her often overlooked Brazil years offer a new way into Bishop's work and its relevance - a constant observer, portraying life in all its nuanced complexity.  
 Producer: Jo Wheeler  
 Made for BBC Radio 4 by Brook Lapping Productions and first broadcast in 2012.

**SUN 17:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s259m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 Spine Chillers (b08bs3pd)**  
 3/5 Origami, by Jill Hyem  
 When Mr Shimojo takes a room in Helen Bestall's house, no one is prepared for the sequence of horrifying events which his presence seems to generate...  
 Jill Hyem's tale of the supernatural stars Sean Barrett as Mr Shimojo, Carole Boyd as Helen Bestall, Christopher Scoular as Peter Trent and Helen Worth as Lucy Bestall.  
 Pronunciation adviser: Masatoshi Tobia.  
 Directed by Kay Patrick at BBC Manchester  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.

**SUN 18:45 Jan Mark - Black and White (b08bs3pk)**  
 Who's a Pretty Boy Then?  
 When Dad builds a budgerigar aviary on the strange, bare garden patch, the birds' behaviour turns alarming. Read by Ann Rye.

**SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b08brwgt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 19:55 The Listening Project (b01rrdbj)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:55 today]

**SUN 20:00 Mark Vanhoenacker - Skyfaring: A Journey With a Pilot (b05pr0rk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 21:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08brfl6)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

**SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08brfl8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 22:00 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s259m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 The Party Party (b007jx11)**  
 Episode 1  
 It's 1993 and the party of the loony right and centre sweeps to power. Stars Robert Glenister and Rory Bremner. From May 1987.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08dd3v1)**  
 The best in contemporary comedy.

**SUN 23:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cqrh3)**  
 Series 1, Edinburgh  
 Sitcom by John Finnemore about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small and many jobs are too difficult.  
 A very special passenger makes Douglas grovel, Martin crawl, Carolyn frisk and Arthur cry and drink nail varnish.  
 Carolyn Knapp-Shapley ..... Stephanie Cole  
 1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam  
 Captain Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch  
 Arthur Shapley ..... John Finnemore  
 Mr Birling ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
 Philip ..... Adam G Goodwin.

**SUN 23:30 1966 and All That (b010hchw)**  
 The 1960s  
 Albert Einstein discovers the Beatles, while for the first time, the nation discovers sex.  
 Plus a look at the era of "Flour Power"; the World Cup is won by a team of men all called Bobby; and the with-it Royal try barbecuing.  
 Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1960s.  
 Stars Joss Ackland, Eleanor Bron, Rory Bremner, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and John Humphrys,  
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

## MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017

**MON 00:00 Spine Chillers (b08bs3pd)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:45 Jan Mark - Black and White (b08bs3pk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary Omnibus (b00ct1wf)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:15 Pierrot Hero: The Story of Clifford Essex (b01qfkyx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 Reading Europe: Norway - A Death in the Family Omnibus (b08brx3j)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:45 Annie McCartney - Don't Think Twice (b08bs2st)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Classic Serial (b00r33v7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b08bs38h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s259m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Cadfael (b007k2mr)**  
 Monk's Hood, Troubled Times  
 The year is 1138, and Brother Cadfael, herbalist of Shrewsbury Abbey, is asked to supply a healing potion for a sick monk - but monk's hood oil can kill as well as cure....  
 Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael, Ian Targett as Brother Mark, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prior Robert, Norman Jones as Brother Rees, Pat Heywood as Rishildis Burnel and Timothy Bateson as Father Heribert.  
 From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters.  
 Dramatised by Bert Coules.  
 Producer: Lissa Evans  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

**MON 06:30 Hemingway Days (b013P96m)**  
 Wayne and Geradine Hemingway, who together launched the Red or Dead label, have long been admirers of Robin and Lucienne Day, a husband and wife design team from another era. As we mark the 60th anniversary of the Festival of Britain this summer, Wayne looks back at the impact of Robin and Lucienne Day on post war Britain and how they emerged from the FOB to spearhead our understanding of modern design.  
 He talks to colleagues, friends and family about their vision and their drive and explores some of the less well known areas of their personal lives and their creative partnership.  
 Lucienne was a textile designer. Inspired by abstract art, she pioneered the use of bright, optimistic, abstract patterns.  
 Robin was a furniture designer best known for his injection moulded polypropylene stacking chair, of which over 20 million have been manufactured.  
 The Days shared a vision of good, affordable design for all. Together they established themselves as Britain's most celebrated post-war designer couple, and have often been compared to their US contemporaries, Charles Eames and Ray Eames.  
 But despite their growing fame in the 50s and 60s they remained uncomfortable with the public attention they received. They shared a passion for nature and spent more and more time outdoors. Lucienne drew much of her inspiration from plants and

flowers and Robin was a talented and obsessive mountain climber.  
 In this programme Wayne reflects on the many layers to Robin and Lucienne and, with his wife Geradine, he draws on their own experiences of working as a husband and wife creative team.  
 Producer: Sarah Cuddon  
 A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4.  
**MON 07:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hfh)**  
 Series 1, Round Midnight  
 When an old musician friend turns up after 40 years abroad, Roy begins to smell a rat. Stars Ram Jam Holder. From October 2003.

**MON 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**  
 Series 10, Episode 2  
 This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Jo Brand welcome the feel-good writer and comedian, Lucy Porter; the etymologist, self-proclaimed pedant and "Inky Fool" Mark Forsyth; and the lipsmackin' thirstquenchin' 'acetastin' motivatin' goodbuzzin' coolantalkin' highwalkin' fastlivin' evergivin' coolfizzin' advertising creative legend, Dave Trot.  
 This week, the Museum's Guest Committee stretch their minds over the subject of Lycra, revive an old word for a printer's day off; and explore the surprisingly recent cultural heritage of the Ploughman's Lunch.  
 The show was researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner.  
 The producers were Richard Turner and James Harkin.  
 The production coordinator was Sophie Richardson.  
 It was a BBC Studios Production.

