

SATURDAY 12 JANUARY 2019

SAT 00:00 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 Kurri Produced and Directed by Andrew Mark Sewell A B7 production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 00:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtnp)

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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jqvg)

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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b04b61hk)

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 her 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. Ep5. Prompted by the jibes of Agnes Meermaans, 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.

SAT 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sg3ft)

The Child Is Father of the Man

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

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b04mhd56)

My Life with Flu

Sarah Woods - My Life with Flu

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SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b0302x8)

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 Mammie Baird's long struggle with dementia. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, Mammie 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

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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 Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 05:00 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 R Gordon as Anna and Patrick Gleadhill as Simon. Director: Tanya Nash. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

SAT 05:30 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 Lailey. Verlainé and Mr Cutler ... Nick Underwood. Woollett, Hahn and Auctioneer Sean Baker. Lord Stanway Brian Protheroe. Lady Stanway Elizabeth Bennett. Producer: Liz Webb.

SAT 06:00 Hood (b071ylz2)

Warriors' Harvest

The rains have come and Philip De Nicholas, the Lord High Sheriff of Nottingham, has a famine on his hands. It's 1201 and with rain destroying the grain stores, everyone is driven to the brink of starvation. The only person who can help the Sheriff is Robin Hood who's hiding in Sherwood Forest with plundered grain. The Sheriff negotiates the King's pardons if the outlaws help to feed the starving and fight the marauding Celts, who have reached the outskirts of Nottingham. Will they be able to return to normal life? Stars Lee Ingleby as Philip de Nicholas, Anthony Milles as Robert de Loxley, Peter Greenall as Little John, Damian Cooper as Will Scarlet, Sean Connolly as Friar Tuck, Sarah McKendrick as Lady Marian and Billy Miller as William de Warren. Director: Iain Meadows. Produced by Iain Meadows and Matt Hopper for Spiteful Puppet Entertainment.

SAT 07:30 Swansong (b01nl6hg)

The Holy Bible by Manic Street Preachers

Stuart Maconie presents the story of The Holy Bible - the last album to feature full contributions from Richey James Edwards. Richey is credited with design and guitar for the album. In reality he gave no musical contribution to the record yet wrote 75% of the lyrics and fashioned the record's core subject material - namely a thesis on prostitution, capital punishment, American globalization and the Holocaust. The album 'The Holy Bible' was released on 30 August 1994. Richey disappeared from the Embassy Hotel, Bayswater, London, at approximately 7am on 1 February 1995 and was never seen again. He was officially pronounced 'presumed dead' on 23 November 2008. Swansong features new contributions from Manic Street Preachers - James Dean Bradfield and Nicky Wire, plus Manics' biographer Simon Price, and Keith Cameron - contributing Editor of Mojo magazine.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b03vthky)

The Death of the Spiv

The poet Paul Henry traces the slippery movements of "The Spiv" through the archives. When Paul was a young man he was captivated by the slick, smooth-talking Private Joe Walker in the TV sitcom 'Dad's Army'. A few years later, on his first trip to London, he was soon parted from his money by a man selling dodgy cutlery from a suitcase in Petticoat Lane. Ever since then, he's been fascinated by this tricky stereotype, and so he has gone through the archives to find out where the factual and the fictional Spiv has gone. One of the spiv's earliest incarnations was a real life conman from the turn of the 20th century called Henry the Spiv Bagster, but the etymology of the word itself is nearly as evasive as a spiv. It's the protean quality of the spiv, the imagined and the real, that is really appealing. Paul follows him as he dips in between light and shade - from the comic representations in the form of his beloved Private Walker and Arthur English to the far murkier and occasionally psychotic characters in films like 'They Made Me a Fugitive'. Paul looks at the specific social and economic conditions of post-war Britain that arguably made a spiv of everyone, and tries to find out where he may have disappeared to now, in these days of relative plenty. With contributions from actor Alan Ford, crime historian Clive Emsley, critic Robert Hanks, columnist Owen Jones and amateur historian Rob Baker who tells Paul about the horrific murder of a real life spiv. Rich archive includes 'Hancock's Half Hour' where Sid hosts a celebration of the return of rationing, first hand testimony from a self-confessed former spiv, and an interview with George Cole. Producer: Sarah Langan.

