

(b007k4ff)

Episode 13 Thanks to his stay in hospital, Inspector Alan Grant's health is improving. Might the murderous reputation of King Richard III do likewise?
Josephine Tey's classic story read in 14 parts by Paul Young. Written in the early 1950s, The Daughter of Time was described by The New York Times as 'One of the best mysteries of all time'.

Producer: Bruce Young
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2005.
THU 06:30 Henry Cyril Paget: Lord of the Dance (b00m36bl)

As a child Sheila McClenon spent her summer holidays in Anglesey, where she became obsessed with the story of the Fifth Marquis, Henry Cyril Paget, an extravagant eccentric who converted the chapel at his stately home into a theatre and spent enough to bankrupt the family in the space of six years. His was a life of jaw-dropping excess. After the bankruptcy, a series of auctions held to recoup some of the money he had spent lasted several months and consisted of 17,000 lots, including some of the most lavish costumes in existence and jewels worth millions of pounds in today's money. The family was keen to erase him from their history, and little has been known about him until now, as Sheila returns to the scene of her family holidays to find out more about the man dubbed by locals, 'The Mad Marquis'.

THU 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)
Series 3, Episode 1 Andy and Katy have a lovely new baby and Daniel has a brilliant new job.

But Lucy has a horrible new feeling. Is Daniel about to leave her for a woman called Katriona who's obsessed with cheese? David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Starring David Tennant as Daniel, Liz Carling as Lucy, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Katie, Tony Gardner as Andy and Kate Robbins as Katriona.

Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b09qhbhx)

Series 7, Episode 5 John Finnemore presents another half hour of his award-winning sketch show, joined by his regular ensemble cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This week, we hear from several different animals, a couple of types of King, and witness a much-needed intervention. We also witness a majestic sunset and, well, since you ask him for some audience participation...

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme was described by The Radio Times as "the best sketch show in years, on television or radio", and by The Daily Telegraph as "funny enough to make even the surliest cat laugh". Already the winner of a BBC Audio Drama Award and a Radio Academy Silver Award, John was named the 2016 Radio Broadcaster of the Year by the Broadcasting Press Guild for his work on Souvenir Programme. Written by & starring ... John Finnemore
Production Coordinator ... Beverly Tagg
Producer ... Ed Morrish
A BBC Studios production.

THU 08:00 Marriage Lines (b060fyhy)
Series 2, Episode 3 The new baby arrives, but George manages to mess up big time.

Richard Briers and Prunella Scales star in their second series based on the mutual love and mistrust of a young married couple.

Originating on BBC TV, it was adapted for radio due to its popularity by Richard Waring from his own TV scripts. A decade later, Richard Briers was starring as Tom Good in The Good Life whilst Prunella Scales starred as Sybil in Fawlty Towers. They remained friends until Richard Briers' death in 2013.

Producer: Charles Maxwell
Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007yn6x)
Rommel's Treasure Fleeing from Tobruk in 1942, the military leader leaves behind a precious box. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1955.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b01sd7fg)
Series 11, Episode 6 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Mark Watson, Tony Hawks, Lucy Porter and Ed Byrne are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as lions, pianos, fingers and the French. The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 09:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007jvz6)
Pearls Mean Tears When Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha sparks uproar - can his valet save the day?
PG Wodehouse romp adapted by Chris Miller.

Starring Michael Hordern stars as Jeeves, Richard Briers as Bertie, Joan Sanderson as Aunt Agatha, Pat Coombs as Aileen Hemingway, Miriam Margolyes as the Chamber Maid, Brian Oulton as Sidney Hemingway and Brian Haines as the Hotel

Manager.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1973.
THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b013rj8z)
Anthony Trollope - The American Senator, Episode 2 The American Senator
By Anthony Trollope
Dramatised by Martyr Wade
Part Two

Lord Rufford has kissed Arabella twice but she realises that much more needs to be done to win him and his estate. It is now time to tell John Morton she no longer wants to marry him?
Anthony Trollope.....Robert Glenister
Arabella Trefoil.....Anna Maxwell Martin
Lady Augustus.....Barbara Flynn
John Morton.....Blake Ritson
Senator Gotobed.....Stuart Milligan
Lady Ushant.....Joanna David
Reginald Morton.....Daniel Rabin
Mary Masters.....Penelope Rawlins
Lawrence Twentyman...Carl Prekopp
Lord Rufford.....Henry Devas
Duchess of Mayfair.....Elaine Claxton
Mounser Green.....Joanathan Forbes
Mrs. Masters.....Jane Whittenshaw
Mr Bearside.....Sean Baker
Directed by Tracey Neale

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THU 11:00 Jessie Kesson Short Stories (b04hmrvf)
Until Such Times The final story in our series of readings from the work of the acclaimed Scottish author Jessie Kesson. Best known for her novels "Another Time, Another Place" and "The White Bird Passes", Jessie Kesson's writing was often inspired by events from her own life and by the landscape of North East Scotland.