**MON 08:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)**  
 Series 2, Old Grey Mare  
 Jennifer is 'expecting' and the family are expectant - a country week-end is planned, but some alarms spoil the excursions.  
 Starring Wendy Craig as Jennifer Corner, Francis Matthews as Henry Corner, Charlotte Mitchell as Mary, Roberta Tovey as Trudi, Hugo Keith-Johnston as Robin, Jill Riddick as Amanda and Ross Hutchinson as Dr Steele.  
 The second series of comedy mishaps of the Corner family: Jennifer and Henry and their three children Trudi, Amanda and Robin. Not in Front of the Children originally ran for four series from 1967 to 1970 on BBC TV. Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.  
 Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969. This was the first of several housewife roles that Wendy Craig was to play on television. Later series included And Mother Makes Three/Five and Butterflies.  
 Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst  
 Producer: Trafford Whitelock.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1970.

**MON 08:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007iqc5)**  
 Hidden Treasure  
 Pike and Hodges call in a clairvoyant to help them locate the rumoured booty hidden somewhere on the pier in Frambourne-on-Sea.  
 A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier as Arthur Wilson, Ian Lavender as Frank Pike, Bill Pertwee as Bert Hodges, Vivienne Martin as Miss Perkins and Betty Marsden at Madame Zara..  
 After a pilot episode was made in 1981, Arthur Lowe sadly died. So this 13-part series was revamped to feature the Dad's Army characters played by Pertwee and Lavender instead. The series was later adapted for ITV by Yorkshire TV.  
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.  
 Producer: Martin Fisher  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1984.

**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b00qplmh)**  
 Series 56, Episode 7  
 Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game with Paul Merton, Jenny Eclair, Gyles Brandreth and Pam Ayres. From February 2010.

**MON 09:30 Anything Legal (b00828m9)**  
 Episode 2  
 Two city gents finally admit they have been sacked and take action. Stars Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles. From November 1984.

**MON 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)**  
 Episode 1  
 Martyn Wade's dramatisation of the novel by Anthony Trollope. Dockwraith, attorney by profession and a tenant of Orley Farm, is convinced that there are suspicious circumstances regarding the inheritance of the estate, and he is determined to prove it.  
 Anthony Trollope ..... Tim Pigott-Smith  
 Lady Mason ..... Samantha Bond  
 Sir Peregrine ..... Ronald Pickup  
 Peregrine Orme ..... Dan Stevens  
 Mrs Edith Orme ..... Amanda Root  
 Lucius Mason ..... Jonathan Christie  
 Sophia Furnival ..... Lydia Leonard  
 Mr Furnival ..... Robert Maskell  
 Mrs Furnival ..... Joanna Monro  
 Mr Dockwraith ..... Sam Dale  
 Miriam Dockwraith ..... Janice Acquah  
 Joseph Mason ..... Jonathan Tafler  
 Mr Moulder ..... Stephen Critchlow  
 Mr Kantwise ..... Pual Rider  
 Felix Graham ..... Gunnar Cauthery  
 Augustus Staveley ..... Robert Lonsdale

Matthew Round ..... Dan Starkey  
Richard Round ..... Malcolm Tierney  
Miss Biggs ..... Jill Cardo  
Directed by Tracey Neale.  
**MON 11:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales (b03xd2kh)**  
The Mistletoe Bride  
The happiness of a young bride on her wedding day comes to a tragic and abrupt end. Read by Bryony Hannah.

"The Mistletoe Bride and other Haunting Tales" is a collection of haunting short stories written, abridged and introduced by Kate Mosse. They are all inspired by legends and folktales from the French and Sussex Countryside and each story explores the relationship between landscape and emotion. Grief and Guilt. Loss and happiness. They are timeless in their telling, ranging from the mythical past to the present day. Kate Mosse has chosen 5 out of the collection that exemplify the redemption experienced by the various grief stricken men and women as they come to terms with their destiny.

Producer: Celia de Wolff  
Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.  
**MON 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00774g)**

Hattie Naylor - Giselle  
Giselle  
Hattie Naylor's reworking of the ballet, a story of hidden identities, thwarted love and deceased brides who dance men to death.

Albrecht ..... Daniel Goode  
Berthe ..... Hannah Gordon  
Myrtha ..... Lisa Hammond  
Utta ..... Jasmine Hyde  
Hilarion ..... Jamie MacPhee  
Giselle ..... Clare McCarron  
Wilfred ..... Tim McMullan  
Wilis 1 ..... Sally Orrock  
Directed by Paul Dodgson.

**MON 12:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jqc5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Cadfael (b007k2mr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Hemingway Days (b013f96m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00jwy3s)**

The House of Special Purpose, Episode 1  
David Warner reads John Boyne's haunting novel which travels to the heart of the Russian empire where young imperial family bodyguard Georgy Jachmenev is privy to the secrets of Tsar Nicholas and his circle.  
As Georgy visits his wife Zoya in hospital he remembers their life together and his early life in Russia. At the age of 16, Georgy steps out in front of a bullet intended for a member of the Russian Imperial family, an event which changes the course of his life forever.

**MON 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvf9x)**

The Bed  
Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of home over 400 years, beginning with the very heart of private life - the marital bed.

**MON 14:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00ct506)**

Episode 6  
Beautiful Emma Bovary is planning to elope with her lover, Rodolphe.  
A French masterpiece of betrayal and wantonness; the first great novel of adultery.

Starring John Hurt as the narrator, Conrad Nelson as Charles, Sarah Smart as Emma, Brigit Forsyth as Madame Bovary Snr and Jude Akuwudike as Rodolphe Boulanger.  
Gustave Flaubert's novel is dramatised by Diana Griffiths from a translation by Margaret Mauldon.

Producer: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

**MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b0458063)**

A Broken Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen's Secret Chord, Episode 1  
As Leonard Cohen turns 80, a new biography by Liel Leibovitz explores the life, work and passion of the poet-turned-musician. What makes Cohen such an enduring international figure in the cultural imagination?

Granted extraordinary access to Cohen's personal papers, Leibovitz evokes a complicated, sometimes contradictory figure. Born into a Canadian religious Jewish family, for years a reclusive lyricist on the Greek island of Hydra, known for his bold political commentary, his devotion to Buddhist thought and his later despair over contemporary Zionism, Cohen hardly follows the rules of a conventional rock star.  
An intimate look at a man who, despite battles with depression and years spent in hermit-like isolation, is still touring and now seems to be reaching a new peak of popularity.