SAT 09:00 Parody Please (b08hr30m)

A surprisingly wide array of favourite radio personalities - Charlotte Green, Sandi Toksvig, Lyse Doucet and Ruth from The Archers - co-present this exploration of radio self-parody, which also contains contributions from Jan Ravens. The history of radio's ability to parody itself goes back almost to the birth of radio. The range of this parody is so wide - news, current affairs, drama, the arts, phone-ins, investigative journalism - that the production team on this programme decided that a single presenter simply wouldn't do it justice. Parody Please is co-presented by a truly exceptional range of favourite radio voices, including Charlotte Green, Sandi Toksvig, Lyse Doucet and Ruth from the Archers, who collectively explore why radio is the best medium for parody, and its important role in our society, perhaps today more than ever. Jan Ravens joined this roster of celebrities in order to talk with the distinguished radio critic Gillian Reynolds in an interview which ranges across Band Wagon, The Private Life of Hilda Tablet, Delve Special, Radio Active, Down the Line, People Like Us, Dead Ringers, not to mention the unexpected late-night phone-in contributions of Sven the Norwegian. Producer: Beauty Rubens.

SAT 12:00 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.

SAT 12:30 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 McGovern 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.

SAT 13:00 Maya Angelou: All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes (Omnibus) (m0001ztc)

After her son's road accident, Maya is helped by the kindness of Ghana's famous poet and playwright Efuia Sutherland. She's also helped by ex-pats living close by, whom she names as the 'revolutionary returnees'. As a group of Black Americans they are all hoping to assimilate into Ghanaian life, but it's not quite as they expected. The fifth volume of Maya Angelou's extraordinary memoirs. Narrator – Maya – Adjoa Andoh. Maya – Pippa Bennett Warner. Guy – Tristan Slowly. Julian Mayfield – Cyril Nri. Efuia Sutherland – Gbemisola Ikumelo. Dramatised by Patricia Cumper. Director: Pauline Harris. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0001ztf)

Dame Jenni Murray

Journalist and broadcaster Dame Jenni Murray chooses The Blue Danube by Strauss, and Diamonds and Rust by Joan Baez.

SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b05vrnl)

Flora Robson

The actress Dame Flora Robson answers questions posed by John Freeman and Philip Hope-Wallace. After she performed a poem at the age of five, Flora was told by her father she'd be "the next Ellen Terry". But the strain of performing caused a breakdown at the age of 12. RADA beckoned – and the actress won fame for her powerful, emotional acting as an adult. Her long career included appearances in 60 films and more than 100 plays. 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 1960.

SAT 14:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05s3nft)

Episode 3

Master raconteur Kenneth Williams recalls his London childhood – and adventures with his friend Stanley Baxter. 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.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b03vthkv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Hood (b071y1z2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Swansong (b01nl6hg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Philip K Dick - Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (b047cz98)

Episode 2

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. Bounty hunter Rick Deckard is on a mission to locate and retire a rogue group of androids who have escaped a life of slavery on Mars and returned to Earth. But now that androids are almost indistinguishable from human beings, 'retirement' begins to feel more like murder and Deckard's morals get in the way of the job. The boundaries continue to blur when he develops feelings for the beautiful and sentient Rachael Rosen, herself an android. Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

SAT 19:00 Parody Please (b08hr30m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b04szqx)

Series 6

Chris Difford

Rufus Hound is joined by the musician and Squeeze founder member Chris Difford. His 1974 diary talks about the very early days of the band and describes life behind the scenes – including a wild ride down the A20 on the back of a motorbike. Produced by Harriet Jaïne. A Talkback production for BBC Radio.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0132pv7)

Series 7

Peter Hook talks to John Cooper Clarke

Chain Reaction is Radio 4's tag-team interview show. Each week, a figure from the world of entertainment chooses another to interview; the next week, the interviewee turns interviewer, and they in turn pass the baton on to someone else – creating a 'chain' throughout the series. After Rhys Thomas interviewed Simon Day, Simon interviewed the musician and author Peter Hook. This week, Peter interviews a fellow Salfordian, the punk poet laureate John Cooper Clarke. Coming to prominence

during the punk years of the late 70s, Clarke would appear on the bill with The Sex Pistols, The Buzzcocks, and Peter's own Joy Division – and Peter's next band, New Order, would support John on a tour of New Zealand and Australia. The interview takes in their shared Salford heritage, doing adverts in the 1980s, and John's recent appearance on the GCSE English syllabus.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000261m)

David Benson and Jack Lane 2/3

From 10pm – midnight, 7 days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp talks to David Benson and Jack Lane.

