

SATURDAY 29 JULY 2017

SAT 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007ncpf)

Only You Can Save Mankind, Episode 3 Johnny has the flu and just wants to go to bed, but the ScreeWee Captain is still in trouble. Terry Pratchett's sci-fi adventure with Tim Smith.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b040hx6j)

Series 18, Something Inside So Strong Labi Siffre wrote Something Inside So Strong in 1984. Widely believed to have been inspired by seeing film footage from South Africa, of young blacks being shot at by white policeman, he now reveals that the lyrics were also informed by the oppression he had experienced as a homosexual.

The song has been taken up by individuals and groups around the world who have suffered from discrimination. The Choir With No Name in Birmingham, made up of homeless singers, always close their concerts with the song. Choir members explain why it's so important to them, giving them a sense of pride and dignity.

The American singer Suede, talks about the power she finds in the song and the South African singer, Lira talks about making a special recording of it for the birthday of Nelson Mandela, as it was one of his favourite pieces. We hear how Celtic football fans sing it as an act of solidarity with their beleaguered manager, Neil Lennon.

In his first interview for over a decade Siffre explains how he still sings the songs as he tries to put his life back together after the death of his partner, Peter.

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

SAT 01:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (b08vrick)

Series 3, Murder on the Riviera Can con man Harry keep his post-war scam in France on track after he meets a woman with a dead man?

Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.

The films of Orson Welles, such as 'Citizen Kane', 'The Magnificent Ambersons' and 'Touch of Evil' guaranteed his place in the pantheon of silver-screen heroes.

In the celebrated 1949 film adaptation of Graham Greene's novel 'The Third Man', Harry Lime is introduced as one of cinema's most notorious anti-heroes. Sought in post-war Vienna by pulp writer Holly Martins [Joseph Cotton] and British Army Major Calloway [Trevor Howard], Lime manages to steal the show despite being absent for much of it!

This 1951-52 radio prequel to the film, 'The Lives of Harry Lime' earned Welles even more acclaim. His distinctive tones had already served him well as the radio voice of 'The Shadow' between 1937 and 1938, where he portrayed the crusader with distinctly questionable means of thwarting crime.

Stripped of the film cameras, the character of Harry Lime is not ameliorated for this radio outing. He's an out and out rogue. Lime made it to the airwaves thanks to another Harry - Harry Alan Towers, with whom Welles collaborated on 'The Black Museum'. Like its eponymous anti-hero, this series travelled widely, being syndicated across the USA and on Radio Luxembourg.

The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.

Produced by Towers of London.

SAT 01:20 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pgvde)

Series 1, Dragons Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

What did Sir David do when he was confronted by a ten-foot-long grey-scaled reptile, with a long yellow forked tongue whipping in and out of its mouth? He didn't run and, in fact, was one of the first to film it: the Komodo dragon.

SAT 01:30 Peter and the Wolf (b0076vxxg)

4 Extra Debut. Pianist and entertainer Rainer Hersch assesses the classic children's musical. With Terry Wogan and Angela Rippon. From December 2005.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mf84j)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 5 Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in MI5 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore.

Episode 5

Serena's affair with Max Greatorex is not progressing as she'd hoped, but a new love interest emerges as she embarks on her Sweet Tooth mission and meets young writer Tom Haley. Then Max tells her the devastating truth about Tony Canning, the lover who recruited her.

Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.

SAT 02:15 Plants: From Roots to Riches (b04dqwyh)

The Great Providers Prof Kathy Willis concludes her major new history series by asking how much plant biodiversity is worth, and examines new research into securing the future of our staple crops.

Understanding the distribution, diversity and potential of plants for food, lay at the heart of the 18th century botanical impresario Joseph Banks' vision to "improve Britain's estates of the world". To secure future resilience of crops in today's world there's a growing need to conserve the closest wild relatives of our staple crops.

Kathy Willis discovers, given climatic threats to some of our most substantial crops such as coffee - for which the industry currently depends on a single species, the economic value of wild relatives of today's domestic crops is considerable. And as we hear, some important future crops are still to be found from previously overlooked plants.

With contributions from Richard Thompson, Business valuations partner at Price-Waterhouse Cooper; historian Jim Endersby; head of coffee research at Kew, Aaron Davis; Kew's head of

yams Paul Wilkin.

Producer Adrian Washbourne

Music for the series was composed by Mark Russell.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b03b2z9z)

Al Smith - Life in the Freezer, Tarragon Chicken With Limeby Al Smith

The family gather to scatter their mother's ashes and find themselves throwing a party.

At 66 June Cartwright finally lost her battle with Ovarian Cancer.

She didn't fear death but what would happen to her family after she'd gone, for she knew she was the emotional glue that kept them together. For June, food was everything. A family that eats together, stays together.

June may have left behind her a husband and two children. What they will soon discover is that she also left behind fifty frozen meals, perfectly cooked to their tastes which serve to guide them through their grief, together.

This series charts five meals, spread across six months during which the Cartwright family pull themselves apart, back together, and figure out how to move on after their mothers death.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b01m451j)

Daniel Tammet - Thinking in Numbers, The Art of Maths Written by Daniel Tammet.

Read by James Anthony Pearson.

Daniel Tammet's essay, taken from his new collection, explores how beauty and creativity inform the work of mathematicians. Daniel Tammet is hailed the world over for his unique intelligence shaped by high-functioning autistic savant syndrome. His idiosyncratic world view provides new perspectives on the universal questions of what it is to be human and how we make meaning in our lives.

Abridged and produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

SAT 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b08lk6rg)

5-9 June 1917 The final omnibus of Season 10, Our Daily Bread, set in Folkestone, in the week, in 1917, when biggest man-made explosion in history removed Messines Ridge.

Cast

Eric Morton Paul Rainbow

Gabriel Graham Michael Bertenshaw

Isabel Graham Keely Beresford

Florie Wilson Claire Rushbrook

Ralph Winwood Nick Murchie

Mrs Grimes Amelia Brown

Anna White Amelia Lowdell

Kitty Wilson Ami Metcalf

Maisie Harris Cassie Layton

Alice Macknade Claire Louise Cordwell

Hilary Pearce Craigie Els

Adeline Lumley Helen Schlesinger

Albert Wilson Jamie Foreman

Sylvia Graham Joanna David

Reporter John Bowler

Walter Hamilton Joseph Kloska

Juliet Cavendish Lizzie Bourne

Esme Macknade Katie Angelou

Gabriel Graham Michael Bertenshaw

Oscar Hendrickx Pierre Elliot

Joan Edkins Rachel Davis

Dorothea Winwood Rachel Shelley

Alfred Norris Richard Curnow

Eleanor Tanney Sarah Ridgeway

Norman Harris Sean Baker

Wampach Simon Treves

Jane Underdown Susan Porrett

Alec Poole Tom Stuart

Peter Lumley Bea White

Written by Katie Hims

Directed by Ciaran Bermingham & Jessica Dromgoole

Story-led by Sarah Daniels

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Composer: Matthew Strachan

Consultant Historian: Maggie Andrews

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Season 11 - focusing on Madness and Trauma, and set in

Folkestone, will begin on 31 July.

SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0075zbx)

Series 4, Episode 6 Martin Young presents the biographical quiz show. Francis Whene and Fred Housego captain the teams, with guests Claire Rayner and David Aaronovitch. From October 1984.

SAT 04:30 Gush (b050h4wd)

Episode 3 Cravate and Pomeroy face execution. Can Lady

Arabella win them a last-minute reprieve? Stars Martin Jarvis.

From December 1994.

SAT 05:00 Safety Catch (b00fc4vp)

Series 1, Show Me You Care Guilt-ridden arms dealer Simon McGrath cares about the world and his needy girlfriend. Stars Darren Boyd. From September 2007.

SAT 05:30 It's Funny and It's True (b08yn1xk)

Series 1, 23/07/2017 Comedy is at its most powerful when it takes on our darkest fears and hardest times, and transforms them into laughter. Julia Sutherland looks into the corners of fellow stand up comedians' lives - performers who have chosen to share their deeply personal stories on stage to give a voice to issues otherwise overlooked. They have overcome their troubles and empowered themselves and many others to laugh at the things you're not supposed to laugh at.

Through comedy, Julia shows that sometimes it's OK not to be

OK.

In this first episode, Julia meets Janey Godley. Brought up in near-Dickensian squalor in the tough East End of Glasgow, Janey has faced sexual abuse, murder within the family, violence, sectarianism and more. She has coped with everything her life has thrown at her by turning each challenge and tragedy into hilarious stand-up comedy. Her own empowerment has given a voice to thousands of others by shattering taboos and breaking emotional shackles.

Julia also meets Heather Ross, who has toured the world with her show Rape is Real and Everywhere. Through her stand up she has touched the lives of thousands of people who have had similar experiences, and has found relief in sharing her candid account and extremely dark humour. This is a very personal story told from a unique point of view.

