

SAT 18:00 Bryony Lavery - 272 Attempts (b0076mn4)
An isolated house. The discovery of children's graves. A large number of tagged children in the house. Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery explores the world of genetics. Starring Malcolm Sinclair as Patrick Lear, Penelope Wilton as Helen Lear, Adjoa Andoh as Chisobe Oylele and Deborah Findlay as Dr Serkassie.
Director Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

SAT 19:00 Clowning Around on 4 Extra (b03xc02)
[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]

SAT 22:00 Shappi Talk (b00lszhj)
Series 1, Growing Up in the UK Shappi is joined with black comedian Ava Vidal who'll be looking back at her unusual childhood. Shappi also chats with another related' guest- and this week she talks to author Ben Okri who reveals some amazing story from his childhood with a very alternative father and some childhood challenges.
There'll also be a chance for Shappi to chat with the audience and there'll be a song from Hills Barker.
Producer: Paul Russell
An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08ns9s2)
2017, Episode 2 Made for 4 Extra. Rob Deering and Laura Lexx present highlights from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival in front of a live audience.

SAT 22:35 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00k9dc3)
Series 1, LusiThe Welsh comedian sets out on his quest to free us from the seven deadly sins. With Tim Key and Tim Minchin.

SAT 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08ns9s4)
2017, Episode 3 Made for 4 Extra. Rob Deering and Laura Lexx present highlights from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival in front of a live audience.

SAT 23:10 Colin Hoult's Carnival of Monsters (b036mykr)
Series 1, Episode 1 Master character comedian Colin Hoult presents his much anticipated debut comedy series for BBC Radio 4. Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.
Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Thwor - the mighty (but Leeds-based) god of Thwunder; Len Parker - Nottingham-born martial arts and transformers enthusiast; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and many more.
Writers Guild Award-winner Colin Hoult is best known for his highly acclaimed starring roles in 'Being Human', 'Life's Too Short', and 'Russell Howard's Good News', as well as his many hit shows at the Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared and written for a number of Radio 4 series including 'The Headset Set' and 'Colin and Fergus' Digi-Radio'.
'Lewis Carol meets The League Of Gentlemen'. A beautifully staged masterclass in character comedy' - Time Out
'Comed gold' - Metro
'Delightfully funny' - The Telegraph
Produced by Sam Bryant.

SAT 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08ns9s6)
2017, Episode 4 Made for 4 Extra. Rob Deering and Laura Lexx present highlights from the Machynlleth Comedy Festival in front of a live audience.

SAT 23:45 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hqhzb)
The EnlightenmentThe comedian sets out to validate herself through 18th-century philosophy - even her frog collection. From February 2009.

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SUN 00:00 Bryony Lavery - 272 Attempts (b0076mn4)
[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 01:00 EV Crowe - I Confess: Omnibus (b08ns8fs)
[Repeat of broadcast at [13:00 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08ns8fy)
[Repeat of broadcast at [14:10 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 02:15 Frankly Speaking (b05ndh2t)
[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 02:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrhx)
[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 03:00 Archive on 4 (b03bvp42)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 04:00 Shirley Gee - Moonshine (b065x8fy)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 05:30 Strictly Dance Hall (b0075vmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Saturday](#)]

SUN 06:00 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b8t5g)
Omnibus, part 2 Anna is suspicious of diplomat George Darrow. Can either of them know happiness? Stars Jodhi May, Ben Miles and Sian Thomas.

SUN 07:15 Melissa Murray - Mackerel Fishing (b08nsbbk)
4 Extra Debut. Two young brothers are forced to stay with their foster aunt but they are desperate to return home. Read by Robert Harper.

SUN 07:30 Deborah Frances-White Rolls the Dice (b05r3srd)
Series 1, Episode 2 Comedian Deborah Frances-White tells the true story of her teenage years as a Jehovah's Witness.

Assisted by fellow comedians Thom Tuck, Alex Lowe, and Cariad Lloyd, Deborah recalls her treks around the streets of Brisbane where she gets abducted by a gang of bikers and tries to convert a Cuban jazz musician.
Deborah turns her comic spotlight on the trials of being a trainee witness and of some of the unexpected fellow travellers she meets on the way, including Peter Andre and Michael Jackson.
Producer: Alan Nixon
A So Television production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 The Frankie Howard Variety Show (b007jr6r)
From 07/11/1978 Titters aplenty as Frankie Howard turns agony uncle and has terrible trouble with his announcer.
Plus stars from the world of entertainment - Anita Harris, Aidan J Harvey, George Roper and Bill McGuffie.
Music from the Max Harris Orchestra
Scripted by Rory McGrath, Jimmy Mulville, Peter Gruner, Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran
Producer: Richard Willcox
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1978.

