

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2018

SAT 00:00 Marty Ross - Catch My Breath (b007k3bt)

Episode 5

The truth about Isla is revealed. Will Kate and Colleen finally manage to escape..?

Conclusion of Marty Ross's supernatural five-part thriller.

Kate Claire Knight
Colleen Suzanne Donaldson
Strachan Liam Brennan
Old Strachan John Shedden
Donnie Lewis Howden
Isla Eileen McCallum
Octavia Lucy Patterson
DC Carbeth James Bryce
WPC Briggs Jill Riddiford
Dennis Finlay McLean

Producer: Bruce Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Radio Scotland. First broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 Mastertapes (b03jb1wf)

Series 3

Soul II Soul (B-Side)

Soul II Soul, the B-side. Having discussed the making of "Club Classics Vol 1", the breakthrough album from Soul II Soul (in the A-side of the programme, broadcast on Monday 25th November and available online), Jazzie B and Caron Wheeler respond to questions from the audience. Jazzie talks more about his own roots as a musician and Soul II Soul perform live versions of tracks from the album.

SAT 01:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jynj)

Interrogating Archie

Kramer and his gang home in on the final clue about the secret weapon, turning their attention to its inventor.

Noel Johnson stars as Dick Barton, with John Mann as Snowey White, Alex McCrindle as Jock, William Fox as Colonel Gardiner and Margaret Robertson as Jean Hunter.

From 1946 to 1951, Dick Barton - Special Agent thrilled millions of listeners to the BBC Light Programme. The daily series followed the exciting adventures of ex-commando Captain Richard Barton and his wartime mates Snowey White and Jock Anderson, who must solve all manner of intriguing crimes and mysteries.

Heralded by an iconic signature tune (Devil's Galop by Charles Williams) each gripping episode left listeners with a torrid cliff-hanger.

Sadly many of Dick's adventures didn't survive in the BBC archive. But in 1972 as part of celebrations for the BBC's Golden Jubilee, Dick's very first ten-part adventure by Edward J Mason was recreated with many of the original cast.

With Francis de Wolff as Wilhelm Kramer, Richard Humdall as Sir Archie Wrangle, Denis McCarthy as James Thirgood and Geoffrey Collins as the Police Sergeant.

Producer: Raymond Raikes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1972.

SAT 01:15 15 Minute Drama (b04fchlk)

CJ Sansom - Shardlake: Dark Fire

Episode 5

Dramatisation of CJ Sansom's Tudor crime novel set during the last days of Thomas Cromwell.

Drawing a blank in their investigation into the theft of Greek Fire, detective-lawyer Matthew Shardlake, assisted by Cromwell's man Barak, turn their attentions to the case of Elizabeth Wentworth: an orphan accused of murdering her young cousin.

Written by CJ Sansom

Dramatised by Colin MacDonald

Produced and directed by Kirsteen Cameron.

SAT 01:30 Comedy's Coming Home (b00800by)

Curtis Walker

The comedian travels from south London to Jamaica, birthplace of his parents, to find out how universal laughter really is. From March 2002.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b03bx824)

James Bond - Solo

Episode 5

It is 1969 and James Bond is about to go solo, recklessly motivated by revenge.

A seasoned veteran of the service, 007 is sent to single-handedly stop a civil war in a small West African nation. Aided by a beautiful accomplice and hindered by the local militia, he undergoes a scarring experience which compels him to ignore M's orders in pursuit of his own brand of justice.

Bond's renegade action leads him to Washington DC, where he discovers a web of geopolitical intrigue and witnesses fresh horrors.

Even if Bond succeeds in exacting his revenge, a man with two faces will come to stalk his every waking moment.

Written by William Boyd, who is the author of one work of non-fiction, three collections of short stories and thirteen novels, including the bestselling historical spy thriller Restless - winner of the Costa Novel of the Year - and Any Human Heart, in which the character of Ian Fleming features. Among his other awards are the Whitbread First Novel Prize, the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and the Prix Jean Monnet. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and an Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. In 2005 he was awarded the CBE.

Solo - a James Bond novel written by William Boyd. Copyright

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Reader: Paterson Joseph

Abridged by Libby Spurrier

Producer: Joanna Green

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:15 The Making of Music (b007qd02)

Series 1

Bach in Leipzig

James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

15/30. Bach in Leipzig

From a bustling town in Germany, a civic employee produced some of the most sublime church music ever written. Despite being frequently at loggerheads with his employers, Johann Sebastian Bach continued to compose at a prolific rate.

SAT 02:30 Helen Lederer - All Change (b0b44nm9)

Jealousy: Fact or Fusion

Phil is acting suspiciously. So Helen's worried that out of disgust for his ageing and widening wife, he's been driven into the arms of Yolanda, the temptress from accounts.

She must go into battle to win back her man...

Helen Lederer takes a lighter look at women growing old disgracefully.

Written by and starring Helen Lederer

With Stephen Moore, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Tom George.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03cv46x)

Heston Blumenthal - Historic Heston

Episode 5

Heston Blumenthal's name is synonymous with cutting edge cuisine but his inspiration comes from the history of British cooking. In 'Historic Heston' he chooses twenty eight dishes which span from medieval times to the late 19th Century. He takes them apart, then puts them together again with his own inimitable twist, so creating a sublime 21st Century take on ancient delicacies.

Today, as an avowed fan of Alice in Wonderland, Heston unveils the inspiration for one of his signature dishes, Mock Turtle Soup. The original recipe for the soup appeared in a cookbook written by the first Professor of Botany at Cambridge University in 1732, but the dish quickly made it into the mainstream and the craze for it lasted well into the Victorian age.

Written by Heston Blumenthal

Read by Heston Blumenthal and Hugh Dennis

Abridged and produced by Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 03:00 Home Front - Omnibus (b0b6mb5h)

6-10 August 1918

Final omnibus of Season 14, Needs Must When the Devil Drives, set in the week when thousands of soldiers were given agricultural furlough to help with the harvest.

Cast

Victor Lumley Joel MacCormack

Effie Taverner Lizzie Stables

Adeline Lumley Helen Schlesinger

Charles Summer Rufus Wright

Alexander Gidley Matthew Beard

Daniel Marriott Jonathan Bailey

Morris Battley Sean Baker

Isabel Graham Keely Beresford

Gabriel Graham Michael Bertenshaw

Sylvia Graham Joanna David

Silas Morrow Shaun Dooley

Mrs Beast Kerry Gooderson

Miss Millard Emma Handy

Cathy Lawrence Debbie Korley

Betty Newcombe Annie McKenzie

Kitty Lumley Ami Metcalf

Cora Gidley Joanna Monro

Lionel Summer Geoffrey Palmer

Clarence Ogden David Sterne

Elsbeth Taverner Kelly Williams

Teddy Lawrence Florence Duncalf

Peter Lumley Beatrice White

Musicians Helen Longhurst, Gunnar Cauthery, Susie Riddell, Jonathan Bailey

Written by Sarah Daniels

Story-led by Sebastian Baczekiewicz

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole

Sound: Martha Littlehales

Composer: Matthew Strachan

Consultant Historian: Maggie Andrews.