A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Trevor Hoyle - Randle's Scandals (b007rdry)

After colliding with a Blackpool tram, saucy Lancashire comedian Frank Randle is admitted to hospital for psychiatric observation...

Trevor Hoyle's play stars Keith Clifford who won the 1993 Sony Radio Award for Best Actor for his lead role. The action follows sessions with his doctor taking Randle right back to his Wigan childhood.

Frank Randle (1901 - 1957) rose to fame as a 1940s variety hall act. His volatile nature led to runs in with censors, but he's now widely regarded as an under-rated performer.

With Russell Dixon as Gus Aubrey, Melissa Jane Sinden as Queenie, Saskia Downes as Peggy and Malcolm Raeburn as the Doctor.

Directed at BBC Manchester by Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 07:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8nxh)

Paul O'Grady - The Bona History of Julian and Sandy 4 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season welcomes the fantabulosa Paul O'Grady to talk polari - and solve some mysteries of the gay slang - with host, Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

The Bona History of Julian and Sandy:

Maureen Lipman's vada at the legendary omi-polones from 'Round the Horne', as portrayed by Kenneth Williams and Hugh Paddick.

Featuring Hugh Paddick, Kenneth Williams, Betty Marsden, Barry Took and Kenneth Horne.

Just the catchphrase of the legendary camp double-act 'Hello, I'm Julian and this is my friend Sandy' was enough to spark audience laughter. Thanks to the sharply written scripts of Barry Took and Marty Feldman, Paddick and Williams helped introduce the camp gay language of polari to BBC listeners over four series between 1965 - 1968.

Each week, straight man Kenneth Horne found himself trolling into a variety of bona scenarios, being mercilessly sent up by the innuendo-loving duo.

Lipman explains more of the mysteries of speaking polari, along with classic Round the Horne clips from Bona Law, Rentachap, Bona Tours, Ballet Bona and Bona Productions.

Written and produced by Turan Ali.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01n5z3n)

A Life Less Ordinary, Sandra Gregory In the first part of a new series of 'A Life Less Ordinary', Sandra Gregory goes back over the coverage of the dramatic events that saw her placed firmly under the media spotlight. In 1993, she attempted to smuggle heroin out of Thailand in a bid to earn enough money to get home to the UK, was arrested and initially faced the prospect of the death penalty. Instead she spent over seven years in prison - first in Bangkok, then in Britain. Gregory talks candidly about the shame she felt upon seeing the TV cameras through the prison bars for the first time, knowing that the pictures would be relayed back home for her family and friends to see. We hear from journalists who visited her during her years in the so-called Bangkok Hilton prison, and she meets one of those columnists who had condemned her actions and shown little sympathy for her situation, given the severity of the crime she'd committed. Gregory also describes how she contemplated suicide while inside, and the mixed feelings she experienced when her parents finally ended their media silence to begin campaigning on her behalf.

At the point when Bosnia and Maastricht were dominating the headlines, the story of one individual's crime and punishment broke through and captured the nation's attention. Now the one person unable at the time to follow the coverage of the story because she was in prison, gets the opportunity to revisit her own story and describe what happens when an ordinary life becomes the subject of massive public and media scrutiny.

SAT 09:00 It's a Painful Business: On the Hour with Eddie Mair (b015b2k)

BBC Radio 4 PM presenter Eddie Mair reveals why he joined the Newsroom in his celebration of the landmark radio series On the Hour.

Featuring:

On the Hour Series 1 ep 4/5

Chris Morris hosts the news spoof, and the sport must go on for bereaved Alan Partridge. With Steve Coogan. From August 1991.

On the Hour Series 2 ep 2/6

Alan Partridge is at the Olympics. Barbara Wintergreen is in America. Chris Morris fronts the news satire. From April 1992
On the Hour Series 2 ep 6/6
An outside broadcast goes down, and a bluebottle rampages across Essex. Chris Morris fronts the news satire. From May 1992.

Knowing Me, Knowing You

Aha! Alan Partridge faces up to a nine-year-old prodigy, a hypnotist and a bad boy lawyer. Stars Steve Coogan. From December 1992.

Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive

The funny man's radio drop-in centre tackles Live 8 and white-collar boxing matches. With David Mitchell. From June 2005.

On the Hour Christmas Special

All the festive headlines. Chris Morris hosts the steaming lambéed news spoof. With Steve Coogan. From December 1991.

SAT 12:00 Living With the Enemy (b0077154)

Episode 1 Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth star as a comedian who is now a holistic therapist and a Tory MP who is now a media figure. From November 2006.

SAT 12:30 Stop Messing About! (b00qtdnd)

Series 2, Episode 1A bijou male voice choir present their bona repertoire.

Starring Kenneth Williams, 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 Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer.

With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.

SAT 13:00 Marcy Kahan - Lunch (b05n7vy3)

Series 5 Omnibus Comedy by Marcy Kahan about two old flatmates who meet once a month for lunch to discuss everything except how they feel about each other. Stars Stephen Mangan and Claire Skinner.

SAT 14:10 Gay Britannia (b08z8nxt)

Ben Hunte Meets Stephanie Hirst 4 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season welcomes broadcaster Stephanie Hirst, who talks frankly to Ben Hunte about her gender reassignment and memorable LGBT moments.

The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SAT 14:15 Down Your Way (b08z8ny0)

Peter Tinniswood in Morecambe Bay and Leighton

Moss Playwright Peter Tinniswood explores the winter wildlife at the RSPB bird reserve on the Lancashire coast.

Down Your Way was one of the BBC's longest-running radio series - starting on the BBC Home Service in 1946 and ending its run on BBC Radio 4 in 1992. Using a variety of hosts, including Richard Dimbleby and Brian Johnston, the programme toured villages, towns and cities across the UK. At the height of its success in the 1950s, the series was attracting 10 million listeners a week.

Playwright Peter Tinniswood continued a prolific writing career until his death in 2003, from cancer, aged 66.

Producer: Jim Marshall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01n5z3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Trevor Hoyle - Randle's Scandals (b007rdry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8nxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00pf12m)

Episode 1A psychologist is sent to a rundown space station to find out what has happened to its crew. When his long-dead young wife turns up, he suddenly finds himself in serious trouble. Stanislaw Lem's famous modern sci-fi classic dramatised by Hattie Naylor.

Starring Ron Cook as Kris, Stuart Richman as Sartoris, Tim McMullan as Snow, Joanne Froggatt as Rheyra and Maxine Burth as the Woman.

Music by Alice Trueman

Sound Design: Steve Brooke

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 19:00 It's a Painful Business: On the Hour with Eddie Mair (b015bf2k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vhc7)

Series 1. The St George's Flag Comedian Richard Herring reclaims those things we have given a bad name to. This week he's reclaiming the English National Flag from any associations with far right extremists. Why does the man and woman on the street have no idea when St George's day is? Who is St George?

Richard asks a vexillologist (flag expert) about how flags have come to symbolise nations. He also talks to anthropologist Kate Fox who has studied the behaviour of the English, about why the English are not natural flag waving patriots. The show was recorded in front of an audience.

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith "

SAT 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01n1rpw)

Series 2, Episode 4 John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, regular guest on The Now Show and popper-upper in things like Miranda and Family Guy, records a second series of his hit sketch show.

The first series was described as "sparklingly clever" by The Daily Telegraph and "one of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" by The Guardian. It featured Winnie the Pooh coming to terms with his abusive relationship with honey, how The Archers sounds to people who don't listen to the Archers and how Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde decided whose turn it was to do the washing up.

This episode doesn't feature any of those things, but it does feature some other things, and don't worry, they're funny too.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is written by and stars John Finnemore. It also features Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan. It is produced by Ed Morrish.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08zrd7b)

Phil Wang 1/2 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Phil Wang.

SAT 23:00 The Mark Steel Solution (b007jzk8)

Series 1, Government Economic Policy Should Be Decided By Sport Radical proposals to improve our lives, with the comedian's athletic revolution. With Pete Sinclair. From November 1992.

SAT 23:30 The Headset Set (b01ntjgh)

Series 2, Episode 3 EPISODE 3

Audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything.

Aleasha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith

Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hoult Various Lucy Montgomery

Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Phaldut sharma Writers Various

Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Life in the Freezer - Omnibus (b03h8sm9)

Omnibus. Made for 4 Extra. The Cartwright family feel the loss of their mother. However, she has left five meals to help them cope. Starring David Warner.

SUN 07:15 Tony Bagley - History (b007566z)

4 Extra Debut. A store detective broods over his wife's infidelity and desertion during World War II. Read by Anthony Bate.

SUN 07:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8nxt)

Paul O'Grady - Round the Horne with Bona Law Paul O'Grady reflects on the rise of his alter-ego, drag queen character, Lily Savage. More from incomparable broadcaster in conversation with 4 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Round the Horne Series 3 (2/20) with Bona Law

Will bona lawyers Julian and Sandy get to handle Kenneth

Horne's briefs? and crossed swords in 'The Three Musketeers'.