SUN 09:00 Omnibus (b08nsl7s)
Episode 2 There are parallels between Homer's Odyssey and the journeys of refugees today. Poets who are themselves migrants offer new responses to The Odyssey.

SUN 10:10 Inheritance Tracks (b08nsl7v)
Nicholas Evans The Horse Whisperer author Nicholas Evans chooses 'That's My Funeral' by Barry Humphries and Steve Earle's 'Me and the Eagle'.
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08nsl7x)
Honoured Actors, Dame Harriet Walter 4 Extra Debut. From Prokofiev to Nina Simone, actress Dame Harriet Walter shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From June 2011.

SUN 11:00 TED Radio Hour (b08nsl7z)
Series 4, Anthropocene Guy Raz explores whether we are in a new geological age created by human activity? What does that mean for our future?
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

SUN 11:55 The Listening Project (b0418wyh)
Adie and Ruth: Adventure in the BloodFi Glover introduces Adie, who might not have been born if his mother hadn't set off travelling, and Ruth, who might have had fewer worries if Adie hadn't inherited her travel bug - another conversation in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen.
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
Producer: Marya Burgess.

SUN 12:00 The Frankie Howard Variety Show (b007jr6r)
[Repeat of broadcast at [08:00 today](#)]

SUN 13:00 Edith Wharton - The Reef (b00b8t5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]

SUN 14:15 Melissa Murray - Mackerel Fishing (b08nsbbk)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:15 today](#)]

SUN 14:30 Sarah Hall - Wolf Border Omnibus (b05x29w6)
Episode 2 All is not well at Pennington Hall as Rachel's worst fears come to pass. Compelling new novel about wilderness, family, power and love. Read by Hattie Morahan.

SUN 15:45 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qgn)
Four Legs Muybridge Colin Ford discovers how Eadweard Muybridge's photos of animals revolutionised our understanding of movement. From December 1999.

SUN 16:00 Rachel Joyce - Talking (b08nsl82)
"If I drew my town I'd do people with no faces. No ears, no eyes and no tongues."
A Sicilian teenager risks ostracism - and worse - when she bravely speaks out against the Cosa Nostra.
Actress Rachel Joyce's first play stars Sarah-Jane Fenton as Anna, Jilly Bond as Michela, Kenneth Cranham as the Judge, Natasha Pyne as Isabella, Andrew Branch as Pablo, Jonathan Keeble as Gino and Tess Worsley as Ma.
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b03z3lbr)
Ask Me: The Poetry of William Stafford BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Ask Me - the Poetry of William Stafford'.
William Stafford's achievement is extraordinary. He wrote over 20,000 poems, 4,000 of which have been published, in more than 80 books and 2,000 periodicals. But it's the quality of his work that distinguishes him. Stafford was the poetry consultant to the Library of Congress - the post that became the Poet Laureate of the United States, for years he was Oregon's Laureate and he won the National Book Award.
Stafford was born in Kansas in 1914, growing up during the Depression. A conscientious objector, he spent the Second World War in camps, working in forestry. Too exhausted after work he

took to rising early to write, and he continued this practice of daily writing until his death in 1993. For Stafford it was the act of writing that mattered most. Writers who got stuck he advised to, "Lower your standards - and carry on."
His poems are mostly short and accessible, but acquire great depth. They can be tough, too. He was sensitive to landscape, people, animals, nature and history. So it's not surprising that Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath were both admirers.
Poet Katrina Porteous visits Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where for decades Stafford taught, wrote and developed his ideas. His son Kim takes her to the huge William Stafford Archive, as Katrina hears recordings of his readings, meets people who knew him, and students and poets he continues to influence. And she goes out into the wilderness of Oregon to investigate and reflect on the life, outlook and work of this great American poet.
Producer: Julian May
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 17:30 Deborah Frances-White Rolls the Dice (b05r3srd)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Tales of the Bizarre (b007jpx2)
Series 1, Night Call Collect Marooned accidentally on Mars, telephone engineer Barton waits for the rescue rocket and goes on putting up the phone lines. Then one morning - on his 80th birthday - the phone rings.
Ray Bradbury introduces his own thriller dramatised by Brian Sibley.
Starring Kerry Shale.
Directed in Edinburgh by Hamish Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SUN 18:30 Mark Gatiss - The Devil in Amber (b00tkv9s)
Episode 1 Opening in 1920s Manhattan, Edwardian dandy and secret agent, Lucifer Box is in hot pursuit of the dodgy dealer responsible for an influx of cheap cocaine to the city.
Mark Gatiss reads his novel abridged by David Jackson Young. Dashing hero, Lucifer Box is an assassin, spy and sometime portrait painter.
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2010.

