

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

SAT 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3m)

Episode 4 The purpose of the alien's presence in Inchbrae is revealed after Jill and Beth witness more moments from the past. Sci-fi thriller written by Marty Ross.

Stars Simon Tait as Dan Collins, Gayanne Potter as Jill Logan, Joanna Tope as Dr Beth Granger, Lesley Hart as Heather Logan, John Paul Hurley as Dominic Clayton, Finlay McLean as Reverend Thornley, Sandy Neilson as Captain Cairns/Minister/Tannoy and Stevie Hannan as Lt Hopridge.

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

SAT 00:30 Soul Music (b05r3rf3)

Series 20, Bach Cello Suite No 1 in G Major/Bach's Cello Suite No 1 in G major is one of the most frequently performed and recognisable solo compositions ever written for cello. Yet it was virtually unknown for almost two hundred years until the Catalan cellist, Pablo Casals discovered an edition in a thrift shop in Barcelona. Casals became the first to record it and the suites are now cherished by musicians across the globe.

The world renowned cellist, Steven Isserlis describes his relationship with the piece and why it still surprises and excites him. Fellow cellists Richard Jenkinson and Jane Salmon talk about the challenge of playing it and we hear from the Dominic Martens, a member of the National Youth Orchestra and his teacher, Nick Jones as they explore the piece together. Garden designer Julie Moir Messervy, describes how Yo-Yo Ma's recording inspired her to design The Toronto Music Garden and doctor Heidi Kimberly explains why she chose the piece for her wedding and why she believes the suite to have healing powers. While historian and author, Eric Sibley, reveals the extraordinary history of the suites and why some still argue that they were written by Bach's second wife Anna Magdalena.

Producer Lucy Lunt.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b039q5dx)

Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair, Presenting Mr Gregory The tenth and final part of a new production of a vintage serial from 1946.

From 1938 to 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and his glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. Sadly, only half of Temple's adventures survive in the archives.

In 2006 BBC Radio 4 brought one of the lost serials back to life with Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson as Paul and Steve. Using the original scripts and incidental music, and recorded using vintage microphones and sound effects, the production of Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery aimed to sound as much as possible like the 1947 original might have done if its recording had survived. The serial proved so popular that it was soon followed by three more revivals, Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery, Paul Temple and Steve, and A Case for Paul Temple. Now, from 1946, it's the turn of Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair, in which Paul and Steve go on the trail of the mysterious and murderous Mr Gregory.

Episode 10: Presenting Mr Gregory

Paul sends out invitations to a very special party at the Madrid club.

Producer Patrick Rayner

Francis Durbridge, the creator of Paul Temple, was born in Hull in 1912 and died in 1998. He was one of the most successful novelists, playwrights and scriptwriters of his day.

SAT 01:30 Cult Heroes - Marc Bolan (b0965ybs)

Magenta Devine charts Mark Feld's rise to superstardom as Glam Rock pioneer, Marc Bolan - who was tragically killed aged just 29 in 1977.

Featuring: Mickey Finn, Helen Shapiro, Tony Visconti and John Peel.

Producer: Julian Coleman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in August 1992.

SAT 02:00 Helen Dunmore - The Betrayal (b00wmqkf)

Volkov Is Dead In a final act before his fall from grace, Volkov, Commissar of the secret police, has given Andrei a way out. Instead of execution he will be sent to Siberia.

Meanwhile Anna is in hiding, waiting for the birth of their baby. Helen Dunmore's sequel to 'The Siege' concluded by Sara Kestelman.

Set ten years on, the starvation and bitter cold of the war years of Leningrad have been replaced with fear and suspicion. City residents do their best to keep their heads down and their lives unremarkable in an era of accusations, arrests and the midnight knock at the door.

Helen Dunmore (1952-2017) was the writer of 12 novels and 10 poetry collections winning several accolades for her work.

Abridged by Sally Marnion

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 02:15 The Art of Rhetoric (b007jxjs)

Speech and Spin Simon Hoggart considers the future of spontaneous public speaking, as technology continues to shape the world of communication.

SAT 02:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xn8hs)

The Death of Albert Victoria mourns for her mother while Albert is tormented by Bertie. Based on diaries and letters of England's longest-reigning queen. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

SAT 02:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kd1q9)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn, Torn in Two Niamh Cusack reads Colm

Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

Home for a holiday and to comfort her grieving mother, Eilis has been unable to resist the lure of the familiar. Meanwhile, Tony waits for her in Brooklyn.

SAT 03:00 Saturday Drama (b01qctxt)

Don Webb - Boots on the Ground Danny Marks arrives at a Military Research centre. He's a volunteer for speed reaction testing; trying to improve reaction times under duress. His mate Billy Rogers was on the same course, but he's gone missing. Has he just done a bunk? Or is it something more sinister. A dark, contemporary thriller by veteran TV writer.

Don Webb is a hugely experienced TV and radio writer with credits stretching back to the early eighties. He has written for 'The Bill', 'Juliet Bravo', 'Rockcliffe's Babies' and 'Byker Grove'. His recent R4 plays include 'Right Place, Wrong Time' and 'A Bobby's Job'.

SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075rnr)

Series 1, Episode 3 Phil Hammond chairs the debating game. With Simon Fanshawe and Peter Bradshaw, Brian Sewell and Steve Punt. From November 1998.

SAT 04:30 After Henry (b007k1hq)

Series 1, Mr Right Sarah meets her daughter Clare's boyfriend, while her mother Eleanor interferences.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Nigel Williams as David.

Four radio series were made, but instead of then moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

SAT 05:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hvy)

Series 1, Mother Nick's worst fears come true, while Ronnie tries to sell heart-rate monitors to Monty Python fans.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie, Paul Bazely as Nick, Tracy Wiles as Chloe, John Douglas as James, Simon Treves as Vince and Liza Sadovy as Andrea.

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SAT 05:30 Mr Muzak (b095qcvj)

Series 1, Rock the Boat Richie Webb stars as performance shy cocktail pianist Nigel Penny.

Nigel Penny's attempts to live his life in the background have been thwarted by the surprise arrival of his entrepreneurial half-brother, Pav (Paul G Raymond) who is desperate to find gigs for Nigel and his musical partner, wannabe singer Rachel (Jess Robinson).

Despite his protestations of sea-sickness, Pav books Nigel to accompany Rachel as the entertainment on a floating barge at an event hosted by Belinda (Vicki Pepperdine), an old acquaintance of Nigel's. Meanwhile Stan (Dave Lamb) is yearning to return to his homeland.

Directed by Nick Walker

Audio Production by Matt Katz

Written and produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Saturday Drama (b01n96qn)

Marks & Gran - Love Me Doby Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran

As the world faces nuclear extinction two Americans trapped in London find themselves thrown together in the countdown to the Cuban missile crisis.

Director Sally Avens

The Cuban missile crisis took place fifty years ago. For thirteen days in October the world teetered on the brink of nuclear destruction. Our Saturday Drama, by the writers Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, is a love story from the time when everyone thought the world was about to end. When Dorothy flies over to England from Kansas to attend the friend of a wedding she finds herself the only American there apart from 'Shack' who works at the American Embassy. But she soon finds herself arguing with him over his flippant attitude to life and specifically Dorothy's marriage. But when she finds herself caught up in the crisis it is Shack who comes to her rescue and struggling to come to terms with the enormity of what's happening to the world they find themselves falling in love.

The writers Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran are responsible for such hits as Birds of A Feather, The New Statesman and Shine on Harvey Moon. Their last radio play 'Von Ribbentrop's Watch' met with great acclaim.

The play stars Miranda Raison who won acclaim for her roles in Spooks and Vexed and on stage as Anne Bolyan Adam James plays Shack and appeared in 'Band of Brothers', Rome and Doctor Who as well as numerous stage appearances.

SAT 07:30 Radio 1: The First Ten Years (b096nbbd)

It's back to 1977 - as Alan 'Fluff' Freeman marks the tenth anniversary of the BBC's music-loving national radio station, which began broadcasting on 247 metres on the Medium Wave. Launched on Saturday 30th September 1967 at 7am, Radio 1 was the BBC's attempt to replace the defunct pirate stations, though many shows were simulcast with BBC Radio 2 in the early days. "The swinging new radio service" - according to the Radio Times - took much of its style from the pirate radio stations it replaced and employed several ex-pirate disc jockeys.