Co-starring Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Round the Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double entendres.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street,

London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1967.

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b013pdbl)

The Play's the Thing Barbara is playing Ophelia in the school show - could this be her big break?

Starring real-life American family: Ben Lyon and his wife Bebe Daniels and their children, Richard and Barbara.

With Doris Rogers as Florrie, Molly Weir as Aggie, Horace Percival as Mr Wimple, David Enders and Hugh Morton.

Life With the Lyons was one of the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Bill Harding.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1952.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b067132)

From 15/08/1961 Professor Jimmy Edwards finds himself up before the magistrate, accused of excessive use of the cane. With Roddy Maude-Roxby and Frederick Treves.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentfolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, M.A. never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents. Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95 pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden and adapted for radio by David Climie.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1961.

SUN 09:00 Morten Stroknes - Shark Drunk: Omnibus (b08z8sy9)

A true story portraying the art of catching a large shark from a tiny rubber dinghy in a big ocean. Read by Adrian Scarborough.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b046p4np)

Mark and Alys - Words and Pictures Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a writer and an illustrator; creating their first children's book together has been an interesting 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

Producer: Marya Burgess.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08z8t3v)

Stagecraft. Simon McBurney 4 Extra Debut. From Aretha Franklin to Shostakovich, actor and director Simon McBurney shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From July 2012.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b08z8x1n)

Series 5, Live from the World Science Festival True stories told live in the USA: Adam Gopnik introduces stories with a science flavour from the Lincoln Center in New York City.

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 Inheritance Tracks (b07g7zw)

Alan Partridge Steve Coogan helps the broadcasting legend to choose 'Who Put the Bomp' by Barry Mann and the theme from 'Grandstand' by Keith Mansfield.

SUN 12:00 Life With the Lyons (b013pdbl)

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SUN 14:30 Rachel Joyce - The Music Shop Omnibus (b08z8x1q)

Episode 2 Omnibus: The Music Shop reopens. However Frank's latest music lesson causes Ilse to reveal a painful secret. Written and read by Rachel Joyce.

SUN 15:40 The Old Road (b0075qyf)

On Foot through the Surrey Hills Patrick Muirhead retraces writer Hilaire Belloc's 1899 journey along the Pilgrims' Way, through the Surrey Hills. From December 1999.

SUN 15:55 Gay Britannia (b08z8x87)

Maurice 1/2 Award-winning lesbian publisher, Linda Riley shares

her unforgettable LGBT moments with Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Maurice by EM Forster. Part 1/2

Maurice Hall is an unremarkable young man from the suburbs whose journey to self-understanding is furthered by his intense but platonic relationship with a young aristocrat Clive Durham. A tale of passion, defiance and sexual-awakening, Maurice was written in 1914 but not published until after EM Forster's death in 1970.

Starring Alex Wyndham as Maurice, Bertie Carvel as Clive, Joseph Kloska as Alec, Jasmine Callan as Kitty, Amy Hayes as Miss Olcott, John Douglall as Doctor Barry, Josh Freeborn as Young Maurice and Piers Stubbs as Young Dickie.

Dramatised by Philip Osment

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0075gg0)

Fine Lines: Linda France and Roy FisherBBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry with 'Fine Lines': featuring Linda France and Roy Fisher.

Christopher Cook's guest poets look at the connections between jazz and poetry.

Producer: Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

SUN 17:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8s18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Afternoon Drama (b03mjcb9)

Katie Hims - Listening to the Dead, Tuesday's Childby Katie Hims, Tuesday grows up assuming her mother abandoned her, despite the voices in her dreams that try to tell her otherwise

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SUN 18:45 Ray Bradbury - The Smile (b05r71hf)

In a post-apocalyptic city, any semblance of past beauty is viewed with derision. Read by Peter Whitman.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b08z8x1n)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Justin Moorhouse - The Big Am I (b00h34d9)

About to become a dad for a second time, Manchester's Justin Moorhouse has a nagging doubt he may not have got it right the first time round. Mixing stand-up and sketches and aided by a great comedy cast, Justin asks himself a big question - am I a good dad? Written and performed by Justin Moorhouse with additional material by Jim Poyser. Also featuring John Thomson, Steve Edge and Janice Connolly.

Produced by Ben Walker.

SUN 22:30 Gloombsbury (b040014b)

Series 2, Desperate for a Thumbs-UpAt last, Ginny Fox has finished her rewrite of Borlando and rushes it off to her friend and confidante, Vera Sackcloth-Vest, for appraisal. Meanwhile, DH Lollipop has just completed a rewrite of Lady Hattersley's Plover and is nervously awaiting the critical verdict of Lionel Fox. Never have two literary giants been so eager to have their geniuses confirmed, but self-doubt plagues their every waking hour.

Due to a series of unfortunate coincidences, involving Lionel's inability to remember addresses and Vera's obsession with creating a new Blue Garden at Sizzlinghust, which involves her sending off for hundreds of new plants by mail order and storing them in Gosling's shed, the manuscripts go missing.

What the writers interpret as a literary thumbs-down from their readers is nothing more than misdirected-mail. Friendships are strained to breaking point, while Ginny and Vera try to guess what the other is thinking and Mrs Gosling burns DH Lollipop's filthy manuscript when she accidentally comes across it and reads it from cover to cover.

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b08zrdc9)

Phil Wang 2/2The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Phil Wang.

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b008cy0w)

Series 1, AdoptionThe social worker gets noisy new neighbours - but what is her rich sister Emma after? Stars Sally Phillips. From December 2004.

SUN 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007vnmj)

Series 1, Episode 4Tom proposes marriage to Sadie with some help from his 'imaginary' band. Stars Suggs and Bob Monkhouse. From August 2001.

MONDAY 31 JULY 2017

MON 00:00 Afternoon Drama (b03mjcb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Ray Bradbury - The Smile (b05r71hf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Life in the Freezer - Omnibus (b03b8sm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Tony Bagley - History (b007566z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Rachel Joyce - The Music Shop Omnibus (b08z8x1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 The Old Road (b0075qvf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:55 Gay Britannia (b08z8x87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:55 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0075gg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8x81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Gay Britannia (b08z8y5)

Compromised Immunity 1/2HIV activist Greg Owen shares his unforgettable LGBT moments with 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Compromised Immunity. Part 1/2

A male nurse on a terminal ward develops a close relationship with an AIDS patient.

One of Britain's first AIDS plays, written by Andy Kirby for the Gay Sweatshop Theatre Company in 1986. Adapted by Craig Warner.

Starring Michael Cashman as Gerry, Phil Daniels as Peter, Emma Fielding as Marie, Ann Windsor as Miss Coates and Richard Sandells as Hugh/Ian.

Producer: Turan Ali

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

MON 06:30 Between Rock and a Good Cause (b008fbc)

John Wilson tells the story of American music promoter Bill Graham. Through his work with the top bands of the day, Graham pioneered big concerts in well-equipped venues and was the first to use rock music to raise money for good causes. Contributors include Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood, biographer Robert Greenfield and British promoter Harvey Goldsmith.

MON 07:00 Living With the Enemy (b007719g)

Episode 2Can ex-minister Gyles manage to stay a little longer in Nick's flat? Stars Nick Revell and Gyles Brandreth. From November 2006.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08vncv1)

Series 67, Episode 5The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. Regulars Barry Cryer and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by Jeremy Hardy and Jan Ravens with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 To the Manor Born (b007jpzw)

The Rhythms of the EarthAudrey educates the new squire into the ways of the Lord of the Manor.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey forbes-Hamilton, Keith Barron as Richard De Vere, Angela Thorne as Marjory Frobisher, Nicholas McArdle as Brabinger, Margery Withers as Mrs Polouviccka and Frank Middlemass as Ned.

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey forbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate when her husband's death leaves her financially strapped. With butler Brabinger in tow, they've decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage.

From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on the estate's new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere, a wholesale foods magnate of Czech descent.

First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1977.

Adapted for radio by Peter Spence from his TV script.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1997.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

Series 2, When Did You Last See Your Money?Corporal Jones panics when he misplaces £500 for the servicemen's canteen. Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Ian Lavender as Private Pike and Arnold Ridley as Godfrey.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snood and Michael Knowles.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b01c7wx4)

Series 15, HG WellsThis week the teams look at the life and work of one of the father's of Science Fiction and creator of such famous works as "The Time Machine" and "War of the Worlds", H.G. Wells.

Team captains, Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh, are helped out by journalist and critic, Alex Clark and comedy writer, John O'Farrell as they set more literary challenges by host, James Walton.

For the finale, the teams must also put themselves in Wells' shoes (he was famous for making predictions about the future, some prescient, some very much not so) and make their own prophesies for 2012.