SAT 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b01jxtf2)

Series 2

Tony Becton

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 reformed violent offender Tony Becton returns to The Mallard Theatre with stories of his rehabilitation and new life in a park. Cast list: Tony Becton Simon Day. Emanuel Akinyemi Felix Dexter. Pat Bennet ... Morwenna Banks. Ron Bone / Wozak Simon Greenall. Written by Simon Day. Produced by Colin Anderson.

SAT 23:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d75nw)

Series 2

Honesty

The comedian finds out if telling the truth pays off. With poetry and songs from Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Saturday]

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SUN 07:15 Bill Paterson - A Very Bad Thing (m0002054)

Bill Paterson reads his own warm-hearted reminiscences of a boyhood adventure set in Glasgow's long, hot summer of 1955.

SUN 07:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b046ny8j)

Series 1

Episode 1

Nominated for Best Comedy in the BBC Audio Drama Awards 2015, Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' is a comedy sketch show written and performed by Ruth Bratt and Lucy Trodd, stars of Radio 4's Showstoppers. What happens when you put together jaded (sorry, 'experienced') comedy circuit veteran Ruth Bratt (Derek, People Just Do Nothing, Quick Cuts, Ministry of Curious Stuff, Mongrels) and 'serious circuit' enthusiast Lucy Trodd (famous for her fruit impressions)? This week Ruth gets to perform her favourite sketch featuring eight different Kens – she just has to get Lucy to understand it. Meanwhile the 1940's divas who run a lighthouse can't work out whose turn it is to switch on the light; and on Wetumpka's

public access radio station, Thandie is trying to find her clumsy and slightly terrifying daughter Lily-Rose-May a date. Written and performed by Ruth Bratt and Lucy Trodd. Supporting cast: Adam Meggido and Oliver Senton. Script Editor: Jon Hunter. Composer: Duncan Walsh. Atkins. Producer: Ben Worsfield. A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m0002056)

I Don't Know What to Get Her

Barbara's worried about her brother's risqué new girlfriend. What will his parents think? Starring Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon, Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir, David Enders, Barbara Blair and Brian Smith. 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 December 1951.

SUN 08:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp5l)

Only Three Can Play

The Bishop, Archdeacon and Bishop's Chaplain regularly enjoy their own board game of imaginary railway journeys – until Nootie gets distracted by an attractive neighbour... Clerical comedy starring Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, William Mervyn as the Bishop, Derek Nimmo as Bishop's Chaplain – the Reverend Mervyn Nootie and John Barron as the Dean. With Elizabeth Proud as Christine. 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 February 1971.

SUN 09:00 We Are Displaced Omnibus (m0002058)

Malala Yousafzai collected the stories in We Are Displaced to show that refugees are ordinary people caught up in extraordinary circumstances. As the poet Warsan Shire says in her poem 'Home': 'No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. You only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well.' All that differentiates the young women whose stories we'll hear, is that they found themselves in the middle of a conflict which forced them to leave their homes, their loved ones, and the only lives they had known. The readers are Lisa Zahra, Sarah Agha, Shaniya Hama Ali, Isabella Incbald and Cherrelle Skeete. Abridged and directed by Kate McAll. A Pier Production first broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b085bgjy)

Sam and Tom – Where's Woody

Fi Glover introduces a conversation between friends who find that art can reflect life, both poignantly and humorously. Another 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 (b01969ly)

Crime Writers

James Ellroy

Desert Island Discs Revisited with Kirsty Young explores the choices of the author of noir fiction in the second of a series featuring crime writers.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b088sp8z)

Series 4

Episode 7

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

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)

Series 1

Monstrous Flowers

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world. Deep in the steamy forests of Sumatra, the largest flowers in the world

bloom, albeit for under a week. But why are they so big?