Year by year - from 1967 to 1977 - Fluff looks back at the original DJ line-up and recounts all the comings and goings. Featuring Tony Blackburn, Kenny Everett, Ed Stewart, Keith Skues, Jimmy Young, Terry Wogan, Noel Edmonds, Tommy Vance, Rosko, Johnnie Walker, David Hamilton and many more...

Music, wonderful Radio 1 jingles and extracts from programmes of the first decade are interlaced with comments from music industry experts and listeners to Radio 1 at that time.

Written by David Rider

Producer: Johnny Beerling

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 on 2nd October 1977.

SAT 09:00 Side By Side By Sherrin (b051vy3z)

Emma Freud celebrates the life and career of Ned Sherrin. Featuring extracts from Tonight, That Was the Week That Was, Loose Ends, Desert Island Discs and a memorable feature about Diary of a Nobody.

Plus new interviews with those who knew him well: theatre critic Michael Coveney, friend and writing collaborator Alistair Beaton, comedian and Loose Ender Arthur Smith and, in a rare interview, actress and singer Millicent Martin.

Qualifying as a barrister, Ned was immediately diverted into the fledgling TV industry. As producer and director he cut his teeth first with ITV and then on Tonight, but it was creating and producing BBC TV's satirical That Was the Week That Was that earned him his reputation.

He proposed a programme that would be: "aware, pointed, irreverent, fundamentally serious, intelligently witty, outspoken in the proper sense of the word, and would provide an opportunity for saying things worth saying and not usually said on television."

Fronted by David Frost it became the must-see event of the week, soon attracting audiences of over 12 million.

But it was the week the laughter stopped that brought TW3 to a global audience. The programme transmitted the day after President John F Kennedy's assassination was a sober, immediate and poignant expression of the nation's mood. The recording was flown overnight to the USA and shown there. It made such an impact that a transcript was admitted into Congressional records. After that, Ned Sherrin's talent took him into film production, performing on the stage and TV and theatrical writing and directing, but it was radio he loved the most.

Producer: Chris Paling

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.

SAT 12:00 Electric Ink (b01jtn5)

Series 2, Episode 1 By Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Maddox has lost the job of news editor and now faces being sued.

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Keith Sam Dale

Producer Sally Avens

Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's satire is set in the world of modern newspapers.

A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.

At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic Editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret: that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.

Alistair Beaton is one of our best known political satirists. He won the Evening Standard comedy award for his play 'Feelgood', was a founding member of 'Not The Nine O'clock News' and also wrote 'A Very Social Secretary' and 'The Trial of Tony Blair' for television. Tom Mitchelson is a writer and journalist.

John Sessions takes on the role of Maddox Bradley. John is best known for his improvisation work on Whose Line is It Anyway and Stella Street. Stephen Wight was last seen in Whites on BBC2 and won the Evening Standard Award for Best Newcomer in 2007. He recently appeared at the National Theatre in The Habit of Art alongside Alex Jennings. Polly Frame was most recently seen in Earthquakes in London at the National and Debbie Chazen is currently on tour with Calendar Girls.

SAT 12:30 Listen to Les (b0170751)

Les Dawson on the British sense of humour, animal noises galore - and ever tuneful 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 January 1981.

SAT 13:00 Katie Hims - Black Eyed Girls: Omnibus (b096nmxz)

A pregnant Nell marries Barry, who is not the father of the twin girls, but he struggles to form a bond. Stars Sabrina Sandhu.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b096nqk4)

Natalie Imbruglia Actress and singer Natalie Imbruglia chooses 'Close to You' by The Carpenters and 'Into My Arms' by Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds.

SAT 14:15 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqv9)

Tales From the Brigadier, Stumped!Umpires, commodes and the glory days of English cricket
All the way from Witney Scrotum, the first of five reminiscences from the crusty old brigadier.

Starring Richard Wilson.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SAT 14:30 Radio 1: The First Ten Years (b096nbbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 16:00 Saturday Drama (b01n96qn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Blueberries in Manddalen (b00y26mt)

In the Arctic Circle's midsummer silvery light - poet and writer, John Burnside visits the Sami Music Festival of Riddu Riddu in northern Norway.

Here the air is filled with the music and song of the indigenous peoples of the north.

Producer: Caroline Barbour

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 18:00 The Twilight Zone (b00hdbrv)

Series 2, Elegy Three astronauts land on a remote asteroid where everyone seems frozen in time - except "the caretaker." Charles Beaumont's TV script adapted for radio by Dennis Etchison

Starring Blair Underwood, Jeff Lupetin, Christian Stolte and JoBe Cerny.

Stacy Keach (best known here as US TV detective Mike Hammer) takes Serling's original TV role as narrator.

Created by Rod Serling, cult sci-fi and horror series 'The Twilight Zone' was first broadcast in the USA on CBS from 1959 to 1964 and electrified the new medium of television.

Armed with a licence from CBS and the Serling estate, Carl Amari's slick adaptations are based on the original TV scripts - adapted from 2002 as a 40-minute radio drama series, with a full cast, music and sound effects.

Produced and directed by Carl Amari for the Falcon Picture Group.

SAT 18:40 James Follett - The Silent Vulcan (b007jsn3)

Episode 3 Selby and his team make an important discovery - which won't please cult's leader, Adrian Roscoe.

After a UFO crash landed, the Sussex town of Pentworth has been cut off by a mysterious invisible and impenetrable wall - and tensions are rising.

'The Silent Vulcan' is the final book in James Follett's sci-fi trilogy of the same name.

Read by Nigel Anthony.

Abridged by Miranda Davis.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2004.

SAT 19:00 Side By Side By Sherrin (b051vy3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Blue Jam (b04tvp70)

Series 2, Episode 3 Another audio cloud of darkly hilarious comedy from Chris Morris. With Mark Heap, Amelia Bullmore, Julia Davis, Kevin Eldon and David Cann.

Are you still lying curare-still, seeking relief in feigning dead? Then welcome, oo-tazz welcome. Chris Morris is here to help you wallow in the melancholy, for the second series of this subversive radio classic.

Immediately prior to Blue Jam's initial burst on radio, Chris Morris had caused a furore with Channel 4's Brass Eye. Yet Blue Jam managed to be a total departure from his previous work.

Originally airing late at night on BBC Radio 1, it's a blend of ambient music, deadpan (sometimes brutal) sketches and offbeat monologues. A whole audio landscape of the subconscious, the ad-hoc low-fi sheen of production lending it a kind of verisimilitude.

In sharp contrast with the personality-led comedies of recent years, Blue Jam makes a virtue of anonymity. Borat scribe Pater Baynham is one of the writers, and Julia Davis and Amelia Bullmore are among the cast. Rightly winning a clutch of Sony Awards, it remains unique - nothing before or after was remotely like it.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in April 1998.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b096n77n)

Matthew Bannister 1/3As part of our Radio@50 season, Arthur Smith chats to former controller Matthew Bannister about Radio 1's ground-breaking comedy output in the 1990s.

SAT 23:00 The League Against Tedium (b007jp8b)

Episode 1 Wisdom and waiters are on the menu in a surreal hour mixing music, ranting and inventive sketches from Simon Munnelly.

In the guise of a leader unappreciated by his people, the first of Simon's anarchic six-part comedy series. With Stewart Lee, Kevin Eldon and Roger Mann.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in January 1997.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00y1vzm)

Omnibus, part 2 The honeymoon is all too soon over for Albert and Victoria, as pressing matters of state require her attention. But their happiness is made even greater when their first child is expected...

Scripted by Juliet Ace, based on the letters and diaries of the young Queen Victoria, this portrait of her younger life and the happy years of her marriage, reveals some of the remarkable and long-lasting achievements of this extraordinary queen.

Starring Imogen Stubbs as Victoria.

With Anna Massey as the Duchess of Kent, Adrian Lukis as Prince Albert, Selina Cadell as Baroness Lehzen, John Rowe as Sir John Conroy/MP/Lord Aberdeen, Christopher Cazenove as Melbourne, Andrew Wincott as WAG/Prince

Ernest/Page/Anson/Cubitt, Terence Edmond as William IV/Stockmar/Peel, Thomas Arnold as the Prince of Wales Bertie/Paxton, Clare Corbett as Princess Vicky/Helena and George Altony as Prince of Wales Bertie as a child.

Producer: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SUN 07:15 Gillian Tindall - When It's Over... (b096nvq9)

4 Extra Debut. Awaiting an operation, a woman has unsettling thoughts as pre-meds and anaesthetic begin to take effect. Read by Tina Gray.