MON 09:30 North East of Eden (b01h0kpm)

Episode 5Mad Max versus the French resistance. Or rather, two rival island film nights fight it out. Stars Rebecca Front. From July 1997.

MON 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012yvw3)

Episode 11943: Margaret Steggles moves to bomb-damaged London to take up her new teaching job.

Through a dropped ration book, she meets the Challises, who live at Westwood, an elegant house in Highgate. The Challis family have great charm, and, with the casual selfishness of the privileged, they soon take advantage of Margaret's slavish admiration.

Stella Gibbons' gentle comedy adapted by Lynne Truss. Starring Rosemary Leach as the Narrator/Lady Challis, Juliet Aubrey as Margaret Steggles, Michael Fenton Stevens as Gerard Challis, Saffron Burrows as Hilda Wilson, Caroline Harker as Hebe Niland, Mia Soteriou as Zita Mandelbaum, Phyllida Nash as Seraphina Challis and Jonathan Nibbs as Dick Fletcher.

Producer: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 11:00 Stories From the South Downs (b03f8832)

The Coffin GateA series of readings from new writers to radio evoking the South Downs. Recorded in front of an audience at the Church of St Pancras, Kingston (near Lewes) - a little village nestled at the bottom of the Downs.

Episode 3: The Coffin Gate by Ruth Figgist

Louise is ten years older than her husband Leon and one day, while walking across the Downs with their young family, they discover that perhaps they are not the happy family they thought they may have been. Leon's controlling ways and attitudes, suggesting a spoilt mummy's boy, are enough to bring things to a head and give Louise the strength to realise her emotions have been buried in the coffin that is her marriage.

Read by Sian Thomas

Director: Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01mwkxk)

Sally Griffiths - Clean SlateA gripping drama about missing memories and recapturing the past by Sally Griffiths. Ellen Maynard has no recollection of who she used to be following a freak accident. Her husband, Anthony, is determined to win back the woman he loves, whatever the cost.

Starring Amelia Bullmore (Scott and Bailey and Twenty Twelve) as Ellen and Jamie Glover (Noises Off) as Anthony.

Directed by Gemma Jenkins

The writer

Filming has just finished on Sally's second script for the TV series, Midsomer Murders, which she co-wrote with her screenwriting partner, Rachel Cupperman. Their first Midsomer script, Sacred Trust, was broadcast last year. Sally's debut radio play, Haunted, which aired in January 2011, garnered excellent reviews and has been nominated for the prestigious Imison Award.

MON 12:00 To the Manor Born (b007jpzw)

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MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

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MON 13:00 Gay Britannia (b08z8y5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Between Rock and a Good Cause (b008fbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk010)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 6Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in MI5 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore.

Episode 6

Serena and the writer she's grooming, Tom Haley, become lovers. Serena now has two major problems: Tom's novel is exactly what her superiors don't want him to write, and - more pressingly - she is unable to be honest with him about who she is and what she's doing.

Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.

MON 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00ph6sc)

Series 1, ArchaeopteryxSeries of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Sir David recounts the remarkable story of a feather, like any other feather from a bird - only it was 150 million years old, and the animal that lost it lived when birds had not yet evolved.

MON 14:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9kbf)

Tales of the City, series 1, ep 1/5Inspirational gay journalist Dean Eastmond tells Ben Hunte about his brave cancer battle and shares his unforgettable LGBT moment.

Followed by:

Tales of the City, by Armistead Maupin San Francisco, 1976: Mary Ann Singleton, a naive young woman from Cleveland, Ohio arrives in San Francisco for a vacation. She's hoping for adventure. Deciding to stay, she needs to find a home and a job...

A portrait of a free and easy era with the drug and sex counter-culture in full swing.

Starring Kate Harper as Anna Madrigal, Lydia Wilson as Mary Ann, Nancy Crane as Dede, Buffy Davis as Mona, Lou Hirsch as Edgar, Bernice Stegers as Frannie and John Guerrasio as

Beauchamp.

Director: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b071skp7)

The Real Henry James, Europe v America Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 1: Europe versus America.

Was James English or American? The British tend to regard him as American, the Americans as British. Although born in America, James's wealthy, eccentric father moved the family around constantly - to France, England, Switzerland, Boston - so the young James never felt settled in America. In fact, Henry James lived more of his life in his adopted country of England than in his native America. At the end of his life, he took British nationality in 1915 as a gesture of solidarity and as a protest against American neutrality in the First World War. But in some ways he always remained an outsider, and felt an outsider in both cultures.

James' writing gives us an insight into both societies. After he'd settled in London he composed a negative catalogue about his homeland - the tone hovers somewhere between real critique and self-mockery of the Englishman's snobbery about Americans. The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Home of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012yw3g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b01c7wx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 North East of Eden (b01h0kpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Living With the Enemy (b007719g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08vncyi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jy0y)

The Children of Witchwood, Episode 1 Jackie Lamont, a student at a local college, goes missing mysteriously. And when she reappears, just as mysteriously, she seems to have somehow been given special telepathic powers.

Meanwhile, the Cranford Family have guarded a secret for hundreds of years - and Jackie Lamont is a threat.

But BQ Brown of the Ministry of Defence is investigating a possible link between the burning of six children as witches in the 17th century and Jackie's disappearance.

Starring Wendy Baxter as Jackie Lamont, Emily Chenery as Mandy Lamont and Michael Cochrane as the Sergeant.

Director: Jenny Stephens.

A five-part story originally made for BBC7 in 2005.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076mlc)

Clare Boylan and Guy Browning Sue MacGregor and her guests - Irish writer, Clare Boylan and marketing guru, Guy Browning - discuss books by Damon Galgut, Penelope Fitzgerald and John Steinbeck. From 2004.

The Good Doctor, by Damon Galgut

Publisher: Atlantic Books

The Blue Flower, by Penelope Fitzgerald

Publisher: Flamingo

Sweet Thursday, by John Steinbeck

Publisher: Penguin Classics.

MON 19:00 To the Manor Born (b007jpzw)

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MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

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MON 20:00 Gay Britannia (b08z8vw5)

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MON 20:30 Between Rock and a Good Cause (b008fbnc)

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MON 21:00 Stories From the South Downs (b03f8832)

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MON 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01mwxxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08vncyi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 The Consultants (b0628g9r)

Series 4, Episode 5 Two travellers stumble upon a very unusual pub quiz. Neil Edmond and James Rawlings' cerebral sketches. From November 2005.

MON 23:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08vrsdf)

Series 11, Episode 1 This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his new curator, the brilliant Romesh Ranganathan welcome a high-powered media executive who was persuaded by none other than Joan Rivers to become a stand-up comedian, Cally Beaton; the wonderfully funny comedy actor from Smack The Pony, I'm Alan Partridge, Green Wing and Miranda, Sally

Phillips; and consultant in cellular pathology at Peterborough City Hospital and president of the Royal College of Pathologists, Suzy Lishman.

This week, the Museum's Guest Committee offer as exhibits the entire population of the Netherlands; Richard III's foot bones; and a knitted tea-cosy to cover the entire Museum.

The show was researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner. The production coordinator was Tamara Shillham.

The producers were Richard Turner and James Harkin.

It was a BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:30 Vent (b00tp80h)

Series 2, Mary's Girl Child Comatose Ben celebrates Christmas, as the nativity plays out in his unconscious mind. Stars Neil Pearson. From September 2007.

TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2017

TUE 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jy0y)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Between Rock and a Good Cause (b008fbnc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk0l0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00ph6sc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8vw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08vncyi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Gay Britannia (b08z8vw5)

Compromised Immunity 2/2 Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the second and final part of the bitter-sweet drama.

After developing a close relationship on the terminal ward, AIDS patient Gerry has taken the news of his nurse Peter's transfer to another hospital very badly...

One of Britain's first AIDS plays written by Andy Kirby for the Gay Sweatshop Theatre Company in 1986. Adapted by Craig Warner.

Starring Michael Cashman as Gerry, Phil Daniels as Peter, Emma Fielding as Marie, Ann Windsor as Miss Coates and Richard Sandells as Hugh/Ian.

Producer: Turan Ali

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

TUE 06:30 Dreaming By the Pool (b0075klj)

Jack Dee takes a humorous look at the history of the back-garden swimming pool and tells tales of how pool desires inevitably lead to disaster. From May 1999.

TUE 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)

Episode 3 Edgar finally meets his client and visits a fair. But will this bring down the curtain on his visit?

Richard Griffiths is the shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley. With Piers Gibbon as Lawrence Hume, Nicky Henson as Mr Hammerton, Jeffrey Holland as Michel, Simon Roberts as Jerome Giraud, Serena Evans as Marie Peters, James Cohen as Robert Gillespie and David Howarth as Gaston.

Written by Victor Canning and adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.