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SUN 14:30 Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (m000205b)

Omnibus 2/2

Adrian is asked to write a book. Meanwhile, Pandora calls a family summit meeting. Read by Harry McEntire. 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. 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 tinned 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 over the years, and once again showcases Sue Townsend's fearless and razor-sharp wit. Abridger: Sara Davies Producer: Alexa Moore Omnibus of the last five of ten parts first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SUN 15:45 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qf8)

Jacob A Riis - Police Lodging Room, Church Street Station, 1895

Colin Ford explains how Riis's photographs of the New York slum had an immediate and extraordinary impact on society. From December 1999.

SUN 16:00 Bonnie Greer - Marilyn and Ella Backstage at the Mocambo (b07djzwp)

1950s Hollywood: Marilyn Monroe sets out to help singer Ella Fitzgerald challenge racial prejudice. Bonnie Greer's drama inspired by the remarkable true story of how film star Marilyn helped launch Ella's American west coast career at Hollywood's world-famous Mocambo Night Club. Stars Julia Ford as Marilyn Monroe, Alibe Parsons as Ella Fitzgerald, Kerry Shale as Morrison/Lee Strasberg, Stuart Milligan as Norman Granz and Bonnie Greer as Flossie. Singer: Ruby King Pianist: Steve Brown Producers: Pauline Harris and Vivien Rosenthal First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b08n22rt)

Zaffar Kunial

Ground-truthing poetry - Paul Farley hears new poems by Zaffar Kunial in the English Midlands places they were made. Producer: Tim Dee.

SUN 17:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b046ny8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Mind's Eye (m000205d)

Lizzie returns home from working abroad to look after her grandmother. On the plane, she meets a very pleasant young student with whom she becomes friends when he visits her in Suffolk. But is there any connection between his interest in her and the nightmares her grandmother has been having? Jill Hyem's drama stars Emily Bruni as Lizzie Feltham, Bridget Turner as Alice, Nitin Ganatra as Ani, Michael Higgs as Ned Catwright, Ann Beech as Marion, Sandra Clark as Pat and Peter Darney as Man on the plane. Director: Cherry Cookson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 18:45 The Mirror by Kate Mosse (b08018qq)

Toussaint. The Eve of All Saints. A time when the veil between our world and the next is as thin as a spider's web. A time when ghosts and unquiet spirits wait in the shadows for the darkness to fall. When night comes, or so it is said, so come they to claim the souls of those destined to die in the coming year. On this day, in the year 1883, in a remote village in the foothills of the Pyrenees, a mother struggles through a long labour to bring her baby into the world. Written for Radio 4 by Kate Mosse, author of Labyrinth, The Taxidermist's Daughter and The Winter Ghosts. Read by Kate Mosse Produced by Mair Bosworth Music by Timothy X Atack First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b088sp8z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 We Are Displaced Omnibus (m0002058)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b085bgjy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01696ly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b046ny8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls Present (b00gpbcn)

The Brothers Faversham

Leonidas Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most reckless living explorer. The comedy trio's swashbuckling family romp. From January

2008.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000261p)

David Benson and Jack Lane 3/3

From 10pm - midnight, 7 days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp talks to David Benson and Jack Lane.

SUN 23:00 Polyoaks (b045c65h)

Series 3

In the Midst of Life...

Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer's satire on some of the major issues thrown up by NHS reform. Among the many targets in their sights are the Care Quality Commission, patient records, privatisation, whistleblowing, time wasters and patient participation groups. Will the NHS be safe in the hands of Pfizer? Why do doctors often look sicker than their patients? Would an NHS executive go private? How are doctors reevaluated? What does that actually mean? And is that piece of dry skin on your heel anything to do with the amount you've been drinking lately? These and other questions may well be answered at Polyoaks - the flagship of enlightened West Country General Practice at the forefront of a constantly reforming NHS. Nigel Planer stars as Dr Roy Thornton and Simon Greenall as his brother Dr Hugh Thornton in a clinic always at odds with itself over diagnoses, funding, clinical commissioning groups, Jeremy Hunt and the ever more dubious commercial activities of their associate TV's Dr. Jeremy (David Westhead), who is still juggling Dictionary Corner, a series of Malpractice suits and forgotten alimony payments. Episode 1: In The Midst of Lifeln which we look to the health of our health professionals. Cast: Dr. Roy Thornton.....Nigel Planer Dr. Hugh Thornton.....Simon Greenall TV's Dr. Jeremy.....David Westhead Betty Crossfield.....Jane Whittenshaw Nurse Vera Duplessis.....Polly Frame Mr. Devlin.....Phil Cornwell The Practice's patients and associates: Grainne Keenan and Kate O'Sullivan Written by Dr. Phil Hammond and David Spicer Produced and directed by Frank Stirling A Unique production for BBC Radio 4

SUN 23:30 Radio Active (b007jrkv)

Series 2

Good Day Sport

Get the all the sport results you need and all those you don't - from your local national radio station. 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 James Hendrie and Jimmy Mulville. Producer: Jimmy Mulville First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1982.

MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019

MON 00:00 The Mind's Eye (m000205d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 The Mirror by Kate Mosse (b08018qq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Sarah Woods - My Life With Flu (Omnibus) (b04n61gy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Bill Paterson - A Very Bad Thing (m0002054)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years (m000205b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jqvw)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

A Change of Mind

After a curious train journey to Geneva for his investigation, the suave sleuth gets a surprise revelation... 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 Patrick Barr as Maurice Lonsdale, Isabel Dean as Margaret Milbourne, Polly Murch as Julia Carrington, Noel Howlett as Walter Neider, Garard Green as Gustav, Hamlyn Benson as the Concierge, Gordon Faith as the Doctor, Nigel Graham as Danny Clayton 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.

MON 06:30 Garibaldi's Grand Scheme (b0088nd9)

Episode 1

Misha Glenny traces the career of Italian nationalist hero Giuseppe Garibaldi. 1/2. Born in Nice in 1807, Garibaldi became a merchant seaman, a guerrilla fighter in South

America, a defeated hero of the Roman Republic and the man who liberated the south of Italy before giving up all of his powers to the north. Misha's journey takes him to Sicily, Rome, Sardinia and Milan. Among the people he meets is Anita Garibaldi, a descendant of the General himself.

MON 07:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)

Series 2

Submarine Diplomacy

Telexes are arriving from London; awkward questions are being asked in the House; the spirit of the Armada is in dire peril of reasserting itself. All in a day's overwork for the British Ambassador and his staff. Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom. Starring Dinsdale Lenden as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov, David Goodland as Captain Warner and Stephen Greif as the US Ambassador. Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001xqk)

Series 21

Episode 3

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. Sandi Toksvig, Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Graeme Garden are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as drunkenness, passports, orange and the weather. Produced by Jon Naismith. A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00898pr)

Series 5

East Cheam Drama Festival

Rivalling Edinburgh and Salzburg - three short plays as the lad welcomes us to East Cheam Repertory Company. 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 (b007jp7p)

Series 2

A Night Out

A stranded passenger sparks a chain of disasters at the sleepy railway station. Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Bradshaw/Clara, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert, John Graham as the Inspector/Minister and Hilary Pritchard as Doris. 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 (b01blgp6)

Series 62

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons presents the first of the series that marked the 45th birthday of Just a Minute. In this show panellists Paul Merton, Ross Noble, Jenny Eclair and Gyles Brandreth are all asked to talk on subjects given out in the first series in 1967. Paul Merton is asked to describe what he does When I Wear a Top Hat. Ross Noble explores the topic of The English Nanny. Gyles Brandreth explains How to Perform a Cornish Floral Dance and Jenny Eclair reveals all she knows about Knitting a Cablestitch Jumper. Producer: Claire Jones.