SUN 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h8n6q)

Series 4, Charley AntCount Arthur Strong prepares to gatecrash an audition for "Charley's Aunt". Unable to find his make-up bag, he enlists the help of his acting student protegee, Malcolm, to help put the finishing touches to his costume. Dashing or disastrous, which will it be?

We once again follow the one-time Variety Star as he uncompromisingly fulfils his daily list of engagements. Everyday life with Count Arthur Strong is, as always, an enlightening experience!

All Tourette ticks, false starts and nervous fumbling, badly covered up by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance, Arthur is an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origins of the species.

Cast:

Steve Delaney

Alastair Kerr

David Mounfield

Mel Giedroyc

Terry Kilkelly

Produced by John Leonard and Mark Radcliffe

A Komedija Entertainment & Smooth Operations production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Life With the Lyons (b0153nbk)

The Rising SonWho will get that job? The sons of Ben Lyon and fellow radio star Ted Ray go head-to-head.

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

With guest stars: Ted Ray and Robin Ray.

And 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 Ronnie Hanbury.

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1958.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5l)

Penny Gay's ReturnShy bachelor David Bliss has got some

thinking to do when an old flame arrives in town.

Stars George Cole as David Bliss, Petula Clark as Penny Gay, Diana Churchill as Anne Fellows, Colin Gordon as Tony Fellows,

Sarah Lawson as Maxine Avery and animal impersonator Percy Edwards as 'Psyche' the Dog.

Part of a run of 6 episodes from Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss. Beginning in

1953, it ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 - but very few survive in the BBC archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first 7 episodes, David Tomlinson played David,

but the rest starred the future star of The St Trinian's films, destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - the late George Cole.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.

SUN 09:00 Wounds: Omnibus (b096nxgi)

After decades reporting conflict, Fergal Keane returns to Ireland to tell the story at the root of his fascination with war.

SUN 10:10 World Book Club (b096nmx9)

Colm Toibin - BrooklynIrish author Colm Toibin talks to Hariett Gilbert about his book Brooklyn.

A haunting tale of love, loss and familial duty, and winner of the 2009 UK Costa Novel Award. Brooklyn follows the fortunes of a young Irish woman who leaves home to make a new life for herself in 1950s New York.

Hear how Colm's own painful memories of homesickness in America and Spain inform Ellis' experiences in Brooklyn and how her ambivalent relationship to the small town Ireland she's left behind also echoes Colm Toibin's own.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in November 2008.

SUN 11:05 Radiolab (b096nxw0)

Series 2, The Bad ShowRadiolab wrestles with the dark side of human nature. Can we ever understand or escape it? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Sue Townsend - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b096nyvg)

Episode 1 Omnibus edition. It's 1981 and the year starts inauspiciously for Adrian Mole. A new girl called Pandora joins his class. Read by Harry McEntire.

SUN 15:45 What Is a Story? (b061ckdw)

Why Write Stories?Marina Warner - in the company of leading contemporary writers - looks at the world of contemporary fiction. In each programme, she considers a story and story writing from a different angle.

Marina is the Chair of the Man Booker International Prize 2015 and the series draws on the expertise of this year's International Booker judging panel, the views of the shortlisted writers, as well as other key literary talent.

Marina speaks with writers as diverse as Julian Barnes, Michelle Roberts, Fanny Howe, Marlene van Niekerk, Alain Mabanckou, Lydia Davis, Edwin Frank, Elleke Boehmer, Wen-Chin Ouyang, Daniel Medin, Nadeem Aslam and Laszlo Krasznahorkai.

There are questions around the boundaries between fact and fiction which Marina believes are central to any consideration of storytelling, since readers' pleasure depends so much on trust built up between the storyteller or writer and the audience.

Over ten episodes, there are discussions on the reasons for writing, writers as witnesses and political interaction.

In episode two, Marina asks, "Why Write Stories?".

Producer: Kevin Dawson

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 16:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfbv9)

The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett - sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance - who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past...

Written by Martyn Wade.

Stars Justine Waddell as Olive Garnett, David Horovitch as Stepniak, Jennie Stoller as Connie Garnett, Elizabeth Bell as Fanny Stepniak, Jasmine Hyde as Olive Rossetti and Charles Simpson as Edward Garnett.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b096nzgq)

John Betjeman - Poets On Music and Let's Find OutBBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive to showcase the work of Sir John Betjeman (1906-1984) who was made the UK's Poet Laureate in 1972. Featuring: Poets on Music presented by Elaine Padmore. First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 1974

Let's Find Out hosted by Peter Haigh and featuring teenagers pitching questions to the poet John Betjeman. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1962.

SUN 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h8n6q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jpls)

A Causeway and a Pony TrapSolicitor Arthur Kipps feels rattled spending the night in the eerie isolated house of the reclusive Mrs Drablow...

Susan Hill's chilling ghost story dramatised in 4-parts by Jon Strickland.

Stars Robert Glenister as Young Kipps, John Woodvine as Old Kipps, Paula Tilbrook as Esme, Stuart Richman as Bentley and James Quinn as Keckwick.

Music composed by Derek Pearce.

Directed at BBC Manchester by Chris Wallis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1993.

SUN 18:30 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b096p58m)

Episode 3Can Colin and Susan recover the Weirdstone and escape the clutches of Selina Weaver?

Alan Garner's fantasy novel dramatised in 4 parts by David Wade. Stars Robin Bailey as Cadellin/Grimmer, Andrea Murphy as Susan, Mark Kingston as Colin, James Tomlinson as Gowther/Narrator, Patsy Byrne as Bess, George Parsons as Fenodyree and Rosalind Knight as Selina.

Directed at BBC Manchester by Caroline Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b096nxw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at [11:05 today](#)]

SUN 20:00 Ten Years on 2 (b096p617)

It's back to 1977 - as Terry Wogan reviews the first ten years of BBC Radio 2.

With the arrival of Radio 1, the BBC Light Programme was also relaunched as Radio 2 on Saturday 30th September 1967 at 7am on 1500 metres long wave and Stereo VHF.

From the very first programme - Breakfast Special with Paul Hollingdale, Terry fondly guides us through the early years of the BBC's easy listening station.

Highlights include many familiar names like Pete Murray, Jimmy Young and Michael Parkinson, plus Muhammad Ali, Fred Astaire, Billy Cotton, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Gene Kelly, Kenneth Home, Jack Jackson Joe Loss, David Niven, Margaret Thatcher and PJ Wodehouse.

Other flashbacks include Radio 2's daily soaps - The Dales and Waggoner's Walk, plus sporting highlights ranging from the Olympics to Red Run and a streaker!

Written by Peter Clayton.

Producer: John Billingham

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 on 2nd October 1977.

SUN 22:00 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h8n6j)

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

SUN 22:30 Victor Lewis-Smith (b05wpk3)

Episode 4Victor has a tiff with his weighing machine, orders a Chinese and advertises 'cremagrams'. The darkly comic world of Victor Lewis-Smith.

Award-winning controversial comedy surfaced on BBC Radio 1 in 1990 in the shape of Victor Lewis-Smith. The writer and producer took a comedy cudgel to the self-satisfied, mid-Atlantic style of the very network he was appearing on - with hoax phone calls, sketches, plus comic takedowns of high profile celebs. It's all deliciously sandwiched between the original jangly Radio 1 jingles made by JAM Creative Productions in Dallas, USA. Winner of the British Comedy Awards 1990 for Best Radio Comedy.

After making a series of late night programmes for Radio 1, Victor took aim at TV in 1993 with BBC TWO's Inside Victor Lewis Smith, before sparking another stir on Channel 4 in 1998 with TV Offal.

Written by Victor Lewis Smith and Paul Sparks

Produced by Victor Lewis Smith

First heard on BBC Radio 1 in April 1990.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b096n7cl)

Matthew Bannister 2/3As part of our Radio@50 season, Arthur Smith chats to former controller Matthew Bannister about Radio 1's ground-breaking comedy output in the 1990s.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b096319s)

Series 17, Episode 3BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack returns with host Angela Barnes.

Irreverent and satirical, Newsjack is the scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public, and then bought to life by a revolving cast of sketch performers.

For our 100th episode we bring back show favourites Lewis McLeod, Margaret Cabourm Smith and George Fouracres.

The programme continues to be a showcase for new comedy writing: anyone can submit material (sketches and one-line jokes) - these can be submitted every week of the six week run.

