

SATURDAY 05 AUGUST 2017

SAT 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007jv1s)

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

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0082h1n)

Outbreak of Fear, Triple Murder With an unscrupulous serial killer on Sergeant Fowler's hands, police radios pick up mysterious signals. Stars Leslie Sands.

SAT 01:30 Sunflowers (b0076ddv)

Tim Marlow investigates how Van Gogh's passion for sunflowers featured in his final fraught year. With Anthony Sher. From March 2008.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ml0wr)

Ian McEwan - Sweet Tooth, Episode 10 Ian McEwan's novel of love and deception set in MI5 during the early 1970s, read by Amelia Bullmore and Andrew Scott.

Episode 10

MI5'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.

SAT 02:15 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.

SAT 02:30 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 Guearasio as Beauchamp, Valerie Cutko as O'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.

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 02:45 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.

SAT 03:00 John Bunyan - The Pilgrim's Progress (b00fd62f)

Episode 3 Christian strays from the right path and finds himself in the clutches of the Giant Despair. John Bunyan dramatisation with Anton Rodgers.

SAT 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00766rs)

Series 5, Episode 4 Martin Young's famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Gyles Brandreth and Antonia Fraser. From March 2002.

SAT 04:30 Gush (b051h0n6)

Episode 4 Cravate and Pomeroy are joined by another prisoner and they plan their escape. With Caroline Quentin. From December 1994.

SAT 05:00 Safety Catch (b00fqg18)

Series 1, A Wanting Man Arms dealer Simon struggles to understand why other people hold his job against him. Stars Darren Boyd. From October 2007.

SAT 05:30 It's Funny and It's True (b08z9mhl)

Series 1, 30/07/2017 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.

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.

SAT 06:00 Gay Britannia (b0902g3v)

The Tinker's Daughter Stonewall's CEO, Ruth Hunt shares her unforgettable LGBT moments with Gay Britannia season host, Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Patrice Chaplin's The Tinker's Daughter

In Edwardian England, Meriel lives a life of privilege on her family's country estate. Her isolated existence is enhanced by the lack of love from her parents, who wanted a son. Then she becomes obsessed by a local girl - a relationship which starts innocently develops into her first love-affair...

Sadly this drama was not kept in the BBC archive, so we're indebted to a BBC Radio 4 Extra listener who recommended a repeat and luckily found her cassette copy in her attic which has been digitised for broadcast.

Stars Deborah Makepeace as Meriel, Zelah Clarke as Amy, Richard Pasco as Papa, Barbara Leigh-Hunt as Mama, Sheila Grant as Louisa, Pauline Letts as Aunt Charlotte, Sandor Eles as Prince Ferdinand, Brian Smith as Horace, Clare Travers-Deacon as Cecilia, Ronald Herdman as Wallace and Garard Green as Butler/Soomes

Producer: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SAT 07:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01c6j1k)

Friend or Foe The Royal Collection is one of the most wide-ranging collections of art and artefacts in the world and provides an intriguing insight into the minds of the monarchs who assembled it.

In this series, BBC Arts Editor Will Gompertz encounters dozens of these unique objects - some priceless, others no more than souvenirs - each shedding light on our relationship with the monarchy and giving a glimpse into the essential ingredients of a successful sovereign.

In today's programme, Will puts the Royal Collection on a war footing as he examines six very different items covering 700 years that show how the monarchy has rallied their subjects for war and endeavoured to keep the peace.

Will's explorations of monarchs at war begins with a photograph of the young Princess Elizabeth training to be an ATS Officer in 1945 shown to the nation to boost morale but then spoils back to the Middle Ages with a clear symbol of martial authority - Edward III's six feet, eight inch long bearing sword. Henry VIII, Mary Queen of Scots and a elaborate object of apology from the city of Exeter all form part of the story of the monarchy in arms. As well as curators from the Royal Collection, Will meets General Sir Mike Jackson, Dr Duncan Anderson - Head of Academy, Sandhurst and Sir David Cannadine.

Producer: Neil George.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b01n97vw)

A Life Less Ordinary, Alex Currie In January 2000, the Solway Harvester fishing boat went down off the Isle of Man resulting in the deaths of all seven of those aboard. As the first tragedy of the new millennium it attracted enormous media attention, with scores of journalists pouring in to the remote Isle of Whithorn in South West Scotland. There they met a population in deep mourning, unused to the attention of the press and unwilling to

open itself up to that attention. One of those who played a vital role as a family spokesman was Reverend Alex Currie, who in spite of his own initial hostility to the media placed himself at its disposal in order to represent the bereaved and limit the intrusion they may otherwise have faced.

At the most testing time of his own professional life, having to conduct five funerals on the same day, Currie also had to learn the art of press spokesperson as he went along, conducting hundreds of interviews over the weeks, months and years that followed. Now in the second part of 'A Life Less Ordinary' Geoff Bird takes him back over some of the archive of the tragedy, finding out what it's like to be living an ordinary life when the media spotlight picks you out. Along the way they talk with some of those journalists involved at the time, exploring the ethics involved in approaching people suffering loss in order to meet the demands of a public hungry for information about a major news story and those it has hurt the most.

SAT 09:00 Keep On Running (b0902g4w)

A much-disputed version of history claims that in 490BC, the Greek messenger Pheidippides sped from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated. He ran the whole way without stopping, burst into the assembly and declared the victory. He promptly collapsed and died, but marathon runners don't tend to focus on that bit of the story. The word 'marathon' has become synonymous with any epic event.

The classicist Natalie Haynes is a keen runner. She is no stranger to half-marathons, but the full 26.2 miles still looms like a Colossus. She wants to find out what special kind of steel is required to take on a marathon - particularly for the ordinary, non-elite runner.

Along the course, Natalie runs 5k with the comedians Rob Deering and Paul Tonkinson, both passionate marathon runners and the feet behind the Running Commentary podcast. And she meets the journalist and marathoner Kate Carter, editor of the Guardian's Running Blog.

From the archives: the irrepressible Madge Sharples, the 65-year-old marathon runner, interviewed before, during & after the New York Marathon.

The distinguished historian Peter Hennessy, who as a 30-something gave a runner's view of the Snowdonia Marathon, one of Britain's toughest 26.2 mile races.

The American Kathrine Switzer, whose defiant entry into the Boston Marathon in 1967 led to the overturning of archaic rules which prevented women from running the distance (on the grounds of their fragile biology).

After 3 hours of sweat, grit, glory and blackened toenails, will Natalie be persuaded to sign up for her first marathon?

Producer - Moy McGowan (just the one marathon so far).

SAT 12:00 To the Manor Born (b007jpwz)

The Rhythms of the Earth Audrey 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 Polouevicka 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 1997.

Adapted for radio by Peter Spence from his TV script.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1997.

SAT 12:30 Up the Garden Path (b0089kjs)

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

SAT 13:00 Henry James - Daisy Miller Omnibus (b0076n34)

Frederick Winterbourne is in love with the free-spirited Daisy. His aunt objects, but will he follow his heart? Stars John Lynch.