TUE 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08vnyzz)

Series 6, Buddy, Can You Spare a Tie?: A Modest Proposal The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller is back on Radio 4 with more words of wit and wisdom. This week, some selected sections from a 'style' essay, Buddy, Can You Spare a Tie?., and A Modest Proposal. David's take on the subject of same sex marriage..

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries. was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his

bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings.

David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

Series 6, Seance in a Wet Rag and Bone Yard Sceptical Harold slams Albert's claims about speaking to the dead...

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Patricia Routledge, Gwen Nelson and Edward Kelsey.

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 Radio 2 in March 1976.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b010k3jw)

A Bird in the Hand Chaos ensues when Sir Gregory announces he's off. And there's a parrot to look after...

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Starring Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald, John Graham and Ronald Baddley.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977.

Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1970.

TUE 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08vrsdf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jpzy)

Series 1, Episode 3 The sofa-bound presenters look at dealing with teenagers and rising crime. Stars Robert Duncan and Julia Hills. From May 1996.

TUE 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012yw3g)

Episode 2 Teacher Margaret Steggle wonders if pompous playwright Gerald Challis really is the man of her dreams. Stars Juliet Aubrey.

TUE 11:00 Through the Wardrobe (b03j98t9)

The Belle Dress! In tribute to Belfast-born C.S. Lewis who died on 22nd November 1963, three new short stories take us through doors and portals into unexpected worlds and situations. While

novelist and playwright Lucy Caldwell charts a defining moment in the life of someone struggling with their sense of identity, a woman gets to know her neighbours a little more intimately than she could ever have expected in a story from novelist and screenwriter Glenn Patterson. And finally in a new story from Frank Cottrell Boyce we discover what might happen if C.S.

Lewis himself were to discover an opening to another world.

What might such a world contain?

The Belle Dress by Lucy Caldwell

Read by Kerr Logan

Produced in Belfast by Heather Larmour.

TUE 11:15 Neville Teller - The Horror at Bly (b01709h7)

Just what was Henry James's classic horror story 'The Turn of the Screw' about? Stars Anna Massey. Gavin Campbell narrates.

TUE 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b010k3jw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Gay Britannia (b08z8vw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Dreaming By the Pool (b0075klj)

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TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk5c0)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 7 Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in MI5 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore

Episode 7

Christmas 1973 is a challenging one for Serena. First, an angry and emotional Max turns up on her doorstep; then she has to accompany Tom and his terrible dystopian novel to its publisher. Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.

TUE 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00ph8rs)

Series 1, Salamander Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Sir David's first pet was a fire salamander, given to him by his father on his eighth birthday. He also gave his own son a salamander on his eighth birthday, the legacy of which is very much alive and kicking today.

TUE 14:30 Gay Britannia (b08z8vw5)

Tales of the City, series 1, ep 2/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the second part of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

San Francisco, 1976: Anna and Edgar share some afternoon delight at 28 Barbary Lane. Mary Ann is loving her new life, and there's a surprise visitor for Mona...

A portrait of a free and easy era with the drug and sex counter-culture in full swing.

Starring Kate Harper as Anna Madrigal, Lydia Wilson as Mary Ann, Nancy Crane as Dede, Buffy Davis as Mona, Jos Slovick as Michael, Lou Hirsch as Edgar, John Guerasio as Beauchamp and Simon Lee Phillips as Jon.

Dramatised by Bryony Lavery.

Director: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b072n0k7)

The Real Henry James, Dining Out in English Society

Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 2: Dining Out in English Society

Entertaining glimpses of English society through the sharp eyes of an American observer. James was an inveterate diner-out, and once managed 107 dinners in a season. He left sharp observations of the people he met at dinner, including the great writers of the day:

"The chattering and self-complacent Robert Browning, who I am sorry to say, does not make on me a purely agreeable impression. His transparent eagerness to hold the monopoly of the conversation and a sort of shrill interruptingness which distinguishes him have in them a kind of vulgarity."

For James, dining-out wasn't just a chance to meet celebrities - it gave him stories which became the plots in his novels. At one dinner, for instance, he heard the story of a family lawsuit which became The Spoils of Poynton. We hear the excited letter outlining the plot and characters for the novel which have struck him at the dinner table.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b01322b0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Whispers (b007k356)

Series 1, Episode 4 Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz. With Anthony Holden, Stella Duffy, Jenny Colgan and Rosie Millard. From November 2003.

TUE 16:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jpvz)

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TUE 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08vzuzz)

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TUE 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv16)

The Children of Witchwood, Episode 2 Jackie Lamont has now, just as mysteriously, re-appeared. She seems to have somehow been given special telepathic powers.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmnf)

Series 1, Barry Cryer The much-loved comedian and writer shares some of his reminiscences, with tales of Willie Rushton and Roy Castle.

TUE 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08vzuzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mqhqt)

Series 3, Episode 5 Sitcom by David Nobbs, set in a museum. The museum is due to send an exhibition of its finest artefacts around Europe, but can Walter find a suitably experienced and diplomatic staff member to curate it?

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle Juklia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopolis/Van Driver Chris Pavlo

Barman Stephen Hogan.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b090bgtp)

Nick Helm 1/2 From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jessica Fostekew chats again to Nick Helm.

TUE 23:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b01n7hbp)

Series 4, Three's a Crowd Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham. Starring Lenny Henry, Larrington Walker and some terrific tunes.

Rudy's Rare Records is a tiny down at heel old reggae record shop in Birmingham - one of a dying breed; a place with real soul, stacked with piles of vinyl, where the slogan is "if we don't have it - them don't mek it". It's owned by the charismatic, irrepressible Rudy Sharpe (Larrington Walker), reluctantly helped out by his long-suffering neurotic son Adam (Lenny Henry) and Handsworth's first, black, surly grrly goth, Tasha (Natasha Godfrey). Rudy has recently married his long-term love interest Doreen (Claire Benedict) which is leaving his best friend Clifton (Jeffery Kissoon) feeling left out.

Cast:

Adam.....Lenny Henry

Rudy.....Larrington Walker

Tasha.....Natasha Godfrey

Doreen.....Claire Benedict

Clifton.....Jeffery Kissoon

KarenSusie Riddell

Craig.....Joe Sims

Written by Danny Robins

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

Tracks in this episode:

THE MAGIC NUMBER - DE LA SOUL

BUMP N GRIND - R KELLY

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY - JOHN HOLT

RUDE BOY NUMBER - CUTTY RANKS

IT'S A MAN'S MAN'S MAN'S WORLD - JAMES BROWN

HONOUR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER - DESMOND

DEKKER

WHINE AND GRINE - THE BEAT

IRON LION ZION - BOB MARLEY

I CAN'T STAND THE RAIN - HORTENSE ELLIS AND

PRINCE WEEDY.

TUE 23:30 Britain Versus the World (b04v6rpf)

Series 1, Episode 2 Episode Two:

The second episode of the new comedy panel show - Britain Versus The World - that pits two British comedians against a team of comics from overseas to find out which side is superior. Joining the British captain, Hal Cruttenden, is the Mancunian comedian Justin Moorhouse while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with Danish stand-up Sofie Hagen. The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial.

Host

Ed Byrne

Guests

Hal Cruttenden

Henning Wehn

Justin Moorhouse

Sofie Hagen

Programme Associate Bill Matthews

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.

WEDNESDAY 02 AUGUST 2017

WED 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmnf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Gay Britannia (b08z9kqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Dreaming By the Pool (b0075kl1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk5c0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00ph8rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9m9g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b072n0k7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b01322b0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Whispers (b007k356)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jpvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzrh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08vzuzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)

Outbreak of Fear, The Body on the Beach Until PC Beaumont came to Polford, fresh from Police Training College, he'd never seen a dead body. But despite the location of this sleepy fishing village in the West Country, he's set to complete his education... RD Wingfield's thriller stars Leslie Sands as Sergeant Fowler, Nick Orchard as Constable Beaumont, Cornelius Garrett as Dave

Clark, Paul Nicholson as the Doctor, Derek Graham as Pete Carter, Conrad Phillips as Mitchell, Gillie Graham as Rose, Fred Bryant as Fred Dickey, Douglas Leach as Albert, Deborah Paige as Kim and Patricia Gibson as Mrs Trevor.

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

WED 06:30 The Floating World of Hokusai (b01m68v9)

Author Audrey Niffenegger catches Hokusai's 'Great Wave' to trace the ripple effect of the self-proclaimed 'Old Man Mad About Painting'. Frenetic, eccentric and possessed by his talent, Hokusai's words and images have caught the imagination of a new generation of artists and thinkers, 200-years after his earliest successes.

WED 07:00 Rent (b064fnvq)

Series 4, Episode 3 Maria and Richard hire a nanny, while Paul and Ruby move into their new home. Stars Barbara Flynn. From June 1998.