Details for submitting material can be found here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kvs8r>

Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Suzy Grant

Production Co-Ordinator: Nick Coupe

BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007zmb6)

Episode 1The cult BBC Radio 1 series hosted by Stewart Lee and Richard Herring, first broadcast in October 1993 but recorded at the Pleasance Theatre during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival the previous August.

It's a showcase mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter. The rest of the series was taped before student audiences at university venues, including Plymouth, Lancaster and Belfast.

In the opening episode, Stewart berates Richard for his lack of street cred, Peter Baynham shares some unusual recipes and is Radio 1 really the youth-friendly station it pretends to be? There's also an early appearance from Alistair McGowan - then best known for doing voices on Spitting Image. They're also joined by Rebecca Front.

Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC TWO in 1995.

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MON 00:00 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jllp)

[Repeat of broadcast at [18:00 on Sunday](#)]

MON 00:30 Alan Garner - The Weirdstone of Brisingamen (b096p58m)

[Repeat of broadcast at [18:30 on Sunday](#)]

MON 01:00 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00v1vzm)

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

MON 02:15 Gillian Tindall - When It's Over... (b096nvq9)

[Repeat of broadcast at [07:15 on Sunday](#)]

MON 02:30 Sue Townsend - The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b096nyvg)

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:30 on Sunday](#)]

MON 03:45 What Is a Story? (b061ckdw)

[Repeat of broadcast at [15:45 on Sunday](#)]

MON 04:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfbv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at [16:00 on Sunday](#)]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b096nzgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at [17:00 on Sunday](#)]

MON 05:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00h8n6j)

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

MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s2kd7)

Series 3, The TrapA suspect in an armed London hold up asks to see Detective Sergeant Brook - and new assistant Tully arrives and is plunged straight into the sharp end of police work. Starring Ray Brooks as Detective Sergeant Brook and Stephen Garlick as Detective Constable Tully.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly. He was also a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in June 1984.

MON 06:30 The Jazz Baroness (b00cjk3l)

Film maker Hannah Rothschild tells the extraordinary story of her eccentric great aunt Pannonica Rothschild, who settled in New York after World War II and became famous as the Baroness of the Bebop jazz revolution. Such greats as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk were beneficiaries of her patronage.

MON 07:00 Says on the Tin (b00gvhvx)

HealthcareComedy by Christopher William Hill.

Elliott makes a film to encourage US investment in the NHS, explaining that 'where there's pain, there's gain'.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Zadie Joanna Tinney

Baz Inam Mirza

Ted Malcolm Tierney

Carl Jonathan Tafler

Moses Stephen Critchlow

Film Director Janice Acquah

Hospital Exec Dan Starkey

Other Parts played by Stephen Critchlow, Jonathan Tafler, Dan Starkey, Gunnar Caithery and Donlla Hughes.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b095qsgr)

Series 79, Episode 8Nicholas Parsons challenges Paul Merton, Rufus Hound, Jenny Eclair and Zoe Lyons to speak on the topics on the cards without deviation, hesitation or repetition.

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

MON 08:00 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)

Plenty More FishWith their love-lives in a tangle, Audrey falls out with Marjory.

Starring Penelope Keith as Audrey forbes-Hamilton, Keith Barron as Richard DeVere, Angela Thorne as Marjory Frobisher, Nicholas McArdle as Brabinger, Margery Withers as Mrs Polouicka 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 DeVere, 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.

Written for radio by Peter Spence.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

Series 3, Absent FriendsCaptain Mainwaring returns to platoon insubordination - and an escaped convict.

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, Arnold Ridley as Godfrey, Larry Martyn as Private Walker and Pearl Hackney as Mrs Pike.

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

Additional music by Dennis Gomm.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05qf1cg)

Parham HouseThe antiques quiz visits Parham House in West Sussex. With Lars Tharp, Stella Beddoe and Henry Sandon. From May 1998.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n5vsg)

Series 3, Episode 6Merv has always worn jeans, so why does Pam want to take him shopping? Stars Mervyn Stutter and Lill Roughley. From June 2004.

MON 10:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hhlj)

Episode 11867 Lyme Regis: Charles Smithson's complacent snobbery is about to be shattered as he encounters a young social outcast, Sarah Woodruff.

John Fowles' passionate epic of two lovers in conflict with starched Victorian society.

Stars John Hurt as the Narrator, Jonathan Firth as Charles, Emily Bruni as Sarah, Kelly Reilly as Ernestina, Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Tranter, TP McKenna as Dr Grogan, Susan Jameson as Mrs Poulteney, Nick Sayce as Sam, Ella Smith as Mary, Gerard McDermott as Dairyman, Colleen Prendergast as Mrs Fairley and Wayne Foskett as Ostler.

Dramatised by Graham White.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

MON 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nckb5)

HavenAlice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in Haven, a prolonged stay with her uncle and aunt change a young girl's understanding of the world.

The reader is Barbara Barnes

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

MON 11:15 Arthur (b0076p7x)

The Last BattleBy Steve May. The lovers are in prison and Ossa heads to Camelot. Is there still time for Arthur to learn the truth? Stars Philip Glenister.

MON 12:00 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)

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MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

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MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s2kd7)

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

MON 13:30 The Jazz Baroness (b00cjk3l)

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

MON 14:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (b00y9v8k)

Episode 1Judith Kerr's classic novel for children set in Berlin in 1933, as Adolf Hitler's election campaign is underway. Read by Rosemary Leach.

First published in 1971, Judith's semi-autobiographical story tells the story of nine year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis - passing through Switzerland and France - before arriving in England in 1936.

Judith wrote it for her son to explain her own story of her family fleeing Nazi Germany. Her father was a drama critic and a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis.

Kerr found herself a fairly willing refugee, seeing her long travels as a great adventure. A view her parents went to great pains to confirm, often hiding their own personal and professional privations and struggles from their young children.

Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury and produced by Peter Hutchings.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

MON 14:15 Redesigning the Human Body (b00pl15p)

A Spare Pair of Arms and Eyes in the Back of My HeadDiscovering how the body might work if we had a go at remaking ourselves, Len Fisher picks up some tips from the animal kingdom.

MON 14:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvkm)

Episode 1Winter has come to Evensford. As the first snowflakes of 1931 settle, Lydia Aspen has come to live with her two aunts.

Richardson, a young reporter on the local paper, watches as the shy heiress passes by in a Daimler. His editor tells him "go and get the story"...

Stars Tim Pigott-Smith as Older Richardson, Jordan Frieda as Richardson, Juliet Aubrey as Lydia, Margaret Tyzack as Miss Bertie, Angela Thorne as Miss Juliana, Philip Fox as Bretherton and Jamie Bamber as Tom.

HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel (published in 1952) dramatised by Vivienne Allen.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b01n9wpz)

Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor, Episode 1Written by Adrian Fort.

The first of five extracts from a new biography of Nancy Astor, the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament. Born in 1879, hers was a fascinating life: from straitened beginnings in the Civil War-ravaged Deep South of America, to marriage into one of the world's richest families, to a straight-talking campaign conducted door-to-door in one of the most deprived areas of Plymouth which brought her a political career that lasted more than two decades (from 1919 - until 1945).

Far from being a hardened campaigner who had suffered for the cause of female suffrage, she was already near the centre of ruling society, having married one of the richest men in the world. She was not even British, yet she became a trailblazer and beacon for the generations of women who would follow her into Parliament.

Reader: Anna Maxwell Martin.

Abridger: Alison Joseph.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 15:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hhn1j)

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MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05qf1cg)

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

MON 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n5vsq)

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MON 17:00 Says on the Tin (b00gvhxy)

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

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (b095qsgr)

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

MON 18:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3q)

Episode 5As the army closes in on the Highland village of Inchbrae, can the alien presence be defeated?

Conclusion of the sci-fi thriller specially-written for the BBC by Marty Ross.

Stars Simon Tait as Dan Collins, Gayanne Potter as Jill Logan, Joanna Tope as Dr Beth Granger, Sandy Neilson as Captain Cairns, Lesley Hart as Heather Logan, Stevie Hannan as Soldier/Pilot/Jamie and John Paul Hurley as the Technician.

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0076phn)

Yvonne Brewster & Richard Harries Sue MacGregor and her guests - theatre director, Yvonne Brewster and former Bishop of Oxford, Richard Harries - discuss favourite books by Eamon Duffy, VS Naipaul and Gitta Sereny. From 2004.