SAT 14:10 Gay Britannia (b0903v8n)

The Life of Lily Savage The incomparable broadcaster Paul O'Grady recalls his LGBT life and alter ego, Lily Savage - in conversation with Gay Britannia season host, Ben Hunte. 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 (b0902g55)

Wayne Sleep in Covent Garden Dancer Wayne Sleep takes a personal tour of London's Covent Garden, where he has lived and worked for over 20 years.

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.

Producer: Lyn Hartman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b01n97vw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Gay Britannia (b0902g3v)[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 today](#)]**SAT 17:30 The Art of Monarchy (b01c6j1k)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**SAT 18:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00p44xk)**

Episode 2 Psychologist Kris is falling in love with his replica wife and wants to take her back to Earth with him. His colleagues are simultaneously plotting to destroy the planet. 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 and Joanne Froggatt as Rheya.

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 Keep On Running (b0902g4w)[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]**SAT 22:00 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vkycj)**

Series 1. Dolly the SheepComedian Richard Herring reclaims those things we've grown to hate. In the final show of the series Richard reclaims Dolly the sheep as he examines why we are fearful and suspicious of the idea of cloning without really understanding it.

Richard talks to a genetics professor about how cloning works and what it was like to meet Dolly. Richard also asks science writer Dr Ben Goldacre whether evil scientists exist and whether he is allowed to clone Dr Who assistant Amy Pond. The show was recorded in front of an audience. Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

SAT 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01n6sjq)

Series 2, Episode 5 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 week sees some moth-based lunacy, and a heartwarming tale of the days before health and safety. All of which is, as you'll see, "awesome".

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 (b091ffrs)

Pippa Evans 1/2The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats to Pippa Evans.

SAT 23:00 Gay Britannia (b0902g57)

Little BritainPinkNews chief Benjamin Cohen shares his unforgettable LGBT moment with Gay Britannia season host Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Little Britain: Series 1 (2/5)

The only gay in the village, Daffyd Thomas, plus Emily Howard, Marjorie Dawes and more!

Matt Lucas and David Williams' oddball TV smash hit - back where it began on BBC radio.

With Tom Baker, Jean Ainslie, Paul Putner and Samantha Power. Scripted by Matt Lucas and David Williams.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

SAT 23:30 The Headset Set (b01nxx17)

Series 2, Episode 4EPISODE 4

Audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything. The Headsetters have been asked to remove the massive hole in the middle of their office. It's health and safety gone mad.

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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Tales of the City, series 1 OmnibusArmistead Maupin's acclaimed tale of San Francisco is introduced by Ben Hunte.

San Francisco, 1976: Mary Ann Singleton, a naive young woman from Cleveland, Ohio arrives in San Francisco for a vacation. She is 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 drugs 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.

SUN 07:15 Maurice Leitch - Teddy's Tale (b0902nhh)

4 Extra Debut. An imprisoned criminal contemplates what story he might tell to a therapy group. Read by Ian McElhinney.

SUN 07:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1y)

Series 1, Equal MarriageIn a brand new series for Radio 4, News Quiz favourite Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. This week, she examines the current hot political topic of Equal Marriage from a personal perspective.

When Susan was younger, she thought marriage was silly. A patriarchal institution which she would never buy into. That was until she grew up, fell in love and wanted more than anything to get married - except she couldn't.

Susan relates her own personal experiences on this matter; including the minutiae of the legislation governing her recent civil partnership ceremony, as well as examining the well-trodden arguments against the issue.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b00zmbzb)

Home AgainFather Ben sparks family chaos after losing the keys to their house.

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, Clive Baxter 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 November 1952.

SUN 08:30 Whack-O! (b0682231)

From 29/08/1961Professor Jimmy Edwards has to act quickly to save the school prize-giving day. With Joan Sanderson.

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

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 Svetlana Alexievich - The Unwomanly Face of War: Omnibus (b0902nhk)

Svetlana Alexievich's extraordinary oral history of Russian women's experiences in the Second World War. Read by Sarah Badel.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b044d4w6y)

June and Wayne - A Modern-Day RelationshipFi Glover introduces a conversation between a mother and her son-in-law which highlights the changing attitudes to gay relationships and civil partnerships.

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 (b0902nhm)

Stagecraft, Yvonne Brewster4 Extra Debut. From Schubert to Bob Marley, theatre director Yvonne Brewster shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From March 2005.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0902nhp)

Series 5, Leaving, Loving and Coming HomeTrue stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces tales about leaving,

learning to love and yearning to be home.

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.

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Episode 1 Can Quentin and Lottie, who cannot afford to divorce, downsize with their kids from London to Devon? Black comedy read by Amanda Lawrence.

SUN 15:45 The Old Road (b0075qz9)

A Small DetourPatrick Muirhears traces Hilaire Belloc's 1899 walk from Winchester to Canterbury. Today he visits Belloc's house. From December 1999.

SUN 16:00 Gay Britannia (b0902nhf)

Maurice 2/The conclusion of EM Forster's Maurice, introduced by Ben Hunte.

Devastated by Clive Durham's "change" and his subsequent marriage, Maurice Hall, an unremarkable young man from the Edwardian suburbs, wrestles with his sexuality.

An encounter with Clive's gamekeeper Alec allows Maurice's real self to emerge...

Continuing a tale of passion, defiance and sexual-awakening - Maurice was first written in 1914 but not published until after author EM Forster's death in 1970.

Starring Alex Wyndham as Maurice, Bertie Carvel as Clive, Joseph Kloska as Alec, John Rowe as EM Forster, Christine Kavanagh as Mrs Hall, Eleanor Howell as Ada, Jasmine Callan as Kitty, William Ellis as Dickie, John Douglall as Dr Barry and Emma Noakes as Anne.

Dramatised by Philip Osment

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0075w10)

Fine Lines - Hugo Williams and Amanda DaltonBBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry with 'Fine Lines': featuring Hugo Williams and Amanda Dalton

Christopher Cook's guest poets discuss how their contrasting experiences of school influenced their work.

Producer: Lindsay Leonard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SUN 17:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1y)[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**SUN 18:00 Ray Bradbury - Kaleidoscope (b049915n)**

The crew aboard shape ship 'Venture' blast off from Cape Canaveral, but disaster awaits them in deep space along with some hard decisions...

Ray Bradbury's own adaptation of his short story from 'The Illustrated Man'.

Starring Tom Watson as Hollis, Finlay Marsh as Applegate, Rebecca Hawking as Stone, John Yule as Stimson, Stuart McQuarrie as Lespere, Neil Shackleton as Barkley, John Adam Barker as Woode and Lynn Bains as Houston Control.