Read by Julian Barratt, with Leonard Cohen quotes read by Colin Stinton.

Abridged by: Jo Coombs

Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Anything Legal (b00828m9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hfh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007jrxn)**

The World in Peril, Episode 11

In Paddy's absence, Captain Jet Morgan and the crew of the Discovery set out to explore the asteroid.

Continuing the 20-part serial - the third of Charles Chilton's classic sci-fi trilogy.

Stars Andrew Faulds as Jet Morgan, Alfie Bass as Lemmy Barnett, Guy Kingsley-Poynter as Doc, Don Sharp as Mitch and Pat Campbell as Flynn. Other parts played by David Jacobs. Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076g90)**

Carol Drinkwater & Peter Stanford  
Sue MacGregor and her guests - actress Carol Drinkwater and broadcaster Peter Stanford - entertain an audience at Dartington Hall discussing favourite paperbacks by Ann Patchett, F Scott Fitzgerald and Alexandra Fuller. From 2003.

The Magician's Assistant by Ann Patchett

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Tender is the Night, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Publisher: Penguin

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller

Publisher: Picador.

**MON 19:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jqc5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 20:00 Cadfael (b007k2mr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 20:30 Hemingway Days (b013f96m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales (b03xd2kh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**MON 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b007774g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**MON 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 22:30 The Lee Mack Show (b00c075z)**

Tom Robinson

Tom Robinson joins the quick-fire comic for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale and Steve Brown. From March 2005.

**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08dd3ww)**

The best in contemporary comedy.

**MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b08bwygm)**

Series 19, Episode 3

Miles Jupp's house guests for his weekly news-based shindig are Andy Hamilton, Andrew Maxwell, Angela Barnes and Susan Calman.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

**MON 23:45 Why Bother? (b08bvwpg)**

Christ

Peter Cook stars as Sir Arthur Streeb-Greebling in a series of exclusive interviews with Chris Morris.

The renowned statesman, scholar and tycoon tries to make more sense of his extraordinary life - including beekeeping, plus discovering the fossilised remains of the infant Christ - and his plans to clone him.

Scripted by Peter Cook and Chris Morris.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 3 first broadcast in 1994.

## TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017

**TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007jrxn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076g90)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Cadfael (b007k2mr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Hemingway Days (b013f96m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00jwy3s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvf9x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00ct506)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b0458063)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Anything Legal (b00828m9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hfh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Cadfael (b007j9z)**

Monk's Hood, The Inheritance

Brother Cadfael fears the worst over the sickness of Shrewsbury Abbey's benefactor.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael, Ian Hogg as Sergeant William Warden, Ian Targett as Brother Mark, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prior Robert, Norman Jones as Brother Rees. From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters. Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

**TUE 06:30 Schrodinger's Quantum Kittens (b00wr9qb)**

Robin Ince examines Schrodinger's Cat, the paradox at the heart of quantum physics, and discovers its influence on science and popular culture. Fifty years after the death of Nobel laureate Erwin Schrodinger, the quantum mysteries of his cat-in-a-box paradox still continue to drive physicists in research today. Can a living thing be both alive and dead at the same time?

Schrodinger's experiment was an almost playful creation, but one that stabbed at the heart of the 1930s physics establishment. By the 1950s, US physicist Hugh Everett concluded that, indeed, both a dead cat and an alive cat can exist, but in separate universes. His 'Many Worlds' theory inspired authors, from Philip K Dick to Philip Pullman.

Robin follows in the Austrian physicist's footsteps to Oxford University, where Schrodinger was once a fellow, and unearths some original archive at Magdalen College. Physicist Sir Roger Penrose speaks about its impact on quantum theory to this day. Why has Schrodinger's Cat gained such currency not just in science but popular culture? Writer Alan Moore tells how it created a new wave of 1960s sci-fi literature.

So why has Schrodinger's Cat caught the imagination of non-scientists? How is it misinterpreted and used to explain mankind's many unknowns? What is its place at the cutting edge of quantum physics? Robin meets today's physicists and thinkers who still tangle with the idea. And we find, no doubt, that Schrodinger's Cat (in all probability) is very much alive today.

Producer: Dominic Byrne

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 07:00 Life in London (b011q9fw)**

High and Low Life

Rather than pawn himself, Pierce Egan tries sharing Tom, Bob and Jerry's adventures around town. Stars Greg Wise. From May 2006.

**TUE 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088f248)**

Series 6, Episode 4

John Finnemore, writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts and regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth, returns for a sixth series of his multi-award-winning Souvenir Programme, joined as ever by Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin, and Carrie Quinlan.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme was described by The Radio Times as "the best sketch show in years, on television or radio", and by The Daily Telegraph as "funny enough to make even the surliest cat laugh". Already the winner of a BBC Audio Drama Award and a Radio Academy Silver Award, John was named the 2016 Radio Broadcaster of the Year by the Broadcasting Press Guild for his work on Souvenir Programme. 4/6

In this week's Souvenir Programme, we meet a man on the way to St Ives; a President is given two speeches; and we hear from a couple who get on like a house on fire. And, well... Since you ask him for a tale of love...

Written by & starring ... John Finnemore

Cast ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Cast ... Simon Kane

Cast ... Lawry Lewin

Cast ... Carrie Quinlan

Producer ... Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios Production.

**TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0k6)**

Series 4, Is That Your Horse Outside?

Albert Steptoe advises son Harold on the art of seduction.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Martin Friend, Douglas Blackwell and Michael Kilgarriff.

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

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1972.

**TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b0195b7s)**

Birds of a Feather  
The feather-brained civil servants get themselves in a flap. Stars Richard Murdoch and Derek Guyler. Re-recorded April 1980.

**TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b08bwwgm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:45 Why Bother? (b08bwwgp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

**TUE 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b011082k)**

Episode 2  
Martyn Wade's dramatisation of the novel by Anthony Trollope. Romance is in the air for the young folk staying at Noningsby, the country home of Judge and Lady Staveley. Lady Mason accepts Sir Peregrine's invitation to spend Christmas at the Clevee, and, in the Moulder household, there is business to consider.