The Voices Of Morebath by Eamon Duffy

Publisher: Yale University Press

The Enigma Of Arrival by V.S. Naipaul

Publisher: Picador

Cries Unheard by Gitta Sereny

Publisher: Macmillan.

MON 19:00 To the Manor Born (b007jm7w)

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MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

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MON 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s2kd7)

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

MON 20:30 The Jazz Baroness (b00cj31)

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

MON 21:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nckb5)

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MON 21:15 Arthur (b0076p7x)

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

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (b095qsgr)

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

MON 22:30 Alan Parker's 29 Minutes of Truth (b096tsy9)

Episode 1TV advertising, new words for the 1990s, the state of Prime Minister John Major's Britain, and prejudice against gay people.

Self-styled 'urban warrior' Alan Parker sets out to subvert the system and spread his indoctrination - only held back by his wide ignorance and dumb diatribes.

Created by Simon Munnery, the revolutionary set out to make BBC Radio 1 FM more subversive and left-wing, though the station tried to make him go home quietly and have an early night instead.

With help from his put upon assistant Stu (Stewart Lee) plus John Peel, Carla Mendonca and Peter Serafinowicz.

Simon Munnery was crowned 'Newcomer of the Year' at the 1994 Sony Radio Awards for his creation and portrayal of Radio 1's cult comedy hero.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in May 1994.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b096p714)

Simon Munnery As part of our Radio@50 season, Rob Deering chats to the man behind Alan Parker and The League against Tedium, Simon Munnery.

MON 23:00 News Quiz Extra (b096tks)

Series 21, Episode 4Made for 4 Extra. Miles Jupp chairs a satirical review of the week's news in an extended version of Friday's programme.

MON 23:45 Armstrong and Miller (b007k3f2)

Episode 4School band memories, and a town planning thriller. Sketch show with Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller. From March 1998.

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TUE 00:00 Ghost Zone (b007jx3q)

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TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0076phn)

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TUE 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s2kd7)

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TUE 01:30 The Jazz Baroness (b00cj31)

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TUE 02:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (b00y9y8k)

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TUE 02:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvkm)

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TUE 05:00 Says on the Tin (b00gvhxy)

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TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (b095qsgr)

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

TUE 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s316s)

Series 3, A Bit of a GrudgeBrook and Tully have unfinished business with a dangerous crook. Can he be caught before he flees the country?

Starring Ray Brooks as Detective Sergeant Brook and Stephen Garlick as Detective Constable Tully.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly. He was also a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in June 1984.

TUE 06:30 Ay Mariachi (b00xmv28)

Hustling troubadours hit Mexico City by night. Neil McCarthy descends into the meaning, madness and music of mariachi.

TUE 07:00 Double Science (b0141zml)

Forresters FMWhen Forresters Sixth Form College gets a temporary FM radio licence, dramas are soon breaking out on the airwaves...

The turmoil continues at Forresters Sixth Form College.

Written by and starring Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards.

With Rebecca Front, Raza Jaffrey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Alex MacQueen.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

TUE 07:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b095rs01)

Series 2, BirminghamTim Vine has been travelling the length and breadth of this fair land to not only uncover the best stories of the Great British public but also to take every possible opportunity to tell a ridiculous joke and sing a preposterous song along the way. In episode 3 Tim takes the Chat Show wagon to Birmingham where there are some alarm bells after a high-stakes game about the disposal of confidential documents.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

TUE 08:00 Listen to Les (b007wfff)

From 31/01/1982Les Dawson reveals the joy of being a father and how to tackle rising crime rates - plus another special piano sing-along.

With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Lifted and produced by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.

TUE 08:30 The Men From the Ministry (b011qfrb)

The Finger of SuspicionBumbling bureaucrat Lamb is inconvenienced over collecting the takings from public loos.

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma Ronald,

Ronald Baddiley and John Graham.

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 1971.

TUE 09:00 News Quiz Extra (b096tks)

[Repeat of broadcast at [23:00 on Monday](#)]

TUE 09:45 Armstrong and Miller (b007k3f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at [23:45 on Monday](#)]

TUE 10:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hk2dv)

Episode 2Charles's life as a complacent Victorian gent has been overturned by his secret meetings with the mysterious Sarah on the under-cliff at Lyme.

Having vowed to end the liaison he finds himself lured one last time. He kisses Sarah passionately. Then discovers they're being watched...

John Fowles' passionate epic of two lovers in conflict with starchy Victorian society.

Stars John Hurt as the Narrator, Jonathan Firth as Charles, Emily Bruni as Sarah, Kelly Reilly as Ernestina, TP McKenna as Dr Grogan, Susan Jameson as Mrs Poulteney, Nick Sayce as Sam, Gerard McDermott as Mr Freeman, Ella Smith as Mary, Colleen Prendergast as Mrs Rodgers, Sophie Roberts as Prostitute, John Cummins as Curate and Wayne Foskett as Montague

Dramatised by Graham White.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

TUE 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nhcg8)

In Sight of the LakeAlice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in 'In Sight of the Lake' a woman goes in search of a doctor, again.

The reader is Liza Ross,

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

TUE 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00dkf7)

Nick Warburton - Last Days of GraceBy Nick Warburton Easter Monday, 1908. And there's snow on the ground. An aging icon, W.G. Grace, contemplates another day in his life-long cricketing obsession. He arrives at the Oval and can't quite bear to sit in the clubhouse to meet the usual people. Instead he trudges out in to the cold to face a different type of questioning.

W.G.Grace Kenneth Cranham

GF Benedict Cumberbatch

Voice of Cricket Christopher Martin-Jenkins

Produced by Steven Canny

Nick Warburton is a writer of great significance in audio drama.

In 2007 he won the Peter Tinniswood Award for the Best New Play on Radio. He was thrilled to be a guest interviewee on Test Match Special during their 50th Anniversary celebrations.

"To his contemporaries Grace was supreme and, in words used of Aristotle, the master of those who know. For longevity, for his effect on the game, for performances with bat and ball, for his place in history, William Gilbert Grace stands alone." Sir John Major.

TUE 12:00 Listen to Les (b007wfff)

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TUE 12:30 The Men From the Ministry (b011qfrb)

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TUE 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s316s)

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TUE 13:30 Ay Mariachi (b00xmv28)

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

TUE 14:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (b00y9ycj)

Episode 2Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story set in Berlin.

As elections loom, Anna's father disappears. Read by Rosemary Leach.

TUE 14:15 Redesigning the Human Body (b00p15m)

Moving AlongGetting around would be much easier with wheels or springs. A physicist and a toy maker help Len Fisher try rolling and hopping.

TUE 14:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007jvkr)

Episode 2Reporter Richardson spends more time with the headstrong heiress. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith, Juliet Aubrey and Jordan Frieda.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b01nf31b)

Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor, Episode 2Written by Adrian Fort.

Second extract from a new biography of Nancy Astor, the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament.

Far from being a hardened campaigner who had suffered for the cause of female suffrage, she was already near the centre of ruling society, having married one of the richest men in the world. She was not even British, yet she became a trailblazer and beacon for the generations of women who would follow her into Parliament.

Reader: Anna Maxwell Martin.

Abridger: Alison Joseph.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

TUE 15:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hk2dv)

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

TUE 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b036kbm5)

Series 2, Episode 1What is Frankie Boyle's worst habit? What is the best piece of advice Diane Morgan's dad ever gave her?

Which government department did Alan Johnson most like being in charge of?

All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show

hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

In this case, Alan Johnson picks his son Jamie, Diane Morgan her father Peter and Frankie Boyle his mate Stuart to answer questions about each other.

Producer: Sam Michell.

TUE 16:30 Our Man at Wembley (b00759xc)

Episode 4Eric Halliday's secret has been discovered by his arch-rival. Can he avert disaster? Stars Alistair McGowan, Jon Glover and John Salthouse. From July 1998.

TUE 17:00 Double Science (b0141zml)

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

TUE 17:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b095rs01)

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

TUE 18:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k36c)

Episode 1Biochemist Diana Brackley has stumbled across something earth-shattering - but why does no-one want to know? The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon are set to collide...

Read by Joanna Tope.