Tonight's story is a beautiful evocation of a child's struggle to

make sense of the adult world around her. Her unmarried mother, whom she calls "Aunt" Ailsa, is unable to provide a home for her and she has been sent to the countryside to live with her grandparents. There is one instance of strong language. Jessie Kesson (1916 - 1994) was a prolific writer of novels, poems, stories, newspaper features and radio plays. She came through a hard start in life (born in the Inverness workhouse, raised in an Elgin slum, removed from her neglectful but much-loved mother to an orphanage in Aberdeenshire) with a passionate determination to be a writer. She combined a successful writing career with a variety of jobs, from cleaner to artist's model, and was a social worker for nearly twenty years, settling finally in London with her husband.

Reader Helen Mackay
Abridger Kirsteen Cameron
Producer Kirsteen Cameron.
THU 11:15 Baldi (b007k0ft)
Series 3, The Dig An archaeological dig becomes a battlefield involving monks, politicians and developers, while Paolo makes some fascinating discoveries.
David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi. Written by Martin Meenan.
With Martin Clunes as Aloysious, Tina Kellegher as Tina Mahon, TP McKenna as Father Troy, Owen Roe as Rynne, Margaret D'Arcy as Mrs Reid, Kevin Flood as Professor Evans, Sean McGinley as Swift, Barry McGovern as the Minister and Ingrid Craigie as Helen.
Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan
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Director: Mark Lambert

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THU 14:00 Aldous Huxley - Brave New World (b007qhbz)
Episode 9 Bernard worries as John tries to foster rebellion amongst the Delta grades. Nightmare vision of the future read by Anton Lesser. From April 2003.

THU 14:15 In Search of Ourselves: A History of Psychology and the Mind (b0435kkj)
Man, Machine and Memory In the 1950s, mathematician and Bletchley Park code breaker Alan Turing envisaged a sophisticated computer whose mechanical generation of responses would be indistinguishable from that of a human. In this programme Martin Sixsmith looks at the way this metaphor of human cognition has informed research into memory and perception.

He considers the work of the 1930s Cambridge psychologist Frederic Bartlett and the American memory specialist George Miller. He talks to Alan Baddeley who with Graham Hitch developed a new theory of working memory, and to Peter Thompson of the University of York about the way our brains perceive and process information - sometimes failing to spot the most obvious.

Producer: Sara Parker
A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:30 Armistead Maupin - Tales of the City (b07bft7z)

Michael Tolliver Lives, Episode 4 Tales of the City by Armistead Maupin
Episode Four
Michael is surprised by his brother's revelation. Mrs Madrigal tries to ease Brian's worries about Shawna leaving.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan
Producer Susan Roberts
Director Charlotte Riches
For more than three decades, Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City series has blazed its own trail through popular culture - from ground-breaking newspaper serial to classic novel. Radio 4 are dramatising the full series of the Tales novels for the very first time. Michael Tolliver Lives continues the adventures of Armistead's well-loved characters, followed by Mary Anne in Autumn.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b0739pg9)
Henning Mankell - Quicksand, Episode 4 Henning Mankell was creator of Wallander, the fictional detective. His posthumous essays, translated by Laurie Thompson with Marlaïne Delargy, and abridged by Katrin Williams, refer to his illness and explore much more besides:

The author explains his long-standing interest in cave paintings and what they tell us now. He also witnesses a search for fresh water within saltwater - which again, tells us something new..
Reader Tim Pigott-Smith
Producer Duncan Minschull.