MON 09:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b007r9p)

The Painful Fall of a Great Reputation

Retired KC, Basil Grant, his brother Rupert and colleague Charlie Swinburne are travelling on the top deck of a tramcar through the "squalid eternity" of North London. In the midst of a sea of cadgers, pickpockets and hoodlums, Basil spies one Mr Wimpole - who he claims is the wickedest man in England. At Charlie's reasonable demands for proof, Basil throws them into a frantic chase across London... Stars David Warner as Basil Grant, Martin Freeman as Rupert Grant, Geoffrey McGovern as Charlie Swinburne, Nicholas Farrell as Drummond, Richard Griffiths as Sir Walter Chumley, Justin Edwards as Wimpole, Alice Lowe as Muriel and Geoffrey Whitehead as Lord Beaumont. GK Chesterton stories dramatised by Simon Littlefield. Producer: Simon Nicholls First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 10:00 Mark McShane - Seance On A Wet Afternoon (b03sr0wy)

Myra Savage conducts séances for a dwindling number of clients. If only there were some way of persuading the wider public of her paranormal abilities - then she'd enjoy the fame and wealth she deserves. She and her husband Bill plan a publicity stunt. They will kidnap the daughter of a prominent businessman. At the critical moment Myra will tap into her psychic powers, contact the distressed parents and provide the police with the vital clues they need to find the girl. What could go wrong? Mark McShane's novel was made into a 1964 film

directed by Bryan Forbes. This new version for radio is dramatised by Adrian Bean. Myra.....Caroline StrongBill.....Robert GlenisterD.S. Payne.....Carl PrekoppClayton.....Nick UnderwoodRita.....Jasmine HydeAdriana.....Lizzy WattsSupt. Watts.....Gerard McDermottMrs Wintry.....Jane WhittenshawOther parts are played by the cast.Producer/director: Bruce Young
MON 11:00 The TED Interview (m00020sq)
David Deutsch

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 physicist David Deutsch. His 1997 book "The Fabric of Reality" laid the groundwork for an all-encompassing Theory of Everything, and galvanized interest in the idea of a quantum computer, which could solve problems of hitherto unimaginable complexity. A TED original podcast.
MON 11:45 Comic Fringes (b068sp4j)

Series 11
Cats Who Walk Like Gentlemen, by Robert Florence
Robert Florence reveals the dark doings of the Scottish branch of the Illuminati. Short story series featuring new writing by leading comedians. Recorded live in front of an audience at 2015's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. As well as his interest in secret societies, Robert Florence is the acclaimed writer and co-creator of BBC Scotland's cult sketch show Burnistoun. Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00898pr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jp7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jqvw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Garibaldi's Grand Scheme (b0088nd9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04bn2y1)

The Miniaturist

Episode 6

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. 6 Whilst Johannes is in Venice an unwelcome visitor arrives at the Brandt household. 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 (b00shhrj)

How I Wish I Were a Boy

Michael Morpurgo discovers middle-class boys went to 19th-century public schools as a shield from too much female influence.

MON 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb1qz)

Episode 1

September, 1945: Anne Welles arrives in New York from sedate Lawrenceville to find that every woman she meets is looking for a husband. Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry. Stars Madeleine Potter as Anne Welles, Barbara Barnes as Neely O'Hara, Stuart Milligan as Henry Bellamy, Walter Lewis as Allen Cooper and Liza Ross as Mrs Welles. Producer: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 14:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m00020ss)

Series 4

The Haunting of Shawley Rectory by Ruth Rendell (Part 1/2)
An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places. Series Four: Tales from the collection A Spot Of Folly by Ruth Rendell. There have long been rumours of ghosts at the rectory, but these are given new strength when the new rector and his family move out after only a couple of days. Ruth Rendell was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and

in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died in May 2015. A Spot Of Folly, a collection of previously unpublished stories, was published in 2017. Writer: Ruth Rendell
Reader: Miles Jupp
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra

MON 15:00 Mark McShane - Seance On A Wet Afternoon (b03sr0wy)

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MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b01blgpp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076r9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001xqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b07j40wr)

Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist

The Bookseller

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers. The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In The Bookseller, we find Mr Buggage and his secretary Miss Tottle hard at work in the back room of Mr Buggage's book shop in London's Charing Cross Road. It soon becomes clear that they are running a most successful business – but the fortune they are amassing is not from the sale of books. Cast: Storyteller.....Charles Dance
Mr Buggage.....Toby Jones
Miss Tottle.....Celia Imrie
Mrs Northcote.....Jean Trend
Mr Northcote.....Richard Atlee
Written by Roald Dahl
Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan
Director: David Blount
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