Anthony Trollope ..... Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason ..... Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine ..... Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme ..... Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme ..... Amanda Root

Lucius Mason ..... Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival ..... Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival ..... Robert Maskell

Lady Staveley ..... Pamela Miles

Madeline Staveley ..... Manjeet Mann

Augustus Staveley ..... Robert Lonsdale

Felix Graham ..... Gunnar Cauthery

Mr Dockwraith ..... Sam Dale

Miriam Dockwraith ..... Janice Acquah

Joseph Mason ..... Jonathan Taffler

Mr Moulder ..... Stephen Critchlow

Mrs Moulder ..... Jane Whittenshaw

John Kenneby ..... Inam Mirza

Mr Kantwise ..... Paul Rider

Matthew Round ..... Dan Starkey

Directed by Tracey Neale.

**TUE 11:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other**

**Haunting Tales (b03xgccc)**

On Harting Hill  
A horrified man thinks he's run over a young girl only to find all is not quite as it seems. Read by Robert Glenister.

"The Mistletoe Bride and other Haunting Tales" is a collection of haunting short stories written, abridged and introduced by Kate Mosse. They are all inspired by legends and folktales from the French and Sussex Countryside and each story explores the relationship between landscape and emotion. Grief and Guilt. Loss and happiness. They are timeless in their telling, ranging from the mythical past to the present day. Kate Mosse has chosen 5 out of the collection that exemplify the redemption experienced by the various grief stricken men and women as they come to terms with their destiny.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**TUE 11:15 Jennie Buckman - Goodbye Moses (b0075gq8)**

Moses Perkes, a Trinidadian ghost-turned-detective, embarks upon a quest to find his killers. Stars Rudolph Walker.

**TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0k6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b0195b7s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Cadfael (b007j19z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Schrodinger's Quantum Kittens (b00wr9qb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00k2ydk)**

The House of Special Purpose, Episode 2

David Warner reads John Boyne's haunting novel which travels to the heart of the Russian empire where young imperial family bodyguard Georgy Jachmenyev is privy to the secrets of Tsar Nicholas and his circle.

Georgy relates his arrival in St Petersburg to take up his position as companion to the Tsar's son, Alexei.

**TUE 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvp9)**

Things That Go Bump in the Night

How the home protected people from dark forces outside.

Historian Amanda Vickery on the hidden history of home over 400 years.

**TUE 14:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00ctjz2)**

Episode 7

Doctor Bovary takes convalescing Emma to the theatre in Rouen, and a chance meeting. Stars Sarah Smart and James D'Arcy.

**TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b045kb39)**

A Broken Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen's Secret Chord, Episode 2  
As Leonard Cohen turns 80, a new biography by Liel Leibovitz explores the life, work and passion of the poet-turned-musician. What makes Cohen such an enduring international figure in the cultural imagination?

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Born into a Canadian religious Jewish family, for years a reclusive lyricist on the Greek island of Hydra, known for his bold political commentary, his devotion to Buddhist thought and his later despair over contemporary Zionism, Cohen hardly follows the rules of a conventional rock star.

An intimate look at a man who, despite battles with stage fright

and years spent in hermit-like isolation, is still touring and now seems to be reaching a new peak of popularity.

In episode 2, despite success as a poet, Cohen feels the need to escape to the Greek island of Hydra.

Read by Julian Barratt, with Leonard Cohen quotes read by Colin Stinton.

Abridged by: Jo Coombs

Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b011082k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Trivia Test Match (b00w6c1v)**

Brian Johnston umpires as Willie Rushton and Stephen Fry battle Tim Rice and Rachel Heyhoe-Flint. From November 1991.

**TUE 16:30 Tony's (b00tp95z)**

Series 2, The French Connection

A hairdresser exchange programme offers publicity and disaster - in equal measure.

Series 2 of the misadventures in the life of a corner-shop barber starring Victor Spinetti as Tony, Deryck Guyler as Stanley, Deborah Watling as Maisie.

With guests: Alan Lake and Roger Kitter.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1981.

**TUE 17:00 Life in London (b011q9fw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088fg48)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007is0f)**

The World in Peril, Episode 12

Jet Morgan and Lemmy ignore sinister audio warnings as they approach the centre of the asteroid. Sci-fi classic from 1955 stars Andrew Faulds and David Jacobs.

**TUE 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp6m)**

Series 1, Ken Dodd

Mark Radcliffe reveals how the tattyfilarious Squire of Knotty Ash became one of the greatest comic acts of our time.

**TUE 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0k6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 The Men From the Ministry (b0195b7s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Cadfael (b007j19z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Schrodinger's Quantum Kittens (b00wr9qb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other**

**Haunting Tales (b03xgccc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 21:15 Jennie Buckman - Goodbye Moses (b0075gq8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**TUE 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088fg48)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 2000 Years of Radio (b007691z)**

Series 2, Radio Mustard

The horror, carnage and laughter that was the First World War. Recreation of wireless archives with Claire Downes. From September 2002.

**TUE 22:45 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b007m94n)**

Series 1, Restaurants

The comedian goes on a mission to investigate bad customer service. With Brendan Burns and Sarah Kennedy. From August 2003.

**TUE 23:00 Arthur Smith Sings Leonard Cohen, Again (b03vdl1v)**

Arthur Smith shares a love letter to his mother with reflections on life, death, dementia and Leonard Cohen along the way.

14 years after his melodi-comic extravaganza 'Arthur Smith Sings Leonard Cohen', Arthur returns once again to his hero. His reflections on dementia, enthusiasm, comedy and death are marinated in Cohen's music in a performance that's both personal and poignant, yet packed with big laughs.

Arthur's rendition of the songs is hugely enhanced by his backing trio, The Smithereens: Kirsty Newton, Carrie Marx and Ali Day. A critical and word-of-mouth hit at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2013.

The show's director/ script adviser is Kevin Day.

Producer for the BBC: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2017**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b00k2ydk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvp9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00ctjz2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b045kb39)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Cadfael (b007j1bb)**

Monk's Hood, Hunted

Medieval monk Brother Cadfael harbours a young lad suspected of murdering his stepfather.