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SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08nsl7x)
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SUN 22:00 Deborah Frances-White Rolls the Dice (b05r3srd)
[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]

SUN 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08nsl84)
2017, Episode 5 Made for 4 Extra. Arthur Smith brings you the best of the 2017 Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 22:35 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007k1z6)
Episode 5 The cult BBC Radio 1 series hits Greenwich University, London. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. From November 1993.

SUN 23:05 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08nsl86)
2017, Episode 6 Made for 4 Extra. Arthur Smith brings you the best of the 2017 Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 23:10 The Shuttleworths (b007k4tn)
John Shuttleworth's Open Mind, UFOs The Sheffield singer-songwriter investigates unsolved phenomena, with agent Ken Worthington and guest Patrick Mower. From March 2006.

SUN 23:40 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (b08nsl8b)
2017, Episode 7 Made for 4 Extra. Arthur Smith brings you the best of the 2017 Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 23:45 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hqhzb)
Obscure Animal Facts With her thirst for knowledge unquenched, the comedian aims to become the ultimate quiz show contestant. From March 2009.

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FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b01jlkjk)

Paul French - Midnight in Peking, Episode 5 Read by Crawford Logan.

Author Paul French reveals the true-crime "cold case" that haunted the last days of old Peking.

Summer, 1937. Pamela Werner's unsolved murder is forgotten amidst the violence and chaos of the Japanese invasion of China.

But Pamela's father presses on with his own, unofficial, investigation and makes some shocking discoveries.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

FRI 15:00 Wilkie Collins - No Name (b007jrw2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Who Goes There? (b00ftbnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 No Commitments (b007772z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Hal (b08nk59c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Time Hops (b007k1rg)

Long Time No See Time-hopping has brought the children nothing but trouble. Could a dodgy robot really make things better? Stars Sara Crowe.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b03jb1w1)

Series 17, Strange Fruit "Southern trees bear a strange fruit, blood on the leaves and blood at the root..." Billie Holiday's famous song expresses the horror and anguish of those communities subjected to a campaign of lynching in the American South. Soul Music hears the stories of people whose relatives were lynched by white racists and of the various forms of grief, anger and reconciliation that have followed. These include the cousin of teenager Emmett Till, whose killing in 1955 for whistling at a white woman, added powerful impetus to the civil rights movement.

Despite its association with the deep south, the song was actually composed in 1930's New York by a Jewish schoolteacher, Abel Meeropol. Meeropol adopted the children of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg after they were executed in 1953 as Soviet spies. One of those children, Robert, talks of his adopted father's humanity and his belief that the Rosenbergs were killed in a 'state sanctioned lynching by the American government'. For him, Strange Fruit is a comforting reminder of his adopted father's passionate belief in justice and compassion.

Producer: Maggie Ayre.

FRI 19:00 The Goon Show (b0080hxc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 20:00 Wally K Daly (b007jvfc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Mannequins (b0075zhk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Cries of London (b038x4xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01jxrtk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

FRI 22:00 Hal (b08nk59c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03lph8r)

Series 5, Episode 4 Last in the series of comedy sketches from David Mitchell, Robert Webb, Olivia Colman and James Bachman, including a horror story for slugs; the Escalator brothers inventing the world's first horseless staircase; and the very last programme the BBC ever does...

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08q7czl)

The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Daisy Campbell.

FRI 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00d7jpx)

Series 1, A Youth Utterly Crooked Young Pip must thwart his evil guardian's plans. Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof stars Richard Johnson. From August 2007.

FRI 23:30 Little Britain (b008p522)

Series 2, Episode 2 Back where it started out. Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball TV smash hit without the cameras. From February 2002.