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

SUN 18:45 Mark Twain Stories (b007iqdh)

A Ghost StoryThe tale of a man who checks into a deserted hotel and encounters a wailing apparition. Read by 'Frasier' star Kelsey Grammer.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0902nhp)[Repeat of broadcast at [11:00 today](#)]**SUN 20:00 Svetlana Alexievich - The Unwomanly Face of War: Omnibus (b0902nhk)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 today](#)]**SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b044d4w6y)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:10 today](#)]**SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0902nhm)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:15 today](#)]**SUN 22:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1y)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**SUN 22:30 Goomsbury (b040hzz1)**

Series 2, Bonfire of the JealousiesVera is consumed with jealousy, because Ginny has won a literary prize and is going to be photographed for the front cover of Vanity Fair by acclaimed Society photographer Manta Ray. To make matters worse, Venus is getting a teeny crush on Ginny. So, when Ginny asks for style

advice in advance of her photographic session, Vera's suggestions have an edge of mockery.

Vera, wracked with torment, breaks the habit of a lifetime and unburdens herself to Mrs Gosling. But of course Mrs Gosling's life has been an endless struggle to suppress her jealousy of her employers' wealth and privilege. Even a chance encounter with Sigmund Void on Hampstead Heath fails to shake Vera from her melancholic mood. In the end it falls to Henry and Lionel to try to boost Vera's confidence.

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b091ffrv)

Pippa Evans 2/2The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Arthur Smith chats again to Pippa Evans.

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (b008fxyz)

Series 1, Glad to be RayClare can't understand why she hasn't been invited to Ray's, so she decides to call round uninvited and gets a bit of a shock.

SUN 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b0100gqp)

Series 2, Citroen UXBNo professional care-worker can afford to miss Beauty Olonga's survival guide to Britain - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its world-class charity shops. Series 2 of this Radio 4 comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for those who need it - and some who don't, but all of whom have relatives with guilty consciences.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. There are plenty of opportunities here. The professional classes are always off sick due to binge drinking and the rest are too lazy to get off the couch to answer the pizza delivery man.'

The series breaks the embarrassed silence about what happens to us when we get old and start to lose our faculties. It shows the process in all its chaotic, tragic-comedy but it does so from the point of view of a migrant worker, Beauty, whose Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

In episode one, Beauty is sent to look after Sarah, who lives with both her mother and daughter. A perfect, happy modern family, like the kind Beauty has seen in feel-good British movies. With her own family being very demanding, it is understandable when Beauty begins to get too close.

Episode 1 'Citroen UXB'

Beauty ... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Joyce ... Julia McKenzie

Sarah ... Jenny Agutter

Lucy ... Catherine Shepherd

Sally ... Felicity Montagu

Karen ... Nicola Sanderson

The music for the series was provided by The West End Gospel Choir.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

The producer is Tilusha Ghelani.

MONDAY 07 AUGUST 2017

MON 00:00 Ray Bradbury - Kaleidoscope (b049915n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Mark Twain Stories (b007iqdb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Gay Britannia (b0902nhf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Maurice Leitch - Teddy's Tale (b0902nhh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:25 Amanda Craig - The Lie of the Land (b0902nhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Old Road (b0075qz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Gay Britannia (b0902nht)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0075w10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 RD Wingfield (b0082htz)

Outbreak of Fear, The VaultWith boats wrecked and Polford's telephone lines down, Sergeant Fowler makes an important discovery. Stars Leslie Sands.

MON 06:30 The First Private Eye (b00768vq)

4 Extra Debut. Bestselling crime writer Val McDermid looks at the controversial life of Allan Pinkerton, the Glaswegian who gave the world the term 'private eye', saved the life of President Abraham Lincoln and brought his own brand of justice to the Wild West. From August 2002.

MON 07:00 Living With the Enemy (b00771ft)

Episode 3Gyles persuades Nick to help him seek revenge on his estranged wife. With Nick Revell and Prunella Scales. From November 2006.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08zb4db)

Series 67, Episode 6Back for a second week at 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. Piano accompaniment is

provided by Colin Sell. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 To the Manor Born (b007k45h)

The GrapevineAudrey tries to fool Devere that she has been on holiday to Spain.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, Keith Barron as Richard De Vere, Angela Thorne as Marjory Frobisher and Nicholas McArdle as Brabinger.

The tale of lady of the manor Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Granteleigh 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, finally arrived home in 1997.

Adapted from his TV scripts by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1997.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jp6h)

Series 2, Fallen IdolDuring platoon training, fellow officers lead Captain Mainwaring astray.

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 Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b015986q)

Cheltenham Literature Festival SpecialJames Walton presents a special edition of the programme recorded at 2011's Cheltenham Literature Festival. With guests Rachel Johnson and Sue Limb.

MON 09:30 North East of Eden (b01hc5tl)

Episode 6Marcia's errant boyfriend makes his presence felt, and religious fever grips the island. Stars Rebecca Front. From July 1997.

MON 10:00 Classic Serial (b044ghp2)

Charles Dickens - Barnaby Rudge, Captain MidnightDramatised by Mike Walker from Charles Dickens's novel set against the background of the anti-catholic riots of the 1780s. When young Ned Chester is set upon by a highwayman no-one thinks that his assailant might be connected to the violent murder of his beloved Emma's father, Reuben Haredale. The murderer that night, five years ago, was assumed to be William Rudge, who has disappeared without trace, leaving his wife and son Barnaby to fend for themselves.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

MON 11:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2333)

FusilliA packet of pasta from the supermarket shelf reawakens a father's loss. Read by Ewan Bailey.

The 25 short stories that comprise England and Other Stories mark Swift's return to the short form after seven acclaimed novels. The stories dwell on the essence of Englishness and those chosen place us on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar, in a barbers, a supermarket, a laboratory and Macintyre's warehouse, and in each place and time, Swift perfectly captures a universal truth from the minutiae of lives.

"This is a sharp, beautiful collection: every story quick and readable but leaving in the memory a core, a residue of thoughtfulness" The Guardian

Graham Swift came to prominence with this second novel Shuttlecock, which won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize in 1983. That same year, Swift's Waterland, set in the Fens earned him a place on the shortlist for the Booker prize. Swift would go on to win the Booker prize in 1996 with his novel Last Orders, which became a film starring Michael Caine, Tom Courtney, Bob Hoskins and Helen Mirren.

Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4Extra by Sweet Talk.

MON 11:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwtk)

Series 1, After the Ball is OverFeeling useless after both working for the Ministry of Defence during the Second World War, two women set up their own detective agency.

Guy Meredith's comedy thrillers star Anna Massey as Josephine Daunt and Imelda Staunton as Susan Dervish.

With Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie, Kate Buffery as Elizabeth Vavasseur, Rupert Vansittart as James Vavasseur, Beth Chalmers as Daisy, Ben Crowe as Waiter, Andrew Harrison as Customs Official and Stephen Critchlow as Salesman.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 The First Private Eye (b00768vq)

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MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01ism7hs)

Sarah Dunant - Blood and Beauty, Episode 1Acclaimed novelist of the Italian Renaissance Sarah Dunant takes on the era's most infamous family - the Borgias.

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Alexander VI, was the Head of the Church for barely a decade - but an enormous amount of activity, social, political and sexual was crammed into that period.