Ellis Peters' thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael, Ian Hogg as Sergeant William Warden, Ian Targett as Brother Mark, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prior Robert and Pat Heywood as Rishildis Burnel.

From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

**WED 06:30 Burns the Brand (b00sgjs)**

Comedian Fred MacAulay attempts to quantify the value of Robert Burns to the British economy, as Scotland celebrates the 250th anniversary of the poet's birth.

He explores how Burns-related brands are being marketed both in Britain and abroad, visits Burns' birthplace and speaks to tourism bosses about the investment in Burns tourism and how new funding will allow a rebranding of Burns' key tourist attraction.

He also hears from Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, about the use of Burns in Homecoming Scotland 2009, a new initiative to encourage expat Scots to make a return visit their homeland.

**WED 07:00 An Actor's Life for Me (b0075v1)**

Series 1, Not Suitable for Parents

Robert is in a seedy sex farce, and Sue's prudish parents want to see him. Stars John Gordon Sinclair. From February 1989.

**WED 07:30 State of the Nations (b088fp46)**

Scotland

Star of BBC3's Josh and Radio 4 News Quiz regular Elis James hosts four stand-up shows from the four nations of the United Kingdom which explore what it means to be variously Welsh, English, Scottish and Northern Irish in today's United Kingdom.

For the final programme in the series, Elis is at The Stand Comedy Club in Glasgow where he is joined by Jim Smith, Fern Brady and Scott Gibson.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

**WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)**

The Loch Ness Monster

Monstrous goings on when the crew of HMS Troutbridge hit Scotland.

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caddicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Captain Aitchison and Tenniel Evans as the Landlord.

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 and George Evans.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1971.

**WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jrry)**

The Stolen Petrol

Sid sees the return of petrol rationing as a money spinner, with some help from the lad.

Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.

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 December 1956.

**WED 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b01g5zpd)**

Series 9, Episode 3

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.

Marcus Brigstocke, Miles Jupp, Susan Calman and Alan Davies are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as: Swimming, Bread, Hotels and Foxes.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 09:30 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9fte)**

Sherlock Holmes and the Glorious Doppelganger  
The spoof sleuth probes a dastardly plot to replace Queen Victoria. Stars Roy Hudd and June Whitfield. From February 1999.

**WED 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b0110c2d)**

Episode 3

A disgraced Lady Mason faces trial, but will her son Lucius support her or lose his home? Stars Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup.

**WED 11:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales (b03xgdf)**

Red Letter Day

A grief-stricken mother goes on a journey in search of peace. Read by Claire Skinner.

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Producer: Celia de Wolff

Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**WED 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b019xw43)**

Burns and the Bankers

Helen Simpson's hilarious and poignant short story, dramatised for radio by Liz Lochhead, Scotland's Makar (national poet). Sophie Thompson, Greg Wise, John Sessions and Peter Forbes star in this warm-hearted midwinter's-night sex comedy.

When Nicola Beaumont (English, partner in a law firm, mother of four) sits down to a long-winded corporate Burns Supper, she sweeps us up in her private account of the evening's events. At first impatient with all the whisky-fuelled pomposity around her, Nicola finds herself surprisingly moved as the traditional rituals of a Burns Night unfold. What she comes to learn about the eighteenth-century Scots poet, Robert Burns, brings new self-knowledge which will help her through the night's violent emotions and climactic events.

This production brings together acclaimed English short story writer, Helen Simpson, and Liz Lochhead, award-winning dramatist and Scotland's Makar.

Helen Simpson's story 'Burns and the Bankers' is part of her collection 'Hey Yeah Right Get a Life' (Jonathan Cape, 2000); her latest book is 'A Bunch of Fives: Selected Stories' (Vintage Classics, 2012).

Liz Lochhead was appointed as Scotland's national poet in January 2011.

Cast:

London taxi driver ..... Maynard Eziashi

Nicola Beaumont ..... Sophie Thompson

Torquil Cameron ..... John Sessions

Charlie Beaumont ..... Greg Wise

Donald Forfar ..... Peter Forbes

Iain Buchanan ..... David McKay

Susan Buchanan ..... Angela Darcy

Professor Sydney Campbell-Douglas ..... Siobhan Redmond

Gemma Goodman ..... Phoebe Waller-Bridge

Recorded on location at the Caledonian Club, London, with violinist Sam McGregor.

Sound Design: David Chilton

Producer/Director: Amber Barnfather

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

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**WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00k2vdm)**

The House of Special Purpose, Episode 3

David Warner reads John Boyne's haunting novel which travels to the heart of the Russian empire where young imperial family bodyguard Georgy Jachmenev is privy to the secrets of Tsar Nicholas and his circle.  
A newcomer to the royal household, Georgy finds himself accompanying the Tsarevich on a train journey to the Russian army headquarters.

**WED 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvg03)**

The State in Miniature

The home as a microcosm of social order. Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of the home over 400 years.

**WED 14:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00ctfzjz)**

Episode 8

As Emma embarks on a passionate affair, her lover Leon becomes troubled. Stars John Hurt, Sarah Smart and James D'Arcy.

**WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b045kc5r)**

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In the third episode, having altered the course of his life with the decision to start writing music, Cohen faces a creative struggle with those around him in the recording studio. Will the release of Bird on the Wire change his fortunes?

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007js2r)**

The World in Peril, Episode 13

As the asteroid ship flounders, Mitch and Lemmy make a shocking discovery. Sci-fi classic from 1955 stars Andrew Faulds, David Jacobs and Alfie Bass.

**WED 18:30 Off the Page (b00sj9x)**

Shoulda Put A Ring On It

Off The Page presents new writing and provocative debate. In the first programme of the new series Bidisha, Stella Duffy and Harry Benson each arrive in studio with 400 words entitled "Shoulda Put A Ring On It." The title comes from a Beyonce single, and provokes each of our guests in a different way. "Marriage, I am not tempted, writes Bidisha, "it is like all other things I am not tempted by, such as golf, croquet and pole jumping."

Bidisha is the author of three novels, and first signed a publishing deal aged 16.

Harry Benson runs marriage courses for the Bristol Community Family Trust, and is author of Let's Stick Together.

Playwright and novelist Stella Duffy's book "Theodora: Actress, Empress, Where is published later this summer."