John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2007.
TUE 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jnlp)
 Series 2, Victor Spinetti from The Beatles to Sir Laurence Olivier, the stage and screen veteran reminisces about his acting career. From October 2000.
TUE 19:00 Listen to Les (b007wfff)
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TUE 19:30 The Men From The Ministry (b011qfrb)
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TUE 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b00dkf7f)
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TUE 22:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b095rs01)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Armando Iannucci (b007jym0)
 Series 2, Episode 5 Armando and his best bits. With Rebecca Front, Dave Schneider, Peter Baynham, Richard Herring and Stewart Lee. From April 1994.
TUE 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (b096mfcc)
 Richard Herring as part of our Radio@50 season, Rob Deering chats to one half of Lee & Herring, and podcast king, Richard Herring.
TUE 23:30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jlr)
 From 15/09/89 Royals, road safety and wigs. Starring the double double-acts of David Baddiel and Rob Newman and Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. With Mark Thomas. BBC Radio 1's alternative comedy with sketches, stand-up and the odd spot of audience participation. Starting in 1989, the foursome's popularity sparked a BBC TV-transfer of the same name.
 Producer: Bill Dare
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in September 1989.

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WED 04:30 Our Man at Wembley (b00759xc)
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WED 05:00 Double Science (b0141zml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b095rs01)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b01s2xl6)
 Series 3, Lost Without a Trace Brook and Tully must sound out their snouts to try and recapture £200,000 of stolen electrical goods.
 Starring Ray Brooks as Detective Sergeant Brook and Stephen Garlick as Detective Constable Tully.
 More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr.
 Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly. He was also a prize-winning TV producer.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in July 1984.
WED 06:30 Vaughan Williams: Late Love, Late Life (b00chw4k)
 Julian Lloyd Webber examines the impact of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams's affair with Ursula Wood on his life and music. The affair began in March 1938, when he was 66 and Ursula 25, and lasted until 1951, when they were able to marry following the death of his wife Adeline.
WED 07:00 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)
 Series 2, Episode 2 By Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson. A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Maddox refuses to give up a source. Could he really face prison.

Maddox John Sessions
 Oliver Alex Jennings
 Freddy Stephen Wight
 Carol Polly Frame
 Masha Debbie Chazen
 Policeman Henry Devas
 Warder Adeel Akhtar
 Producer Sally Avens
 Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's satire is set in the world of modern newspapers.
 A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.
 At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.
WED 07:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)
 Series 2, Episode 2 John Shuttleworth invites celebrated pop stars to his Sheffield home to perform one of their own songs and also, more importantly, one of his.
 This week it's Clare Grogan from Altered Images.
 The timing of her visit couldn't be better as it's Doreen Melody's birthday and John is hoping that Clare will go along and sing Happy Birthday to Doreen - after all it's one of her biggest hits. But he's most disappointed when Clare starts singing the wrong tune!
 Surprisingly, it's Ken Worthington who saves the day by offering to take Clare on a date, hoping that she'll become Ken's Girl rather than Gregory's!
 John will have to console himself with top tips on the telephone from Nick Lowe, who he hopes will solve the problem of Dolby hiss.
 Written and Performed by Graham Fellows with special guests Clare Grogan and Nick Lowe.
 Produced by Dawn Ellis
 A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k17g)
 Series 1, The Smuggling Spy Heather gets a Wren stand-in and Pertwee's nervous over duty-free booze.
 Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Dennis Price as Number One, Richard Cildicot as Commander Povey, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Heather Chasen as Judith, Michael Bates as Ginger 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 July 1959.
WED 08:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)
 Series 6, Fred's Pie Stall The lad is out to save a Cheam institution threatened by council closure.
 Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Hugh Morton and Harry Towb.
 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 November 1959.
WED 09:00 Genius (b0085011)
 Series 3, Charlie Brooker Dave Gorman and Charlie Brooker chew over ridiculous, brilliant but unworkable ideas, and choose the best. From November 2007.
WED 09:30 Winston (b007imgv)
 Series 1, What Do You Reckon? Rosie plans to go to London and set up house. William dreams of esteem and beautiful women. Nancy doesn't relish the prospect of being left alone to care for Father; but she doesn't know about his own plans...
 Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.
 Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.
WED 10:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles (b007j19f)
 Episode 1 When her father learns that the family is related to the aristocratic d'Urbervilles, Tess is sent to seek preferment. She meets Alec d'Urberville, who is to have a dramatic effect on her life...
 The story of Tess Durbeyfield, the most tragic of Thomas Hardy's heroines. First published in 1891. Dramatised in four parts by Alan Sharp
 Starring Claire Rushbrook as Tess, Adam Godley as Alec, James D'Arcy as Angel, Keith Barron as Mr Durbeyfield, Amelda

Brown as Mrs Durbeyfield, Lyndsey Marshal as Liza Lu, Jennie Stoller as Mrs D'Urberville, David Thorpe as Felix, Kenny Blyth as Cuthbert, Janice Acquah as Marion and Clare Corbett as Lizzie.
 Music composed by Sylvia Hallett.
 Violin: Isabel Watson
 Director Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
WED 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nkt55)
 Gravel Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life. Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.
 Today in Gravel, a woman remembers a life-changing winter when she was very young and tries to assuage her sense of complicity.
 The reader is Laurel Lefkow
 The abridger is Sally Marmion
 The producer is Di Speirs.
WED 11:15 Alphonse Daudet - The Girl from Arles (b0075hw5)
 4 Extra Debut. France, 1862. Country boy Frederi is besotted with a girl from Arles, but could love lead to disaster? Stars Giles Fagan.
WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k17g)
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WED 13:30 Vaughan Williams: Late Love, Late Life (b00chw4k)
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WED 14:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (b00yb45z)
 Episode 3 Tension mounts as Anna and her family leave Berlin. Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story, read by Rosemary Leach.
WED 14:15 Redesigning the Human Body (b00plsqb)
 Having the Guts Indigestion, reflux and excess gas. Len Fisher discovers whether science can solve the problems of the human digestive system.
WED 14:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia (b007n9k5)
 Episode 3 As they go off dancing, Richardson realises both Alex and Tom are also falling under the heiress' spell. Stars Juliet Aubrey.
WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b01nf3ls)
 Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor, Episode 3 Written by Adrian Fort.
 Third extract from a new biography of Nancy Astor, the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament.
 Far from being a hardened campaigner who had suffered for the cause of female suffrage, she was already near the centre of ruling society, having married one of the richest men in the world. She was not even British, yet she became a trailblazer and beacon for the generations of women who would follow her into Parliament.
 Reader: Anna Maxwell Martin.
 Abridger: Alison Joseph.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
WED 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles (b007j19f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 Genius (b0085011)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Winston (b007imgv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k36c)
 Episode 2 Perturbed by her boss's silence over the mysterious properties of the lichen, Diana secretly begins her own investigation. Read by Joanna Tope.
WED 18:30 Musical Genes (b00dls3m)
 Series 1, Rosanne Cash Seeking the true story behind famous musicians, Tom Morton meets the daughter of country legend Johnny Cash. From October 2008.
WED 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k17g)
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WED 21:15 Alphonse Daudet - The Girl from Arles (b0075hw5)
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WED 22:00 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music ([b083m575](#))

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

WED 22:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun ([b007k272](#))

Episode 6The cult BBC Radio 1 series hits the BBC Paris Studio in London. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. From November 1993.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews ([b096tmnj](#))

Richard HerringAs part of our Radio@50 season, Richard Herring talks about Radio 1's ground-breaking comedy.

WED 23:00 Spotlight Tonight with Nish Kumar ([b096hezi](#))

Series 2, Episode 3We all like to think we know about the news and yet, whilst jokes about Donald Trump's tiny hands are all well and good, do you still have that nagging suspicion there's important things going on beneath the headlines you'd like to know about? Well, help is at hand! Nish Kumar is here to cast his spotlight on the week's most talked about news items, taking an in-depth look at the biggest stories from the past seven days as well as scrutinising the bigger issues of the moment. Starring Nish Kumar with Sarah Campbell. Written by Sarah Campbell, Max Davis, Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch, Nish Kumar, and Tom Neenan. It was produced by Matt Stronge and was a BBC Studios Production.

WED 23:30 Alan Parker's 29 Minutes of Truth ([b096vh0d](#))

Episode 2Who should earn the most? New words for the 1990s - and what do feminists want?

Self-styled 'urban warrior' Alan Parker sets out to subvert the system and spread his indoctrination - only held back by his wide ignorance and dumb diatribes.

Created by Simon Munnelly, the revolutionary set out to make BBC Radio 1 FM more subversive and left-wing, though the station tried to make him go home quietly and have an early night instead.