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Read by Robert Glenister

Written by Sarah Dunant

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacific production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pmgxg)

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

The Coelacanth is a primitive bony fish thought to be an important ancestor to all back-boned animals that ventured onto land. David Attenborough brought to television the first film of a living fish in Life on Earth. But it is the living fossil it was claimed to be?

MON 14:25 Gay Britannia (b09032ny)

How to Have a Perfect Marriage, series 1, ep 1/5YouTuber Calum McSwiggan shares his unforgettable LGBT moment with Gay Britannia season host, Ben Hunte

Followed by:

Writer Nicholas McNerny's autobiographical look at modern relationships in 'How to Have a Perfect Marriage'.

Karen is a busy mum of teenage girls, contentedly burbling along in her humdrum, happy-enough life. She finds an odd text on husband Jack's phone. Her confrontation reveals a seismic shock she did not see coming...

Stars Julia Ford as Karen, Greg Wise as Jack, Katriona Perrett as Naomi, Ellie Bindman as Ella, Liza Sadovy as Cecily and Con O'Neill as Ben.

Music: instrumental by Greg Wise, vocals by Amy Liptrott

Producer: Melanie Harris

Sound designer: Eloise Whitmore

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast 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 (b01m5dw6)

Ross King - Leonardo and the Last Supper, Episode 1Leonardo and the Last Supper tells the fascinating story of what went on behind the scenes when Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned to paint what became one of history's greatest masterpieces. Working as pictor et ingeniarius ducalis (duke's painter and engineer) for Lodovico Sforza, the de facto ruler of Milan, Leonardo was engrossed with a commission to create a monumental equestrian statue. But with unrest at home and abroad Lodovico had another use for the seventy five tons of bronze that his artist required.

Read by Nigel Anthony and abridged and produced by Jane Marshall Productions.

Producer: Jane Marshall.

MON 15:00 Classic Serial (b044ghp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 The Write Stuff (b015986q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 North East of Eden (b01hc5tl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Living With the Enemy (b00771ft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08zb4db)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Haunted (b01qr019)

The Inexperienced GhostA man encounters a troubled spirit. But could this meeting lead to tragedy?

HG Wells' supernatural tale, dramatised by Patricia Mays Starring Donald Houston as Clayton, Christopher Guard as Sanderson, Michael Cochrane as Wish, John Gillett as Evans and Gary Cady as the Barman

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1982.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076mpq)

Antonia Fraser & Lesley PearseSue MacGregor and her guests - historian Lady Antonia Fraser and novelist Lesley Pearse - discuss books by Henry James, Joanne Harris and Barbara Trapido. From 2004.

Washington Square, by Henry James

Publisher: Penguin Books

Five Quarters of the Orange, by Joanne Harris

Publisher: Black Swan

Frankie and Stankie, by Barbara Trapido

Publisher: Bloomsbury.

MON 19:00 To the Manor Born (b007k45h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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Series 4, Episode 6 Inoculation against old age leads to unusual results. Neil Edmond and James Rawlings' cerebral sketches. From November 2005.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b091ffrx)

Mae Martin 1/2 The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Jon Holmes chats to Mae Martin.

MON 23:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08zdlb1)

Series 11, Episode 2 This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator, the brilliant Romesh Ranganathan welcome:

The comedian, artist, performance poet, musician, radio DJ, author, musical actor and former Museum of Curiosity Curator, Phill Jupitus

Criminologist, broadcaster, writer and award-winning documentary film-maker, Roger Graef; and

The novelist, Michelin-starred restaurateur and food columnist who is also Chancellor of Queen Margaret University as well as judge on The Great British Bake Off, Prue Leith.

This week, the Museum's Guest Committee offer as exhibits the world's first celebrity chef, a newspaper headline calling for longer sentences and one evening in Chelmsford Odeon on Sunday July 26th 1981.

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

The producers were Richard Turner and James Harkin.

It was a BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:30 Vent (b00tr5rv)

Series 2. Things to Do Before You Die Comatose Ben travels back to 1973 to find a 'life coach' to motivate him out of his coma. Stars Neil Pearson. From October 2007.

TUESDAY 08 AUGUST 2017**TUE 00:00 Haunted (b01qr019)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076mpq)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0082htz)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 01:30 The First Private Eye (b00768vq)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01sm7hs)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pmgxx)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:25 Gay Britannia (b09032ny)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:25 on Monday](#)]**TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b01m5dw6)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Monday](#)]**TUE 03:00 Classic Serial (b044gpb2)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b015p86q)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 04:30 North East of Eden (b01lhc5tl)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 05:00 Living With the Enemy (b00771ft)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b08zb4db)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Monday](#)]**TUE 06:00 RD Wingfield (b0082k48)**

Outbreak of Fear, The Killer Sergeant Fowler takes steps as his suspicions grow over his boss Chadwick's conclusions on the murders. Stars Leslie Sands.

TUE 06:30 Audience Profiled (b0076d6d)

Crowd Control John Florence investigates how the etiquette of classical music audiences has changed over the centuries. From March 2003.

TUE 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)

Episode 4 Edgar and young Robert have been kidnapped - but is it a case of mistaken identity?

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 Jacques, Albert Welling as Baptiste Mignard and Jacqueline Tong as Madame Mignard. 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 (b08zc6g1)

Series 6, A Number of Reasons I've Been Depressed, Lately; Diary extracts The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling

storyteller is back on Radio 4 with more words of wit and wisdom. This week, A Number Of Reasons I've Been Depressed, Lately and some recent diary extracts.

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 Listen to Les (b007w2n4)

From 11/08/1974 Les Dawson presents the debut of comic

discovery Justin Jest and a wonky piano sing-along.

With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Scripted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1974.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b010nrtn)

Bringing the House Down A new office block is on the agenda.

But it's a bit too close to home for Mildred.

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald,

John Graham and Ronald Baddiley.

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 (b08zdlb1)[Repeat of broadcast at [23:00 on Monday](#)]**TUE 09:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq2b)**

Series 1, Episode 4 The sofa-bound presenters look at cults and the plight of the homeless. Stars Robert Duncan and Julia Hills. From May 1996.

TUE 10:00 Classic Serial (b04578k9)

Charles Dickens - Barnaby Rudge. The Maypole Falls Dramatised by Mike Walker from Charles Dickens's novel set against the background of the anti-catholic riots of the 1780s. Five years have passed, and Lord Gordon calls at the Maypole Inn before making his way to Westminster at the head of a riotous mob. Barnaby is recruited to the ranks of the Protestant Association, and Geoffrey Haredale, known to be a prominent catholic, finds his life in danger.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

TUE 11:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j29zn)

Holly and Polly A love story, and how it happens. Read by Jenny Funnell

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Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk.

TUE 11:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007s5tv)

Series 1, South of the Border Daunt and Dervish have established their detective agency and there's a steady flow of business, in the days just after the end of the Second World War.

But their lives really become exciting when they rescue a woman from drowning, discover she is not at all what she seems, and find themselves involved in the more shady side of life at the race track.

Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Bill Nighy as Ted Sharping.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.

Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

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Episode 2:

Pope Alexander VI begins his reign with caution, impressing the Romans while keeping his mistress and his children in check - as best he can.

Read by Robert Glenister

Written by Sarah Dunant

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pn48m)

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

The dodo is the caricature of extinction. This turkey-sized flightless pigeon lived on a remote island and was slaughtered by seafarers for its meat. The same fate has met other flightless species. Can we learn this lesson from history?

TUE 14:25 Gay Britannia (b09035wc)

How to Have a Perfect Marriage, series 1, ep 2/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host, Ben Hunte introduces the second part of Nicholas McNerny's How to Have a Perfect Marriage. Karen decides the easiest route is denial. Her mother is restless, her daughter is smoking weed, and her best friend needs help. The last thing Karen wants is to deal with her newly out gay husband. It's too painful.

Stars Julia Ford as Karen, Greg Wise as Jack, Katriona Perrett as Naomi, Ellie Bindman as Ella, Liza Sadovy as Miranda, Toby Sawyer as Malcolm and Con O'Neill as Ben.

Producer: Melanie Harris

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01m5gvw)

Ross King - Leonardo and the Last Supper, Episode 2 Despite his reputation in Milan, Leonardo da Vinci had reached his forties without having created a public masterpiece proportionate to his talents. His frustration at his lack of achievement was compounded when the seventy five tons of bronze he needed to complete a monumental equestrian statue, was commissioned to be turned into weapons. And then Lodovico Sforza commissioned him to paint a wall in a Dominican refectory.

Nigel Anthony reads from Leonardo and the Last Supper by Ross King.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Classic Serial (b04578k9)[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 today](#)]**TUE 16:00 Whispers (b007k3br)**

Series 1, Episode 5 Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals club, with Anthony Holden, Stella Duffy, Lynne Truss and Rowan Pelling. From November 2003.

TUE 16:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq2b)[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 today](#)]**TUE 17:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 today](#)]**TUE 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08zc6g1)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**TUE 18:00 Haunted (b01qrnb9)**

The Emisarry By Ray Bradbury. Young Marion is unwell, but her pet dog keeps her in touch with the outside world. And beyond. Stars Jennie Linden.

TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmr3)

Series 1, Barry Took The comedian and writer shares some reminiscences, with tales of the Round the Horne and Monty Python teams. From April 1999.

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2017, Semi-final 1 - EdinburghThe first semi-final of the BBC New Comedy Award 2017 is hosted by Mark Watson at the Edinburgh Festival.

The judges are comedians Dane Baptiste and Angela Barnes, and BBC Radio Comedy's Julia Mackenzie.

The best new acts compete for a place in the final being broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 at **6.15pm** on Sunday 13th August.**TUE 23:30 Britain Versus the World (b04wjsvk)**

Series 1, Episode 3Episode Three:

The third 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 English comedian Holly Walsh while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with Swedish stand-up Fredrik Andersson. The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial.

Host

Ed Byrne

Guests

Hal Cruttenden

Henning Wehn

Holly Walsh

Fredrik Andersson

Programme Associate Bill Matthews

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker.

WEDNESDAY 09 AUGUST 2017**WED 00:00 Haunted (b01qrm9b)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jmr3)**[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 01:00 RD Wingfield (b0082k48)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 01:30 Audience Profiled (b0076d6d)**[Repeat of broadcast at [06:30 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b01sm7ke)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 02:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pn48m)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:15 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 02:25 Gay Britannia (b09035wc)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:25 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b01m5gyw)**[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 03:00 Classic Serial (b04578k9)**[Repeat of broadcast at [10:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 04:00 Whispers (b007k3br)**[Repeat of broadcast at [16:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 04:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq2b)**[Repeat of broadcast at [09:30 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 05:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:00 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08zc6g1)**[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 on Tuesday](#)]**WED 06:00 Gay Britannia (b0903857)**

Stealing the SceneActivist Peter Tatchell shares his unforgettable LGBT moments with Gay Britannia season host Ben Hunte

Followed by:

Phil Willmott's Stealing the Scene

What do you do if you're a 17-year-old boy growing up in South London and the best thing in your life is the love you have for another man?

This age of consent drama follows Joe through the months leading up to the protest by the gay action group OutRage on 7th May 1994.

Starring David Cruz as Joe, Lee Ross as Sam, Robert Patterson as Ted and Stevan Rimkus as Alan.

Director: Lucy Hackney

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1994.

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Produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Peter Reed.

WED 06:30 Audience Profiled (b0076d9q)

Fever PitchJohn Florance explores the lives of some of the first pop stars - classical composers and musicians. From March 2003.

WED 07:00 Rent (b065k7zn)

Series 4, Episode 4Can Maria and Richard help Paul and Ruby get rid of an unwanted guest? Stars Barbara Flynn. From June 1998.

WED 07:30 Chain Reaction (b05417lh)

Series 10, Bob Mortimer talks to Vic ReevesChain Reaction is

Radio 4's long running hostless chat show where last week's

interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

In the third episode of the series one half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Bob Mortimer, talks to the other half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Vic Reeves. Vic & Bob are best know as the creators and stars of The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer, Shooting Stars and House of Fools.

Producer ... Charlie Perkins.

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b00vdfdq)

Series 1, The Admiral's PartyPertwee's relative has a Portsmouth posting - so can the Chief ensure luxury accommodation?

Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cawdric as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Michael Bates as Commander Shaw, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral.

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 (b007jp42)

Series 5, The Threatening LettersThe lad is full of the joys of Spring - until the postman arrives.

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 (b00759zt)

Series 6, Episode 4Jan McMillan chairs the irreverent literary quiz with guests Mark Steel, David Stafford, Miles Kington and Sophie Hannah. From July 1999.

WED 09:30 Up the Garden Path (b008f3kh)

Series 3, Gooseberrys and FoolsCan a relationship with her ex-pupil Razors be the best thing for teacher Izzy? Stars Imelda Staunton. From November 1993.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b045xz2w)

Charles Dickens - Barnaby Rudge, A City in FlamesDramatised by Mike Walker from Charles Dickens's novel set against the background of the anti-catholic riots of the 1780s. Gordon has

lost control of the mob, which is now intent on freeing all the prisoners at Newgate. Simon Tappertit, who has taken Dolly

Varden and Emma Hareadale under his 'protection', tries to

persuade Gabriel Varden to unlock the prison gates.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

WED 11:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2dsd)

Articles of WarIt is September 1805 and a young lieutenant awaits his first naval action with some trepidation. Read by Ewan

Bailey.

The 25 short stories that comprise England and Other Stories mark Swift's return to the short form after seven acclaimed

novels. The stories dwell on the essence of Englishness and those

chosen place us on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar, in a barbers, a supermarket, a laboratory and Macintyre's warehouse, and in

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Hoskins and Helen Mirren.

Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk.

WED 11:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwty)

Series 1, A Question of ClassThe detective duo return to their Covent Garden office in London early one morning to discover an

Oxford undergraduate slumped on the doorstep wanting them to find the wallet he left in a Soho house of ill repute.