MON 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtp2)

Episode 6

The house shakes as though destroying itself and Eleanor's mind thinks to when the experiments end. Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror continued by Emma Fielding
Abridged in 8-parts by Alison Joseph.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b007s1cb)

Clive Swift and Margaret Heffernan
Sue MacGregor and her guests – actor Clive Swift and entrepreneur Margaret Heffernan – discuss books by Caryl Phillips, Carol Ann Duffy and Arthur Conan Doyle. Dancing in the Dark by Caryl Phillips
Publisher: Vintage
Feminine Gospels by Carol Ann Duffy
Publisher: Picador
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle
Publisher: Penguin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

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MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0001xqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007qx6z)

Series 1

The Universe

The spoof TV sci-fi star explains life's big mysteries. Stars Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Tom Baker. From October 1992.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00023kb)

Series 25

Episode 2

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

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b007js6h)

The Train

The Ministry of Furniture and methodist pirates. Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections. With Miriam Margolyes, Dan Strauss, Michael Troughton and Neil Mullarkey. And Sir Patrick Moore, Sir Robert Stephens and Richard Baker. Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995

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TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jqvw)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

A Surprise for Mrs Milbourne

After the Geneva revelations, the suave sleuth heads to St Moritz, where danger lurks in the snow. 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 Patrick Barr as Maurice Lonsdale, Isabel Dean as Margaret Milbourne, Gordon Faith as Hans Schmidt, Peter Bartlett as the Waiter, Gordon Gardner as the Driver, Antony Viccars as the Doctor, Nigel Graham as Danny Clayton, Simon Lack as Vince Langham, Michael McLain as the Man on the Phone, Noel Howlett as Walter Neider, Malcolm Terris as Kroner and Bruce Beebey as Ferdie. 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.

TUE 06:30 Garibaldi's Grand Scheme (b00899f1)

Episode 2

Misha Glenn traces the career of Italian nationalist hero Giuseppe Garibaldi. He explores the background to Garibaldi's most glorious exploit, the landing of a thousand men on Sicily and the heroic efforts that liberated all of southern Italy. On his travels, he meets former mayor of Palermo Leoluca Orlando, the man who stood up to the mafia.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00kf4ny)

Series 3

Laugh and Marriage

Bill wants Richard and Liza to cool their ardour, while Faith is stoking the fires. 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, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Belinda Lang as Liza, Geoffrey Whitehead as Richard, Mark Denham as Joe, Jo Kendall as Marjorie and Mark Straker as Alex. 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 (m0001xtf)

Series 3

The Coat

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 Danno, 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. In this second episode, Julie has a bone to pick with Danno, and Andy has finally met a woman - but she's not all she seems. 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 Danno Paul Kaye Andy Johnny Vegas Alice Aimee Ffion Edwards 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 (b007jzjx)

Series 3

The Fridge

Author Gerald and his wife Diana blow hot and cold over refrigeration. The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana. With Brian Carroll and Danny Schiller. Written by Basil Boothroyd. Producer: Bobby Jaye First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

TUE 08:30 Know Your Place (b01874kv)

Not to Be Used for Babies

Caretaker Ramsay awards cleaner Elsie her own storeroom, but he's keen to ensure the perk isn't abused. Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-ambitious cleaner Elsie. Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elsie. Spurgeon. 8-part sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan. With Pat Coombs, John Graham and Sue Holderness. Producer: Edward Taylor First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1982.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00023kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Elastic Planet (b007j36h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pjzbx)

Episode 1

On either side of Nightingale Wood through one idyllic year in the late 1930s, hearts beat and minds scheme, as the dowdy Wither family tries to compete with the glittering Springs. Bookish Tina Wither is in love with Saxon, her father's handsome and aloof chauffeur. Her shop girl sister-in-law, Viola, has fallen for Victor Spring, the lord of the manor. And Madge is in love with a dog... Stella Gibbons' sparkling comedy of manners dramatised in two parts by Christopher William Hill. Starring Victoria Hamilton as Tina, Dinah Stabb as Mother, Francine Chamberlain as Viola, Simon Bubb as Victor, Paul Moriarty as Father, Adjoa Andoh as Edna, Adam Billington as Saxon, Victoria Inez Hardy as Madge, Alex Rivers as Hetty, Joan Walker as Phyllis, Ian Masters as Spurrey and Judith Coke as Miss Cattyman. Director: Marion Nancarrow First broadcast in the 'Neglected Classics' season on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