SAT 04:00 Jest a Minute (b0183rrm)

Series 2

Episode 6

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.

With Paul Tonkinson, Tom Wrigglesworth, Lloyd Langford and Chris Corcoran.

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2009.

SAT 04:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qx6x)

Series 1

Elephants to Catch Eels

Why would a top London journalist be so interested that love is all around in Drumlin Bay? What's Tamsyn been up to?

It seems the new editor of 'The Times of London' is boosting circulation by becoming a scurrilous gossip rag. Of course,

that would never happen now...

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Mark Perry as the Editor and Michael Fenton Stevens as Lampwick.

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

SAT 05:00 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

Series 1

Drilling for Hamsters

The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Series one of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom.

Starring Frances Tomelny as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon and Gerard McSorley as Trevor.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

SAT 05:30 Michael Frayn's Matchbox Theatre (b06s1b8t)

Episode 4

Michael Frayn: the most comic philosophical writer of our time. An all-star cast has great fun with his hilarious view of us all. And the ways we attempt to communicate. And explain.

In this final part, we start by taking listeners direct from the Matchbox studio to a report from outside the National Theatre, where some long speeches are going on inside. Our reporter (Martin Jarvis) tells anchor Rosalind Ayres that it seems to be all about Hamlet. A couple (Lisa Dillon and Lloyd Owen), who have just been on a street demo, can't quite cast off their hectoring demeanour when ordering tea and buns. And Tom Hollander at a dinner party embarrasses a fellow guest with some surprisingly anti-social behaviour. A husband (Adam Godley) may have a communication problem. In a bravura solo performance, Julia McKenzie attempts (on the phone) to communicate with the 'sofa disposal' department, but are they actually listening? And language becomes a problem for Ian Ogilvy as a hospital visitor - but who is really speaking gibberish?

Episode 4 cast: Rosalind Ayres, Lisa Dillon, Adam Godley, Tom Hollander, Julia McKenzie, Lloyd Owen and Ian Ogilvy, Martin Jarvis, Nigel Anthony and Matthew Wolf.

Written by Michael Frayn

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 Willoughby's Phoney War (b0b51ldr)

Britain's on the brink of a Second World War, but men like subaltern Charles Willoughby are desperate for action.

The ludicrous frustrations of peacetime are nothing compared to the absurdities of the war itself when it begins in 1939... William Fox's wartime drama stars Jeremy Irons as Charles Willoughby.

With Anna Massey as Charity, Madeline Smith as Clarissa, Charles Hodgson as Peregrine, Jeffrey Wickham as Christopher, William Fox as the Commanding Officer, Mary Wimbush as Mona, Manning Wilson as the Sergeant, John Rye as the Adjutant, Rod Beacham as Harris, Kenneth Shanley as the Batman, Peter Wickham as Male Guest, Jonathan Scott as the Company Commander, Malcolm Gerard as OC Ship, Robert Trotter as the NCO and Alvar Lidell as the Newsreader.

Director: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

SAT 07:30 Touchline Tales (b01p3nqp)

Series 3

Episode 2

Old friends Des Lynam and Christopher Matthew venture out to different sporting venues - to enjoy, observe, reminisce and trade tales about some of the greatest pleasures in their lives. Today, they float like butterflies between those training at the All Stars Boxing Gym (on West London's Harrow Road) and they sting like bees with their affectionate verbal jabs, trying to outdo each other with their knockout boxing anecdotes.

As a commentator and friend of sporting stars, Des has, as ever, a fund of stories to tell, and insights to reveal. But Christopher gamely tries to match him stride by stride with his own experiences as a lifelong spectator at the highest levels of sport (and, like Des, an occasional participant at the lowest).

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b060qbwm)

Tomorrow's World, Today

Everyone knows the iconic TV series Tomorrow's World - and many of us watched it as it made predictions about the future. Was it correct in its assumptions and predictions? James Burke takes a journey through the archive, and explores the story of the past half century of technological development.

Tomorrow's World began in the "White Heat" of the 1960s - as science and technology began to promise a future previously unimaginable.

From the first orbits of the moon, to the first heart transplant; from the nuclear debates of 20th century, to the economic failure of Concorde; from robots to the internet - Tomorrow's World reported on it all. How did the show do it? And did it get it right?

To mark the programme's 50th Anniversary in 2015, James Burke - a reporter on the show from 1966 to 1972 - looks at

how it dealt with the often huge changes that occurred in the time from when it was first broadcast, and assesses what it says about our ability to see what's around the corner.

Featuring Judith Hann, Michael Rodd, Maggie Philbin, Howard Stableford, Michael Blakstad and Dame Wendy Hall.
Producer: Polly Weston.

SAT 09:00 Natalie Haynes' Back to School (b01rfxjr)
Former school teacher, then stand-up and now writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes relives the highlights and horrors of school days, courtesy of the BBC archive:

* **Bleak Expectations**
Series 1 (1/6) A Childhood Cruelly Kipperd:
Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof reveals the downward spiral of young Pip Bin's life. Stars Richard Johnson, Anthony Head, Celia Imrie and Geoffrey Whitehead. From August 2007.

* **The Jason Byrne Show**
Series 1 (1/6) Education:
Award-winning Irish comedian Jason Byrne takes aim at the world of classrooms, teachers and school-bullying. With guest Ivan Brackenbury. From July 2008.

* **The Burkiss Way**
Series 2 (9/13) Skive from School the Burkiss Way:
Can 'Moses Minor' lead the boys of Greyfriars away from the clutches of their oppressors? Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Chris Emmett and Nigel Rees. From February 1977.

* **Clare in the Community**
Series 1 (6/6) Stage Fright:
The social worker and control freak's disgruntled husband Brian writes a play based on their marriage. Stars Sally Phillips and Alex Lowe. From December 2004.

* **King Street Junior**
Series 2 (9/10) Sports Day:
As both pupils and staff get in training, school headmaster Mr Beeston gets a cryptic note. Stars James Grout and Peter Davison. From March 1987.

* **Hancock's Half Hour**
Series 4 (15/20) The Old School Re-Union:
Surprises are in store as the lad heads back for prize-giving day at his old school. Stars Tony Hancock, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams. From January 1957.

Producer: Mik Wilkojc
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2013.
SAT 12:00 Well, At Least It Didn't Rain (b007qq88)
Funerals are supposed to be solemn occasions but they can be fraught with disasters - especially when elderly Nell and tropical fish tanks are involved.

Renny Krupinski's comedy drama stars Patricia Hayes as Nell, Rosemary Leach as Joan, Mary Wimbush as Maisy, Zelah Clarke as Angela and Kim Wall as David.
Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1988.
SAT 12:30 Rent (b04c34yr)
Series 1

Episode 1
Maria and Richard have a happy marriage, no children, but their house is falling down.
It looks like there's only one thing for it - they'll have to start taking in lodgers...