WED 07:30 Chain Reaction (b053hg55)

Series 10, Reece Shearsmith talks to Bob Mortimer Chain Reaction is Radio 4's long running hostess chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

In the second episode of the series co-creator and star of The League of Gentlemen, Psychoville and Inside No.9 Reece Shearsmith talks to one half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, creators of Shooting Stars and House of Fools, Bob Mortimer. Producer ... Charlie Perkins.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00v8rt7)

Series 1, Stuck up the Inlet HMS Troubridge runs aground on a naval exercise, landing Phillips in hot water Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Commander Shaw, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Tenniel Evans as Ebenezer Pertwee.

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series on BBC Radio between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1959.

WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)

Series 5, The Prize Money The lad gets more than he bargained for when he wins a TV quiz show.

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

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

WED 09:00 Booked (b00759t1)

Series 6, Episode 3 Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Mark Steel, David Stafford, Stuart Maconie and Linda Smith. From July 1999.

WED 09:30 Up the Garden Path (b0089kjs)

Series 3, New Men Awkward moments for Lizzy with a new school colleague, and she can't forget Bill. Stars Imelda Staunton. From November 1993.

WED 10:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fcd6c)

Episode 1 The 17th-century epic adventures of pilgrim Christian and his perilous journey to the Celestial City. Stars Anton Rodgers.

WED 11:00 Through the Wardrobe (b03j98t9)

Tilly's Tale In tribute to Belfast-born C.S. Lewis who died on 22nd November 1963, three new short stories take us though doors and portals into unexpected worlds and situations. While novelist and playwright Lucy Caldwell charts a defining moment in the life of someone struggling with their sense of identity, a woman gets to know her neighbours a little more intimately than she could ever have expected in a story from novelist and screenwriter Glenn Patterson. And finally in a new story from Frank Cottrell Boyce we discover what might happen if C.S. Lewis himself were to discover an opening to another world. What might such a world contain?

Tilly's Tale by Glenn Patterson

Read by Michelle Fairley

Produced in Belfast by Heather Larmour.

WED 11:15 Martyr Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080hly)

Drama inspired by the true life story of an 18th-century forger of the Bard. Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and James Grout.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b00v8rt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Floating World of Hokusai (b01m68v9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk77b)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 8 Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in MIS during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore

Episode 8

Just as Serena and Tom's relationship starts to deepen, Serena feels threatened by a possible rival.

Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.

WED 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00p115m)

Series 1, Birds of Paradise Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Sir David talks about the Birds of Paradise, a group of birds which evolved in the relative safety of New Guinea, allowing them to acquire adornments and feathered decorations so resplendent that they fooled the early explorers who discovered them.

WED 14:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9n9v)

Tales of the City, series 1, ep 3/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the third part of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City set in San Francisco.

Disillusioned, Mary Ann Singleton is considering moving back to Cleveland. Mona and Michael cook up a scheme to pay the rent. A portrait of a free and easy era with the drug and sex counter-culture in full swing.

Starring Kate Harper as Anna Madrigal, Lydia Wilson as Mary Ann, Nancy Crane as Dede, Buffy Davis as Mona, Jos Slovick as Michael, Lou Hirsch as Edgar, Bernice Stegers as Frannie, John Guerasio as Beauchamp, Valerie Cutko as D'Or, Simon Lee Phillips as Jon and Kerry Shale as Siegel/Hampton.

Dramatised by Bryony Lavery.

Director: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b072n0pg)

The Real Henry James, Modern Women Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 3: Modern Women

Henry James was a lifelong bachelor, but many of his closest friendships were with women. And his novels are known for his sensitive and sympathetic treatment of women's experience - very often as his central characters.

His preoccupation with the situation of women, and with contemporary debates about women's role in society, emerges early in his career. In 1868, the 25-year-old James reviewed a book called Modern Women and What Is Said of Them - a British collection of anti-feminist articles. The book roused James to an angry attack on the marriage market which women found themselves in, and a defence of the position of women in a patriarchal society. We hear extracts from that impassioned review.

We hear too the moving letter which James wrote home to his mother after the death of his closest female friend, his cousin Minnie Temple. Minnie inspired Isabel Archer, his heroine in The Portrait of a Lady, and his heroine Millie Theale in The Wings of the Dove would resemble her even more closely.

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fed6c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Booked (b0075911)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b0089kjs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Rent (b064fnvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Chain Reaction (b053bq55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1f)

The Children of Witchwood, Episode 3 The Cranford Family have a carefully guarded secret - their surviving descendants possess incredible supernatural powers.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b01jqsvd)

What It Says on the Tin There is a well known advert for woodstain with the modest boast, "It does what it says on the tin." This is the theme for our trio of writers - actor Michael Simkins, psychologist Dr Funke Baffour, and journalist Tom Mitchelson. Truth and lies in everyday life, and how honest are we with those we love, including ourselves.

Tom Mitchelson reveals a sideline as an investigative journalist - infiltrating a male bonding cult, posing as a playboy, pretending to be a foreign language teacher - to get at a higher truth. "I find it exhilarating," he confesses. Not everything is as it seems in Off the Page, presented by Dominic Arkwright.

WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b00y8rt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 The Floating World of Hokusai (b01m68v9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Through the Wardrobe (b03jvrs8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 21:15 Martyn Wade - Another Shakespeare (b0080h1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

WED 22:00 Chain Reaction (b053bq55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03vczgz)

Episode 1 The Scottish surrealist provides disappointment for

cavemen and a cheap alternative to liquor. From August 1991.

WED 22:45 Gay Britannia (b08z9n9x)

Stephen K Amos - What Does the K Stand For? 4 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season welcomes Stephen K Amos to the Comedy Club, telling Ben Hunte about coming out as a gay comedian and sharing his memorable LGBT moment.

Followed by:

What Does the K Stand For?

Series 3 (4/4) Let's Talk About Sex

Stephen plucks up the courage to reveal a secret...

Travel back in time to the 1980's to relive Stephen K Amos's teenage years growing up gay, funny and black in South London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Stars Ellen Thomas, Laurie Kynaston, Stephen K Amos, Bola Okun, Emerald Crankson, Karen Bartke and David Sterne.

Producer: Paul Sheehan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017

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Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

WED 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b090bgtg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:55 on Tuesday]

WED 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b00b9k9l)

Series 2, Episode 3 The host presents a selection of classic comic songs with special guest comedian Howard Read. From October 2006.

THURSDAY 03 AUGUST 2017

THU 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Off the Page (b01jqsvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Floating World of Hokusai (b01m68v9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk77b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pl15m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9n9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:45 Book of the Week (b072n0pg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Wednesday]

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THU 05:00 Rent (b064fnvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Chain Reaction (b053bq55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 RD Wingfield (b0082f1k)

Outbreak of Fear. The Second Body Sergeant Fowler's boss Superintendent Chadwick arrives from New Scotland Yard and makes a discovery. Stars Leslie Sands.

THU 06:30 Tales From the Statue (b0076gmn)

Sally Pomme Clayton reveals why fans of stories gather at Han Christian Andersen's statue in New York's Central Park. From August 2003.

THU 07:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)

Episode 3 If George Cragge can keep close on the trail of the World Cup murderer then his BBC job looks secure - for the time being at least...

Mark Tavener's six-part sequel to his comedy thriller 'In the Red' set in the world of football, the BBC and party politics. Starring Michael Williams as George Cragge, Barry Foster as Superintendent Jefferson and Jeremy Clyde as the PM.

With Robert Bathurst, Tracy Ann Oberman, Geoffrey Whitehead, Jim Carter, Peter Woodthorpe, Susie Brann, Christian Rodska, Keith Wickham, Ioan Meredith, Chris Pavlo and Shirley Dixon. Music by Paul Mottram

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

THU 07:30 The Pin (b08yqb9k)

Series 3, Stocks "The most exciting new comedy duo working today" - David Williams

Their hugely successful second series won critical acclaim and a slew of awards. Now double-act The Pin are back with more of their trademark offbeat nonsense.

In this episode, in a bid to diversify, Alex and Ben are attempting to enter the world of high finance...

"One of the smartest, punchiest new comedy duos to have appeared in a while...had me laughing out loud on my own in an empty room" The Guardian

"Exquisitely silly and very funny...makes you feel as though you

might be hearing the next Mitchell and Webb" The Times "Genuine moments of hilarity and a real breath of comedic fresh air" RadioTimes

Written and performed by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen.

Featuring Liam Williams.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

A BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00qyrcf)

Series 2, Episode 2 Crackanory, Feeble Fables, and the television industry is exposed in The Smith Report.

Starring Kenneth Williams, 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 Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer.

With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jrdw)

The Starlings London is besieged by birds in a special recording without an audience or orchestra. Stars Peter Sellers. From August 1954.

THU 09:00 Act Your Age (b00qhrxb)

Series 2, Episode 4 Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.