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THU 17:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b09qhbhx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 MR James Stories (b00pf4xf)
The Rose Garden Mary and George Goodman are renovating an old house in rural Essex. When they remove an ancient post from the back garden, it opens a doorway to the region's turbulent past.
Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.
Dramatised by Chris Harrald.
Stars Anton Lesser as George, Carolyn Pickles as Mary, Susan Jameson as Miss Wilkins, Simon Treves as Judge Nashe and Ben Crowe as Jim.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
THU 18:15 RL Stevenson - The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (b00858dr)
Episode 4 Utterson's persistence with investigating the truth about his friend Dr Jekyll is finally rewarded. Read by Tim Piggott-Smith. From April 1996.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b00tm95)
Series 22. Golda Meir Golda Meir was the Iron Lady of Israeli politics, a straight-talking, intransigent leader who once said, "There is a type of woman who does not let her husband narrow her horizons". She is the choice of former Conservative government minister Edwina Currie.
Golda Meir was born in Kiev and educated in the United States, but moved to Palestine her twenties, just after the First World War. One of the signatories on Israel's Declaration of Independence in 1948, Meir was elected to the Knesset and stayed there until she retired in her late sixties. But when prime minister Levi Eshkol died unexpectedly she was called back to take his place. She was the compromise candidate but stayed there for five years and was in power during the Yom Kippur War.
Edwina Currie admires her conviction and humanity, and that fact that she reminds her of her granny.
Ahron Bregman from the Department of War Studies at Kings College London, served in the Israeli army and was present at Golda Meir's funeral. Unlike Edwina, Ahron thinks Golda Meir made some unforgivable mistakes.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (b09qlgtc)
Series 18, Episode 1 BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack returns for its 18th series with host Angela Barnes. A scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public.
THU 23:00 Start/Stop (b03bsb9c)
Series 1, Episode 5 by Jack Docherty
A new sitcom about three couples sailing off in to the sunset. And sinking. This week two parties provide a particular challenge.
Producer Steven Canny
Jack Docherty
Jack has an exceptional record of making stand-out comedy. He first performed at the 1980 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the comedy sketch group The Bodgers and went on to write for radio and television including: Spitting Image, Alas Smith and Jones, Vic Reeves Big Night Out, Absolutely, The Lenny Henry Show, Max Headroom, Weekend, The News Huddlines and a ton of other things.
He has also performed in a huge variety of comedy shows including in The Comic Strip Presents, The Mowenna Banks Show, Monarch of the Glen, Red Dwarf V, The Old Guys and Badults. He has also featured in the Radio 4 comedies Baggage and Mordinr MacDonald - 21st Century Wizard and has appeared on various comedy panel shows including Have I Got News For You and It's Only TV But I Like It. Jack presented his own show The Jack Docherty Show which ran for 2 years on Channel 5.
THU 23:30 Armando Iannucci - Facts and Fancies (b007jrmj)
Monster-Eyed Bugs From diseases to identity cards, Armando Iannucci concludes his own collection of humorous essays.
From January 1998.
THU 23:45 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b0089jzh)
Episode 5 Memoirs of a boy growing up in the 1970s. In the Fens, the full hideous truth is revealed. Written and read by Peter Bradshaw. From February 1999.