Daunt's knowledge of his past makes her very suspicious of later accusations that he's beaten a woman up.

With the Second World War over, former spies Josephine Daunt and Susan Dervish are running their own detective agency.

Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Scott Handy as James 'Podger' Urquhart.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.

Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

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Episode 3:

Lucrezia frets about the strategic alliance her father is making with her marriage, and Cesare is recalled to Rome.

Read by Robert Glenister

Written by Sarah Dunant

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00ps5hp)

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

Following the tracks left by animals is a great craft owned by many aboriginal people. Doing the same with fossilised tracks is

much the same skill, but with a whole new set of extraordinary revelations.

WED 14:25 Gay Britannia (b09039pf)

How to Have a Perfect Marriage, series 1, ep 3/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host Ben Hunte introduces the third part of

Nicholas McNerny's How to Have a Perfect Marriage. Things unravel further for Karen. Her daughter storms out, her

best friend Miranda feels let down and husband Jack is out on his first date with a man.

Stars Julia Ford as Karen, Greg Wise as Jack, Katriona Perrett as Naomi, Ellie Bindman as Ella, Liza Sadovy as Miranda and Toby Sawyer as Tom.

Producer: Melanie Harris

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b01m7sbp)

Ross King - Leonardo and the Last Supper, Episode 3By the time he was commissioned to paint his 'Last Supper' in the refectory of

the Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Leonardo da Vinci would have seen many representations of this famous scene in Florence

and Milan. But he was never an artist to follow in others' footsteps and, typically, his approach to capturing one of the most

dramatic passages in the Bible was unique.

Nigel Anthony reads from Leonardo and the Last Supper by Ross King.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

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Mists of MemoryBy Rosemary Timperley. Young cellist Janet meets a confused old man. He wonders if 'music is where I live'.

And he seems familiar. Stars Helen Worth.

WED 18:30 Off the Page (b0184rgl)

BirminghamDominic Arkwright and guests Adrian Goldberg, Shazia Mirza and Luke Bainbridge discuss Birmingham; its flaws

and its fabulousness.

According to a recent survey, the majority of the population believe that Manchester is the UK's second city and not

Birmingham. Lord Digby Jones added further fuel to that debate when he suggested earlier this year that Manchester has a more

legitimate claim to that crown. But is there anything to be gained from being classified as second? Is it a title that either cities want?

Brummies Adrian Goldberg and Shazia Mirza and Mancunian Luke Bainbridge join Dominic Arkwright to discuss why coolness

is the one adjective that has eluded the city of a thousand trades. Blighted by dialectic prejudice and the stereotypes borne of

Crossroads and the like, Birmingham is about to embark on another architectural city revamp. Is Birmingham happy with

itself?

Producer: Sarah Langan.

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WED 22:00 Chain Reaction (b05417lh)[Repeat of broadcast at [07:30 today](#)]**WED 22:30 BBC New Comedy Award (b09039ph)**

2017, Semi-final 2 - Edinburgh The second semi-final of the BBC New Comedy Award 2017 is hosted by Mark Watson at the Edinburgh Festival.

The judges are comedy writer and presenter Clive Anderson, comedian Tom Allen, and BBC Radio Comedy's Julia Mackenzie.

The best new acts compete for a place in the final being broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 at **6.15pm** on Sunday 13th August.**WED 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b00h7wv)**

Series 2, Episode 4 The host presents a selection of classic comic songs. With special guest Neil Hannon from The Divine Comedy. From November 2006.

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Episode 1 Bulldog Hugh Drummond is a hero, patriot, sportsman and quintessential English gentleman. A de-mobilised army officer in the First World War, Drummond knows how to fight hard and play fair and there is precious little that can shake him. Finding peace unbearably tedious, he puts an ad in the newspaper offering his services to any client who can offer adventure. Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

Written by "Sapper" (Herman McNeile) and abridged by Neville Teller

Producer: John Simpson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

THU 06:30 The Unsettled Dust: The Strange Stories of Robert Aickman (b0184v2s)

Screenwriter Jeremy Dyson praises the supernatural stories of British author and conservationist Robert Aickman and argues they should receive greater recognition for their contribution to literature.

Robert Aickman was the grandson of the prolific Victorian novelist Richard Marsh whose occult thriller *The Beetle* (1897) was in its time as popular as Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Aickman is best remembered today for co-founding the Inland Waterways Association, but his Grandfather's work influenced him to write around fifty so called "strange" stories involving the supernatural and macabre over a thirty year period starting in the late forties.

In recent years League of Gentlemen writer Dyson has adapted Aickman's work into various forms of Drama including the BBC Radio Four play 'Ringing the Changes'.

By speaking with fans of Aickman and introducing students to his work for the first time, Dyson argues that Aickman's literary gifts have been undervalued and during his lifetime he should have received greater critical acclaim.

THU 07:00 In the Balance (b007k1yh)

Episode 4 Maverick BBC reporter George Cragge probes a deliberate poisoning...

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 (b08zdfq)

Series 3, Christmas "The most exciting new comedy duo working today" - David Walliams

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, Alex and Ben are putting out a Christmas special in the height of summer, to avoid competition....

"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 Mark Benton, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Liam Williams.

Produced by Sam Bryant.

A BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00r3s1n)

Series 2, Episode 3 Money worries for Sid and Rita, and the Smith Report investigates travel - does it get you anywhere?

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 May 1970.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007j19j)

The Whistling Spy Enigma Spy Neddie must make contact with his informer. But can he whistle the secret tune? Stars Spike Milligan. From September 1954.

THU 09:00 Act Your Age (b00qplvn)

Series 2, Episode 5 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 Tom Wrigglesworth, John Bishop and Tom O'Connor.

THU 09:30 HR (b00j1dvv)

Series 1, A Leaving Party Comedy drama series by Nigel Williams that charts the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter and Sam meet on their way to a leaving party - but whose leaving party?

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas le Prevost

Elevator voice Sam Dale

Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b0375250)

Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island, Episode 11 / 2. By Patrick O'Brian. August, 1811. Jack Aubrey sets sail for Australia in his new command, HMS Leopard. His mission is to transport a group of convicts to Botany Bay, including a woman, Louisa Wogan, who has been spying for the Americans. Stephen Maturin joins Jack once again as ship's surgeon - but his real mission is to watch Mrs Wogan. When a fever breaks out among the prisoners and crew, Jack decides to head for Recife - but he is pursued through the South Atlantic by a powerful Dutch warship. Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer/director: Bruce Young.

THU 11:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2p0z)

Tragedy, Tragedy At Macintyre's warehouse, Mick Hammond turns the conversation to the nature of tragedy. Read by Ewan Bailey.

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Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk.

THU 11:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007s8d7)

Series 1, Games of Chance The detective duo are called in on a 'sporting' assignment to keep a 24 hour watch on a young East End boy who's about to fight for a place in the 1948 boxing team. The local Catholic priest has been taking a special interest in the boy's progress, but why?

With the Second World War over, former spies Josephine Daunt and Susan Dervish are running their own detective agency.

Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie, Dermot Crowley as Father Mike Finucan and Carl Prekopp as Tommy.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.

Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.

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Episode 4:

Alexander plays out the diplomatic chess game of matchmaking his three eligible offspring, and manages to make his fourth, Cesare, a Cardinal.

Read by Robert Glenister

Written by Sarah Dunant

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00psp10)

Series 1, Bird's Nest Soup Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Filming the birds that make the nests of saliva so prized by Chinese gourmet chefs in the total darkness of a Borneo cave proved difficult, until a conical mound of bat guano provided a natural platform.

THU 14:25 Gay Britannia (b09039t6)

How to Have a Perfect Marriage, series 1, ep 4/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host Ben Hunte introduces the fourth part of Nicholas McNerny's How to Have a Perfect Marriage.

Karen longs for husband Jack to look at her, to notice her, to fall in love with her again. But he is excited by his new relationship and torn apart by the pain he is causing around him. It's time for them all to make some decisions.

Stars Julia Ford as Karen, Greg Wise as Jack, Liza Sadoy as

Miranda Con O'Neill as Ben and Toby Sawyer as Tom.

Producer: Melanie Harris

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b01m7nqd)Ross King - Leonardo and the Last Supper, Episode 4 Whilst he was painting *The Last Supper*, Leonardo was living in the Corte Vecchia in Milan and, typically for this restless artist, he found many distractions from the job in hand. Surrounded by assistants and with a patron who had many other entertaining tasks for his 'pictor et ingenarius' to complete, progress on his masterpiece was slow and more than a little experimental.

Nigel Anthony reads from Leonardo and the Last Supper by Ross King.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

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Channel Crossing By Rosemary Timperley. Can a family holiday overcome all the issues that divide a bickering family? Stars Peter Sallis and Nicholas Lyndhurst.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00mk7r1)

Series 19, Miriam Makeba Matthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Kate Humble discusses her heroine, the South African singer and anti-apartheid activist, Miriam Makeba.

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THU 22:00 The Pin (b08zdfq)

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THU 22:30 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03zx9pg)

Episode 2The Scottish surrealist discovers ancient Egyptian music and what the Dutch think of British pubs. From August 1991.

THU 22:45 Gay Britannia (b0903gt8)

Happy That WayAward-winning comedian Gina Yashere shares some of her unforgettable LGBT moments with Ben Hunte.

Followed by:

Happy That Way

Graham Norton, Stephen Fry, Sue Perkins, Susan Calman, Al Porter, Mae Martin, Stephen K Amos, Suzi Ruffell, Paul Sinha and Sandi Toksvig...

Just some of the many talents in this special compilation programme made for BBC Radio 4 Extra celebrating the best out and proud BBC Radio comedy from the past five years.

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra

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.

THU 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b091ffsk)

Mae Martin 2/2The best in contemporary comedy. Tonight Jon Holmes chats again to Mae Martin.

THU 23:30 Wondermental Cabaret (b01lstm)

Edinburgh SpecialComedy, bonhomie, poetry, music and audience creativity in the company of Matt Harvey and guests.

Another chance to hear last summer's special Edinburgh Festival edition of Wondermental - the slightly interactive, comedy-infused poetry cabaret.

Showcasing Matt Harvey's peerless poetry, meet his nemesis, side-kick and one man house band Jerri Hart, and peerless guest poets, Kate Fox and Elvis McGonagall.

Kate Fox is the poet with Northern vowels and a love of puns, buns and rhymes, while Elvis McGonagall, stand-up poet and armchair revolutionary strolls in to the BBC's Festival site, on ball from The Graceland Caravan Park, near Dundee.

Like luxury muesli, Wondermentalism is a faith that contains sparkly, shiny multigrains of truth, wit, wisdom and laughter. Vitamin supplements for the soul.

Producer: Mark Smalley.

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FRI 06:00 Sapper - Bulldog Drummond (b00nm9s4)

Episode 2Tricked into abducting the wrong man, dangerous Peterson gives a stern warning to the ex-officer. Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.

FRI 06:30 Mapping Britain's Underworld (b01hxt5n)

Four million holes are dug every year in the UK. Five billion pounds are lost through the economic effects of disruption and traffic hold ups, while hitting a utility pipe or cable can prove fatal for those working on the road. Adam Hart- Davis reports on a major research project which is trying to solve the problems. He takes us underground from his ancient ice house at the bottom of his Devon garden to report on Mapping the Underworld, the £3.5m programme involving universities throughout Britain. The

aim is to improve how we locate the increasingly confusing and complex array of pipes, cables and sewers beneath our streets, and assess their condition - as well as ultimately providing a better map of what is beneath our cities to improve planning both above and below ground.

At the moment it's often difficult to know where such utilities are - an estimated one in four of all holes are dug in the wrong place. Maps may not be accurate because original records of where the pipes and cables are located often use reference points on the surface which have long since gone.

Existing sensors may have problems finding what is underground because of soil or weather conditions, while modern materials such as plastic or fibre optics pose a challenge to existing technologies.

Adam Hart-Davis tries out the prototype of a multi-sensor cart where four different sensors operate together to produce an all-in-one solution, so if one technology doesn't work well in certain conditions and with particular materials, another one will. It is not an easy undertaking for the research teams or, as it turns out, for Adam testing the multi-sensor cart.

Producer: Sara Parker

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:00 Safety Catch (b00fkvrj)

Series 1, Loose Lips Sink ShipsWill Simon blow the whistle on his murky world of international arms dealing? Stars Darren Boyd. From October 2007.

FRI 07:30 Dave Podmore Crosses the Boundary (b09002yb)

The world of sport is in crisis. England's king of cricket sleaze Dave Podmore has lost his mojo. Has Brexit robbed Pod of his trademark salty wisdom? They didn't put this on the side of that bus.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Andrew Nickolds and Nick Newman

Produced by Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00stsd9)

Series 4, Episode 2Scottish Music Night, and a rubbish bird impressionist. Sketches and songs with John Cleese and Bill Oddie. From October 1966.

FRI 08:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

Series 1, The First BriefRookie barrister Roger Thursby unwittingly aids a habitual fraudster.

Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mannerling.

With guest stars Kenneth Connor as Green and John Le Mesurier as The Judge

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts. Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.

Produced by David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

FRI 09:00 Who Goes There? (b00766w1)

Series 5, Episode 5Martin Young presents the biographical quiz show. Francis Wheen and Fred Housego captain the teams, with guests Geoffrey Durham and Lynne Truss.

FRI 09:30 Gush (b0527j88)

Episode 5Foxwell Cravate and Max Pomeroy come to an arrangement about the incriminating photograph. With Caroline Quentin. From December 1994.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b037gnxr)

Patrick O'Brian - Desolation Island, Episode 22 / 2. By Patrick O'Brian. Jack Aubrey is pursued through the South Atlantic by a powerful Dutch warship whose 74 guns threaten to blow HMS Leopard out of the water. As the Leopard tries to out-run the enemy, Jack and Stephen have to contend with a fever that lays waste to the crew and an unexpected childbirth. A confrontation with the Dutch ship leaves Jack seriously wounded - and a dangerous situation turns to disaster when his first officer takes command and runs the Leopard into an iceberg. Dramatised by Roger Danes.