With help from his put upon assistant Stu (Stewart Lee) plus Carla Mendonca and Peter Serafinowicz.

Simon Munnelly was crowned 'Newcomer of the Year' at the 1994 Sony Radio Awards for his creation and portrayal of Radio 1's cult comedy hero.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in May 1994.

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THU 00:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen ([b007k3cz](#))

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THU 00:30 Musical Genes ([b00dsl3m](#))

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THU 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s2xl6](#))

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THU 02:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia ([b007n9k5](#))

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THU 02:45 Book of the Week ([b01nf3ls](#))

[Repeat of broadcast at [14:45 on Wednesday](#)]

THU 03:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles

([b007j19t](#))

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

THU 04:00 Genius ([b00850i1](#))

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

THU 04:30 Winston ([b007imgv](#))

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

THU 05:00 Electric Ink ([b01jrt6d](#))

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

THU 05:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music ([b083m575](#))

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

THU 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s5ngg](#))

Series 3, The Sell OutTully and his boss learn you can't always believe what people tell you, and you can't always win. Starring Ray Brooks as Detective Sergeant Brook, Stephen Garlick as Detective Constable Tully and Stephen Yardley as Chief Inspector Roach.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly. He was also a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in July 1984.

THU 06:30 One Way to Necropolis ([b00y35vs](#))

Waterloo to Woking - Alan Dein examines the history of the 'dead line', where trains took the departed to their final station.

THU 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet ([b00cd4qp](#))

Series 1, Episode 6Lucy is thrilled when they are asked to be godparents, but the same can't be said for Dan. Stars David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling. From July 2001.

THU 07:30 Women Talking About Cars ([b095tjw0](#))

Series 2, Claudia WinklemanLast in the current series of the show that uses a famous woman's cars as a vehicle to talk about her life. This week Victoria Coren Mitchell talks to Claudia Winkleman

about everything from friendship and family to the dangers of unfashionable shoes, via the joys of the black cab and the sentimental value of an ageing Volkswagen. Plus Claudia has some thoughts on how to make horses a lot safer...

With contributions from the studio audience and car descriptions read by Morwenna Banks.

Produced by Gareth Edwards

A BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Stop Messing About! ([b00s6rcj](#))

Series 2, Episode 11A poetic young talent - and the funny business of commerce.

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 June 1970.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show ([b007j1sh](#))

The Last Tram (from Clapham)London's trams are no more, but boss Seagoon must pursue the one that got away. Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1954.

THU 09:00 Counterpoint ([b0077511](#))

Series 21, 2007 - Heat 14 Extra Debut. Edward Seckerson asks music questions of Chris Gibson of Blackpool, Carolyn Pritchett of Nottingham and Sheffield's Chris Wade.

THU 09:30 Bristol ([b007tdnn](#))

Series 3, Of Moles and MenThe Chester-Perry clerk fancies a promotion when he overhears some inside information. Stars Michael Williams. From July 2000.

THU 10:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles

([b007j19t](#))

Episode 2Tess must face the ruinous consequences of her encounter with Alec D'Urberville. Stars Claire Rushbrook and James D'Arcy.

THU 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life ([b01nph85](#))

PrideAlice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life. Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in Pride, an old man remembers his past and a friendship that might have grown in other circumstances.

The reader is Garrick Hagan

The abridger is Sally Marmon

The producer is Di Speirns

THU 11:15 Nick Warburton - Mustard Seed ([b007k1hn](#))

A traveller passing through a remote village finds himself at the centre of a desperate request. A deserted mother implores him to cure her only son.

A beautiful touching story by Nick Warburton based on a Buddhist fable.

Stars Jim Norton as the Traveller, Emma Fielding as Katherine and Stephen Hogan as Robert.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 12:00 Stop Messing About! ([b00s6rcj](#))

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THU 12:30 The Goon Show ([b007j1sh](#))

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THU 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s5ngg](#))

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THU 13:30 One Way to Necropolis ([b00y35vs](#))

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

THU 14:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit ([b00vb490](#))

Episode 4Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story. Anna and her family become refugees in Zurich. Read by Rosemary Leach.

THU 14:15 Redesigning the Human Body ([b00pmgxl](#))

Banish the AchesSprained ankles and twisted knees. Len Fisher discovers how an overhaul would benefit our incredibly vulnerable joints.

THU 14:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia ([b007nvc6](#))

Episode 4Party plans are afoot to celebrate the heiress' 21st birthday and Richardson comes to a decision. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week ([b01nf3mm](#))

Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor, Episode 4Written by Adrian Fort.

A new biography detailing the fascinating life of Lady Nancy Astor, the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament. Reader: Anna Maxwell Martin.

Abridger: Alison Joseph.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

THU 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles

([b007j19t](#))

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THU 16:00 Counterpoint ([b0077511](#))

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THU 16:30 Bristol ([b007tdnn](#))

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THU 17:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet ([b00cd4qp](#))

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

THU 17:30 Women Talking About Cars ([b095tjw0](#))

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

THU 18:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen ([b007k3kn](#))

Episode 3Diana's compensation payout catches the attention of Fleet Street. Meanwhile, Paul has told his wife about the antigerone. Read by Joanna Tope.

THU 18:30 Great Lives ([b00pqi99](#))

Series 20, Lise MeitnerMatthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Actress Jenny Agutter champions the life and work of pioneering Austrian physicist Lise Meitner, one of the scientists responsible for the discovery of nuclear fission.

THU 19:00 Stop Messing About! ([b00s6rcj](#))

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

THU 19:30 The Goon Show ([b007j1sh](#))

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

THU 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s5ngg](#))

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THU 21:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life ([b01nph85](#))

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

THU 21:15 Nick Warburton - Mustard Seed ([b007k1hn](#))

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

THU 22:00 Women Talking About Cars ([b095tjw0](#))

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

THU 22:30 Newsjack ([b096vkaj](#))

Series 17, Episode 4BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack returns with host Angela Barnes.

Irreverent and satirical, Newsjack is the scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public, and then bought to life by a revolving cast of sketch performers.

For our 100th episode we bring back show favourites Lewis McLeod, Margaret Cabourn Smith and George Fouracres.

The programme continues to be a showcase for new comedy writing: anyone can submit material (sketches and one-line jokes) - these can be submitted every week of the six week run.

Details for submitting material can be found here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kvs8r>

Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Suzy Grant

Production Co-ordinator: Nick Coupe

BBC Studios Production.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews ([b096n7mb](#))

Matthew Bannister 3/3As part of our Radio@50 season, former controller Matthew Bannister talks about Radio 1's ground-breaking comedy output in the 1990s.

THU 23:00 Armando Iannucci ([b00dp32c](#))

Series 1, Episode 1Anarchic humour originally heard on Radio 1 in 1993. With David Schneider, Rebecca Front and Peter Baynham.

THU 23:30 Victor Lewis-Smith ([b05zzzgd](#))

Episode 8'Local radioland', singing telegrams and original sin.

The darkly comic world of Victor Lewis-Smith.

Award-winning controversial comedy surfaced on BBC Radio 1 in 1990 in the shape of Victor Lewis-Smith. The writer and producer took a comedy cudgel to the self-satisfied, mid-Atlantic style of the very network he was appearing on - with hoax phone calls, sketches, plus comic takedowns of high profile celebs. It's all deliciously sandwiched between the original jangly Radio 1 jingles made by JAM Creative Productions in Dallas, USA. Winner of the British Comedy Awards 1990 for Best Radio Comedy.

After making a series of late night programmes for Radio 1,

Victor took aim at TV in 1993 with BBC TWO's Inside Victor Lewis Smith, before sparking another stir on Channel 4 in 1998 with TV Ofial.

Written by Victor Lewis Smith and Paul Sparks

Produced by Victor Lewis Smith

First heard on BBC Radio 1 in May 1990.

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FRI 05:30 Women Talking About Cars ([b095tjw0](#))

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

FRI 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s513b](#))

Series 3, Murder of a Shy Girl/Reclusive Joan is found dead, but Brook and Tully wonder how solitary her life really was. Starring Ray Brooks as Detective Sergeant Brook, Stephen Garlick as Detective Constable Tully and Stephen Yardley as Chief Inspector Roach.

More tough stories of crime and detection in London written by Robert Barr.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and Softly Softly. He was also a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast weekly on BBC Radio 2 in July 1984.