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**WED 22:00 State of the Nations (b088fp46)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 22:30 Meet David Sedaris (b01mpb83)**

Series 3, Rubbish; Jesus Shaves

The multi-award winning American essayist brings more of his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 with the final edition in a series of audience readings. This week moving to the British countryside has its downsides exposed in "Rubbish" and the eye-opening experience of learning French at a Paris language school is considered in "Jesus Shaves".

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Boom Pictures Cymru production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b045fzcm)**

Series 3, Penny Pinching and Austerity

Stephen K Amos is joined by Suzi Ruffell, Tom Rhodes and Andy Zaltzman to present a guide to penny pinching and austerity.

Additional material by Stephen Grant and Hugh Sington.

Produced by Colin Anderson.

**WED 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b0085ftc)**

Incy Wincy Quincey

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero present spider pathologist Incy Wincy Quincey and The Archers abroad. From August 1998.

**THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017**

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**THU 06:00 Cadfael (b007jlibb)**

Monk's Hood, Mallilie

Far from helping a murder suspect, Brother Cadfael unwittingly assists the local sheriff.

Ellis Peters' thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael, Ian Hogg as Sergeant William Warden, Ian Targett as Brother Mark, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prior Robert, Timothy Carlton as Martin Belcott and Richard Pearce as Edwin Gurney.

From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

**THU 06:30 Horsepower (b012rgkk)**

Pulitzer prize winning novelist Jane Smiley takes us to the races in California - to the Santa Anita Derby, one of the biggest of the west coast races.

She explains her own love of horses - how horse literature, film and TV helped shape popular culture in the USA when she was growing up and how she came to keep race horses herself. As an owner she had access to the exciting world of horse racing. Her fascination translated into several books including the novel Horse Heaven.

Against the backdrop of an exciting day of racing we hear how the characters, the drama, the money and the risk of racing are fertile ground for a writer - and how the races are a wonderful metaphor for American life more generally.

Producer: Susan Marling

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 07:00 Mark Tavener - In the Red (b007k0hz)**

Episode 5

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

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

A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties. Dramatised in seven-parts by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham from Mark Tavener's novel. Starring Michael Williams as George Cragge, Stephen Moore as Geoffrey Crichton-Potter, Julian Rhind-Tutt as Henry, Barry Foster as Frank Jefferson, Stephen Fry as Controller Radio 2, John Bird as Controller Radio 4, Peter Serafinowicz as Andrew James and Benjamin Whitrow as Dominic De'ath.

Music by Paul Mottram

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

**THU 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b04fyjgb)**

Series 1, Autumn

Episode Four and it's a new season of the year in this Englishman abroad sitcom from Danny Robins (the writer of the Lenny Henry comedy 'Rudy's Rare Records') This series is set and recorded in Sweden and stars Adam Riches, Danny Robins and some of Sweden's most popular TV comedy actors. Geoff, a marginally successful stand-up comic from London, is moving to the tiny, cold and unpronounceable village of Yxsjö in northern Sweden; a culture shock forced on him by his Swedish girlfriend Linda's decision to move home to raise their child. This series follows his first year attempting to settle in his new home, each episode set in a different season.

Geoff has to contend with snow, moose, pickled herring, unemployment, snow, Maypole dancing, snowmobiles, snow, meatball rolling, saunas, social democracy, snow, the weirdest pizzas in Europe, bears, deep forests, death metal, illegal alcohol, snow... Above all he has a new family to contend with. The Andersson's bewilder him - from father Sten (Thomas Oredsson - Crimes of Passion to be broadcast on BBC Four this year), who has a worrying tendency to growl like a bear and threaten him with any blunt instrument to hand to Gunilla (playwright and comedian Anna-Lena Bergelin), who threatens him with naked folk-dancing. It's worth it all for Linda, of course, apart from her new found urge to conform with everything and except for her brother, a Goth with a propensity to set fire to things. And his

fellow immigrants are no less unsettling: Ian (Danny Robins), a divorcee, who has been depressed for the last eight years and Soran (Farshad Kohlgi - The Killing), a Danish Kurd with Swedophobia.

Episode 4 - "Autumn": In which Geoff tries to be different, a heavily pregnant Linda throws a "fika" party and Sten campaigns for re-election

Writer: Danny Robins

Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 08:00 Stop Messing About!** ([b007jx4b](#))

Series 1, Episode 7

Kenneth Williams tells all in his new book, plus spicy goings on in Mexico.

With Hugh Paddick, Joan Sims and announcer, Douglas Smith. After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of Round The Horne were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.

Written by Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Myles Rudge With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1969.

**THU 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show** ([b00kn7yv](#))

From 13/05/1984

From tackling Britain's recession to Film Extra of the Century, it's the ultimate one-man show, written by the host. From May 1984.

**THU 09:00 The Personality Test** ([b007tzff](#))

Series 3, Toyah Willcox

Pop sensation and actress Toyah Willcox tests a panel about herself. With Sue Perkins and Caroline Quinlan. From August 2007.

**THU 09:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four** ([b013dntm](#))

Work Is Freedom

Edward Wilson gets embroiled in mysterious government machinations. Orwellian sitcom starring Robert Lindsay. From March 1985.

**THU 10:00 The Real George Orwell** ([b01pz4cy](#))

Homage to Catalonia, Episode 1

Adapted by Mike Walker. In 1936 Eric and Eileen Blair were making ends meet by running a small village shop in Wallington and growing vegetables. Eric had recently sent 'The Road to Wigan Pier' to Victor Gollancz, hoping it would be published. But then news came from Spain that Franco's Nationalists had risen up against the elected Republican government. In this first episode of his autobiographical account, Eric decides to go to Spain - not just to record the struggle but to fight the Fascists. Unusually tall, and with size 12 feet, he immediately stood out amongst the locals. He joined a badly organised and ill equipped militia, armed with dud bombs and rusty guns. It was a decision that would nearly cost him his life, and produce one of the most vivid accounts of the Spanish Civil War.

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

**THU 11:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales** ([b03xgvp4](#))

The House on the Hill

A young woman's life is protected by the haunting walls of a house within a house. Read by Lily James.