Team captains Jon Richardson, Ed Byrne and Johnnie Casson are joined by Mike Wozniak, Robin Ince and Ted Robbins.

THU 09:30 HR (b00hv33d)

Series 1, A Role-Play Sam tries to help a disgruntled Peter when he discovers he has to apply for his own job. Stars Jonathan Pryce. From March 2009.

THU 10:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fd2td)

Episode 2 Determined to reach the Celestial City, Christian must pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. John Bunyan dramatisation with Neil Dudgeon.

THU 11:00 Through the Wardrobe (b03kpl7r)

The Rosy Rural Ruby In tribute to Belfast-born C.S. Lewis who died on 22nd November 1963, three new short stories take us through doors and portals into unexpected worlds and situations. While novelist and playwright Lucy Caldwell charts a defining moment in the life of someone struggling with their sense of identity, a woman gets to know her neighbours a little more intimately than she could ever have expected in a story from novelist and screenwriter Glenn Patterson. And finally in a new story from Frank Cottrell Boyce we discover what might happen if C.S. Lewis himself were to discover an opening to another world. What might such a world contain?

The Rosy Rural Ruby by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Read by David Troughton

Produced in Belfast by Heather Larmour.

THU 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b01pw393)

Rhiannon Tise - Outside In By Rhiannon Tise

Nicola is bubbly and attractive on the outside but behind the door to her flat lies a secret. Inside is full of boxes and boxes of shopping, packed with clothes she has never worn. She is running out of room but she just can't stop and her money is running out.

Music by Marc Johnson

Directed by Tracey Neale

On the surface Nicola is a bubbly, enthusiastic outgoing woman who doesn't appear to let life get her down - this is certainly how her friend and neighbour Robin sees her. On the inside however, in her flat, a place where Robin has never been invited, Nicola is a troubled soul. She is lonely and feels worthless and frightened by the world around her. The only thing that picks her up, that gives her the euphoric high she needs to keep going, is shopping. Nicola's shopping addiction has taken over her flat. Wardrobes, drawers, bags, boxes and suitcases full of bursting. Boxes are stacked up like hedges around the living room, her bedroom and the kitchen, creating a maze of walkways and corridors to get lost in. Nicola never lets anyone in, so no one has any idea of the secret she is carrying around with her. She can't keep her secret forever but what happens when the outside finally finds its way in?

The Writer

Rhiannon won the Richard Imison Award for her play 'The Waltzer' and has written several other plays for radio including Pier, My Life In Boxes and Time Breathes for Radio 4 and Iona, A Wire, for Radio 3. She has also written for the Theatre and her work has been performed at The Royal Court, The Royal National Theatre, The Tron in Glasgow, The Traverse, Southwark Playhouse and The Arco. Rhiannon's work for Television includes Night and Day (Granada Television); Intergalactic Kitchen (BBC) and Doctors (BBC).

THU 12:00 Stop Messing About! (b00qyrcf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jrdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 RD Wingfield (b0082f1k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Tales From the Statue (b0076gmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk9nx)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 9 Ian McEwan's novel of

love and deception set in MI5 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore
Episode 9
Tom's dystopian novel has won a prestigious prize and started a chain of events which is now well out of Serena's control.
Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.
THU 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pl95k)
Series 1, The Serpent's StareSeries of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Underground animals are very different to the animals that spend their life on the surface. They are a different shape, their senses are tuned in a very different way and they manifestly come from a different world. Does this explain the stare of the snake?
THU 14:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9pjx)
Tales of the City, series 1, ep 4/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the fourth part of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.
San Francisco, 1976: Anna Madrigal has an empty rooftop apartment in her lodgings at 28 Barbary Lane. Travelling salesman Norman may be the perfect tenant. It's nearly Thanksgiving and romance is in the air - but not for Dede who gets some unexpected news...
A portrait of a free and easy era with the drug and sex counter-culture in full swing.
Starring Kate Harper as Anna Madrigal, Lydia Wilson as Mary Ann, Nancy Crane as Dede, Buffy Davis as Mona, Jos Slovick as Michael, Lou Hirsch as Edgar, Bernice Stegers as Binkie, John Guersaso as Beauchamp, Valerie Cutko as D'Or, Simon Lee Phillips as Jon and Kerry Shale as Norman.
Dramatised by Bryony Lavery.
Director: Susan Roberts
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.
THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b072n0xp)
The Real Henry James, Encounters with Famous PeopleHenry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.
Episode 4: Encounters with Famous People
Henry James ended his career in London in the early twentieth century as a figure of great dignity, known to his admirers as 'the Master'. But as a shy child, and a bashful young man, early in his career he had met some of the literary giants of the Victorian age. James's father Henry James Senior was a well-known and well-connected intellectual figure - though very eccentric - so all sorts of eminent people passed through the house. Towards the end of his life, James still remembers being overwhelmed by embarrassment and self-consciousness during an encounter with the most famous novelist of the day - the author of Vanity Fair. "Still present to me is the voice proceeding from my father's library, in which some glimpse of me hovering, at an opening of the door, prompted him to the formidable words, 'Come here, little boy, and show me your extraordinary jacket!'"
We hear what happened next in that meeting with Thackeray - and of meetings with Dickens, Tennyson, and George Eliot. The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Home of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.
Reader: Henry Goodman
With introductions by Olivia Williams
Producer: Elizabeth Burke
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.
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THU 17:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 The Pin (b08yqb9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1m)
The Children of Witchwood, Episode 4Is there a connection between the six children that were burnt as witches in the 17th century and Jackie Lamont's disappearance?
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00mg74v)
Series 19, The A-Z of Dr JohnsonMatthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.
Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, nominates Samuel Johnson, writer of the great dictionary. Dr Johnson's biographer, Peter Martin, joins the discussion.
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THU 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b01pw393)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]
THU 22:00 The Pin (b08yqb9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Thom Tuck Goes Straight to DVD (b01s0dd9)
BollywoodIn his debut solo Radio 4 show, comedian Thom Tuck recounted heart-rending tales of loves lost while drawing comparisons with 54 Straight-to-DVD Disney movies he'd watched, so we don't ever have to.
Thom now turns his attention to other genres of Straight-to-DVD movies - seeking out further underrated gems and drawing parallels with captivating personal tales from his own life experience, backed by cinematic music, so we can rest easy.
In his fourth and final episode, Thom looks at the bright lights of Bollywood: love triangles, comedy and dare devil thrills all set to a background of songs and dancing in a melodramatic extravaganza, a synopsis which heavily influence Thom's stories of his upbringing in Bangladesh.
"...a seductive experience" The Guardian
Produced by Lianne Coop.
THU 22:55 Gay Britannia (b08z9pjx)
Ben Hunte Meets Paul O'Grady for the Comedy ClubBen Hunte meets the incomparable broadcaster Paul O'Grady, who recalls his alter ego Lily Savage and all-time drag act greats.
THU 23:00 And Now in Colour (b007w56x)
Series 1, FairgroundThe sketch show team take their audience to the fair for Will's birthday. With Tim Firth and William Vandyck.
From April 1990.
THU 23:30 Shedtown (b01q977h)
Series 2, Death in the AfternoonIn series two of Shedtown, our wooden 'man-cave', icon of escape and isolation - the shed - continues to be a symbol of possibility and change.
Episode 4: Death in the Afternoon
Shedtown Mark II rings its own death knell to the tune of Deborah Dearden's meticulously planned merry-go-round and Jimmy asks where hearts lie.
Barry.....Tony Pitts
Jimmy.....Stephen Mangan
Eleanor.....Ronni Ancona
Colin.....Johnny Vegas
Deborah.....Emma Fryer
William.....Adrian Manfredi
Diane.....Rosina Carbone
Dave.....Shaun Dooley
Father Michael.....James Quinn
Wes.....Warren Brown
Protector.....Sian Breckin
Nell.....Eleanor Samson
The Wesleyans.....Isabelle Sykes & Dorothy Collins
Narrator.....Maxine Peake
Music.....Paul Heaton & Jonny Lexus
Written and Directed by Tony Pitts
Produced by Sally Harrison
A Woollyback production for BBC Radio 4.

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FRI 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b00mg74v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0082f1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Tales From the Statue (b0076gnm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01mk9nx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pl95k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9pjx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b072n0xp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fd2td)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Act Your Age (b00qhrxb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 HR (b00hv33d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Pin (b08yqb9k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 RD Wingfield (b0082h1n)
Outbreak of Fear, Triple MurderWith an unscrupulous serial killer on Sergeant Fowler's hands, police radios pick up mysterious signals. Stars Leslie Sands.
FRI 06:30 Sunflowers (b0076ddv)
Tim Marlow investigates how Van Gogh's passion for sunflowers featured in his final fraught year. With Anthony Sher. From March 2008.