FRI 06:30 Train Tracks ([b00m69ws](#))

Pianist and broadcaster Simon Townley samples the many different ways in which trains and railways have inspired composers and songwriters and what it is about this particular form of travel that makes it so influential.

They may be a shadow of their former infrastructural selves, but railways still hold a curiously affectionate place in our national life. Nowhere is this more true than in the world of music, where chuffing, whistling, steaming and clackety-clacking have been the inspiration for hundreds of songs. Simon has never described himself as a railway enthusiast, but he has always had an ear for the things that inspire composers and songwriters.

He explores the rhythms, themes and metaphorical uses of the train in music, from Honneger's Pacific 231 to American blues tracks such as Love in Vain and Freight Train Blues.

Country and western star Laura Cantrell, music professor Alan Moore and composer Sir Richard Rodney Bennett contribute their thoughts on this mass transit system which has provided such a rich seam of inspiration over the last 200 years.

FRI 07:00 Hazelbeach ([b00853kb](#))

Series 1, Horse-Racing/Ronnie organises a trip to the races and Nick makes a startling discovery about the true nature of friendship.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie, Paul Bazely as Nick, Tracy Wiles as Chloe, John Douglal as James, Simon Treves as Harry.

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

FRI 07:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan ([b096gspx](#))

Series 2, Case #96 - Community DisserviceA second series featuring acclaimed double-act Max and Ivan as incompetent private detectives for hire. Joanna Lumley guest stars. The detectives investigate a series of mysterious thefts which threaten the very future of Nunhead Community Centre. Assisted by the permanently tired caretaker Gerry, they track the chief suspect, washed-up former B-Movie actress Lavinia Moncrief and eventually have to go undercover to infiltrate her bizarre acting classes. Also featuring bell ringers, hypnotism and a mutant komodo dragon.

Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez

Developed by John Stanley Productions

Produced by Ben Walker

A Retort production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00thv17](#))

Series 4, Episode 10British seafarers - and John Cleese in reverse. More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle and Peter Hutchins.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1966.

FRI 08:30 Brothers in Law ([b05nhvmw](#))

Series 1, With Use of BathBarrister Roger Thursby is caught between a landlord and his tenant.

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

With guest star Deryck Guyler as Butler

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 August 1970.

FRI 09:00 The Motion Show ([b0075r11](#))

Series 1, Episode 4Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game

with John O'Farrell, Mark Maier, Maria McLernane and Miles Kingston. From November 1998.

FRI 09:30 After Henry ([b007k1rb](#))

Series 1, The Spectre at the FeastWidow Sarah is wary of matchmakers - and her mother Eleanor's interference.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare and Mark Kingston as Chris.

Four radio series were made, but instead of then moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

FRI 10:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles

([b007rpxy](#))

Episode 3Set to wed clergyman's son Angel Clare, Tess is torn over whether to reveal her past. Stars Claire Rushbrook and Keith Barron.

FRI 11:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life ([b01nt07t](#))

To Reach JapanAlice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in To Reach Japan, a young poet sets out across a continent and finds more than she imagined.

The reader is Laurel Lefkow

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs.

FRI 11:15 Afternoon Drama ([b01p70pd](#))

John Taylor - A Bottle on the ShoreBy John Taylor. Based on the book by Karen Liebreich.

A heart-stopping message found in a bottle on a Sheppey beach persuades Dr Liebreich to turn detective.

Director John Taylor

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00thv17](#))

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

FRI 12:30 Brothers in Law ([b05nhvmw](#))

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

FRI 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s513b](#))

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

FRI 13:30 Train Tracks ([b00m69ws](#))

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

FRI 14:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit ([b00yb61d](#))

Episode 5Unable to get published in Zurich, Papa travels to Paris. Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story. Read by Rosemary Leach.

FRI 14:15 Redesigning the Human Body ([b00pn48p](#))

The Skin We're InLen Fisher confronts his reflection, and dreams about what he could do to make his skin more appealing.

FRI 14:30 HE Bates - Love for Lydia ([b007nfd7](#))

Episode 5As a midsummer night draws to an end, some life-changing events await Richardson. Stars Tim Pigott-Smith and Juliet Aubrey.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week ([b01nf3nd](#))

Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor, Episode 5Written by Adrian Fort.

Final extract from a new biography of Nancy Astor, detailing the fascinating life of the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament.

Reader: Anna Maxwell Martin.

Abridger: Alison Joseph.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

FRI 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'Urbervilles

([b007rpxy](#))

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

FRI 16:00 The Motion Show ([b0075r11](#))

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

FRI 16:30 After Henry ([b007k1rb](#))

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

FRI 17:00 Hazelbeach ([b00853kb](#))

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

FRI 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan ([b096gspx](#))

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

FRI 18:00 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen ([b007k3r3](#))

Episode 4Biochemist Diana Brackley's attempts to conceal the true source of the antigen are finally overcome. Read by Joanna Tope.

FRI 18:30 Soul Music ([b05s2x2k](#))

Series 20, First Cut Is the DeepestLong before it was a worldwide hit for Rod Stewart, the Cat Stevens song 'First Cut is the Deepest' made a name for the former Ike and Tina Turner backing singer, PP Arnold. In an interview for Soul Music she describes the emotional connection she felt to the lyrics, having emerged from an abusive marriage shortly before recording it.

Also contributing to the programme is the song's original producer, Mike Hurst. He describes how he achieved the huge 'wall of sound' production using double drums, a huge string

section, and a harp instead of a guitar to play the signature riff at the start of the track.

There are many personal stories associated with the track: Carsten Knauff recalls a childhood sweetheart - his first true love - and explains why the Cat Stevens' version brings back bitter-sweet memories for him.

Rosemarie Purdy saw PP Arnold give an extraordinary live rendition at a club in Portsmouth in 1967. Never before had she seen such a heartfelt, emotionally charged performance. It's something she's never forgotten.

The Sheryl Crow version reminds Rachel Batson of a very difficult phase in her life; it's a song she says reflects her own faith journey.

And former Radio Caroline DJ, Keith Hampshire, describes the circumstances that led to him having a No.1 hit with the song in Canada. It was the first time 'First Cut' reached No.1 anywhere in the world.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again ([b00thv17](#))

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

FRI 19:30 Brothers in Law ([b05nhvmw](#))

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

FRI 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective ([b01s513b](#))

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

FRI 20:30 Train Tracks ([b00m69ws](#))

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

FRI 21:00 Alice Munro - Dear Life ([b01nt07t](#))

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

FRI 21:15 Afternoon Drama ([b01p70pd](#))

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

FRI 22:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan ([b096gspx](#))

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

FRI 22:30 Blue Jam ([b04wmxv1](#))

Series 2, Episode 6Cult dark comedy from the imagination of Chris Morris. With Phil Cornwell, Kevin Eldon, David Cann, Sally Phillips, Amelia Bullmore and Mark Heap. Are you saggy-faced after boozing on Melancho! Then welcome, Oo-aa-aa-muzz-muzz-welcome. Chris Morris is here to help you yallow in it for the second series of this subversive radio classic. Immediately prior to Blue Jam's initial burst on radio, Chris Morris had caused a furore with Channel 4's Brass Eye. Yet Blue Jam managed to be a total departure from his previous work. Originally airing late at night on BBC Radio 1, it's a blend of ambient music, deadpan (sometimes brutal) sketches and offbeat monologues. A whole audio landscape of the subconscious, the ad-hoc low-fi sheen of production lending it a kind of verisimilitude.

In sharp contrast with the personality-led comedies of recent years, Blue Jam makes a virtue of anonymity. Borat scribe Pater Baynham is one of the writers, and Julia Davis and Amelia Bulmore are among the cast. Rightly winning a clutch of Sony Awards, it remains unique - nothing before or after was remotely like it.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in May 1998.

FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews ([b0977slk](#))

Radio@50 - Radio 1 ComedyAs part of our Radio@50 season, Simon Munneery, Richard Herring and Matthew Bannister talk about Radio 1's ground-breaking comedy output in the 1990s.

FRI 23:30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience ([b043bldw](#))

Series 4, Episode 1Doped horse racing and political party conferences are under scrutiny. Starring the double double-acts of David Baddiel and Rob Newman and Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. With Mark Thomas. BBC Radio 1's alternative comedy with sketches, stand-up and the odd spot of audience participation. Starting in 1989, the foursome's popularity sparked a BBC TV-transfer of the same name.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in October 1990.