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Producer: Celia de Wolff

Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**THU 11:15 David Gooderson - Death of a Village** ([b0076cd9](#))

In 1917, the Devon fishing village of Hallsands was washed into the sea by a ferocious storm, leaving 25 families homeless.

The underlying cause was not the storm itself, but the dredging of the beach for gravel by government contractors, which had continued despite many warnings of its dangers.

David Gooderson's play is based on contemporary records and looks at the events leading up to the great storm, and the village's subsequent fight for compensation.

Stars June Barrie as Lizzie, Emily Bruni as Young Lizzie, Robin Pirongs as Will and Robert Usher as George.

Producer: Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**THU 12:00 Stop Messing About!** ([b007jx4b](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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**THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime** ([b00k2ydq](#))

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bodyguard Georgy Jachmenev is privy to the secrets of Tsar Nicholas and his circle.

Painful memories flood Georgy's mind as he remembers a betrayal by Zoya and a terrifying accident which befell Alexei while in his care.

**THU 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life** ([b00mfvzz](#))

The Closet

A place for prayer, music and safety. Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the hidden history of the home over 400 years.

**THU 14:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary** ([b00ctvhh](#))

Episode 9

Emma Bovary's complicated and unfulfilled life starts to unravel. Stars John Hurt, Sarah Smart and Jude Akuwudike.

**THU 14:45 Book of the Week** ([b045kc5t](#))

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An intimate look at a man who, despite battles with stage fright and years spent in hermit-like isolation, is still touring and now seems to be reaching a new peak of popularity. Today, disasters threaten Cohen's first European tour, but in Buddhism he finds the spiritual solace which enables him to write the groundbreaking Hallelujah.

Read by Julian Barratt, with Leonard Cohen quotes read by Colin Stinton.

Abridged by: Jo Coombs

Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 15:00 The Real George Orwell** ([b01pz4cy](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 The Personality Test** ([b007tzff](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four** ([b013dntm](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Mark Tavener - In the Red** ([b007k0hz](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:30 The Cold Swedish Winter** ([b04fyjqb](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space** ([b007js56](#))

The World in Peril, Episode 14

Jack Evans reveals the Martians' Earth invasion plans to Lemmy and Mitch. Sci-fi classic from 1955 stars Andrew Faulds and David Jacobs.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives** ([b00bc41s](#))

Series 15, Joyce Grenfell

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris. Arabella Weir nominates Joyce Grenfell, whose comic monologues she listened to and loved as a child. Joyce's biographer and family friend Janie Hampton offers inside information on one of the greatest entertainers of the last century.

**THU 19:00 Stop Messing About!** ([b007jx4b](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 The Michael Bentine Show** ([b00kn7yv](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 20:00 Cadfael** ([b007jibp](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Horsepower** ([b012rgkk](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales** ([b03xgvp4](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**THU 21:15 David Gooderson - Death of a Village** ([b0076cd9](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

**THU 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter** ([b04fyjqb](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Newsjack** ([b08bwvk3](#))

Series 16, Episode 1

Made for 4 Extra. This week's stories bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches, one-liners and vox-pops. Trying to make sense of it all is new host, Angela Barnes.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews** ([b08dd4gp](#))

The best in contemporary comedy.

**THU 23:00 King Cutler** ([b008vt5q](#))

Episode 5

Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler present offbeat humorous songs, stories and poems. With Craig Murray-Orr. From February 1990.

**THU 23:30 Old Harry's Game** ([b00hw1f4](#))

Series 7, Episode 3

The presence of a baby is turning the residents of Hell all soft - Scumspawn becomes the first demon to wear a pappoose, and Satan tries to locate "Satan Junior's" real family.

Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas.

Additional roles played by Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

Written by Andy Hamilton.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

## FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2017

**FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space** ([b007js56](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Great Lives** ([b00bc41s](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Cadfael** ([b007jibp](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Horsepower** ([b012rgkk](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime** ([b00k2ydq](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life** ([b00mfvzz](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary** ([b00ctvhh](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:45 Book of the Week** ([b045kc5t](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 The Real George Orwell** ([b01pz4cy](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 The Personality Test** ([b007tzff](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four** ([b013dntm](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Mark Tavener - In the Red** ([b007k0hz](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 The Cold Swedish Winter** ([b04fyjqb](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Cadfael** ([b007jibp](#))

Monk's Hood, Judgement

With Edwin arrested for murder, Brother Cadfael seeks justice in the local court.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller narrated by Sir Michael Hordern stars Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael, Ian Hogg as Sergeant William Warden, Ian Targett as Brother Mark, Geoffrey Whitehead as Prior Robert, Timothy Carlton as Martin Belcott and Richard Pearce as Edwin Gurney.

From the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

**FRI 06:30 Requiem for a Moth** ([b0106tnr](#))

Britain's enthusiasm for moths gets far less attention than its love of bird watching. But "moth-ing" is a fast growing, sociable recreation that draws us closer to the biodiversity of our cities and countryside.

Martin Wainwright seeks out the men and women who pursue the thousands of brightly coloured species of moth.

Composer Sir Harrison Birtwistle talks about his life-long passion for the insects and how his music, receiving its premiere in October 2012, will pay tribute to their enduring appeal. Martin spends an evening in the woods of Yorkshire welcoming in the new season of moths, and meets Madeleine Moon MP, who reveals why moths are so crucial to our survival and why moth-fancing is a peculiarly British pastime.

Producer: Iain Chambers

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 07:00 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue** ([b007jx6f](#))

Mrs Garland's Good Deeds

"The over 70's keep fit club has got completely out of hand. Mr Critchley. Can't you see how cruel it is expecting pensioners to vault over a horse?"

More crazy happenings for hapless vicar Timothy Carswell. Stephen Sheridan's six-part series stars James Groux as the Reverend Timothy Carswell, Margaret Courtenay as Miss Tilling, Jean Heywood as Miss Tapp, Jacqueline Tong as Hilary and Patricia Hayes as Miss Willow.

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

**FRI 07:30 Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution** ([b06kgvcs](#))

One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman returns to Radio 4 with a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of Survival of the Fittest and The Selfish Gene with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.

Rob is our guide on a journey through a unique audio A-Z of nature that takes in everything from altruistic amoebae and dancing squid to Richard Dawkins wrestling naked with a postal worker.