FRI 07:00 Safety Catch (b00fgq18)
Series 1, A Wanting ManArms dealer Simon struggles to understand why other people hold his job against him. Stars Darren Boyd. From October 2007.
FRI 07:30 It's Funny and It's True (b08z9mh)
Series 1, 30/07/2017Comedy is at its most powerful when it takes on our darkest fears and hardest times, and transforms them into laughter. Julia Sutherland looks into the corners of fellow stand up comedians' lives - performers who have chosen to share their deeply personal stories on stage to give a voice to issues otherwise overlooked. They have overcome their troubles and empowered themselves and many others to laugh at the things you're not supposed to laugh at.
Through comedy, Julia shows that sometimes it's OK not to be OK.
This second programme in the series features Felicity Ward and Fern Brady. Felicity Ward is an Australian comedian who has struggled with severe anxiety throughout her adult life - particularly challenging when it's your job to entertain strangers every night from stage. Glaswegian stand up Fern Brady has been forced to cope with depression, which is made far more difficult by her underlying anger issues that are provoked by the challenges of daily life.
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00srqfn)
Series 4, Episode 1The explosive Flying Wombat - and insulted Italians. Series 4 kick off with more sketches and songs.
Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.
Starring John Cleese, Bill Oddie, Tim Brooke-Taylor, David Hatch and Jo Kendall.
Scripted by John Cleese, Bill Oddie, Clive James, David Hatch, Eric Idle and Graeme Garden.
With music from Dave Lee and his band.
Produced by Humphrey Barclay
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.
FRI 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpny)
Marriage and SurgerySimon Sparrow must sit his surgeon's exam and get married to Wendy all in one morning.
The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.
Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans, Ronald Adam as Lord Crutchley, Erik Chitty as Sir Mortimer Huxted, Madi Hedd as Mother and Sam Kydd as Harry Hawkins the Taxi Driver.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.
FRI 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00766rs)
Series 5, Episode 4Martin Young's famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Giles Brandreth and Antonia Fraser. From March 2002.
FRI 09:30 Gush (b051h0n6)
Episode 4Cravate and Pomeroy are joined by another prisoner and they plan their escape. With Caroline Quentin. From December 1994.
FRI 10:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fd62f)
Episode 3Christian strays from the right path and finds himself in the clutches of the Giant Despair. John Bunyan dramatisation with Anton Rodgers.
FRI 11:00 Gay Britannia (b08z9pw0)
The Archers' Gay WeddingBBC 3's 'Queer Britain' host, Riyadh Khalaf shares his very memorable LGBT moment with Ben Hunte.
Followed by:
The Archers' Gay Wedding:
It's a busy day in Ambridge as the residents prepare for Ian and Adam's civil partnership...
Starring Andrew Wincott as Adam Macy and Ian Craig as Stephen Kennedy.
With Hedli Nikolaus, Richard Attlee, Angela Piper, Kellie Bright, Alan Devereux, Charles Collingwood, Gerard Murphy and Tamsin Grieg.
Script Writer: Tim Stimpson
Director: Julie Beckett
Editor: Vanessa Whitburn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.
The 'Gay Britannia' season on 4 Extra celebrates LGBT history in Britain for the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality.
Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.
FRI 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00f1lbr)
Michael Butt - The Babington PlotDocumentary-style drama by Michael Butt that tells the story of the 1586 plot to assassinate Elizabeth I and return England to Catholic rule under Mary, Queen of Scots. The story is told from the perspective of several of the conspirators - some genuine, some government spies that had infiltrated the group.
Presenter Stephen Greif
Robert Poley Burn Gorman
Thomas Salisbury Sam Barnett
Aloysius Skeres Chris Pavlo
Thomas Phelippes Jonathan Taffler
Robert Bull Stephen Critchlow
Gilbert Gifford Inam Mirza
Don Mendoza Malcolm Tierney
Mistress Bellamy Marlene Sidaway

Jane Tichbourne Janice Acquah
 Agnes Lauren Jill Cardo
 Shepherd Dan Starkey
 Casey Paul Rider

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00srqfn)

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

FRI 12:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpnv)

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

FRI 13:00 RD Wingfield (b0082h1n)

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

FRI 13:30 Sunflowers (b0076dvy)

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

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ml0wr)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 10 Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in M15 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore and Andrew Scott.
 Episode 10

M15's involvement with funding Sweet Tooth is made public.

Serena is exposed as an employee of the intelligence service and Tom as having taken money from an inappropriate source. But the story doesn't end there.

Abridged and produced by Christine Hall.

FRI 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00plsq8)

Series 1, Faking Fossils Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Sir David recalls a key moment in his life, when he broke open a piece of Leicestershire limestone and there in his hand was an ammonite. Over the intervening years, fossils have fascinated him and he has become a great collector, even of the odd fake.

FRI 14:30 Gay Britannia (b08z9qq7)

Tales of the City, series 1, ep 5/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the final part of Series One of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

San Francisco, 1976: Christmas is coming to Barbary Lane, but what will it bring for Mrs Madrigal's special people? Something shocking for Mary Ann? Something heart-breaking for Anna? What about Mona and Mouse?

Starring Kate Harper as Anna Madrigal, Lydia Wilson as Mary Ann, Nancy Crane as Dede, Buffy Davis as Mona, Jos Slovick as Michael, Lou Hirsch as Edgar, Bernice Stegers as Binkie, John Guerasio as Beauchamp, Valerie Cutko as D'Or, Simon Lee Philips as Jon and Kerry Shale as Norman.

Dramatised by Bryony Lavery.

Director: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b072n0zp)

The Real Henry James, Childhood and Family Henry James was not only a great novelist - he also wrote a great deal of entertaining non-fiction, producing reviews and essays on a wide variety of subjects. To mark the centenary of his death, these five anthologies reveal James through his letters, memoirs, essays and private notebooks.

Episode 5: Childhood and Family

It may seem paradoxical to end a series on Henry James by going back to his childhood - but that's what James himself did in old age. As he approached 70, James began to look back over his life and career - by then he was the only one of five siblings to survive - and found that his early memories and associations multiplied with an almost uncontrollable vividness.

We hear memories of how he roamed free as a young boy on the streets of New York, and of his father, an eccentric religious philosopher who detested 'prigs'.

We hear too a moving and intimate account of a visit James paid towards the end of his life to the family grave-plot near Harvard - where his parents, his sister Alice, and Wilky, one of his brothers, were buried. James wrote about this only in his private notebooks, which speaks revealingly about the importance of family for him. The programme ends with a passage about the quest for religious faith, and with James's great motto in life, "e kind, be kind, be kind..."

The anthology has been selected by Professor Philip Horne of University College London, who is founding General Editor of a major scholarly edition of James's fiction and has re-transcribed the notebooks for an authoritative new edition.

Reader: Henry Goodman

With introductions by Olivia Williams

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fd62f)

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

FRI 16:00 Who Goes There? (b00766rs)

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

FRI 16:30 Gush (b051h0n6)

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

FRI 17:00 Safety Catch (b00fgq18)

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

FRI 17:30 It's Funny and It's True (b08z9mhl)

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

FRI 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1s)

The Children of Witchwood, Episode 5 Jackie's extraordinary telepathic powers attract the evil attentions of the eerie Cranford family.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b0418kfw)

Series 18, Myfanwy The hauntingly beautiful Welsh song Myfanwy 'is in the air in Wales' according to singer Cerys Matthews. She along with others discuss what the melodic tale of unrequited love means to them. They include a Welsh woman living in Sicily for whom the song represents 'hiraeth', a longing or homesickness for Wales and another who believes it expresses the 'wounded soul of the Welsh'. A man remembers how his late brother and he used to sing it in pubs in North Wales and how the song symbolises the unrequited love he felt for him. Members of the Ynysowen choir, started after the mining disaster in Aberfan as a way of dealing with the emotion, talk about the song's power, and an ex soldier recalls digging for survivors with lines from it playing in his head "Give me your hand, my sweet Myfanwy".

Producer: Maggie Ayre.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00srqfn)

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

FRI 19:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpnv)

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

FRI 20:00 RD Wingfield (b0082h1n)

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

FRI 20:30 Sunflowers (b0076dvy)

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

FRI 21:00 Gay Britannia (b08z9ppw0)

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

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b00fq1br)

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

FRI 22:00 It's Funny and It's True (b08z9mhl)

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

FRI 22:30 BBC New Comedy Award (b08z9qq9)

2017, Heat 6 - Cardiff The sixth heat of the BBC New Comedy Award 2017 will be recorded at the Glee Club in Cardiff with host Lloyd Langford.

The judges will be the comedian Tiff Stevenson, BBC Radio Comedy Editor Simon Nicholls, and Steve Bennett from Chortle. Ten new comedians will perform in the hope of making it through to the semi-final at the Edinburgh Festival.

FRI 23:30 Revolting People (b0089mbr)

Series 3, Young Love Captain Brimshaw's father orders him to marry his cousin in England. 1770 America sitcom with Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.