FRI 11:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2vrc)

People Are Lifelt's the last customer of the day for a Cypriot barber and the conversation turns toward friendship. Read by Ewan Bailey.

The 25 short stories that comprise England and Other Stories mark Swift's return to the short form after seven acclaimed novels. The stories dwell on the essence of Englishness and those chosen place us on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar, in a barbers, a supermarket, a laboratory and Macintyre's warehouse, and in each place and time, Swift perfectly captures a universal truth from the minutiae of lives.

"This is a sharp, beautiful collection: every story quick and readable but leaving in the memory a core, a residue of thoughtfulness: The Guardian

Graham Swift came to prominence with this second novel Shuttlecock, which won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize in 1983. That same year, Swift's Waterland, set in the Fens earned him a place on the shortlist for the Booker prize. Swift would go on to win the Booker prize in 1996 with his novel Last Orders, which became a film starring Michael Caine, Tom Courtney, Bob Hoskins and Helen Mirren.

Produced by Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk.

FRI 11:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwvb)

Series 1, The Singer Not the SongWhen a newspaper magnate is murdered, the obvious suspect is his much younger wife, but when the police discover that Daunt and Dervish were actually in the grounds of the house that evening - they're not only under suspicion, but their licence is suspended. The only way to get it back will be for them to beat the police to the discovery of the real murderer...

With the Second World War over, former spies Josephine Daunt and Susan Dervish are running their own detective agency. Stars Imelda Staunton as Josephine Daunt, Anna Massey as Susan Dervish, Bill Patterson as Bill Mackie and Nicky Henson as Daniel Slater.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey. Written by Guy Meredith.

Producer: Cherry Cookson. Director: Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00stsd9)

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

FRI 12:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

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

FRI 13:00 Sapper - Bulldog Drummond (b00nm9s4)

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

FRI 13:30 Mapping Britain's Underworld (b01hxt5n)

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

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b01snkyr)

Sarah Dunant - Blood and Beauty, Episode 5Acclaimed novelist of the Italian Renaissance Sarah Dunant takes on the era's most infamous family - the Borgias.

The story of the Borgia Pope is not long - Roderigo Borgia, Alexander VI, was the Head of the Church for barely a decade - but an enormous amount of activity, social, political and sexual was crammed into that period.

Our abridgement begins in August 1492 when Roderigo Borgia wins his campaign to become Pope, and describes the repercussions for his children, Cesare, Juan, Lucrezia and Jofre. Juan, the only legitimate son, will be allied in marriage to Spain, while Cesare is promised to the church - thus ensuring their legacy within the Vatican. As for Lucrezia, she is part of the price Borgia paid for his Papacy - though only 12, she must wed to shore up an uneasy alliance with the powerful Milanese Sforza family.

Episode 5:

Alexander's difficulties with his enemies are complicated by his children's marital problems. As the French prepare to invade Italy, his Papacy hangs in the balance.

Read by Robert Glenister

Written by Sarah Dunant

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacific production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:15 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00psrg1)

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

What are human eyebrows for? Possibly to allow communication without the use of words. Testing the value of eyebrow communication came into its own when David Attenborough met the men of an aboriginal tribe in New Guinea where there was no other common language.

FRI 14:25 Gay Britannia (b0903pg3)

How to Have a Perfect Marriage, series 1, ep 5/54 Extra's 'Gay Britannia' season host Ben Hunte introduces the final part of Series One of Nicholas McNerny's How to Have a Perfect Marriage.

Karen and Jack celebrate their wedding anniversary the way they always do, on Primrose Hill, with flowers and a take-away. But this year is different.

Stars Julia Ford as Karen, Greg Wise as Jack, Liza Sadovy as Cecily, Katriona Perrett as Naomi and Toby Sawyer as Tom.

Producer: Melanie Harris

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b01m7p7g)

Ross King - Leonardo and the Last Supper, Episode 5An eyewitness records the fitful progress that Leonardo was making on his masterpiece and the frustration of the prior of Santa Maria delle Grazie at the artist's capricious regime. But when his Last Supper was finally finished, the world came to wonder at this new marvel.

Nigel Anthony reads from Leonardo and the Last Supper by Ross King.

Abridged by Jane Marshall Productions

Producer: Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b037gnxr)

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

FRI 16:00 Who Goes There? (b00766w1)

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

FRI 16:30 Gush (b0527j88)

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

FRI 17:00 Safety Catch (b00fkvrj)

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

FRI 17:30 Dave Podmore Crosses the Boundary (b09002yb)

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

FRI 18:00 Haunted (b01qrlnj)

EsmeraldaBy John Keir Cross. Felix might finally be free of his

wife, but who is the mysterious woman claiming to be his daughter? Starring George Baker.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music (b041xbxf)

Series 18, Adagio in G minorAlbinoni's Adagio in G Minor, is one of the most popular and moving pieces of music but, as academic and composer Andrew Gant explains, it wasn't written by Albinoni and is now attributed to the twentieth century Italian composer, Giazotto.

Award-winning veteran BBC foreign correspondent, Malcolm Brabant recalls the 'cellist of Sarajevo', Vedran Smailovic, playing it everyday for weeks amidst the wreckage of the beautiful city, as Serbian gunfire raged around.

Virginia McKenna explains how the piece became so special to her and her late husband, Bill Travers, who died twenty years ago this month, the piece was played at the beginning and end of his memorial service.

And TV producer, Gareth Gwenlan reveals why it was chosen as the theme for the character played by Wendy Craig, in the seventies sitcom, Butterflies.

Producer: Lucy Lunt.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00std9)

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FRI 19:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)

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

FRI 20:00 Sapper - Bulldog Drummond (b00nm9s4)

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

FRI 20:30 Mapping Britain's Underworld (b01hxt5n)

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

FRI 21:00 Graham Swift - England and Other Stories (b04j2vrc)

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

FRI 21:15 Daunt and Dervish (b007jwvb)

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

FRI 22:00 Dave Podmore Crosses the Boundary (b09002vb)

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

FRI 22:30 4 Extra Stands Up (b07pwy9v)

4 Extra Stands Up at the Fringe 2016, Episode 1 Zoe Lyons introduces some of the best comedians from the biggest arts festival in the world. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is a hotbed of creativity where new comedians rub shoulders with household names, and anything can happen. Zoe brings some of her favourite comedians to the stage alongside the new, surprising and exciting comedians that can only be found in the melting pot of the Fringe.

In this episode we've got Gary Little, Daisy Earl, Lucy Porter, Tiff Stevenson, Russ Peers, Rosco McKlelland, Eddy Brimson and Pearce James.

FRI 23:30 Revolting People (b008ff6d)

Series 3, A Kiss Is Just a Kiss Samuel turns his shop into a bar, and an old flame called Ingrid turns up. 1770 America sitcom stars Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.