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard. With Diane Louise-Jordan as Ruby and Toby Longworth as Paul.
Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
SAT 13:00 AJ Cronin - The Citadel (Omnibus) (b0bkr991)
Series 4

The 1926 General Strike has just ended, but the miners have decided to fight on.
Dr Manson and his friend and colleague Dr Denny have different views on whether to support the strike or not...

AJ Cronin's classic tale set in the Welsh valleys about life before the NHS
Manson Richard Fleeshman
Denny Julian Lewis Jones

Christine Catrin Stewart
Sam Bevan Jason Done
Vaughan Sean Murray
Nye Bevan Ben Addis
Dramatised by Christopher Reason.
Producers: Gary Brown & Pauline Harris.

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in September 2018.
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0bkr96j)
Gyles Brandreth

Gyles Brandreth chooses Maurice Chevalier and Hermione Gingold's I Remember It Well and The Muppets' Simon Smith and His Amazing Dancing Bear.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b0077478)
James Lovelock
Respected environmentalist and architect of the Gaia theory, James Lovelock reveals the poetry and prose that have influenced his life.

He's joined at his Launceston home by actors Jenny Coverack and Bill Wallis, who read entertaining snippets of his selections with gusto and gravitas.

Lovelock - a warm and engaging narrator - explains how works such as Gray's Elegy and The Purist by Ogden Nash have affected his outlook.
Producer: Viv Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 14:45 Stewart Permutt - Singular Women (b00752sz)

Bea
EastEnders' June Brown plays a long-suffering companion. Bittersweet comedy series about four very different women. From September 1997.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b060qbwm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Willoughby's Phoney War (b0b151dr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Touchline Tales (b01p7hd0)
Series 3
Episode 3

Old friends Des Lynam and Christopher Matthew venture out to different sporting venues - to enjoy, observe, reminisce and trade tales about some of the greatest pleasures in their lives. Today, they're at the Queen's Club in south-west London for the qualifying rounds for this year's Real Tennis British Open.

They're there to try and make sense of both the sport and the rules and also to consider other sporting endeavours they can cover in future series... including one involving headless goats. As a commentator and friend of sporting stars, Des has, as ever, a fund of stories to tell, and insights to reveal. But Christopher gamely tries to match him stride by stride with his own experiences as a lifelong spectator at the highest levels of sport (and, like Des, an occasional participant at the lowest).

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Producer: Paul Kobrak.
SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b06fvndx)
Heroes of Sontar

Episode 2
The Time Lord is on the planet Samur, with three enemies after him. Nyssa hints at some intriguing secrets.
Peter Davison is the Fifth Doctor with his companion Tegan Jovanka played by Janet Fielding.

Planet Samur was once a peaceful haven. Pilgrims journeyed across the seven galaxies to meditate in the courtyards of the vast Citadel that spanned its equator. It was Samur's misfortune, however, to find itself situated on the furthestmost frontier in the eternal war between the amoeboid Rutan Host and the belligerent, troll-like Sontarans...

Twenty years after detonating a bacteriological weapon over Samur, rendering it uninhabitable, the Sontarans are back: a select platoon of seven has landed here on a secret mission, carrying sealed orders given to them by Fleet Marshal Stabb.

The TARDIS has landed here, too, bringing the Doctor, Tegan, Turrough and Nyssa into the second great Battle of Samur. Fighting not only the Sontarans, but mystical mercenaries... and a deadly, decades-old curse.

Written by Alan Barnes.
Director: Ken Bentley.
Producer: David Richardson
A Big Finish production.

SAT 19:00 Natalie Haynes' Back to School (b01rfxjr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00c4cd2)
The Lee Mack Show
Toyah Willcox

Toyah Willcox joins the sharp comedian for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale and Steve Brown. From April 2005.
SAT 22:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nz1bk)
The African Village

Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith about an ageing rock star and his search for fulfilment.
Trillionaire rocker Dave Mabbutt contemplates the purchase of an African village to complement his afternoons-only radio station.
Dave Mabbutt Mark Williams

Dom Russell Tovey
Naomi, the Charity Worker Ayesha Antoiné
Dave's Mum Lynda Bellingham

Ken, the Maintenance Man Phil Cornwall.
SAT 23:00 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b008tnzk)
Series 2
Episode 1

Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along in an improvised sketch show driven by suggestions from the studio audience and with a loose grip on reality.
SAT 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00xw276)
Series 3
Episode 4

Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas, entertains the blue-sky political policy suggestions of the public.
This week's agenda:

1) Civil Partnerships to be Made Available to Heterosexual Couples
2) Introduce a Government Department for Externalities
3) A Traffic Ban During Rush-Hour

Plus a wide range of "Any Other Business" suggestions from the studio audience.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Helen Lederer - All Change (Omnibus) (b0b1569q)
As she reaches for mid-40s, comedienne Helen Lederer takes a lighter look at women growing old disgracefully.

Written by and starring Helen Lederer
With Stephen Moore, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Tom George.
Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SUN 07:15 Dawn Lowe-Watson - Jasonland (b040hr5z)
Three school friends imagine their perfect fantasy worlds, but what will their adult lives bring them? Read by Robert Glenister.

SUN 07:30 To Hull and Back (b06gm9fp)
Series 1
My Casa Is Your Casa
A call from Auntie Pamela who lives abroad gets Sophie fired up about the life she could be living - a life of hot tubs and wood-fired lobster.

Her mother tries to compete with her sister, Pamela, but ends up filling the back yard with bubbles and sleeping downstairs on a lilo...
Series 1 of the sitcom by BBC New Comedy Award winner, Lucy Beaumont.

Sophie still lives at home with her mum in Hull. They make a living doing car boot sales at the weekend. Except they don't really make a living because her mum can't bear to get rid of any of their junk. Plus, they don't have a car. As their house gets more cluttered, Sophie feels more trapped.

Starring Lucy Beaumont as Sophie and Maureen Lipman as Sheila.
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Radio Comedy Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SUN 08:00 Meet the Huggetts (b04mc868)
All at Sea
With the factory outing looming, Joe and Ethel Huggett find themselves in a mess over money.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, Vera Day as Jane, Anthony Green as Bobby, Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings, Beatrice Varley as Mrs Stebbings and Kenneth Connor as Mr Campbell.

Popular working-class family, the Huggetts first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire.
Producer: Peter Eton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1954.

SUN 08:30 Take It From Here (b01c6fkb)
From 16/04/1958
Dick's dreaming of Persia - and Eth's agitated after being accused of theft at work, in "The Glums"

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.
Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

SUN 09:00 On Truth (Omnibus) (b0b156ry)
We live, we are told, in a "post-truth" world, suffering an epidemic of "truth decay" - five writers and thinkers look to history and geography to investigate why:

* Dr Kathryn Murphy on Sir Francis Bacon's 1620s essay, On Truth, and its striking contemporary parallels
* The American writer Kurt Andersen traces America's long history of magical thinking, from the 1600s to the Trump presidency

* Juliet Samuel asks whether markets are giant truth-seeking mechanisms or irrational generators of bubbles
* The Indian-born writer Pankaj Mishra considers the notion of Truth as perceived by the great Indian thinker

* Statesman, Mahatma Gandhi; and the philosopher Simon Blackburn offers a timely long view of the notion of Truth
First broadcast in on BBC Radio 4 in September 2018.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b04d81mg)
Sylvia and Dennis - Rollercoaster Riders
Fi Glover introduces the oldest members of the Great Britain Rollercoaster Club, who have ridden Nemesis at Alton Towers 3800 times, and are wondering when they will have to stop.

The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before.

The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Most of the unedited

conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can upload your own conversations or just learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject

Producer: Marya Burgess.

SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b1584t)
Comedy Writers
Victoria Wood
From The Doobie Brothers to Tom Waits, comedy star Victoria Wood shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From December 2007.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0bkr9xw)
Series 4
Hello
Radiolab tries to make contact with some of the strangest strangers on Earth: dolphins. 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. Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.
First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

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SUN 14:15 Dawn Lowe-Watson - Jasonland (b040hr5z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Shirley Jackson - We Have Always Lived in the Castle (Omnibus) (b072sbd8)
Merricat Blackwood lives on the family estate with her sister Constance and her uncle Julian. Not long ago there were seven Blackwoods - until a fatal dose of arsenic found its way into the sugar bowl one terrible night. Acquitted of the murders, Constance has returned home, where Merricat protects her from the curiosity and hostility of the villagers.
"If you haven't read We Have Always Lived In The Castle you are missing out." Neil Gaiman.
"Her greatest book...at once whimsical and harrowing." Donna Tartt.
"A masterpiece of Gothic suspense." Joyce Carol Oates.
Shirley Jackson, who died in 1965, was perhaps best known for her short story, The Lottery, and her novel, The Haunting Of Hill House, twice filmed and thought to be the last word in haunted-house tales. Her work has received increasing attention from literary critics in recent years. She's influenced such writers as Stephen King and Nigel Kneale.
Reader: Bryony Hannah
Abridger: Jeremy Osborne
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production first broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 15:45 Inside the Queen's Head (b0044fbg)
Marooned
Lenn Sissay visits pubs with the Queen's name to meet her subjects, including the drinkers of Amlwch on the island of Anglesey.

SUN 16:00 Mike Walker - Games (b0b1584z)
The editor of a 'Lad's Mag' proposes a bet to prevent a talented and attractive woman journalist leaving for a better job. The editor then throws her into situations to ensure he wins.
Against a backdrop of "Cosi Fan Tutte", Mozart's opera about the perils of love and gambling, a young woman learns about malice and manipulation.
Written by Mike Walker
Helena Angeline Ball
Gracie Geraldine James
Peter David Thorpe
Don Michael Troughton
Man ... Kenny Blyth
Producer: Rachel Horan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0b15c20)
Dannie Abse - Time for Verse Eps 2-3/5
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Time for Verse' (episodes 2-3 of 5) featuring Dannie Abse. - GP, memoir writer and poet.
George MacBeth talks to Dannie about his life and poetry.
Poems read by Anthony Hyde.
Producer: Alec Reid
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SUN 17:30 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Alex Ferguson - I See the Moon (b0b15cg5)
1967: Richard Thornton is at a planning conference. In the big house where he's staying, he comes across a little girl on the top landing.
He comforts her and promises to return, but his hosts deny any knowledge of her. Can she really have disappeared into thin air?
Alex Ferguson's thrilling ghost story about a lost childhood, told by a man whom no one believes.
Starring Cliff Howells as Richard, Kathryn Hunt as Allison, Russell Dixon as Professor Taylor, Mary Cunningham as Mrs Taylor, Martin Reeve as Douglas, Anne Reid as Mrs Mary Ford

and John Branwell as Forsyth.
Directed at BBC Manchester by Melanie Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SUN 18:45 Joanne Harris - Class of 81 (b0b15dch)
20 years after their graduation, a group of witches arrange a reunion. After the initial niceties, old rivalries and petty jealousies are fuelled by the ever-flowing wine.
Thankfully a magic shield over the restaurant table protects the other diners from the spells cast, as the witches demonstrate they haven't lost their magical abilities...
Pam Ferris reads Joanne Harris's magical tale.
Produced at BBC Manchester by Katherine Beacon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0bkr9xw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 On Truth (Omnibus) (b0b156ry)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b04d8lmg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b1584t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Self Storage (b01hzb14)
Leaving
Could the time have come at long last for Dave to leave behind his peculiar abode? Stars Reece Shearsmith. From October 2007.

SUN 22:45 2000 Years of Radio (b06fwync)
Series 2
Olympic FM
How will the British Olympic team fare in 776 BC? Recreation of the wireless archives with Al Holloway. From October 2002.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0b1sq9z)
Jem Roberts 2/2
Arthur Smith chats to comedian and comedy biographer Jem Roberts about Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (b0bk4l8h)
Series 19
Episode 2
BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack with host Angela Barnes. A scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public.
Featuring: Angela Barnes, Ciaran Dowd, Róisín O'Mahony and Luke Kempner.
Script Editors: Max Davies and Mike Shephard
Producers: Nick Coupe and Hayley Sterling
A BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n7zd1)
Series 1
Girl With a Polycotton Tabard
Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson. Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.
Beauty wonders why so many British men get stuck in the emotional wilderness and find it hard to communicate with each other, as she deals with an elderly gentleman and his son.
Beauty's dreams of becoming a model are given a boost when she applies to be the Face of the Social Services.
Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien
Mr Clark Geoffrey Palmer
Julian Christopher Douglas
Georgie Emma Fryer
Sally Felicity Montagu
Karen Nicola Sanderson
Mrs Gupta Indra Joshi
Anil Paul Sharma
Race Commentator Christopher Douglas
Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Joanne Harris - Class of 81 (b0b15dch)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Helen Lederer - All Change (Omnibus) (b0b1569q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Dawn Lowe-Watson - Jasonland (b040hr5z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Shirley Jackson - We Have Always Lived in the Castle (Omnibus) (b072sbd8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Inside the Queen's Head (b0044fbg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Mike Walker - Games (b0b1584z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0b15c20)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnyj)
The Stand-Off
Kramer tries to persuade Sir Archie to give him the antidote formula. Can special agent, Dick Barton intervene in time?
Noel Johnson stars as Dick Barton, with John Mann as Snowey

White, Alex McCrindle as Jock, William Fox as Colonel Gardiner and Margaret Robertson as Jean Hunter.
From 1946 to 1951, Dick Barton - Special Agent thrilled millions of listeners to the BBC Light Programme. The daily serial followed the exciting adventures of ex-commando Captain Richard Barton and his wartime mates Snowey White and Jock Anderson, who must solve all manner of intriguing crimes and mysteries.
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Sadly many of Dick's adventures didn't survive in the BBC archive. But in 1972 as part of celebrations for the BBC's Golden Jubilee, Dick's very first ten-part adventure by Edward J Mason was recreated with many of the original cast.
With Francis de Wolf as Wilhelm Kramer, Richard Hurdall as Sir Archie Wrangle, Denis McCarthy as James Thirgood and Geoffrey Collins as the Police Sergeant.
Producer: Raymond Raikes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1972.

MON 06:15 15 Minute Drama (b04fyjq6)
CJ Sansom - Shardlake: Dark Fire
Episode 6
Dramatisation of the second novel in C J Sansom's Tudor crime series, featuring lawyer-detective hero Matthew Shardlake. London, 1540, Shardlake has been ordered by Thomas Cromwell to investigate the theft of a barrel of Greek Fire - an ancient weapon of mass destruction, the formula for which was thought to have been lost centuries before. Assisted by Cromwell's man, Barak, it's increasingly clear that whoever is behind the theft will do anything - including murder - to keep the dangerous substance from the Earl of Essex.
Written by C. J. Sansom
Dramatised by Colin MacDonald
Produced and directed by Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 06:30 John Arlott - My Kind of Country (b03vztj9)
Legendary cricket commentator John Arlott waxes lyrical about the rural splendour of Hampshire.
John Arlott (1914-1991) is regarded as one of cricket's greatest commentators and was one of the longest serving on the BBC's Test Match Special.
Producer: David Allan.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1968.

MON 07:00 Flying the Flag (b007jx83)
Series 1
Compromising Positions
Why does William sleep with his windscreen wipers? And will the tabloid press settle for a diplomatic answer?
The British Ambassador gets suspicious...
Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, Milton Johns as Brown and Margaret Ward as Mrs Poonskey.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (b0bjzs52)
Series 82
Episode 7
Nicholas Parsons asks Paul Merton, Gyles Brandreth, Zoe Lyons and Tony Hawks to professionally prattle and prevaricate.
Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007y1p4)
Agricultural 'Ancock
The lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.
Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

MON 08:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jq64)
War Damage
Wilson, Pike and Hodges go to London to try and claim compensation for their pier in Frambourne-on-Sea.
A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier as Arthur Wilson, Ian Lavender as Frank Pike, Bill Pertwee as Bert Hodges, Vivienne Martin as Miss Perkins and Reginald Marsh as Sir Wensley Smithers.
After a pilot episode was made in 1981, Arthur Lowe sadly died. So this 13-part series was revamped to feature the Dad's Army characters played by Pertwee and Lavender instead. The series was later adapted for ITV by Yorkshire TV.
Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

MON 09:00 We've Been Here Before (b007s945)
Series 1
Episode 3
Clive Anderson's panel show of the past with Steve Punt, David Quantick, Robin Ince and Gyles Brandreth. From August 2003.

MON 09:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jxbn)

More short story delights from the BBC Archive chosen by Stig Abell, chair of the BBC National Short Story Award 2018 panel.

In this programme, three stories about regret. There are rueful thoughts in *A Woman Without A Country* by John Cheever; *Mouche* by Guy de Maupassant and *Hell Heaven* by Jhumpa Lahiri.

The readers are Bill Nighy, Nina Wadia and Nathan Osgood. Produced by Belinda Naylor.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01j0sf9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Beyond Our Ken (b0b16403)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnz7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:15 15 Minute Drama (b04fzblc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

WED 13:30 Letters to the Russian Front (b011lg5h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b03c49xr)
James Bond - Solo
Episode 8
It is 1969 and James Bond is about to go solo, recklessly motivated by revenge.
A seasoned veteran of the service, 007 is sent to single-handedly stop a civil war in a small West African nation. Aided by a beautiful accomplice and hindered by the local militia, he undergoes a scarring experience which compels him to ignore M's orders in pursuit of his own brand of justice.
Bond's renegade action leads him to Washington DC, where he discovers a web of geopolitical intrigue and witnesses fresh horrors.
Even if Bond succeeds in exacting his revenge, a man with two faces will come to stalk his every waking moment.
Written by William Boyd, who is the author of one work of non-fiction, three collections of short stories and thirteen novels, including the bestselling historical spy thriller *Restless* - winner of the Costa Novel of the Year - and *Any Human Heart*, in which the character of Ian Fleming features. Among his other awards are the Whitbread First Novel Prize, the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and the Prix Jean Monnet. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and an Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. In 2005 he was awarded the CBE.
Reader: Paterson Joseph
Abridged by Libby Spurrer
Producer: Joanna Green
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 14:15 The Making of Music (b007r036)
Series 1
Rameau and the Philosophes
Sophia Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.
17/30. Rameau and the Philosophes.
Paris during the 1750s was the centre of a clash of cultural ideas, with music at the forefront. The Paris Opera House was the centre of the Battle of the Fools, where arguments raged about absolutism and enlightenment.

WED 14:30 Maggie Allen - Not Me, But Us (b0b12glh)
The Edinburgh Seven
It's 1870. Finally permitted to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Sophia starts classes with six other women. But they face financial pressures and abuse, when male students riot over a mixed class.
Sophia Jex-Blake's campaign to become a doctor continues in this true story of a late 19th century pioneer in Maggie Allen's ten-part dramatisation.
Starring Julia Watson as Sophia Jex-Blake; David Bannerman as Alexander Russel; and Susan Jeffrey as Edith Pechey.
Director: Sue Wilson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03ffk6)
An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth
Episode 3
Colonel Chris Hadfield has spent decades training as an astronaut and has logged nearly 4,000 hours in space. During this time he has broken into a Space Station with a Swiss army knife, been confronted by a live snake while piloting a plane, been temporarily blinded while clinging to the exterior of an orbiting spacecraft, and become a YouTube sensation with his performance of David Bowie's Space Oddity in space.
The secret to Chris Hadfield's success, and survival, is an unconventional philosophy he learned at NASA: prepare for the worst - and enjoy every moment of it.
Episode 3
Preparation and 'sweating the small stuff' are crucial to staying alive. Astronauts are taught to constantly ask, 'what is the next thing that is going to kill me?'
Reader: Garrick Hagon
Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 The Once and Future King (b04pr7k0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b0415hbl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue (b007jx5n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Dry Slopes (b07113fk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Rob Newman (b0bk1llx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b00ht5zy)
The Death of Grass
Episode 3
Dramatisation of the science fiction novel by John Christopher. Having broken past the roadblocks, the convoy is hoping for a clear run to Blind Gill. But a level crossing, a gatehouse and a carjack change the Custances's lives for ever.
Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
Man Andrew Mayer
Mr Spruce Jonathan Dryden Taylor.

WED 18:15 Susan Hill - The Mist in the Mirror (b036pqz8)
Close to Home
As he obsesses over explorer Conrad Vane, a startling connection comes to light for Sir James Monmouth...
Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story read by Gareth Armstrong, with John Moffatt as the narrator.
Abridged in five parts by Oliver Reynolds.
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

WED 18:30 How Ticked Am I? (b007jp99)
Series 1
Jimmy James
Mark Radcliffe profiles the comedians' comedian, Jimmy James - a teetotaler revered for his stage act of playing a drunk. But his one vice as a love of gambling...
Last of a six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.
Producer: Bernadette McConnell
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WED 21:00 Life in Miniature (b0b150pm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Rob Newman (b0bk1llx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hwyq7)
There's Gravy in My Locker
Milford and Parker arrive in a magical world and embark on a quest. Stars Nick Frost, Matt King and Mark Heap. From October 2002.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0blqhl9)
Pete Firman 2/3
From 10pm to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Pete Firman.

WED 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jr62)
Series 3
The St Valentine's Day Mastersons
Budding starlette Genevieve hits seedy 1920s Hollywood.
Improvised historical family saga with Paul Merton. From August 1995.

WED 23:30 Delve Special (b007jmj8)
Series 3
Cowboys
Reporter David Lander investigates Britain's cowboy builders.
Stars Stephen Fry and Dawn French. From September 1986.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 06:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnzr)
Evil in the Air
With Snowey and Sir Archie at the mercy of Kramer's gang, special agent Dick and his chum Jock set about trying to rescue them...
Noel Johnson stars as Dick Barton, with John Mann as Snowey White, Alex McCrindle as Jock, William Fox as Colonel Gardiner and Margaret Robertson as Jean Hunter.
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With Francis de Wolf as Wilhelm Kramer, Richard Hurdall as Sir Archie Wrangle, Denis McCarthy as James Thirgood, Michael Kilgarriff as Blom, Arthur Bush as Hans and Geoffrey Collins as the Announcer.
Producer: Raymond Raikes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1972.

THU 06:15 15 Minute Drama (b04g10zk)
CJ Sansom - Shardlake: Dark Fire
Episode 9
Penultimate episode of this dramatisation of C J Sansom's bestselling Tudor crime novel, set during the last days of Thomas Cromwell.
Shardlake and Barak's dogged investigation bears fruit as they discover the identity of who lies behind the elaborate plot to bring down Cromwell.
Written by C. J. Sansom
Dramatised by Colin MacDonald
Produced and directed by Kirsteen Cameron.

THU 06:30 Earth to Earth: Potted Immortality (b00lyrb6)
Ceramicist Lars Tharp explores our relationship with the funeral urn. He examines both the history and future of the urn with artist Grayson Perry, using readings from Sir Thomas Browne's treatise, *Urn Burial*. Lars also talks to funeral directors, ceramic experts and visits the British Museum where, he uncovers the urn which inspired Keats to write his poem, *Ode on a Grecian Urn*.

THU 07:00 Snap (b00tky99)
Series 1
Episode 4
Doug's planning a surprise 70th birthday party for his mum. Can he get it right without Molly's help?
Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Rebecca Front as Dawn, Marlene Sidaway as Annie and Richard Firth as Ansel.
Producer: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

THU 07:30 Plum House (b07jyw84)
Series 1
The Rather Risky Ramble
Every year thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight (Simon Callow).
Can anyone save Plum House from irreversible decline?
In this episode, Tom returns from a team building course in London to find the Plum House team have been bickering in his absence. So he decides to put what he has learned into action. Peter has a better idea to restore team spirit and suggests the museum's staff go on a walk through the Cumbrian countryside, known as Pudding's Horseshoe. Hiking boots on, the group set off on their ramble on a beautiful sunny day, full of enthusiasm and Kendal Mint Cake. What can possibly go wrong?
Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna
Directed and Produced by Paul Schlesinger
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)
Series 2
The Compassionate Society
A new hospital needs a cure, but does MP Jim Hacker know his ACAS from his NALGO?
Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby and Derek Fowldes as Bernard.
With Peter Jeffrey as Sir Ian, Norman Bird as Brian Baker, Arthur Cox as George and Ellen McIntosh as Mrs Rogers.
Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and

obsequious Bernard.
Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1984.
THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jtrk)
The Rent Collectors
Neddie Seagoon is sent to claim back thousands in arrears, but he falls in the water. Stars Spike Milligan. From January 1957.
THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b060m151)
Series 9
WB Yeats
James Walton quizzes the panel in the literary quiz show.
Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Peter Kemp and Miles Kington.
The Author of the Week and subject for pastiche is WB Yeats.
Reader: Beth Chalmers.
Producer Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.
THU 09:30 Rent (b04crvzb)
Series 1
Episode 2
Now they've got students Paul and Ruby as lodgers, Maria and Richard are finding out they're not as young and groovy as they'd thought...
Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Diane Louise-Jordan as Ruby, Toby Longworth as Paul and Linda Polan as Amy.
Producer: Liz Anstee.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
THU 10:00 The Once and Future King (b04stlcj)
The Ill-Made Knight
Brian Sibley's dramatisation of T. H. White's classic retelling of the King Arthur story continues. Full of zeal for Arthur's new chivalric order, Lancelot rides into Camelot.
Original music by Elizabeth Purnell
Directors: Gemma Jenkins, Marc Beeby and David Hunter.
THU 11:00 Life in Miniature (b0b150yb)
Americana
Stig Abell, chair of the BBC National Short Story Award 2018 introduces more gems from the archive.
This selection looks at America, with its rich tradition of short story writing, allowing writers to experiment with and stretch the form.
Featuring three very different American greats: Jack London, Jennifer Egan and Truman Capote.
Read by Stuart Milligan, Andrew Scott and Lorelei King, we hear themes of shattered dreams, the petty preoccupations of the wealthy and not so wealthy, and the dangers of the frozen wastes of North America.
Produced by Belinda Naylor.
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Reader: Paterson Joseph
Abridged by Libby Spurrier
Producer: Joanna Green
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 14:15 The Making of Music (b007r037)
Series 1
Music and Society
James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.
19/30. Music and Society
By the late 1700s, music was becoming part of the social fabric. Concerts and dances were regularly held in cities such as Bath and Oxford, and playing the piano was the accomplishment of every young lady.

THU 14:30 Maggie Allen - Not Me, But Us (b0bl2h7p)
London
When the University fails to help Sophia realise her medical ambitions, she heads to London, where she meets a new revolutionary supporter.
Sophia Jex-Blake's campaign to become a doctor continues in this true story of a late 19th century pioneer in Maggie Allen's ten-part dramatisation.
Starring Julia Watson as Sophia Jex-Blake; David Bannerman as Alexander Russel; Michelle Newell as Elizabeth Garret Anderson and Clifford Rose as Dr Anstie.
Director: Sue Wilson.
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Episode 4
Chris Hadfield spent five months on the International Space Station and, in between the scientific experiments and the daily routines of living, he spent as much time as he could looking out of the window.
Read by Garrick Hagon
Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.
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The Death of Grass
Episode 4
Dramatisation of the science-fiction novel by John Christopher.
The journey to Blind Gill continues, with one addition to the group and one sudden, shocking loss. Both events shed new light on the increasingly disturbing behaviour of Mr Pirrie.
Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
Millicent Pirrie Abigail Burdess
Olivia Buckley Morag Cross.
THU 18:15 Susan Hill - The Mist in the Mirror (b036pw9z)
The Familiar Surroundings
Another eerie visitation leads Sir James Monmouth north to a grim appointment...
Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story read by Gareth Armstrong, with John Moffatt as the narrator.
Abridged in five parts by Oliver Reynolds.
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0184rgn)
Series 26
Ludwig Wittgenstein
Ludwig Wittgenstein, the fascinating and misunderstood genius who changed the course of philosophy, is chosen by writer Raymond Tallis. With biographer Ray Monk, he brings alive this most enigmatic of men and his singular life. And to make sure that they don't get lost in Wittgensteinian thought, presenter Matthew Parris brings along a whistle to blow whenever he feels in danger...
Producer Beth O'Dea.
THU 19:00 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jtrk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnzr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:15 15 Minute Drama (b04g10zk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]
THU 20:30 Earth to Earth: Potted Immortality (b00lyrb6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Life in Miniature (b0b150yb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
THU 22:00 Plum House (b07jyw84)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (b0bkyn0g)
Series 19
Episode 3
BBC Radio 4 Extra's topical sketch show Newsjack with host Angela Barnes. A scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public.
Featuring: Angela Barnes, Kieran Hodgson, Kate Norris and Joe

Barnes
Script Editors: Liam Bierner and Rose Johnson
Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Hayley Sterling
A BBC Studios Production.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0blqhm6)
Pete Firman 3/3
From **10pm** to midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Pete Firman.
THU 23:00 Hut 33 (b00m0ld0)
Series 1
Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?
Sitcom by James Cary, set in Blechley Park in 1941.
Charles Robert Bathurst
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Minka Olivia Colman
Gordon Fergus Craig
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Joshua Alex MacQueen.
THU 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00xjv0s)
Everest (The Mountain)
Fearing the sack, Derek goes mountaineering to prove he's employable. Stars Ben Miller and John Thompson. From December 1992.

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2018
FRI 00:00 15 Minute Drama (b00ht62v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:15 Susan Hill - The Mist in the Mirror (b036pw9z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b0184rgn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnzr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:15 15 Minute Drama (b04g10zk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Earth to Earth: Potted Immortality (b00lyrb6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b03c4htx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 The Making of Music (b007r037)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Maggie Allen - Not Me, But Us (b0bl2h7p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03ffkfg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 The Once and Future King (b04stlcj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (b060m151)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Rent (b04crvzb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Snap (b00tky99)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Plum House (b07jyw84)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnzr)
The Flag of Deception
In an all-out siege at Kramer's hideaway, special agent Dick Barton and his chums battle to neutralise the ray gun.
Noel Johnson stars as Dick Barton, with John Mann as Snowey White, Alex McCrindle as Jock, William Fox as Colonel Gardiner and Margaret Robertson as Jean Hunter.
From 1946 to 1951, Dick Barton - Special Agent thrilled millions of listeners to the BBC Light Programme. The daily serial followed the exciting adventures of ex-commando Captain Richard Barton and his wartime mates Snowey White and Jock Anderson, who must solve all manner of intriguing crimes and mysteries.
Heralded by an iconic signature tune (Devil's Galop by Charles Williams) each gripping episode left listeners with a torrid cliff-hanger.
Sadly many of Dick's adventures didn't survive in the BBC archive. But in 1972 as part of celebrations for the BBC's Golden Jubilee, Dick's very first ten-part adventure by Edward J Mason was recreated with many of the original cast.
With Francis de Wolff as Wilhelm Kramer, Richard Hurndall as Sir Archie Wrangle, Denis McCarthy as James Thirgood, Michael Kilgarriff as Blom, Arthur Bush as Hans and Geoffrey Collins as the Announcer.
Producer: Raymond Raikes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1972.
FRI 06:15 15 Minute Drama (b04g19w0)
CJ Sansom - Shardlake: Dark Fire
Episode 10
Gripping conclusion of C J Sansom's bestselling Tudor crime novel, set during the last days of Thomas Cromwell.
Taken prisoner and threatened with death by the mastermind of the plot to bring down Cromwell, Shardlake and Barak must find a way to escape and warn the Earl. Can they make it in time? And how will the Wentworth family react when confronted with the truth of what lies down the well?
Written by C. J. Sansom
Dramatised by Colin MacDonald
Produced and directed by Kirsteen Cameron.
FRI 06:30 The Art of Radio Times (b03bf5yw)
Peter Day tells the story of the outstanding British graphic

artists who made Radio Times magazine their canvas. The idea that a broadcasting listings magazine should provide the opportunity for writers and artists to produce some of their finest creative work seems perhaps a little far-fetched in the present era of TV listing magazines and supplements. Yet Radio Times, which first appeared on bookstands on 28th September 1923, was a great nurturer of artistic talent.

It started with cartoons - the early magazine evolved a gentle 'Punch'-like joke - but soon Radio Times loved its own individual graphic idiom, using line drawings and motifs, alongside more conventional photographs, to illustrate the imaginative world of radio, in particular. In the magazine's heyday, an elegant Eric Fraser cover would regularly grace the bumper-selling Christmas edition, and 1953's Coronation Number became a collector's item with Fraser's simple and noble heraldic theme.

Alongside Eric Fraser, amongst the great British artists to create some of their most distinguished work for Radio Times were Edward Ardizzone, Val Biro and Victor Reinganum; Bob Sherriffs contributed thumbnail caricatures in the early years and 50 years later Peter Brookes, before becoming a fixture on The Times was a regular contributor.

In this programme, Peter Day explores the graphic heritage that Radio Times fostered with those who drew and those who commissioned for it.

Producer: Simon Elmes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

FRI 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dhm)
Series 1
Ranting and Railings
Miss Black's vision is for all houses to have matching Victorian railings - and hers must be authentic. But her lodger, Victor sparks chaos when he gets the erection dates muddled up. The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Series one of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom. Starring Frances Tomelty as Sally, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Alan McKee as Victor, Ali White as Saffron, Bethan Lloyd as Anna, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon and Gerard McSorley as Trevor.

Director: Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

FRI 07:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b070htsr)
A Decent Interval
Episode 1
by Jeremy Front
based on the novel by Simon Brett
Directed by Sally Aven's
Charles, bit part actor and amateur sleuth, returns to the stage as the Ghost in Hamlet, but rehearsals are fraught as both Ophelia and Hamlet are being played by reality TV stars and soon it's not only Shakespeare's lines that are being murdered. As the body count rises so do Charles' suspicions.

Whilst at home Frances fears she may have come to the end of allowing her semi-detached husband to remain as her lodger. Jeremy Front (Magnificent Women, Sword of Honour) continues his successful adaptations of Simon Brett's novels starring

Bill Nighy (Marigold Hotel, Dad's Army) as Charles Paris Suzanne Burden (Fresh Meat, Tis Pity she's A Whore) as Frances - Charles ex-wife from whom he's never been able to detach himself
Amelia Bullmore (Scott and Bailey, Down The Line) as Geraldine - an actress that Charles finds very attractive and who moves in to Frances' house.
Jon Glover (Episodes, Hitchhikers) as Maurice - Charles' long suffering agent.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b013n0q0)
Series 8
Episode 8
With the rise of the Common Market in mind, Radio Prune goes International.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.
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 Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.
Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.

FRI 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4bc)
Our First Baby
Medic Simon Sparrow is thrown in the deep-end on St Swithins' ante-natal ward.

The misadventures of student doctor Simon Sparrow - adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's novel 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Starring Richard Briers as Simon Sparrow, Geoffrey Sumner as Sir Lancelot Spratt, Ray Cooney as Tony Benskin, Edward Cast as Taffy Evans and Norma Ronald as Vera.

Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968.

FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)
Series 3
Janet Street-Porter
Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.
Janet Street-Porter takes the chair, with panellists Sue Perkins,

Lucy Porter, Nick Doody and Will Smith.

FRI 09:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007r4mg)
Series 1
Episode 5
Tamsyn's had enough of doing all the smuggling and getting none of the credit so is determined to quit.

But when she discovers there's a new charismatic smuggler in town, emergency measures are called for!

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.
Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Imelda Staunton as Courageous Kate and Mark Perry as Hobbs.
Producer: Jan Ravens.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

FRI 10:00 The Once and Future King (b04tclg7)
The Lengthening Shadow
Brian Sibley's dramatisation of T. H. White's classic retelling of the King Arthur story continues. Murder and betrayal threaten to undermine all that Arthur holds dear.

Original music by Elizabeth Purnell
Directors: Gemma Jenkins, Marc Beeby and David Hunter.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0bkzm2w)
BBC Music Day
Made for 4 Extra. It's BBC Music Day and Amanda and Luke recommend some of the best podcasts about music including Pitch, Classical Fix and Young Musician.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b013n0q0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4bc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Dick Barton - Special Agent (b007jnzs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:15 15 Minute Drama (b04g19w0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:15 today]

FRI 13:30 The Art of Radio Times (b03bfsyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b03c49d5)
James Bond - Solo
Episode 10
It is 1969 and James Bond is about to go solo, recklessly motivated by revenge.

A seasoned veteran of the service, 007 is sent to single-handedly stop a civil war in a small West African nation. Aided by a beautiful accomplice and hindered by the local militia, he undergoes a scarring experience which compels him to ignore M's orders in pursuit of his own brand of justice.

Bond's renegade action leads him to Washington DC, where he discovers a web of geopolitical intrigue and witnesses fresh horrors.

Even if Bond succeeds in exacting his revenge, a man with two faces will come to stalk his every waking moment.

Written by William Boyd, who is the author of one work of non-fiction, three collections of short stories and thirteen novels, including the bestselling historical spy thriller Restless - winner of the Costa Novel of the Year - and Any Human Heart, in which the character of Ian Fleming features. Among his other awards are the Whitbread First Novel Prize, the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and the Prix Jean Monnet. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and an Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. In 2005 he was awarded the CBE.

Reader: Paterson Joseph
Abridged by Libby Spurrier
Producer: Joanna Green
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:15 The Making of Music (b007r038)
Series 1
Haydn and the Esterhazys
James Naughtie presents a series chronicling the historical influences that affected the course of classical music.

20/30. Haydn and the Esterhazys
Employed by the hugely wealthy Esterhazy family, Joseph Haydn lived mainly in their isolated palace and produced music on demand. Of his prolific output, Haydn himself admitted that he was cut off from the outside world and forced to become original.

FRI 14:30 Maggie Allen - Not Me, But Us (b0b16l2b)
London School of Medicine
Sophia battles to finally open the very first medical school for women. But as she's still not on the medical register, she plots a plan of action...

Sophia Jex-Blake's campaign to become a doctor continues in this true story of a late 19th century pioneer in Maggie Allen's ten-part dramatisation.

Starring Julia Watson as Sophia Jex-Blake; Michelle Newell as Elizabeth Garrett Anderson; Richard Derrington as Henry Fawcett MP; and Christopher Scott as Mr Norton.

Director: Sue Wilson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03fks9)
An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth
Episode 5
Colonel Chris Hadfield has spent decades training as an astronaut and has logged nearly 4,000 hours in space. During this time he has broken into a Space Station with a Swiss army knife, been confronted by a live snake while piloting a plane,

been temporarily blinded while clinging to the exterior of an orbiting spacecraft, and become a YouTube sensation with his performance of David Bowie's Space Oddity in space.

The secret to Chris Hadfield's success, and survival, is an unconventional philosophy he learned at NASA: prepare for the worst - and enjoy every moment of it.

Episode 5
Chris Hadfield comes back to earth with a bump, and discovers that he has become a YouTube and internet sensation.

Read by Garrick Hagon
Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

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FRI 16:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007r4mg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dhm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 17:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b070htsr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b00ht63q)
The Death of Grass
Episode 5
Dramatisation of the science fiction novel by John Christopher. The end of the journey is in sight but there are still plenty of obstacles ahead. At the last of them, John has to make an agonising choice.

Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
Ashton Andrew Mayer.

FRI 18:15 Susan Hill - The Mist in the Mirror (b036q718)
Waves of Evil
Sir James Monmouth's eerie obsession reaches a terrifying conclusion, but is that the end of the story?

Conclusion of Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story read by Gareth Armstrong, with John Moffatt as the narrator. Abridged in five parts by Oliver Reynolds.

Producer: Jocelyn Boxall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076695)
Rewriting the Past
Chris Bigsby discusses historical writing with Louis de Bernières and Lucy Moore. Are fact and fiction dangerous bedfellows?

In each programme, Professor Bigsby introduces a duo of writers of fact and fiction: new talent and established names. In the context of a discussion of one of the ideas and pre-occupations of our times, each presents a piece on this week's topic.

The best new writing and the freshest conversation from 2002.

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FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (b0bkzm2w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)
Series 1
With David O'Doherty
In a new brand music comedy series comedian Alex Horne and his 5 piece band give us a latin lesson; ponder the language that unifies us all and guest comedian David O Doherty takes us for a noisy ride in the 'quiet carriage'.

Host Alex Horne
Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown
Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe
Guest performerDavid O'Doherty
Producer Julia McKenzie.

FRI 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b007jp45)
Series 1
Episode 1
The life of a struggling writer with dysfunctional friends and a talking geranium. With Alistair McGowan. From January 1992.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (b0bmkdgd)
Josh Howie 1/2
The best in contemporary comedy. Arthur Smith talks to Josh Howie. Episode 1 of 2.

FRI 23:00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b007jpb2)
From 06/01/90
David Baddiel, Rob Newman, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis tackle buskers and January sales. With Mark Thomas. From January 1990.

FRI 23:30 The Party Party (b007jx5p)
Episode 6

Microcosm is host to revenge, greed and attempted murder. Starring Hugh Laurie, Robert Glenister and Clive Mantle. From June 1987.