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FRI 06:00 Inspector Grant - The Daughter of Time (b007k4ff)
Episode 14 Inspector Grant and his assistant Brent suffer a setback in their quest - can they finally solve the case of the Princes in the Tower?
Josephine Tey's classic story concluded by Paul Young. Written in the early 1950s, The Daughter of Time was described by The New York Times as 'One of the best mysteries of all time'.
Producer: Bruce Young
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2005.
FRI 06:30 Architects of Taste (b01d2130)
Historian and actor Ian Kelly explores the cross over between food and feasting, art, architecture and performance.
From the most extravagant medieval feasts and festivals, to the modern gastronomy of chefs like Heston Blumenthal and Ferran Adria, food has long been moulded, sculpted, and displayed against the most theatrical of backdrops. Ian Kelly explores the story of artistry in cookery, and argues that it's a neglected cultural phenomenon.
He looks at the life of Antonin Careme, the first celebrity chef, whose enormous sugar sculptures and piece montees, for the likes of Napoleon and the Prince Regent, epitomised centuries of high eating. And the Victorian Alexis Soyer, whose 'symposium of all nations' rivalled the Great Exhibition in its gastronomic extravagance.
We also hear from the chef Ferran Adria, Jane Asher, food historians Ivan Day and Marc Meltonville, and chef Anne Willan, and jelly mongers Bompas and Parr about how a new generation of food artists are bringing back the spirit of Careme in their events and performances.
Producer: Jo Wheeler
A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 07:00 Capital Gains (b00shdzf)
Series 2, Seed Capital Billionaire philanthropist Julius Hutch has never voted, but when his wife leaves home and a compulsory purchase order arrives, he takes action.
Starring Peter Jones as Julius Hutch.
With Celestine Randall as Pauline Hutch, Justine Midda as Kate, Jeffrey Wickham as Sexton Lewis, Stephen Thorne as Sir Gainford Bloumy and Jillie Meers as Dahlia Sprout.
Other parts played by Collin Johnson, David Holt and Brian Perkins.
Scripted by Collin Johnson.
Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997 .
FRI 07:30 The Break (b07gf466)
Sunday, Flipping Sunday/Dawn breaks on a beautiful Sunday morning in Flamford. Uncle Jeff (Philip Jackson) is on a quest for spiritual comfort and persuades his nephew Andy (Tom Palmer) to join him by bribing him with the promise of a proper roast dinner.
They find that the local church has installed a new vicar, the Reverend Beverley (Shobna Gulati), who invites Jeff to her bible class that evening. The words "bring a bible" strike a chill to Jeff's heart. He has never owned a bible, and neither has Andy.
They spend the rest of the day trying to find a bible on a Sunday, with Andy's stomach rumbling as he pictures his dinner slipping further away. On their quest they encounter Derek Horrox The Mayor (Rasmus Hardiker), Peter Humfriss, The Town Crier (Mark Benton), and a slightly unnerving bookseller.
Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie
Producer/Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wn0jj)
Series 5, Episode 14 The Incredible Singing Blancmange' - or 'The Dessert Song'.
A musical comedy starring Tim Brendle-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Bill Oddie and Jo Kendall.
Written by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden.
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 Leon Cohen, Eric Idle, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.
Producer: Humphrey Barclay
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.
FRI 08:30 Albert and Me (b0484vy)
Series 2, Driver Single dad Bryan takes a driving job but finds himself caught up in crime.
Robert Lindsay plays single parent Bryan Archer, struggling to find work and raise his baby son.
In the original 1977 series, Bryan was played by the late Richard Beckinsale who tragically died in 1979. After a six-year hiatus, the series returned with Bryan's mother and baby Albert played once again by the ever-versatile Pat Coombs.
With Diana King as Mrs Willis, Derek Martin as Terry, Deirdre Costello as Alison, Peter Cleall as Charlie and John Kane as Andy.
Incidental music by Max Harris.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1983.
FRI 09:00 Whispers (b007k358)
Series 3, Episode 4 Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, Penny Junor and Julian Fellowes. From October 2005.
FRI 09:30 Street and Lane (b00vt5ry)
Series 2, Fade to Black The white van driving Yorkshire builders come across a couple of faded film stars, but all is not as it seems...
Series 2 of Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby's comedy stars Shaun Dooley as Johnny Street, Fine Time Fontayne as Arthur Lane, Sandra Dickinson as Madeleine and John Carlisle as Charles.
Producer David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
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Dramatised by Martyn Wade
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The brief tale of a bus driver whose philanthropic nature means bad timekeeping but general goodwill. Read by Bernard Cribbins. From April 1990.

FRI 11:15 Baldi (b007k0h2)

Series 3, The Far Pavilions Paolo finds that Irish cricket and fair play are not synonymous when he discovers foul play at an unfriendly charity match.

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Episode 10 Disenchanted with society, John decides to seek solitude. Nightmare vision of the future concluded by Anton Lesser. From April 2003.

FRI 14:15 In Search of Ourselves: A History of Psychology and the Mind (b04368f7)

A Problem of Consciousness In this programme, Martin Sixsmith examines the 'hard problem' of consciousness and the work of psychologists such as Susan Blackmore who believe it is 'just an illusion'.

He asks what drives us to think and act as we do, and questions the role of freewill and morality. He discovers how emotions affect our cognitive functions and examines the importance of insight, including Gestalt psychologist Wolfgang Kohler's work with chimpanzees.

He looks at Nobel prize winner Daniel Kahneman's 'thinking fast and thinking slow' model and the impact decision making has not only on individuals but also for the success of the economy and society.

Produced by Sara Parker

Series consultant, Professor Daniel Pick, Birkbeck, University of London.

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:30 Armistead Maupin - Tales of the City (b07bfxhl)

Michael Tolliver Lives, Episode 5 Tales of the City by

Armistead Maupin

Episode Five

Mary Ann returns to San Francisco to join the vigil at Mrs Madrigal's bedside. Shawna makes a decision about her move to New York.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan

Producer Susan Roberts

Director Charlotte Riches

For more than three decades, Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City series has blazed its own trail through popular culture-from ground-breaking newspaper serial to classic novel. Radio 4 are dramatising the full series of the Tales novels for the very first time. Michael Tolliver Lives continues the adventures of Armistead's well-loved characters, followed by Mary Ann in Autumn.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b073b18m)

Henning Mankell - Quicksand, Episode 5 Henning Mankell was creator of Wallander, the fictional detective. His posthumous essays, translated by Laurie Thompson with Marlaime Delargy, and abridged by Katrin Williams, refer to his illness and explore much more besides:

He was a novelist, who also ran a theatre in Maputo, Mozambique. One of his 'happiest times' was staging a Greek drama, performed by local people. It all began in October 1992.