Piecing these fragments together allows Rob to correct some major distortions of Darwinism, as well as rejig the theory of natural selection in the light of what we now know about epigenetics, mirror neurons and the Flintstones.

Written by Rob Newman

Starring Claire Price, with Jenni Murray as the voice of the Encyclopaedia.

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again** ([b00f40lw](#))

Series 1, Episode 1

Quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and

cinema parodies in the debut show.

Written and performed by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall, Bill Oddie and Anthony Buffery. Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Bill, Graeme and Tim went on to become BBC TV's The Goodies and John Cleese helped found Monty Python's Flying Circus. David Hatch went on to be a producer, Controller and then Managing Director of BBC Radio. Jo Kendall later featured in The Burkiss Way.

Songs by Bill Oddie and Hugh Macdonald.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1964.

**FRI 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jxxg)**

The Seagoon Memoirs

Driving a piano on the Great North Road, Neddie must seek Bloodnok's assistance. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1958.

**FRI 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00kmtcf)**

Series 2, Episode 3

Martin Young's famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Carmen Calil, Fred Housego and Victoria Glendinning. From July 1998.

**FRI 09:30 No Comments (b007jzbf)**

Series 12, Soft Soap

Charlotte's acting career looks set to be revived, but can the same be said for Anna's love life? Stars Celia Imrie. From May 2006.

**FRI 10:00 The Real George Orwell (b01qdr2w)**

Homage to Catalonia, Episode 2

Adapted by Mike Walker. The final episode of Eric Blair's autobiographical account of the Spanish Civil War. The fighting at the front is deadlocked. Freezing temperatures, ancient guns and dud ammunition only add to their woes. Eric's spirits are cheered by a visit from his wife, Eileen, but when they take the train to Barcelona they find the atmosphere changed. Last time there were no class divisions, no masters and servants, only comrades. Now the waiters are calling their customers 'Sir' again. To add to the confusion the different factions of the Left are all fighting each other. Then Georges Kopp is arrested and imprisoned; others are tortured. The Blairs begin to realise they are in terrible danger and must flee for their lives.

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

**FRI 11:00 Kate Mosse - The Mistletoe Bride and Other Haunting Tales (b03xh0ft)**

The Revenant

An old man's guilt will haunt him and not release him until the truth is told. Read by Charlotte Emmerson.

"The Mistletoe Bride and other Haunting Tales" is a collection of haunting short stories written, abridged and introduced by Kate Mosse. They are all inspired by legends and folktales from the French and Sussex Countryside and each story explores the relationship between landscape and emotion. Grief and Guilt. Loss and happiness. They are timeless in their telling, ranging from the mythical past to the present day. Kate Mosse has chosen 5 out of the collection that exemplify the redemption experienced by the various grief stricken men and women as they come to terms with their destiny.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

Made for 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

**FRI 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00gdw49)**

Sarah Daniels - Left in Trust

By Sarah Daniels.

When a young woman decides to write a play about the founder of the National Trust, it leads her to discover secrets about her own family.

With Kenneth Cranham, Sophie Stanton.

Directed by Sally Avens.

**FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jxxg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Cadfael (b007jlbz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Requiem for a Moth (b010t6nr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b00k2yds)**

The House of Special Purpose, Episode 5

David Warner reads John Boyne's haunting novel which travels to the heart of the Russian empire where young imperial family bodyguard Georgy Jachmenev is privy to the secrets of Tsar Nicholas and his circle.

In wartime London, Georgy finds himself recruited by an intelligence agency to translate Russian documents.

**FRI 14:15 Amanda Vickery - A History of Private Life (b00mvg01)**

Every Man's Home Is His Castle

Elaborate rituals of locking up at night, plus records of Old Bailey trials. Amanda Vickery's hidden history of the home over 400 years.

**FRI 14:30 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00cvb4)**

Episode 10

Exhausted from her debts and betrayal, Emma opts for a swift course of action. Stars John Hurt and Sarah Smart.

**FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b045kcih)**

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In the final episode, Cohen begins the 1990s as a hugely successful songwriter, poet and performer. Yet spiritual crises still plague him, and he retreats to the San Gabriel Mountains to spend time with his guru. By 2006, he's forced to start touring again when evidence emerges that a long-time employee and friend may have stolen millions of dollars from him.

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Abridged by: Jo Coombs

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**FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey Into Space (b007js79)**

The World in Peril, Episode 15

Stranded on the surface of the asteroid, Jet Morgan and Doc fight desperately to be rescued. Sci-fi classic from 1956 stars Andrew Faulds and David Jacobs.

**FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b01bwmw6)**

Series 13, Rachmaninov, 2nd Piano Concerto

Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto, which was famously featured in David Lean's film "Brief Encounter", is one of the world's most popular pieces of classical. In this programme people describe the way in which Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto has touched and shaped their lives. The programme features a pianist from Taiwan whose memories of a repressive childhood were dispelled by the emotions contained within this music. Plus a story from an acclaimed pianist from Argentina who was told she would never play the piano again after a serious car accident, but who has recently performed this piece in New York. And finally an account of the place that this piece of passionate and heartfelt music played in the life of John Peel and his family, told by his wife Sheila Ravenscroft.

The concerto is also given historical and musical context in the programme by pianists Peter Donohoe and Howard Shelley.

Producer: Rosie Boulton.

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**FRI 22:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x44lw)**

Series 3, Episode 1

Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas returns for another series in which he collates policies suggested by his studio audience into the People's Manifesto.

This week Mark and the audience consider an agenda which includes a shame-based pay-policy for professional footballers, compulsory relationship MOTs and the public funding of political parties, plus there's "any other business" suggestions from the theatre audience.

Mark also starts to pursue one of the winning policies from last series - that he should invade Jersey.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08dd53f)**

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Andy Zaltzman.

**FRI 23:00 The Boosh (b007jmfj)**

Jungle

Howard and Vince set out to find the zoo's former owner Tommy. Stars Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding. From October 2001.

**FRI 23:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00hr4mz)**

Episode 2

Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the

workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.

Alan has come to the conclusion that he needs to talk to Jane about their relationship.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock.