

SATURDAY 05 JANUARY 2019

SAT 00:00 Ghost Stories of Walter De La Mare (b00wwd8m)

The Almond Tree

A man looks back on the complex relationship between his parents and a female friend of his father's. It's one that will influence the rest of his life...Read by Julian Wadham. Walter de la Mare (1873-1956) was a popular award-winning poet, short story writer and novelist. He wrote for both children and adults. Abridged by Doreen Estall. Producer: Lawrence Jackson. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2010.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b04dbz9r)

Mothers

4 Extra Debut. Comedy writer Carole Matthews, novelist Carl Tighe and playwright Alan McDonald celebrate and criticise mothers. From September 2002. In each programme, Matthew Parris introduces a group 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.

SAT 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvnj)

Strong Poison

Miss Murchison

Christmas interrupts Lord Peter Wimsey's investigation, but some suspicious powder isn't what it seems. Stars Ian Carmichael.

SAT 01:30 Precious Metal (b03kv1dz)

The skills of the silversmith are some of the oldest known to man. The creation of beautiful objects in precious metal is an endlessly versatile art form; objects can be tactile, weighty or beguilingly delicate. Their making is spectacular and violent – bashing with hammers, filing, cutting, heating red hot and polishing to perfection. The art of the silversmith is a hard-won product of skill, passion and patience. It produces unique objects of beauty, utility and mystery. It's also a strange world that brings together ancient and modern – with fiercely guarded craft skills, solitary makers, workshops filled with traditional tools and the latest in digital technologies and precision engineering. Silversmithing is also one of this country's quiet success stories. We are now the global centre for contemporary metalwork, attracting students and skilled silversmiths from all over the world. Awareness of this new mood in metalworking is growing: museums are developing collections; British metalworkers are achieving ever-greater international accolades; independent training centres are committed to growing the craft. Martin Ellis explores the world and work of a number of leading contemporary silversmiths working in this country to see how they work the precious metal to express their vision and tell their stories, from sacred chalices raised out of flat sheets of silver, to intricate objects reflecting back the life of rock pools; fabulously be-jewelled ceremonial scabbards to mysterious silver spoons. He investigates how new generations of silversmiths are learning ancient techniques and how processes like Computer Aided Design and 3D printing offer new opportunities and new challenges to the modern silversmith. Presenter Martin Ellis: The music was composed by Michael Burdett and Richard Cottle - with sounds from the silversmiths workshops and performed by Little Death Orchestra. Producer: Mike Greenwood. A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b0418xyt)

History of the Rain

Episode 10

We are our stories. We tell them to stay alive or to keep alive those who only live now in the telling. 19-year-old Ruth Swain is lying in her childhood home in the small Irish village of Faha in the attic room at the top of the stairs in the bed which her father had to construct in situ and which turned out to be as much boat as bed. She has Something Wrong with her, having collapsed during her fresher year at Trinity in Dublin, and finds herself bedbound in the attic room beneath the rain, in the margins between this world and the next. Ruth is in search of her father. To understand the father she has lost. To find him Ruth journeys through the ancestry of the curious Swain family - from the Reverend Swain her great-grandfather, to her grandfather Abraham to her father Virgil - and in doing so discovers an enchanting story of pole-vaulting, soldiering, stubbornness, leaping salmon, poetry, the pursuit of the Impossible Standard, and the wild rain-sodden history of fourteen acres of the worst farming land in Ireland. Above all, Ruth embarks on a journey through books. Three thousand, nine hundred and fifty-eight books to be precise, which are piled high and line the walls of her attic room. As Ruth searches for her father in their pages, her story becomes a vital, witty and poignant celebration of imagination, books, love and the healing power of storytelling. Niall Williams is also the author of bestselling novels including *As It Is In Heaven*, *The Fall of the Light*, *Only Say the Word* and *Four Letters of Love*. Abridged by Doreen Estall. Read by Ailish Symons. Producer: Heather Larmour. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00scz3n)

Overburdened with Children

Michael Morpurgo tells the story of the Poor Law, a forerunner of the welfare state and a safety net for many poor children.

SAT 02:30 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m5wdp)

Victor

Married to the woman he adores and successful in his work,

William is on the verge of bringing his journal to a close. Conclusion of Charlotte Bronte's subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce. Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Shaun Dooley as Hunsden, Claire Price as Frances and Jack Joseph Miller as the Boy. Director: Tracey Neale. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b044jbjf)

Doubling Back

Walking Home

A beautiful, fascinating and moving memoir where the author retraces walks undertaken by others, from the Highlands of Scotland to the Swiss Alps and Kenya. In 1952 Linda Cracknell's father embarked on a hike through the Swiss Alps. Fifty years later Linda retraces that fateful journey, following the trail of the man she barely knew. This collection of walking tales takes its theme from that pilgrimage. The walks trace the contours of history, following writers, relations and retreading ways across mountains, valleys and coasts formerly trodden by drovers, saints and adventurers. Each walk is about the reaffirming of memories, beliefs and emotions, and especially of the connection that one can have with the past through particular places. Part Five: Walking Home. Linda Cracknell looks to the future as she walks the pilgrimage route of St Cuthbert's Way between Scotland and England and as she follows her own footsteps around her home town of Aberfeldy in Perthshire. Reader Teresa Gallagher. Writer Linda Cracknell. Abridger Siân Preece. Producer Gaynor Macfarlane.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b00nmrcq)

Guy de Maupassant - Bel Ami

Episode 2

Dramatisation by Frances Byrnes of Guy de Maupassant's story of political corruption in the newspaper world of 19th-century France and the inexorable rise of Georges Duroy - 'Bel Ami' - a charming, ruthless man of little talent but plenty of ambition. Bel Ami's first wife and mistress are in the church to see him marry again, but will their knowledge of his past threaten his glittering future? Duroy Jonathan Slinger. Marelle Emma Fielding. Madeleine Mali Harries. Mrs Walter Steffan Rhodri. Rachel Sara McGaughey. Suzanne Catrin Morgan. Mme Walter Nickie Rainsford. The Bishop Richard Nichols. Directed by Polly Thomas.

SAT 04:00 Guess What? (b066f71g)

Episode 8

Animal, vegetable or mineral? Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions. Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Chris Serle and Clare Francis. Written by Michael Dines. Producer: Andy Aliffe. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 04:30 Anything Legal (b0081gqy)

Episode 1

After commuting to work together for 15 years, Charles and George both lose their jobs, but decide to keep it a secret... A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly. Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Norma Ronald as Hilary, Tony Anholt as GJ, David Ryall as Charles's Manager, Michael Bilton as Billy and Colin Starkey as Harry the Publican. Theme music by Jim Parker. Producer: John Fawcett. Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 05:00 Trapped (b0076h8h)

Clem Walder's Way Out

With three wives, Clem can't keep up his treble life any longer. How can he escape them all? Black comedy by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier. Clem Alex Lowe. Keith Kevin Eldon. Paula Laura Shavin. Ben Tom Price. Sarah Alison Pettitt. Jo Rachel Atkins. Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 05:30 The Rivals (b080r360)

Series 4

The Clairvoyants

By Arthur B Reeve. Dramatised by Chris Harrald. Inspector Lestrade was made to look a fool in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Now he gets his own back, with tales of Holmes' rivals. After his protégé Constance Dunlap saves a woman from drowning, the woman mumbles "this was meant to happen". Lestrade helps Constance investigate her suspicions that this was no accident and that the woman is in mortal danger. Lestrade James Fleet. Constance Susannah Fielding. Mildred Olivia Poulet. Mr Ferkins and Tom Knowles Chris Pavlo. Madame D'Urfe Claire Perkins. Jim Dainty Brian Protheroe. Penman Sean Baker. Secretary Kirsty Oswald. Producer: Liz Webb.

SAT 06:00 Hood (b071bplk)

The Scribe of Sherwood

Wandering minstrel, Alan-A-Dale ventures into Sherwood. As a storyteller, he knows one man's laments are another man's inspiration. Caught in a storm, he finds Little John and Will Scarlet in their shelter. Seeking refuge, he joins them and finds John is eager to tell a tale. Just not the one he was bargaining for. The minstrel then finds himself entertaining at the court of Philip De Nicholay, Lord High Sheriff of Nottingham. Here, his songs and stories bring warmth to a cold castle night, but tales of friendship and loves lost give Philip cause to reflect and share a secret with Alan. Stars Peter Greenall as Little John, Damian Cooper as Will Scarlet, Billy Miller as Alan-A-Dale/King John and Sarah McKendrick as Lady

Marion. Director: Iain Meadows. Produced by Iain Meadows and Matt Hopper for Spiteful Puppet Entertainment.

SAT 07:00 Great Lives (b00ryg42)

Series 21

Robin Hood

Clive Stafford Smith is a lawyer working for human rights both in Britain and abroad - he campaigns for the rights of prisoners on death row in the US and in Guantanamo Bay. His nomination for a life worth celebrating is at first surprising - it's the entirely fictitious Robin Hood. But, he argues in conversation with medievalist Professor Stephen Knight, the myth has a lot to teach us about the way we treat each other. The presenter is Matthew Parris. Produced by Christine Hall.

SAT 07:30 Swansong (b01ngtry)

Synchronicity by The Police

Series in which Stuart Maconie examines the final album by a major artist - starting with Synchronicity by The Police. Released in 1983, it was the band's fifth album and it hit the number one spot on both sides of the Atlantic. In America, it knocked the commercial juggernaut of Michael Jackson's Thriller from the top of the charts, selling over 8 million copies in the process. It also produced five international hit singles, including their most famous track Every Breath You Take. As Sting & co toured the world to promote their most successful release, each night playing 60,000 seated venues, at that point in their career they could genuinely lay claim to being the biggest band on planet Earth. Although the split was never officially announced, Synchronicity was to be the last studio album they would ever record. Despite all of the success, the truth was the three members couldn't stand to be in the same room as each other. With archive interviews from Sting and Andy Summers and brand new contributions from Stewart Copeland, manager Miles Copeland, producer Hugh Padgham and journalist John Pidgeon, Stuart Maconie examines what went wrong. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b062dhgb)

How to Make an Archive on 4

Ever wondered how to make an Archive on 4? Here's your chance to find out! Alan Dein enters the strange world of instructional records where you can teach yourself just about anything - from yodelling to training your budgie to talk. It all started in 1901 when Polish émigré Jacques Roston harnessed the new technology of sound recording to teach foreign languages, signing up such luminaries as George Bernard Shaw and JRR Tolkien to lend their support. By the 50s and 60s you could buy LPs on how to do just about anything - from keep fit to playing a musical instrument, relaxation and passing your driving test. Perhaps the most surprising are those which help you to train your pet budgie to talk - with help from Sparkie, Britain's favourite budgie, who supposedly had a vocabulary of over 500 words. With help from Sparkie, Alan Dein tells the story of instructional records and, along the way, reveals a few of the secrets of how to make an Archive on 4. Producer: Laurence Grissell.

SAT 09:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m0001wkw)

Best remembered today as the notorious producer of over 100 cheaply made exploitation movies, Harry Alan Towers began his long career in radio, a medium in which he created dozens of high quality classic shows including, most famously, *The Lives of Harry Lime*, starring Orson Welles. From his first successful attempts to get his programmes on air in the late 1930s, via some unwanted attention from American law-enforcement authorities, through to his star-studded productions of the '50s, *The Lives of Harry Towers* is presented by Adam Roche and is the story of that pioneering and globe-trotting radio career.

SAT 12:00 Second Holmes (b0151yep)

The Case of the Grandfather's Client

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson head to Baskerville Hall in a canine caper. Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace. Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Anthony Newlands as Baskerville, Steve Hodson as Fred, Rosalind Hinds as Mrs Garcia, David Gooderson as Michael and Jean Trend as the Doctor. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

SAT 12:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008g6v4)

Transport of Delight

Demobbed Old Ned heads south after the war and joins a special construction team. Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour". Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Douglas Blackwell as the Farmer and Karen Ascoe as the Farmer's Daughter. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. Written by Ted Walker. Producer: Martin Fisher. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

SAT 13:00 15 Minute Drama (m0001wky)

Curtain Down at Her Majesty's - A Play in Five Acts

Curtain Down at Her Majesty's - A Play in Five Acts Omnibus. Michael Chaplin's five-part drama about the death of Queen Victoria. For two weeks the nation stopped in its tracks, mesmerised by the mortality of a little old lady who had sat on the throne for over sixty years. Her children squabbled, her doctors quarrelled, her army bickered and the public were misled and kept in the dark. This is the remarkable story of Queen Victoria's final days and the chaos and confusion

surrounding her funeral, told by those who were there. Based on the book *Curtain Down at Her Majesty's*, an eyewitness history by Stewart Richards. Queen Victoria Brigit Forsyth/Old Winnie Powell Marcia Warren/Interviewer Carl Prekopp/Mary Tuck Wendy Nottingham/Young Winnie Powell Lauren Cornelius/Sir James Reid Ross F Sutherland/Sir Frederick 'Fritz' Ponsonby Tom Turner/Kaiser Wilhelm Hywel Morgan/King Edward VII Gerard McDermott/Daniel Douglas Clarke-Wood/Other parts played by members of the cast. Production Manager: Sarah Tombling/Sound Designers: David Chilton and Lucinda Mason Brown/Director: Carl Prekopp/Producers: Lucinda Mason Brown and Stewart Richards/A Stewart Richards / Goldhawk Essential co-production first broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0001w10)

Brian Eno
4 Extra Debut. The musician Brian Eno chooses a player piano version of Jerusalem and a gospel choir rendition of Peace Be Still. From 2008.

SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b041459J)

CS Forester

The author of the Hornblower stories, CS Forester is quizzed on his childhood, his "alter ego" and his writing methods. His three interviewees are critic Lionel Hale, journalist Margaret Lane and master mariner Adrian Seligman. CS Forester (1899-1966) wrote 11 books about fictional Royal Navy officer, Horatio Hornblower. Launched in 1952, *Frankly Speaking* was a completely novel and ground breaking BBC series. Initially there were three interviewees and the series was both unrehearsed and unscripted. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1957.

SAT 14:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05r71h5)

Episode 2

Master raconteur Kenneth Williams talks about the famous people and places in London that are dear to him. More entertaining reminiscences and personal opinions recorded in front of an audience at BBC Pebble Mill. Producer: Michael Ford. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

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SAT 16:00 Hood (b071bplk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:00 Great Lives (b00ryg42)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Swansong (b01ng7ry)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Philip K Dick - Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (b046j873)

Episode 1

By Philip K. Dick. Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway/Philip K. Dick's cult sci-fi novel inspired the film *Blade Runner*. Set in a world devastated by nuclear war, a San Francisco bounty hunter is on a mission to retire a group of rogue androids. James Purefoy and Jessica Raine star in this new adaptation. In post-war 1992 androids are becoming indistinguishable from human beings, even in their capacity to love, and bounty hunter Rick Deckard is tasked with locating and retiring a rogue group of escaped androids who have fled a life of slavery and returned to Earth. Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 19:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m0001kwk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b04pvt6l)

Series 6

Terry Wogan

Comedian Rufus Hound is joined by the broadcaster Terry Wogan, whose diary describes his life in Limerick when he was 15. The young Terry serves his first Mass, spends hours in the cinema, loves playing Subbuteo with his friends and - when he's tired - simply eats his lunch in bed. Produced by Harriet Jaime. A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (m0001w15)

Series 7

Simon Day talks to Peter Hook

The comedian and Joy Division musician in the tag talk show, where the guest is the next interviewer. From August 2011.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001yzzp)

Robert White 1/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Britain's Got Talent finalist Robert White.

SAT 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b01hvdmy)

Series 2

Geoff Allerton

Simon Day and his characters welcome listeners to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK. Each week one of Simon's comic characters come to perform at The Mallard while the staff struggle with rivalries, self-doubt and the new owner's vision for the theatre's future. This week it's the turn of Yorkshire poet Geoffrey Allerton, who's accompanied by amateur journalist friend Duncan (played by Paul Whitehouse). Cast list: Billy Bleach Simon Day/Emanuel Akinyemi Felix Dexter/Pat Bennet ... Morwenna Banks/Ron Bone / Wozac Simon Greenall/Duncan... Paul Whitehouse.
SAT 23:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d45ny)

Series 2

Generosity

The comedian examines the virtue of generosity. With poetry and songs by Tom Basden and Tim Key. From August 2008.

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SUN 06:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m9jbj)

Omnibus 2/2

William becomes intrigued by the shy and gentle Frances, but someone is watching him from the shadows. The least-known of Charlotte Bronte's novels: a subtle, ambiguous and unsettling love story. Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes dramatised by Rachel Joyce. Starring Paul Venables as William Crimsworth, Roger May as Pelet, Niamh Cusack as Zoraide Reuter, Claire Price as Frances, Penelope Rawlins as Sylvie, Shaun Dooley as Hunsden and Jack Joseph Miller as the Boy. Director: Tracey Neale. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SUN 07:15 Richard Cutler - The Rainbow (m0001x1j)

4 Extra Debut. A Chinese professor has fallen in love, but she is as fierce as he is mild - as she sets him tasks to complete. Read by David Yip. From January 1998.

SUN 07:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r1y3)

Series 2

With guests Matt Lucas and Liane Carroll

New series of the comedy show hosted by Alex Horne and his five piece band and specially written, original music. Guests across this series include Phill Jupitus, Charlie Baker, Nick Mohammed, Doc Brown, Matt Lucas and Danny Baker. This sixth episode explores the theme of the four seasons. Guest starring Matt Lucas who performs some songs with the band and jazz singer Liane Carroll who is conducted by Alex with the aid of a ping pong ball. Host Alex Horne/Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland/Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown/Double Bass/Bass Will Collier/Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds/Piano/keyboard Ed Sheldrake/Guest performers Matt Lucas and Liane Carroll/Producer Julia McKenzie.

SUN 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m0001x1l)

Let Them Eat Cake

The battle to bake the best cake sparks a menu of misunderstandings. Starring Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon, Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir and Harry Morris. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. Music by the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenouillet. Producer: Tom Ronald. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1951.

SUN 08:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp2q)

The Bishop Meets a Bird

An unwelcome visitor threatens the quiet life at St Ogg's Cathedral. Clerical comedy starring Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, William Mervyn as the Bishop, Derek Nimmo as Bishop's Chaplain - the Reverend Mervyn Nootte and John Barron as the Dean. Special guest: Peter Jones as Stanley Bird. The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio. Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps. Producer: David Hatch. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1971.

SUN 09:00 Brief Answers to the Big Questions (Omnibus) (m0001x1n)

Last thoughts on a range of big topics from Stephen Hawking, abridged for radio by Katrin Williams. The author's gaze takes in Big Bang theories, AI, and our basic belief systems under scrutiny - Science and Religion. Then a poignant afterword is delivered by his daughter. Readers: Anton Lesser and Lucy Hawking. Producer: Duncan Minshull. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b05ny7pk)

Mike and Pip - Our Place in the Sun

Fi Glover with a conversation about beginning again abroad, and whether there will be more to regret than leaving the cat behind, in the series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. 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 learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject. Producer: Marya Burgess
SUN 10:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b015zzmv)
Crime Writers

PD James

From Janet Baker to Johann Sebastian Bach, crime writer PD James shares her castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From October 2002.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0886xdk)

Series 4

Episode 6

True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces stories about near misses, escaping conflict and risking your life. The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and years to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world. The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking. The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

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SUN 14:30 Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (m0001x1t)

Omnibus 1/2

This is the fourth book in Radio 4's serialisation of Adrian Mole's hilarious diaries by Sue Townsend, one of our most celebrated comic writers. It is read by Harry McEntire. This diary starts in April 1997. Adrian is no longer a spotty teenager, but a balding 30 year old, recently separated from Jo Jo, the mother of his 2 year old son, William. On the eve of the General Election, Adrian returns home to Ashby-de-la-Zouch to vote for his local Labour Party candidate, and childhood sweetheart, Pandora Braithwaite. He is working as Head Chef in a restaurant in Soho, where there is famed tomato soup on the 'traditional English, no choice' menu. Adrian's literary ambitions remain unrealised, but his career is about to take an unexpected turn and throw him into the limelight. And that is not the only life-changing surprise in store for the hapless yet irrepressible diarist. The Cappuccino Years highlights how much attitudes have changed in the past twenty years, and once again showcases Sue Townsend's fearless and razor-sharp wit. Abridged: Sara Davies. Producer: Alexa Moore. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 15:45 Puzzling Passions (b0075y0r)

Rock Paintings

Marcel Berlins gets his hands dirty when he delves into the world of tactile puzzles and a famous cube. From October 2000.

SUN 16:00 GB Shaw - Androcles and the Lion (b0391jct)

Recorded in 1967, George Bernard Shaw interprets of one of Aesop's Fables, first published in 1912. Although a comedy, the piteous plight of the early Christians under their Roman masters gives Shaw a forum for his thoughts on human frailty, religion and martyrdom. Starring Leslie French as Androcles and John Graham as the Lion. With Antony Vaccars, Peter Baldwin Carol Marsh and Sian Davies. Adapted by Peggy Wells. Producer: Archie Campbell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1967.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0001x1z)

Blood, Sweat, Tears and Poetry

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects Blood, Sweat, Tears and Poetry with Patience Agabi exploring the relationship between poetry and the workplace. Patience Agabi and some of her fellow poets explore the relationship between poetry and the workplace. 2008's National Poetry Day theme was 'Work', and Patience talks to poets and the people who welcomed them into the workplace to find out what the experience meant to both parties. Produced by Simon Evans. First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2008.

SUN 17:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r1y3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Prisoner (m0001x21)

Series 1

The Chimes of Big Ben - Part 2/2

Number 6 takes Number 8 to be a kindred spirit and, together, they plan an audacious escape from The Village... The original 17-episode TV series of The Prisoner created intrigue and

controversy in equal measure when it first aired in the UK in 1967. In a taut psychological spy thriller, the main character, dehumanised as 'Number 6', has committed no crime, save for having resigned from some unspecified branch of the British Secret Service. His prison is a heavily guarded coastal village. Under constant surveillance, Number 6 can trust no-one and relentlessly works to establish who his captors are, a seemingly impossible task when the most senior figure he encounters – Number 2 – changes frequently...Mark Elstob stars as Agent ZM73 aka Number 6, with Michael Cochrane as Number Two, Kristina Baikaitis as Number 8, Helen Goldwyn as the Village Voice, Barnaby Edwards as Danvers and Nicholas Briggs as the Conductor. Other parts played by members of the cast. Music - Jamie Robertson. Script Editor - Jamie Anderson. Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs. A Big Finish Production - based on the classic TV series.

SUN 18:40 Elizabeth Bowen - The Cat Jumps (b08dd69z)

Harold and Jocelyn buy Rose Hill. The last occupier was another Harold - and he murdered her wife... Read by Anna Massey.

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SUN 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls Present (b00gpbcl)

The Brothers Faversham

Theseus Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most respected detective.

Swashbuckling family romp with the comedy trio. From January 2008.

SUN 23:00 Clare in the Community (m0001x23)

Series 3

Clare's Last Stand

An easy day at a conference is spoiled when Clare's nemesis Peggy turns up, issuing a challenge that the social worker can't refuse. Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions. Award-winning sitcom by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Starring Sally Phillips as Clare, Alex Lowe as Brian, Andrew Wincott as Simon, Richard Lumsden as Roy, Gemma Craven as Helen, Ellen Thomas as Irene, Nina Conti as Megan, Joseph Kloska as Kevin, Mark Straker as the PA Man and Mel Hudson as Peggy. Producer: Katie Tyrrell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001yww)

Robert White 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats again to Britain's Got Talent finalist Robert White.

SUN 23:30 Radio Active (b0084s34)

Series 2

Charity Radiothon

Only £892,000 to go! Can the radio station reach its charity fundraising target in half an hour? Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens. Music by Philip Pope. Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Jon Canter, James Hendrie and Jimmy Mulville. Producer: Jimmy Mulville. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1982.

MONDAY 07 JANUARY 2019

MON 00:00 The Prisoner (m0001x21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:40 Elizabeth Bowen - The Cat Jumps (b08dd69z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Charlotte Bronte - The Professor (b00m9jbj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Richard Cutler - The Rainbow (m0001x1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (m0001x1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Puzzling Passions (b0075yr0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 GB Shaw - Androcles and the Lion (b039ljct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0001x1z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01rl1y3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvnm)

Strong Poison

Pongo

Lord Peter Wimsey's trail goes cold, until a stolen will brings fresh enlightenment. Stars Ian Carmichael and Peter Jones.

MON 06:30 JD Salinger's Spiritual Quest (b050rz2r)

When the late American author JD Salinger ceased publishing and withdrew from the public gaze, he left many with a

fractured understanding of the man behind the writing. His books, including Franny and Zooey and Nine Stories, supported the belief that Salinger flew from one religious conviction to another. However, recently released letters reveal a deep and enduring relationship with both Hindu philosophy and a New York based monk. There's always been a certain mystique to the iconic Salinger. While *The Catcher in the Rye* has sold over 65 million copies, the author lived much of his life as a recluse. But, even while out of the spotlight, Salinger continued to write letters. He was a keen correspondent with friends and family - including the spiritual leader of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York, Swami Nikhilananda. In this programme, Vishva Samani investigates what the letters might tell us about Salinger's relationship with Hindu philosophy and, in turn, his literature. Today, the hidden and pervasive influence of Vedanta and Indian philosophy is interwoven into all our daily lives. We talk of karma, practice yoga, and every politician has a 'mantra'. However in the 1950's and 1960's, few outside of India Salinger had heard these terms. As a journalist and Hindu centred in Vedanta, Vishva Samani seeks to clarify whether Salinger just dabbled or if his faith went deeper. She reveals how Vedanta left India to reach not just the Western World, but other brilliant minds including William James, Leo Tolstoy, Nikola Tesla, Aldous Huxley and, of course, Salinger. Producer: Russell Crewe. A Like It Is Media production for BBC Radio 4

MON 07:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxb2)

Series 2

A Taste of Democracy

It's British week in the People's Republic - showcasing a double-decker bus and a demonstration of clog dancing. Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom. Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Watson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, Alan Dudley as Frank Burton, MP and Richard Tate as Gerald Calder-Brown, MP. Producer: Pete Atkin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001tbd)

Series 21

Episode 2

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. Richard Osman, Holly Walsh, Susan Calman and David O'Doherty are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as sleep, mobile phones, stealing and pets. Produced by Jon Naismith. A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jntz)

Series 5

Hancock's Car

Parked outside for ten years - the lad's forced to move his motor car, but hits snags galore. Stars Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams. Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Producer: Tom Ronald. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

MON 08:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)

Series 2

The Entente Cordiale

Cross-channel harmony hits the buffers, when the station is twinned with one in France. Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Valentine / Bradshaw / Head of French Rail, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and Roger Delgado as Dupont. Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signalman, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line. Producer: Edward Taylor. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1973.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)

Series 61

With Tony Hawks, Pam Ayres, Miles Jupp and Gyles Brandreth Nicholas Parsons challenges Tony Hawks, Pam Ayres, Miles Jupp and Gyles Brandreth to speak on a topic without hesitation, deviation or repetition for 60 seconds. From Sep 2011.

MON 09:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076r6c)

The Tremendous Adventures of Major Brown

Major Brown finds himself threatened by a flowerbed. Retired KC Basil Grant, his brother Rupert and colleague Charlie Swinburne receive a visit from Major Brown at Basil's garret in Lambeth. The retired soldier recounts a tale which begins with a most disturbing discovery. While taking his daily constitutional his attention is directed to a marvellous display of yellow pansies that spell out the chilling slogan: "Death to Major Brown". What follows is possibly the most extraordinary tale of all time. Stars David Warner as Basil Grant, Martin Freeman as Rupert Grant, Geoffrey McGivern as Charlie Swinburne, Geoffrey Whitehead as Major Brown, Vicki Pepperdine as The Lady and Martin Hyder as the Gardener. GK Chesterton stories dramatised by Simon Littlefield. Producer: Simon Nicholls. First

broadcast on Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 10:00 Saturday Drama (b04p53k9)

The Havana Quartet

Havana Blue

by Leonardo Padura adapted by Jennifer Howarth. The first story in Padura's much-loved detective series set in Havana. It's New Year's Day 1989 and Lieutenant Mario Conde wakes up with another terrible hangover and a case which is close to home - his schoolboy rival, now a party grandee, is missing. Cast: Mario Conde Zubin Varla. Rangel David Westhead. Manolo Lanre Malaolu. Josefina Lorna Gayle. Skinny Ben Crowe. Tamara Adjoa Andoh. Rene Maciques David Acton. Zaida Hannah Genesis. Zoilita Bettrys Jones. Miki Jude Akwudike. Maria Antonia Elaine Claxton. China Jane Slavin. Neighbour Ian Conningham. Minister Michael Bertenshaw. Garcia Sam Dale. Directed by Mary Peate. Leonardo Padura's series, published in English as the Havana Quartet, is set over the course of 1989 - starting with Havana Blue which opens on New Year's Day. Leonardo Padura is a novelist and journalist who was born in 1955 in Havana where he still lives. He has published a number of short-story collections and literary essays but he is best known internationally for the Havana Quartet series, all featuring Inspector Mario Conde. In 1998, Padura won the Hammett Prize from the International Association of Crime Writers and in 2012, he was awarded the National Prize for Literature, Cuba's national literary award.

MON 11:00 The TED Interview (m0001ypp)

Elizabeth Gilbert

Founded in 1984 in the USA, TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design. The first TED Talks were first posted online in 2006 and since then TED Talks have had many millions of views. In The TED Interview - audiences can immerse themselves more deeply in some of the most compelling ideas heard on the TED stage. TED's Chris Anderson talks to Elizabeth Gilbert, the author of the global bestseller, Eat, Pray, Love. Elizabeth Gilbert shares why openness, transparency and creativity are still central to her philosophy of life - even when faced with moments of desperation and personal tragedy. A TED original podcast.

MON 11:45 Comic Fringes (b066ty8j)

Series 11

Pick Me Up, by Angela Barnes

Poignant short story by comedian Angela Barnes, recorded live in front of an audience at 2015's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Short story series featuring new writing by leading comedians. Writer: Angela Barnes. Performer: Angela Barnes. Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jntz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jp4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 JD Salinger's Spiritual Quest (b050rz2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b049y9q3)

The Miniaturist

Episode 1

THE MINIATURIST by Jessie Burton. Read by: Emilia Fox. On a cold autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of the Dutch East India Company's most successful merchant trader: Johannes Brandt. But her lavishly furnished new home is not welcoming, and its inhabitants seem preoccupied with their own secrets. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office which leaves Nella isolated in the grand house on the canal with his sister, the sharp-tongued Marin and Otto and Cornelia their servants as company. Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist, an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny and intricate creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways. But as she starts to receive unexpected and unasked for items for her 'toy house' Nella becomes aware that the Brandt household contains unusual secrets and she begins to understand - and fear - the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society conformity is all. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other, excavating 'the canker' of sin. The packages from the mysterious miniaturist begin to reveal chillingly prophetic objects but Nella remains at a loss as to what they all mean. Ep. 1 : Eighteen year old Nella Oortman arrives from the country at her husband's imposing house in Amsterdam. But the welcome is a little less than effusive. Producer: JILL WATERS. Abridged by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

MON 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b005f1tp)

Like an Angelic Choir

Michael Morpurgo explains how Britain's first founding hospital met with great acclaim in 1741, but some children were still neglected.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mb5z2)

My Life with Flu

Episode 1

By Sarah Woods. A love story, about flu. It's January 1969, the winter after the summer of love, and Jill and David's fledgling relationship is about to be put to test by the outbreak of Hong

Kong Flu. My Life with Flu has been produced in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. In five episodes it follows the story of Jill across five decades as she struggles with the highs and lows of life, love and viral infection. At the same time the story tracks the life of Hong Kong Flu – how, over 45 years, it has traversed the globe, evolved and is ultimately being superseded by new, more virulent strains, such as Swine Flu. Using cutting edge science – of transmission, viral evolution and genetic predisposition – it tells the story of flu, and investigates the unique qualities of Jill's genome which make her a 'severe responder'. Paul Kellam, Virus Genomics team leader at the Sanger Institute worked closely with writer Sarah Woods to weave the science seamlessly into the story. The drama underlines the deep connection human beings have to the viruses that survive through us, and how illness can shape the course of our lives. Jill... Hannah Daniel David... Ronan Summers John... Liam Williams Doctor... John Norton Protestor... Eirlys Bellin Narrator... Eiry Thomas Directed by James Robinson A BBC Cymru/Wales Production

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03sr9t)

Where Memories Go: Why Dementia Changes Everything Warning Signs

If dementia were a country it would be the world's 18th largest economy, somewhere between Turkey and Indonesia. Scottish broadcaster Sally Magnusson reads her moving but searingly honest account of her mother Mamie Baird's long struggle with dementia. Regarded as one of the finest journalists of her generation, Mamie Baird's whole life was a celebration of words – words that she fought to retain until the very end. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, the working-class Scot was known for her witty, outrageous and fun-loving stories, her love of music and of life itself. As well as chronicling the anguish, the frustrations and the unexpected laughs that Sally and her sisters experienced while caring for their mother for eight years until her death in 2012, Sally seeks understanding from scientists, doctors, philosophers and historians in the face of one of the greatest challenges of our times. This is both a call to arms, a poignant account of what makes us human, and a portrait of what it is really like to lose a loved one day by day. In today's episode: the early but frighteningly tell-tale signs of dementia emerge on a trip to Mull. Abridged by: Sara Davies Produced by: Justine Willett Reader: Sally Magnusson: Sally Magnusson is a Scottish broadcaster and writer, currently working as the presenter of Reporting Scotland for BBC Scotland. Her father is the late broadcaster and writer Magnus Magnusson.

MON 15:00 Saturday Drama (b04p53k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076r6c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001tbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b08crt5z)

Isaac Asimov's I, Robot

Robbie

Stevie Byerley is raised by a robotic childminder. Their relationship will change the course of her life. The rise of robotics in the 21st century, told through the poignant and mysterious story of enigmatic lawyer, Stevie Byerley. As a child, Stevie Byerley is raised by Robbie, a robotic childminder, because her parents are too busy working. The powerful bond she forms with the robot is unbreakable. Their relationship will change the course of Stevie's life. Originally written over 60 years ago, Isaac Asimov's stories are becoming truer with every day that passes. The world that he imagined is now upon us. With Hermione Norris as Stevie Byerley, Kelly Burke as Robbie, Mia Burgess as Young Stevie, Diana Weller and Grace Byerley and Derek Ridwell as George Byerley. Dramatised by Richard Kurti Produced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewell A B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jmtt)

Episode 1

Anthropologist Dr John Montague is recruiting for a supernatural experiment. When Eleanor Vance arrives, she soon falls under the malevolent spell of Hill House - with its history of terror and violence... Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding. Abridged in eight parts by Alison Joseph. Producer: Gemma Jenkins First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (m0001xkq)

Andi Oliver and Dr Phil Hammond

Sue MacGregor and her guests - comedian, Dr Phil Hammond and chef and presenter, Andi Oliver - discuss books by Harper Lee, F Scott Fitzgerald and Marina Lewycka To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee Publisher: Vintage Classics A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian by Marina Lewycka Publisher: Penguin The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald Publisher: Penguin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jntz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jpdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 JD Salinger's Spiritual Quest (b050r2zr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 The TED Interview (m0001lpy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:45 Comic Fringes (b066ty8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001tbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Tina C (b01by7d5)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

United Kingdom

Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs that where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession, and sets off on a six country tour to prove it. This week she is camping outside St Pauls. Tina C... Christopher Green With Paul Mason, Victoria Inez Hardy and James Lailey Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and Christopher Green Director Jeremy Mortimer.

MON 22:45 Knocker (b008j006)

Profitch

Market researcher Ian Dunn suffers a shocking epiphany. Stars Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox. From December 2007.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0001z8z)

Series 25

Episode 1

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Miles Jupp

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b007k2h5)

The Babies

Links between cheese sculpture, pavement privatisation, skirting boards and the great knitting reform act. Animator and voice of Bagpuss and the Clangers, Oliver Postgate island-hops through a stream of bizarre coincidences. Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections with Miriam Margolyes, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Michael Simkins, Gary Waldhorn, Alan Dedicoat, Hugh Scully and James Naughtie. Producer: Jon Naismith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

TUESDAY 08 JANUARY 2019

TUE 00:00 15 Minute Drama (b08crt5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jmtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (m0001xkq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Wimsey (b007jvnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 JD Salinger's Spiritual Quest (b050r2zr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b049y9q3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sft1p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mb52z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b03srg9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Saturday Drama (b04p53k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076r6c)

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TUE 05:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxh2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001tbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b007k440)

Strong Poison

Turkish Delight

Can Lord Peter Wimsey finally clear Harriet Vane's name and persuade her to take his? Stars Ian Carmichael and Peter Jones.

TUE 06:30 Staff No Fee: The Other Life of Brian (m0001xz8)

Barry Johnston explores the forgotten work of his father Brian to reveal a remarkable broadcasting career long before he became affectionately known as 'Johnners'. Today, the name Brian Johnston is largely remembered for Test Match Special and Down your Way. However as both of these programmes happened after he retired as a BBC staff member in 1972 they have overshadowed a fascinating television and radio career starting in the late forties. In those early years Brian's BBC contract was marked 'SNF' - 'Staff No Fee'. This meant he could be booked by any BBC radio or TV programme for no extra fee because he was on a salary. It is these fascinating engagements which will be explored in this programme. On In Town Tonight he rode bareback on a circus horse, was attacked by a police dog, busked in the street, was shaved onstage by the Crazy Gang and hid inside a pillar box. He commented on King George VI's funeral, the Coronation, the Boat Race, the Festival of Britain and the Monte Carlo Rally - as well as appearing on Hancock's Half Hour, quizzes, children's TV and

much more. Brian's interview list includes such names as Field Marshall Montgomery, Bernard Delfont, Donald Campbell, Donald Bradman, Bobby Charlton and Henry Cooper. His son and presenter of this programme Barry Johnston has been collecting and preserving archive clips along with his father's own scrapbooks and press cuttings and we will hear recordings from the great man himself along with gaining a unique insight into a slice of broadcasting history.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00k89mf)

Series 3

Foreign Exchange

With his sister Hannah away at university, why is Faith's son Joe so keen to have an Italian student to stay with them? Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith beginning married life, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe. Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Emma Gregory as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe and Danielle Allan as Gina. Series three of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie. A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'. Producer: Paul Schlesinger First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.

TUE 07:30 Love in Recovery (m0001tzt)

Series 3

Les McKeown's Autograph

Third series of the award-nominated comedy drama set in Alcoholics Anonymous. Written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery. Stars Rebecca Front, John Hannah, Sue Johnston, Paul Kaye and Johnny Vegas. Love in Recovery follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Johnny Vegas is Andy, the sweet but simple self-appointed group leader. Sue Johnston plays straight talking Julie, who's been known to have the odd relapse here and there - and everywhere. Rebecca Front is the snobby and spiky Fiona, an ex-banker who had it all and then lost the lot. John Hannah is Simon, a snide journalist who's not an alcoholic - he got caught drink driving, his boss made him attend the meeting, but he fell in love with Fiona and stayed. And, despite her best efforts, she fell in love with him too. Paul Kaye is Dan, a down and out two-bit chancer with a shady past but a lot of heart, who's desperate to turn his life around. As we follow their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and, most importantly, tell their stories. This week, Fiona has been distant and her boyfriend Simon thinks he knows exactly what's on her mind. He decides to help her, and believes the best way to start is by casually bringing this private issue up in the weekly meeting. What could possibly go wrong? Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found, as most people do, support from the unlikely group of disparate souls, all banded together due to one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship. Love in Recovery doesn't seek to represent an AA meeting exactly as it might happen in real life, but to capture the funny stories, the sad stories, the stories of small victories and of huge milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and most importantly, the many highs and lows in the journey of recovery. Cast: Fiona, Rebecca Front, Simon, John Hannah, Julie, Sue Johnston, Dan, Paul Kaye, Andy, Johnny Vegas. Written and created by Pete Jackson. Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield. A King Bert production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz94)

Series 3

The Flat

Author Gerald and his wife Diana's holiday abroad is far from relaxing. The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana. With Michael McClain, Fiona Mathieson and Garard Green. Written by Basil Boothroyd. Producer: Bobby Jaye First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

TUE 08:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

Lift Off

Caretaker Ramsay Potts' love of rules sparks catastrophe for an MP in a lift... Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-ambitious cleaner Elsie Spurgeon. Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay Potts and Patricia Hayes as Elsie Spurgeon. Eight-part sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan. With Frank Thornton, John Graham, April Walker and John Glover. Producer: Edward Taylor First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1982.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0001z8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Elastic Planet (b007k2h5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Saturday Drama (b04pr06y)

The Havana Quartet

Havana Gold

By Leonardo Padura Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson Lieutenant Conde goes on a trip through his childhood Havana haunts when a young female schoolteacher at his old school is murdered. And could it be that Conde has finally met the woman of his dreams? Dramatisation of the second novel in the Havana Quartet series. Cast: Mario Conde, Zubin Varla, Rangel, ...

David WestheadManolo Lanre MalaoluJosefina Lorna GayleSkinny Ben CroweKarina Tanya FranksCaridad Elaine ClaxtonAndres Ian ConninghamDagmar Jane SlavinPedro/ Rabbitt Monty d'InvernoLando Sam DaleLazaro Shaun MasonRed Jude AkuwudikeJose Luis Paul HeathHeadteacher Michael Bertenshawdirected by Mary PeateLeonardo Padura's series, published in English as the Havana Quartet, is set over the course of 1989.Leonardo Padura is a novelist and journalist who was born in 1955 in Havana where he still lives. He has published a number of short-story collections and literary essays but he is best known internationally for the Havana Quartet series, all featuring Inspector Mario Conde. In 1998, Padura won the Hammett Prize from the International Association of Crime Writers and in 2012, he was awarded the National Prize for Literature, Cuba's national literary award.

TUE 11:00 Frederic Raphael - A Fairly Regular Four (b018ts6x)

Cheating, competition and class loom large for a male quartet of tennis players. Read by Norman Rodway.

TUE 11:15 Drama (b062n4ng)

Rumpole

Rumpole and the Tap End

Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Rumpole in a story by John Mortimer, and adapted by Richard Stoneman.Tony Timson finds himself in hot water when charged with the attempted drowning of his wife April, while sharing a bath with her.

Rumpole not only defends Tony but also protects Judge Guthrie Featherstone QC as he upsets women everywhere with sexist pronouncements about their proper place in the tub.Rumpole and Tony Timson have a conference in Brixton Prison where Timson explains that April had been planning to wear outrageous clothes to a party on the night in question. The party was at the home of a friend, Chrissie. One of the party guests would be Peter 'Peanuts' Molloy. Molloy vs Timsons equals Montagues vs Capulets. Tony Timson says that April would him up by suggesting Peanuts was more virile than he was.Cast:Horace Rumpole ... Benedict CumberbatchHilda Rumpole ... Jasmine HydeClaude Erskine-Brown ... Nigel Anthony/Tony Timson ... Stephen CritchlowGuthrie Featherstone ... Julian Rhind-TuttCharles Hearstoke ... David Shaw-ParkerPhillida Erskine-Brown ... Cathy SaraDirected by Marilyn ImrieProduced by Catherine BaileyA Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04b3tyw)

The Miniaturist

Episode 2

THE MINIATURIST by Jessie BurtonRead by Emilia FoxOn a cold autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of the Dutch East India Company's most successful merchant trader : Johannes Brandt. But her lavishly furnished new home is not welcoming, and its inhabitants seem preoccupied with their own secrets. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office which leaves Nella isolated in the grand house on the canal with his sister, the sharp-tongued Marin and Otto and Cornelia their servants as company.Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist, an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny and intricate creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways.But as she starts to receive unexpected and unasked for items for her 'toy house' Nella becomes aware that the Brandt household contains unusual secrets and she begins to understand - and fear- the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society conformity is all. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other, excavating 'the canker' of sin. The packages from the mysterious miniaturist begin to reveal chillingly prophetic objects but Nella remains at a loss as to what they all mean.Ep.2. Nella continues to wonder when her husband is going to consummate their marriage, in the meantime her sister-in-law has suggested that some sort of 'distraction' would be a good idea.Producer: JILL WATERSAbridged by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill WatersA Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sf8t9)

Mr Locke and Mr Rousseau

Michael Morpurgo tells the story of two great 18th century philosophers, whose child-rearing ideas are influential to this day.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mcmng)

My Life with Flu

Episode 2

By Sarah WoodsA love story, about flu.It's 1975, six years since Jill and David huddled under the blankets together, full of flu. Now Jill is preparing to marry John – the wedding preparations are in full swing, but then David arrives on the doorstep.My Life with Flu has been produced in collaboration with the

Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. In five episodes it follows the story of Jill across five decades as she struggles with the highs and lows of life, love and viruses. At the same time the story tracks the life of Hong Kong Flu – how, over 45 years, it has traversed the globe, evolved and is ultimately being superseded by new, more virulent strains, such as Swine Flu.The series uses cutting edge science – of transmission, viral evolution and genetic predisposition – to tell the story of flu, and investigate the unique qualities of Jill's genome which make her a 'severe responder'. Paul Kellam, Virus Genomics team leader at the Sanger Institute worked closely with writer Sarah Woods to weave the science seamlessly into the story. The drama underlines the deep connection human beings have to the viruses that survive through us, and how illness can shape the course of our lives.Jill.... Hannah DanielDavid.... Ronan SummersJohn.... Liam WilliamsMinister.... Alun RaglanYvette.... Eirlys BellinNarrator.... Eiry ThomasDirected by James RobinsonA BBC Cymru/Wales Production

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03srqzc)

Where Memories Go: Why Dementia Changes Everything

Facing up

'If dementia were a country it would be the world's 18th largest economy, somewhere between Turkey and Indonesia.'Scottish broadcaster Sally Magnusson reads her moving but searingly honest account of her mother Mammie Baird's long struggle with dementia. Regarded as one of the finest journalists of her generation, Mammie Baird's whole life was a celebration of words – words that she fought to retain until the very end. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, the working-class Scot was known for her witty, outrageous and fun-loving stories, her love of music and of life itself. As well as chronicling the anguish, the frustrations and the unexpected laughs that Sally and her sisters experienced while caring for their mother for eight years until her death in 2012, Sally seeks understanding from scientists, doctors, philosophers and politicians in the face of one of the greatest challenges of our times.In today's episode: despite the tell-tale warning signs, Sally and her family are still doing their best to ignore the truth.Abridged by: Sara DaviesProduced by: Justine WillettReader: Sally Magnusson

TUE 15:00 Saturday Drama (b04pr06y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b01n0xpx)

Series 5

Murray, Bondeson, McAlister

Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham, Professor John Lloyd CBE welcomes comedian Jimmy Carr for the fifth series.Three guests are invited to donate one item each and explain why it deserves a place in the museum.In the opening episode, John and Jimmy welcome the Natural History Museum's resident dipterologist (fly expert) Erica McAlister; Consultant Rheumatologist at the Cardiff University School of Medicine Jan Bondeson and comedian, historian and fictitious Pub Landlord Al Murray.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)

Series 2

Hot Water

With more love entanglements, Izzy is finding life back in England rather confusing.Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With Mike Grady as Dick, Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rosemary Martin as Aunt Vinny, David Robb as Charles and Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn.Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.An eight-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of three series that ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.Producer: Jonathan James-MooreFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00k89mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Love in Recovery (m0001tzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b08crvm6)

Isaac Asimov's I, Robot

Reason

Following a car crash, Stevie returns to work. Her first case involves a robot with a Messiah complex.The rise of robotics in the 21st century, told through the poignant and mysterious story of enigmatic lawyer, Stevie Byerley.As a child, Stevie Byerley is raised by Robbie, a robotic childminder, because her parents are too busy working. The powerful bond she forms with the robot is unbreakable. Their relationship will change the course of Stevie's life.Originally written over 60 years ago, Isaac Asimov's stories are becoming truer with every day that passes. The world that he imagined is now upon us.With Hermione Norris as Stevie Byerley, Brendan Coyle as Quinn, Nicholas Briggs as Cutie and Doug Devaney as Powell.Dramatised by Richard KurtiProduced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewella B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtn1)

Episode 2

Eleanor Vance meets the other 'subjects' recruited for a supernatural experiment - and the man behind it all, Dr Montague.Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding.Abridged in eight parts by Alison Joseph.Producer: Gemma JenkinsFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

TUE 18:30 Sounds Natural (b0711167)

Roger Whittaker

From the Wildebeest to the Paradise Flycatcher. Singer Roger Whittaker shares his fascination for the wildlife of East Africa and Wales with Derek Jones - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.Producer: John Burton.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

TUE 19:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Wimsey (b007k440)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Staff No Fee: The Other Life of Brian (m0001xz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Frederic Raphael - A Fairly Regular Four (b018ts6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Drama (b062n4ng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Love in Recovery (m0001tzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Wilson Dixon Line (b00kdnj9)

Words of Wisdom

Another chance to hear this affectionate tribute to the philosophy of country music. Cowboy philosopher Wilson Dixon shares his viewpoints on life, love and relationships through songs and anecdotes.Saddled up with sidekick Snake Wizzelteats, his observations on everyday life draw the audience into world full of larger than life characters and situations. In episode one, Words Of Wisdom, Wilson shares his observations of society and the differences between the UK and Cripple Creek.Wilson Dixon is the creation of Jesse Griffin; an award winning comedian, actor and founding member of the acclaimed comedy trio The 4 Noels. Since his creation, Wilson Dixon has performed extensively around Australia and New Zealand as well as the UK comedy circuit. Sidekick Snake Wizzelteats is performed by Jesse Budd.

TUE 23:00 Beautiful Dreamers (b00w7byd)

The Stardiver

Nat travels to Tuscany to meet the Uzbek dissident and billionaire Mikhail Azazev, as he prepares freefall from beyond the Karman Line - an altitude of over 100 kilometres. Featuring contributions from Simon McBurney and Kevin Eldon.Writers James Lever and Nat Segnit.Producers Steven Canny and Sasha Yevtushenko.

TUE 23:30 World of Pub (b008qt08)

Series 1

Episode 4

For the Queen's visit, dodgy Phil books her beloved Chas and Dave. But can they make it? Stars John Thomson. From March 1998.

TUE 23:45 Creme de la Crime (b0080sx1)

Series 1

A Death on the Ocean Wave

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore exhume a murder case on a luxury liner. Stars Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. From October 2001.

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (m0001ywk)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

Too Young To Die

When Paul and Steve are asked to investigate a case of blackmail and murder, they soon discover violence has been

brought right to their own doorstep...Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife. With John Baddeley as Charlie, Wilfrid Carter as Inspector Lloyd, Patrick Barr as Maurice Lonsdale, Isabel Dean as Margaret Milbourne, Isabel Rennie as Dolly Brazer, Frederick Treves as Stone, Pat Connell as Lucas, Alan Haines as Den Roberts, James Thomason as the Doctor, Malcolm Terris as the Police Constable and Bruce Beebey as the Taxi Driver. From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Scotland Yard usually needed Paul's help with tricky cases. Producer: Martin C. Webster. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1965.

WED 06:30 Laurel and Hardy on Tour (b0076zb4)

"We came to Britain on vacation," said Stan, "but it turned out to be the hardest work we've ever had in our lives." Comedy historian Glenn Mitchell examines the impact made by the comedy duo Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy during their various tours of Europe between 1932 and 1954. Featuring comedian Harry Worth, showbiz publicist Laurie Bellew and members of the public who met the duo. Producer: Stephen Garner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 07:00 Second Holmes (b015frk0)

The Case of the Maltese Pearls
The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson probe the mysterious theft of a necklace. Six light-hearted adventures involving the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson written by Grant Eustace. Starring Peter Egan as Stamford Holmes, Jeremy Nicholas as Dr Watson, Alex Jennings as Charles Mapleton, Kathryn Hurlbutt as Jane Mapleton, Edward Cast as Neville Clarke and Wendy Murray as Katrin. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

WED 07:30 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

Series 2
Domestic Bliss
Award-winning comedian and super-sharp everywoman Angela Barnes tackles life and love and, with the help of the audience, packs herself a fantasy coffin. In part tribute to Angela's beloved late father - a larger than life gregarious character, he was a sex shop manager, naturist, and a big fan of caravans and pranks - Angela celebrates his carpe diem approach to life, and his motto "You Can't Take It With You". When her father died very suddenly in 2008, Angela and her family proved him wrong and stuffed his coffin with sentimental keepsakes for his final journey. Angela now does the very same thing, nominating objects that she would choose to send on with her as mementoes of her life, and asking the audience to share items they would take with them, all acting as prompts for contemplative, heart-warming and captivating comedy. Angela Barnes is a vivacious, critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Maidstone, Kent. After a career in health and social care, at the age of 33, she decided to pursue a long-held ambition and give comedy a go. Within a couple of years, Angela and her witty worldview had won the 2011 BBC New Comedy Award by a public vote, secured a weekly star slot in Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and appeared on numerous radio and television shows including Loose Ends, The Now Show, The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 3), and Mock The Week and Live at the Apollo (BBC 2). She has been the host of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Newsjack for the last two series. An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b01mhnh2)

Series 6
Stuck on a Sandbank
The crew of HMS Troutbridge is set for shore leave - if they can just manage to complete one tiny mission first. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson and Tenniel Evans as Leading Seaman Goldstein. Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976. Scripted by Lawrie Wyman. Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1964.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0002075)

From 22/04/1960
Kenneth Horne is off to Switzerland - and 'Hornorama' probes the world of showbiz. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Written by Eric Merriman. Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Announcer: Douglas Smith. A madcap mix of sketches and songs. Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles. The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings. Producer: Jacques Brown. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1960.

WED 09:00 Dilemma (b03xf0gm)

Series 3

Episode 6

Sue Perkins puts Bridget Christie, Michael Rosen, Laura Dockrill and Adil Ray through the moral and ethical wringer, by posing a series of finely-balanced dilemmas and then cross-examining them on their answers. Devised by Danielle Ward. Producer: Ed Morrish.

WED 09:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008hpsz)

The French Connection

Arch-rivals town hall clerk Potts and sanitary inspector Perkins hurl insults and then onions...Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour". Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Christopher Godwin as Potts, Hilary Mason as Miss Farquhar, Andre Maranne as French Onion Johnnie and Norman Mitchell as PC Speedworth. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. Written by Ted Walker. Producer: Martin Fisher. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

WED 10:00 Saturday Drama (b04stc63)

The Havana Quartet

Havana Red

By Leonardo Padura. Adapted by Jennifer Howarth. Lieutenant Mario Conde's fondly held prejudices are tested by this case involving a man found strangled in Havana Woods wearing a beautiful red dress. A dramatisation of the third story in the Havana Quartet. Cast: Mario Conde Zubin Varla. Rangel David Westhead. Manolo Llane Malaolu. Fatman/ Salvador K Shaun Mason. Miki Jude Akuwudike. Matilde Elaine Claxton. Dulcinea Lorna Gayle. Alberto Marques Michael Cochrane. Father Mendoza David Acton. Faustino Sam Dale. Alquimio/ Lab Man Ian Conningham. Polly Roslyn Hill. Directed by Mary Peate. Leonardo Padura is a novelist and journalist who was born in 1955 in Havana where he still lives. He has published a number of short-story collections and literary essays but he is best known internationally for the Havana Quartet series, all featuring Inspector Mario Conde. In 1998, Padura won the Hammett Prize from the International Association of Crime Writers and in 2012 he was awarded the National Prize for Literature, Cuba's national literary award.

WED 11:00 Philip Norman - Skiffle Night (b071c6lq)

It's 1957. A teenager finds the courage to go on his first date, but where to go and what to wear? Read by Oliver Cotton.

WED 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b03zstz2)

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

The Modern Husband Course

A new two-part dramatisation of Alexander McCall Smith's latest No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency book, 'The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon'. Mma Remotse and Mma Makutsi return to Radio 4 for a tenth series based on the popular novels set in Botswana, dramatised by the author. Episode 1 : The Modern Husband Course. Mr J.L.B. Matekoni embarks on a quest for self-improvement, with a little encouragement from Mma Ramotse. Mma Makutsi settles into her new house while hiding a secret from her best friend. Mma Ramotse.....CLAIRE BENEDICT. Mma Makutsi.....NADINE MARSHALL. Mr J.L.B. Matekoni.....BEN ONWUKWEM. Mma Sheba/Aunt Radiphuti.....ADJOA ANDOHPHUTI. RadiphutiJUDE AKUWUDIKE. Charlie / Liso.....MAYNARD EZIASHI. Mma Solefi.....ELEANOR CROOKSM. Mma Keitumetse.....ANNA BENGOS. Student.....STEVE TOUSSAINT. Mma Molapo.....JANICE ACQUAH. Directed by Eilidh McCreadie

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b01mhnh2)

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WED 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sfcy9)

'Dear Papa, Dear Mama'

Michael Morpurgo discovers how middle and upper-class children enjoyed more informal upbringings by the late 18th century.

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By Sarah Woods. A love story, about flu. 1986, New York - Jill and David embark upon an illicit affair. And as she travels home for Christmas Jill has a life changing decision to make. But inside her body, Hong Kong Flu is travelling with her. My Life with Flu has been produced in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. In five episodes it follows the story of Jill across five decades as she struggles with the highs and lows of life, love and viruses. At the same time the story tracks the life of Hong Kong Flu - how, over 45 years, it has traversed the globe, evolved and is ultimately being superseded by new, more virulent strains, such as Swine Flu. The series uses cutting edge science - of transmission, viral evolution and genetic predisposition - to tell the story of flu, and investigate the unique qualities of Jill's genome which make her a 'severe responder'. Paul Kellam, Virus Genomics team leader at the Sanger Institute worked closely with writer Sarah Woods to weave the science seamlessly into the story. The drama underlines the deep connection human beings have to the viruses that survive through us, and how illness can shape the course of our lives. Jill.... Hannah Daniel. David.... Ronan Summers. John.... Liam Williams. Paramedic 1.... Alun Raglan. Paramedic 2.... Eirlys Bellin. Narrator.... Eiry Thomas. Directed by James Robinson. A BBC Cymru/Wales Production

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WED 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b08csn40)

Isaac Asimov's I, Robot

Little Lost Robot

A reprogrammed robot goes AWOL on a space station, with potentially lethal consequences. The rise of robotics in the 21st century, told through the poignant and mysterious story of enigmatic lawyer, Stevie Byerley. As a child, Stevie Byerley is raised by Robbie, a robotic childminder, because her parents are too busy working. The powerful bond she forms with the robot is unbreakable. Their relationship will change the course of Stevie's life. Originally written over 60 years ago, Isaac Asimov's stories are becoming truer with every day that passes. The world that he imagined is now upon us. With Hermione Norris as Stevie Byerley, Brendan Coyle as Quinn, Gary Turner as Dr Black, Nicholas Briggs as Nestor Robots and Diane Spencer as the Psychiatrist. Dramatised by Richard Kurti. Produced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewell. A B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtn7)

Episode 3

Eleanor is now feeling at ease in Hill House - but what surprises are in store after the first night? Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding. Abridged in eight parts by Alison Joseph. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

WED 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00tt607)

Series 1

Anthony Horowitz

Anthony Horowitz is the creator of the best-selling Alex Rider novels and was identified by Labour's then Education Secretary Alan Johnson as the secret weapon to get boys reading. In conversation with Stuart Cosgrove, Anthony reveals the five most significant books in his life. From Tin Tin to War and Peace we hear what books have shaped the life of this acclaimed author.

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WED 22:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Brig Society (b06c0cj9)

Series 3

Being a Woman

Uh-oh - Marcus Brigstocke has decided to cross the Gender Gap and become a woman. Expect a clear-eyed assessment of sexism and a doubling of the bathroom candle budget. Helping him to pass the Bechdel Test will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head"), Tom Crowley and Freya Parker. Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt & Dan Tetsell. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:00 The Ape That Got Lucky (b0081sw3)

Man or Monkey

Chris Addison's spoof lectures exploring human evolution. With Geoffrey McGivern as Professor Austin Herring. From August 2005.

WED 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001z2x)

Andy Brown 1/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to comedy producer and BAFTA winner, Andy Brown.

WED 23:30 4 at the Store (b00db35n)

Series 2

Episode 3

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Ian Stone, Ronnie Golden and Jo Caulfield. From January 2002.

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THU 06:00 Paul Temple (m0001zms)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

Concerning Mrs Milbourne

Paul Temple probes the mysterious circumstances surrounding the apparent death of Mrs Milbourne's husband Carl in a car crash in Switzerland. But it's a case he may soon regret taking on... Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife. With John Baddeley as Charlie, Wilfrid Carter as Inspector Lloyd, Patrick Barr as Maurice Lonsdale, Isabel Dean as Margaret Milbourne, Isabel Rennie as Dolly Brazier, Anthony Hall as Green, Nigel Graham as Danny Clayton, James Thomason as the Doctor, Simon Lack as Vince Langham, Hamlyn Benson as Inspector Jenkins, Fraser Kerr as Mr Gadd and Barbara Barnett as Mrs Langham. From 1938 to 1969 the

fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Scotland Yard usually needed Paul's help with tricky cases. Producer: Martin C. Webster. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1965.

THU 06:30 I Dressed Ziggy Stardust (b01r91qk)

For more than four decades, David Bowie entranced his followers. In this programme, Samira Ahmed looks at his particular appeal for British Asian women. Across the generations, they were inspired by the skinny South Londoner, who challenged gender barriers and who played with alien identity and other-worldliness. Beneath the make up and exotic costumes, he was also the intelligent, politely spoken suburban young man who you could potentially introduce to your mother. As Samira explores Bowie's impact on British Asian teenagers, she talks to Shami Chakrabarti - the director of Liberty - about Bowie's changing identities, sociologist Rupa Huq tackles his suburban psychoses, and Shyama Perera takes Samira on a journey to explain how her teenage obsession with Bowie even extended to sending costume designs to her hero, enabling her to claim that "I Dressed Ziggy Stardust". Presenter: Samira Ahmed. Producer: Alice Bloch. A WhistleDown/ Kati Whitaker production for BBC Radio 4

THU 07:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvg6)

Episode 5

When Jack's old chum Ralph comes to visit with his trophy wife Kirstie, Jack feels the need to invent a fiancée. Joe Turner's six-part sitcom stars Michael Williams as Jack, Lisa Coleman as Nicola, Cherry Morris as Mrs Drummond, Simon Greenall as Andy, John Duttine as Ralph and Debra Stephenson as Kirstie. Producer: Liz Anstee. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088fg48)

Series 6

Episode 4

John Finnemore, writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts and regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth, returns for a sixth series of his multi-award-winning Souvenir Programme, joined as ever by Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin, and Carrie Quinlan. 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. In this week's Souvenir Programme, we meet a man on the way to St Ives; a President is given two speeches; and we hear from a couple who get on like a house on fire. And, well... Since you ask him for a tale of love... Written by & starring ... John Finnemore. Cast ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith. Cast ... Simon Kane. Cast ... Lawry Lewin. Cast ... Carrie Quinlan. Producer ... Ed Morrish. A BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m0001zmv)

Series 2

Episode 8

When the film gets ruined from an expensive photoshoot in Paris, the ad agency is forced to reshoot - on a budget! "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbian, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'. Starring Michael Medwin as Michael, Fenella Fielding as Janet, Joan Sims as Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as Maggie and Nicholas Phipps as Adrian. Other parts by Warren Mitchell. Series two (of three) written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe. Producer: Eric Miller. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1961.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b00d4182)

The Great British Revolution

Angry revolutionary leader Neddie Seagoon is duped into buying worthless weapons. Stars Harry Secombe. From December 1957.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m0001zmx)

Series 1

Raymond Chandler

James Walton chairs the knockabout book quiz testing Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Victoria Coren and Louise Doughty. Author of the week: Raymond Chandler. Reader: Rachel Atkins. Producer: Jon Rolph. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 09:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hdbs5)

Series 1

George

She was the scourge of smugglers, perennial kidnap victim - and the stalwart of Enid Blyton's Famous Five. George reflects on her life - and reveals the fate of other members of the adventurous group of children - Julian, Dick, Anne and their dog Timmy. First in a six-part series revealing the afterlife of some famous characters from children's fiction. Written by Adrian Mowbray. Producer: Brian King. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

THU 10:00 Saturday Drama (b04tc9nc)

The Havana Quartet

Havana Black

by Leonardo Padura dramatised by Joy Wilkinson. Lieutenant

Mario Conde has been suspended for taking a well-deserved pop at a fellow officer. But Major Rangel is short of staff and has to call Conde in for a case involving the disappearance of a Cuban with U.S. citizenship who has come home to visit his family. The final story in the Havana Quartet. Cast: Mario Conde ... Zubin Varla. Rangel ... David Westhead. Manolo ... Lanre Malaolu. Josefina ... Lorna Gayle. Skinny ... Ben Crowe. Tamara ... Adjoa Andoh. Andres ... Ian Conningham. Rabbit ... Monty D'Inverno. Fernin ... Shaun Mason. Friguens/ Alfonso Forcade ... John Rowe. Gomez ... Cyril Nri. Miriam ... Anna Madeley. Adrian ... Nicholas Pincock. Molina ... Sam Daled. Directed by Mary Peate. Leonardo Padura is a novelist and journalist who was born in 1955 in Havana where he still lives. He has published a number of short-story collections and literary essays but he is best known internationally for the Havana Quartet series, all featuring Inspector Mario Conde. In 1998, Padura won the Hammett Prize from the International Association of Crime Writers and in 2012, he was awarded the National Prize for Literature, Cuba's national literary award.

THU 11:00 Melissa Murray - Bright Chase (b07232ls)

The search for the identity of a mysterious stranger brings notoriety to a small Mediterranean island. Read by Denys Hawthorne.

THU 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b03szx7n)

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon

A new two-part dramatisation of Alexander McCall Smith's

latest No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency book, 'The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon'. Mma Ramotse and Mma Makutsi return to Radio 4 for a tenth series based on the popular novels set in Botswana, dramatised by the author. Episode 2: The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon. Mma Ramotse searches for answers as the campaign against Mma Soletsi steps up a gear. Meanwhile the Agency welcomes a new arrival, and an old wrong is finally righted. Mma Ramotse ... CLAIRE

BENEDICT. Mma Makutsi ... NADINE

MARSHALL. Mma Potokwani ... JANICE

ACQUAH. Mma Soletsi ... ELEANOR

CROOKS. Charlie ... MAYNARD

EZIASHI. Daisy Manchwe ... NOMA DU

MEZWENIO. Official ... STEVE

TOUSSAINT. House Mother ... ALIBE

PARSONS. Directed by Eilidh McCreadie

THU 12:00 Something to Shout About (m0001zmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b00d4182)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Paul Temple (m0001zms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 I Dressed Ziggy Stardust (b01r91qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04b612c)

The Miniaturist

Episode 4

The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton. Read by Emilia Fox. On a cold autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of the Dutch East India Company's most successful merchant trader: Johannes Brandt. But her lavishly furnished new home is not welcoming, and its inhabitants seem preoccupied with their own secrets. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office which leaves Nella isolated in the grand house on the canal with his sister, the sharp-tongued Marin and Otto and Cornelia their servants as company. Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist, an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny and intricate creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways. But as she starts to receive unexpected and unasked for items for her 'toy house' Nella becomes aware that the Brandt household contains unusual secrets and she begins to understand - and fear - the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society conformity is all. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other, excavating 'the canker' of sin. The packages from the mysterious miniaturist begin to reveal chillingly prophetic objects but Nella remains at a loss as to what they all mean. Ep.4. Rejected by her husband Nella continues to feel alone in the city, except for the watchful gaze of the strange blonde haired woman. Producer: Jill Waters. Abridged by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

THU 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sg1gn)

Babies, Dressed or Undressed, Jointed, Wax or Common Michael Morpurgo traces the rise of the British toy shop in the 18th century, and the beginnings of pester power.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mgtdv)

My Life with Flu

Episode 4

By Sarah Woods. A love story, about flu. It's the year 2000 and Jill's lungs bear the scars of the bacterial pneumonia she suffered fourteen years ago. The doctor urges her to have the flu jab, but Jill has other things on her mind - her daughter Polly is preparing to leave for University, and Jill has the urge to phone an old friend. My Life with Flu has been produced in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. In five episodes it follows the story of Jill across five decades as she struggles with the highs and lows of life, love and viruses. At the same time the story tracks the life of Hong Kong Flu - how,

over 45 years, it has traversed the globe, evolved and is ultimately being superseded by new, more virulent strains, such as Swine Flu. The series uses cutting edge science – of transmission, viral evolution and genetic predisposition – to tell the story of flu, and investigate the unique qualities of Jill's genome which make her a 'severe responder'. Paul Kellam, Virus Genomics team leader at the Sanger Institute worked closely with writer Sarah Woods to weave the science seamlessly into the story. The drama underlines the deep connection human beings have to the viruses that survive through us, and how illness can shape the course of our lives. Jill.... Sharon Morgan David.... William Hope John.... Simon Armstrong Polly.... Hannah Daniel Doctor.... Alun Raglan Narrator.... Eiry Thomas Directed by James Robinson A BBC Cymru/Wales Production

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03szswq)

Where Memories Go: Why Dementia Changes Everything
Consolation in Forgetting

'If dementia were a country it would be the world's 18th largest economy, somewhere between Turkey and Indonesia.' Scottish broadcaster Sally Magnusson reads her moving but searingly honest account of her mother Mamie Baird's long struggle with dementia. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, Mamie Baird was a pioneering journalist, known for her witty, outrageous and fun-loving stories, for her love of music and of life itself. As well as chronicling the anguish, the frustrations and the unexpected laughs that Sally and her sisters experienced while caring for their mother for eight years until her death in 2012, Sally seeks understanding from scientists, doctors, philosophers and politicians in the face of one of the greatest challenges of our times. In today's episode: Sally sees that there is sometimes consolation in forgetting. Abridged by: Sara Davies. Produced by: Justine Willett. Reader: Sally Magnusson

THU 15:00 Saturday Drama (b04tc9nc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m0001zmx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hdb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088fg48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b08cstfw)

Isaac Asimov's I, Robot

Liar

Stevie is summoned to a lab in Siberia, where a robot has developed the ability to read human minds. The rise of robotics in the 21st century, told through the poignant and mysterious story of enigmatic lawyer, Stevie Byerley. As a child, Stevie Byerley is raised by Robbie, a robotic child minder, because her parents are too busy working. The powerful bond she forms with the robot is unbreakable. Their relationship will change the course of Stevie's life. Originally written over 60 years ago, Isaac Asimov's stories are becoming truer with every day that passes. The world that he imagined is now upon us. With Hermione Norris as Stevie Byerley, Brendan Coyle as Quinn, Dianne Weller as SZ-34/Suzi, Michael Cochrane as Doctor Lanning and Corrinne Weeks as Andrea Ashe. Dramatised by Richard Kurti. Produced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewella. B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtnj)

Episode 4

Voices in the dark and a strange message... Dr Montague continues his 'anthropological research' at the malevolent Hill House. Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding. Abridged in eight parts by Alison Joseph. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01mdf0d)

Series 28

Stan Laurel

The late Ken Dodd explains to Matthew Parris why Stan Laurel inspired him to get into comedy, with the help of expert Glenn Mitchell. Born Stan Jefferson into a theatrical family, in Lancashire, he later moved to the United States, where talent and a leg of lamb helped forge the Laurel & Hardy partnership. They became the last big comedy sensation of the silent era but took to talkies like "ducks to water" and were mobbed by fans and reporters everywhere they went. Features archive clips, including their memorable performance of The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 19:00 Something to Shout About (m0001zmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b00d4182)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Paul Temple (m0001zms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 I Dressed Ziggy Stardust (b01r91qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Melissa Murray - Bright Cave (b07232ls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b03szx7n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b088fg48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 iGod (b00ws7md)

Ego

iGOD is a highly original and funny new late-night comedy series for Radio 4. It stars Simon Day (The Fast Show) and David Soul (Starky & Hutch) and is written by one of the head writers of the BAFTA award-winning The Thick Of It, Sean Gray and produced by Simon Nicholls (Ed Reardon's Week / News At Bedtime). We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday. iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow. In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul - Starky and Hutch) shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths. Each week our case study is a normal bloke called Ian (Simon Day) who manages to accidentally initiate the apocalypse of a different parallel world through a seemingly harmless single act (telling a lie, being lazy, cooking some lambschanks). A succession of comic vignettes ensue that escalate to the end of a parallel world. With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD will be a true aural extravaganza. Written by SEAN GRAY. Produced by SIMON NICHOLLS.

THU 22:45 The News at Bedtime (b00pftg)

Episode 3

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'. Food campaigner Jack Spratt and the Tooth Fairy debate the nation's nutrition. With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Charlotte Green, Lewis MacLeod, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell. Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

THU 23:00 What the Future? (b04p86jl)

Series 1

Cars

Automatic vehicles are introduced into the country. At first, things are great. Drivetime radio becomes highly intellectual, children take to the roads and the driving test becomes dead, dead easy. Only Jeremy Clarkson has his doubts, which he expresses by feeding a driverless car to a bear, live on Top Gear. And he's right. Soon the cars gain sentience, reproduce and use roundabouts as giant nests. Then, they take over the world. Kirsty Wark presents a documentary from the future... Starring Nadia Kamil, Geoffrey McGovern, Kieran Hogson, and Alistair McGowan. With Alice Scott-Gemmill, Ivan Gonzalez, Hannah Genesis, Jane Slavin and Shaun Mason. Recorded 30 years from now, What the Future plunges into the world of tomorrow and investigates how decisions and actions concerning the current topics of today could have massive repercussions on our later lives. Dealing with issues ripped from the headlines, torn from the news agenda and hacked to shreds from Facebook feeds, WTF investigates how a single alteration now could create a chain reaction that permanently compromises the future for all. Written by Madeleine Brettingham, Steve Burge and Dale Shaw. Produced by Victoria Lloyd.

THU 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0001zmx)

Andy Brown 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to comedy producer and BAFTA winner, Andy Brown.

THU 23:30 Party (b00rhjq)

Series 1

Episode 3

Satirical sitcom by Tom Basden about a group of young idealists trying to set up a new political party. The Party clarifies its policies on climate change, while Duncan deals with the aftermath of under-cooked chicken sausages from a BBQ. Before long, murder is committed and the young idealists are placed in a compromising position. Simon Tom Basden Mel Anna Crilly Duncan Tim Key Jared Johnny Sweet Phoebe Katy Wix.

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FRI 00:00 15 Minute Drama (b08cstfw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtnj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b01mdf0d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (m0001zms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 I Dressed Ziggy Stardust (b01r91qk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b04b612c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sg1gn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mgtdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03szswq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Saturday Drama (b04tc9nc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m0001zmx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hdb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b088fg48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (m0001zj5)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

A Note For Danny

Danny Clayton is after reward money – but the suave sleuth discovers his story and Mrs Milbourne's stories don't tally... Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife. With John Baddeley as Charlie, Patrick Barr as Maurice Lonsdale, Isabel Dean as Margaret Milbourne, Nigel Graham as Danny Clayton, Frederick Treves as the Officer, Rex Graham as Norman Wallace, Peter Marinker as the Taxi Driver, Madi Hedd and Mrs Rhodes, LeRoy Lingwood as the Steward, Garard Green as Gustav and Simon Lack as Vince Langham. From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats – a world where Scotland Yard usually needed Paul's help with tricky cases. Producer: Martin C. Webster. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1965.

FRI 06:30 The Baronet and Tissington's Fight for Survival (b00jm0bq)

Sir Richard FitzHerbert of Tissington Hall talks to fellow historic house owners struggling to balance the books. From April 2009.

FRI 07:00 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)

Series 2

The Feminine Thrust

Sally smooths the way for Clare's important lecture and helps her realise she might have more important things to worry about than her job... Series two of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally. Starring Stella McCusker as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Des McAleer as Trevor, Robert Patterson as Tony, Aine McCartney as Fidelma, Hannah Gordon as Anna and Patrick Gleadhill as Simon. Director: Tanya Nash. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

FRI 07:30 The Rivals (b081ld30)

Series 4

The Stanway Cameo Mystery

By Arthur Morrison. Dramatised By Chris Harrald. Inspector Lestrade was made to look a fool in the Sherlock Holmes stories. Now he gets his own back, with tales of Holmes' rivals. Lord and Lady Stanway win the auction for the priceless but cursed 'Stanway Cameo', but it is instantly stolen. Inspector Lestrade is less than pleased to be investigating alongside society detective Martin Hewitt. Lestrade James Fleet Martin Hewitt Adam James Mr Claridge James Laitley Verlaime and Mr Cutler ... Nick Underwood Woollett, Hahn and Auctioneer ... Sean Baker Lord Stanway ... Brian Protheroe Lady Stanway Elizabeth Bennett. Producer: Liz Webb.

FRI 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again... Again! (m0001zj8)

Episode 4

Radio Prune goes commercial with 30 Second Theatre and the Adventures of Moll Flanders. A 'Best Of' revival of the BBC classic comedy with a new cast, new musicians, new gags and old favourites. I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again' was a seminal BBC Radio comedy, spawning 'The Goodies' and 'Monty Python's Flying Circus' and was the forerunner to 'I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue'. It featured John Cleese, Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie, Tim Brooke-Taylor, David Hatch and Jo Kendall. The show's mix of anarchic madness, puns, catchphrases galore and gloriously manic characters ran from 1964 to 1973, and had a youth following that made live recordings seem more like a rock concert than a comedy show. A four-part 'Best Of' revival radio series coming off the back of a critically-acclaimed and sold out theatre tour with guest cameos by Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Jo Kendall at all venues. Conceived, adapted and directed by Barnaby Eaton-Jones, from scripts and songs by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. Starring Hannah Boydell, David Clarke, Barnaby Eaton-Jones, William KV Browne and Ben Perkins. Musical accompaniment of The Farrington Four. Produced by Barnaby Eaton-Jones.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s3cgg)

Series 1

The Diploma

Harold drops a bombshell by quitting the rag and bone business for a new career as a TV repair man. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV. Adapted for radio from

Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick. Produced by Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

FRI 09:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

Episode 9

Animal, vegetable or mineral? Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions. Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Frances Edmonds and Nigel Dempster. Written by Michael Dines. Producer: Andy Aliff. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 09:30 Anything Legal (b00828m9)

Episode 2

City commuters Charles and George finally admit they've both lost their jobs and take action... A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly. Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Jon Glover as Mr Rollings, Renu Setna as the Ticket Collector, Ron Pember as the Black Market Job Salesman and Sonia Fraser as the Waitress. Theme music by Jim Parker. Producer: John Fawcett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

FRI 10:00 Julie Rutterford - How To Murder Your

Husband (b071k792)

Murder is on the menu when Flo finds out her husband's taking early retirement. But murder is harder than it seems, as Flo is soon to find out when not even a poisoned pie seems to work... Julie Rutterford's wickedly comic play stars Jean Alexander as Flo and Bill Dean as Frank. With Julie Riley as Fran, Terence Mann as Tim, Lorelei King as Carmella Schwartz, Jimmi Hibbert as Jim, Melissa Jane Sindén as Angie, John Culshore as the Instructor and Janet James as Mary. Producer: Nandita Ghose. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0001zjb)

Jake Yapp: Rule of Three and A Very Fatal Murder
Laura Grimshaw and Jake Yapp recommend the best podcasts and chat to Jason Hazeley & Joel Morris from Rule of Three, and David Sidorov from The Onion about A Very Fatal Murder.

FRI 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again... Again!

(m0001zj8)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Baronet and Tissington's Fight for Survival (b00jm0bq)

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FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b0461hk)

The Miniaturist

Episode 5

The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton. Read by Emilia Fox. On a cold autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of the Dutch East India Company's most successful merchant trader: Johannes Brandt. But her lavishly furnished new home is not welcoming, and its inhabitants seem preoccupied with their own secrets. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office which leaves Nella isolated in the grand house on the canal with his sister, the sharp-tongued Marin and Otto and Cornelia their servants as company. Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist, an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny and intricate creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways. But as she starts to receive unexpected and unasked for items for her 'toy house' Nella becomes aware that the Brandt household contains unusual secrets and she begins to understand - and fear - the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society conformity is all. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other, excavating 'the canker' of sin. The packages from the mysterious miniaturist begin to reveal chillingly prophetic objects but Nella remains at a loss as to what they all mean. Ep.5. Prompted by the jibes of Agnes Meeremans, Nella decided to pay a visit to her husband at the offices of the Dutch East India Company. Producer: JILL WATERS. Abridged by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sg3tf)

The Child Is Father of the Man

With evangelicals to rationalists battling over Britain's children, Michael Morpurgo searches surviving 18th-century records.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mhd56)

My Life with Flu

Sarah Woods - My Life with Flu

A love story, about flu. It's October 2014 and Jill is now 71. When she runs into an old familiar face at the chemists, she has one last shot at happiness. But the flu has other ideas. Written by Sarah Woods, My Life With Flu has been produced in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. In this omnibus of five episodes, it follows the story of Jill across five decades as she struggles with the highs and lows of life, love and viruses. At the same time the story tracks the life of Hong Kong Flu - how, over 45 years, it has traversed the globe, evolved and is ultimately being superseded by new, more virulent strains, such as Swine Flu. The series uses cutting edge science - of transmission, viral evolution and genetic predisposition - to tell the story of flu, and investigate the

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FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03t02x8)

Where Memories Go: Why Dementia Changes Everything
A Peaceful End

'If dementia were a country it would be the world's 18th largest economy, somewhere between Turkey and Indonesia.' Scottish broadcaster Sally Magnusson reads her moving but searingly honest account of her mother Mamie Baird's long struggle with dementia. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, Mamie Baird was a pioneering journalist, known for her witty, outrageous and fun-loving stories, for her love of music and of life itself. As well as chronicling the anguish, the frustrations and the unexpected laughs that Sally and her sisters experienced while caring for their mother for eight years until her death in 2012, Sally seeks understanding from scientists, doctors, philosophers and politicians in the face of one of the greatest challenges of our times. Today: a peaceful end amongst family. Abridged by: Sara Davies. Produced by: Justine Willett. Reader: Sally Magnusson

FRI 15:00 Julie Rutterford - How To Murder Your

Husband (b071k792)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Anything Legal (b00828m9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Rivals (b081ld30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b08ctykj)

Isaac Asimov's I, Robot

The Evitable Conflict

Stevie's meteoric rise to power leads to a final showdown with Quinn, finally revealing her secret. The rise of robotics in the 21st century, told through the poignant and mysterious story of enigmatic lawyer, Stevie Byerley. As a child, Stevie Byerley is raised by Robbie, a robotic childminder, because her parents are too busy working. The powerful bond she forms with the robot is unbreakable. Their relationship will change the course of Stevie's life. Originally written over 60 years ago, Isaac Asimov's stories are becoming truer with every day that passes. The world that he imagined is now upon us. With Hermione Norris as Stevie Byerley, Brendan Coyle as Quinn, Derek Riddell as the Doctor, Diane Spencer as the Legal Secretary and Robert Blackwood as the Tour Guide. Dramatised by Richard Kurti. Produced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewell. A B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtmp)

Episode 5

Events take a sinister turn in one of the recruit's rooms as Dr Montague continues his investigations into the supernatural at Hill House. Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding. Abridged in eight parts by Alison Joseph. Producer: Gemma Jenkins. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b04dvsrr)

Cancer

Writer and soul singer Tony Cassidy, biochemist Helen Whitehead and television writer Jed Mercurio discuss cancer. From September 2002. In each programme, Matthew Parris introduces a group 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.

FRI 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again... Again!

(m0001zj8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s3cgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Paul Temple (m0001zj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Baronet and Tissington's Fight for Survival (b00jm0bq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0001zjb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Rivals (b081ld30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6)

Series 1

Episode 1

A new show from the internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine sees Tim interview members of his live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark gleeful wordplay and preposterous songs. In this first

episode of the series Tim talks to a death-defying parachutist, hears about a hair-raising brush with a Royal Protection Officer and tells at least two jokes about chickens. Producer: Richard Morris. A BBC Studios Production.

FRI 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01c19p3)

Series 1

Heroic Failures

Gelet the dog, anyone who has played rugby for Wales and William Frost face the vote. From February 2012.

FRI 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rlngt)

2005

Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Jeremy Hardy recall a year of turbulent upheaval that was yet to be: 2005 - the Year of the Telephone. Everything you wanted to know then, about the 21st century. Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair. Producer: Caroline Leddy. First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on Radio 4 in July 1994.