Reader Tim Pigott-Smith

Producer Duncan Minshall.

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b0144ybg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Whispers (b007k358)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Street and Lane (b00vt5ry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Capital Gains (b00shdzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Break (b07gf4s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 MR James Stories (b00pfljb)

Number 13 Dr Anderson's obsessive interest in why the hotel he's staying at doesn't include a number 13 puts him in terrible danger.

Derek Jacobi - as the voice of MR James - introduces classic ghost stories.

Dramatised by Chris Harrald.

Stars Julian Rhind-Tutt as Dr Anderson, Jan Delukowicz as

Herr Lund, Simon Treves as Herr Scavenius and Ben Onwukwe as the Voice.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 18:15 RL Stevenson - The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (b00859tj)

Episode 5 It's Henry Jekyll's turn to tell the story, as the bizarre truth is finally revealed. Concluded by Tim Pigott-Smith. From April 1996.

FRI 18:30 Mastertapes (b01n16hs)

Series 1, Billy Bragg (the A-Side) John Wilson's series in which he talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them. Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios.

Programme 1, A-side. 'Talking With The Taxman About Poetry' - Billy Bragg reveals how the self-proclaimed 'difficult' third album was written and created with a guitar he bought when he was out shopping for swimming trunks (he claims he still swims naked as a result)... he explains how a film about the James Brothers helped him write 'There's Power In A Union'... and describes how Andy Kershaw's inability to shut up led him to writing 'Levi Stubbs' Tears'. And he plays excerpts from the album live in front of the audience.

In the B-side of the programme, it's the turn of the audience to ask the questions and Billy considers the state of protest songs today, reveals what music he is writing at the moment and explains what poetry he would discuss with today's taxman. Other programmes include Paul Weller talking about The Jam's final album, 'The Gift'; Suzanne Vega recalls the making of 'Solitude Standing', the album that made her a worldwide superstar; and Rod Argent and Colin Blunstone takes us back to the seminal Zombies' record 'Oracle And Odyssey'. Complete versions of the songs performed in the programme (and others) can be heard on the 'Mastertapes' pages on the Radio 4 website, where the programmes can also be downloaded and other musical goodies accessed.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00wvn0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Albert and Me (b048s4vy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Inspector Grant - The Daughter of Time (b007k4gl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Architects of Taste (b01d2l30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b09qlnqr)

Series 1, Deborah Frances-White Deborah Frances-White joins Amanda Litherland once again to recommend her favourite podcasts. Features 'Guilt and Shame' and new BBC podcast series 'Boring Talks'.

FRI 22:00 The Break (b07gf4s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 On the Hour (b007m9zs)

Series 2, Episode 6 An outside broadcast goes down and a bluebottle rampages across Essex. Chris Morris fronts the news satire. From May 1992.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b09s7g8p)

Fern Brady 1/2 The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith chats to Fern Brady.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b05077kz)

Series 6, Reece Shearsmith Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some experiences are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.

Reece Shearsmith had never had a driving lesson - until now.

Marcus also persuades him to try wallpapering for the first time.

FRI 23:30 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b0137yqf)

Series 2, Episode 4A multi-paced, one woman Fast Show for Radio 4 showcasing the exceptional talent of Lucy Montgomery. Lucy is a true chameleon who can embrace any character with uncanny accuracy, from a deluded teenager to a nonagenarian Diva. Lucy is a rare and multifaceted performer her intelligence and Barry Humphries-esque glee give her characterisations a smart and distinctive edge

Like all big stars, Lucy's worked hard to earn her tilt at the windmill of fame. In her ten years since Footlights she's honed her talents on Radio 4 shows as diverse as the Sony Gold winning Down the Line, The Museum of Everything, The Department, Another Case of Milton Jones, Mastering the Universe, Torchwood, The Don't Watch With Mother Sketchbook and The Way We Live Right Now. On television she has made her mark on BBC THREE's Titty Bang Bang, BBC ONE's Armstrong and Miller and BBC TWO's - Bellamy's People.

Starring: Lucy Montgomery, Philip Pope, Sally Grace, Natalie Walter and Waen Shepherd.

Written by Lucy Montgomery with additional material by Steve Burge, Jon Hunter, Fay Rusling, Abigail Burdess, Suk Pannu, Andy Wolton and Joseph Morpurgo.

Script Editor: Dan Tetsell

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.