TUE 11:00 Shorts (b0552bqx)

New Irish Writing

Tommy and Moon

A series of original stories from some of Ireland's most exciting writers. Donal Ryan (The Spinning Heart, The Thing About December) brings us to Limerick where a young writer befriends a local octogenarian, Tommy, and discovers the beauty within the man. Eimear McBride (A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing) takes us into a world of dark family secrets and revenge, while playwright Rosemary Jenkinson reflects on the changing landscape of Belfast and its mythology as a young girl believes she's discovered the fairy folk in the hill behind her home. Writer Donal Ryan Reader Liam O'Brien Producer Gemma McMullan

TUE 11:15 Jerome Vincent - Teddy and Toad (m0002107)

How US President 'Teddy' Roosevelt helped get 'The Wind in the Willows' published in America, contributing in no small way to the success of its author Kenneth Grahame. True story dramatised by Jerome Vincent. Bill Paterson stars as Kenneth Grahame, Vincent Marzello as 'Teddy' Roosevelt, Clare Corbett as Constance Smedley, Jonathan Tafler as Curtis Brown, John Eivitts as Chief, Chris Stanton as Questor, David Jarvis as Malloy, Alfred Chambers as Alistair Grahame and Spencer Hodge as Quentin Roosevelt. Director: David Blount. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzjx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Know Your Place (b01874kv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jqw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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TUE 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04brlqd)

The Miniaturist

Episode 7

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. 7. Nella discovers Marin's secret, but does she fully understand its implications? Producer: JILL WATERS Abridged by Isobel Creed and directed by Jill Waters A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shl8f)

Reinstated Divinity

Michael Morigo discovers how the Victorian obsession with childhood, both real and romanticised, appeared in art and literature.

TUE 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbbfj)

Episode 2

One of New York's richest men proposes marriage to Anne.

Jacqueline Susann's drama on the perils of fame, with Madeleine Potter.

TUE 14:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m0002109)

Series 4

The Haunting Of Shawley Rectory by Ruth Rendell (Part 2/2)

An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places. Series Four: Tales from the collection A Spot Of Folly by Ruth Rendell. An American woman buys and refurbishes the rectory -

which seems to quieten the chatter about ghosts ... Ruth Rendell was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died in May 2015. A Spot Of Folly, a collection of previously unpublished stories, was published in 2017. Writer: Ruth Rendell Reader: Miles Jupp Producer: Jeremy Osborne A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra

TUE 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pjzbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b01n712h)

Series 5

Brand, Hart Dyke, Clark

Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham.

Professor John Lloyd CBE is joined by 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. John and Jimmy welcome Astronomer Dr Stuart Clark; Plant-hunter and former hostage Tom Hart Dyke; and comedian, novelist and sitcom writer Jo Brand. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b0081c1z)

Series 2

A Soft-Hearted Little Thing

More tangles in Izzy's love life, when she and Dick head to dinner with Charles. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With Mike Grady as Dick, Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rosemary Martin as Aunt Vinny, David Robb as Charles, Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn, Phyllida Nash as Louise and Zelah Clarke as Sooty. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1997 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV. Producer: Jonathan James-Moore First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00kf4ny)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Love in Recovery (m0001xtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b07j4kc7)

Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist

Poison

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues' gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers. The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In Poison, rubber planter Harry Pope fears that a krait - a lethally venomous snake - has crawled under his bed sheets and is nestling on his stomach. His friend, Timber Woods, calls the local doctor for urgent assistance. When Dr Ganderbai arrives, tension mounts as he puts an ingenious and desperate plan into operation. Cast: Storyteller Charles Dance Timber Woods... Jonathan Keeble Harry Pope Ben Crowe Dr

Ganderbai Madhav Sharma Written by Roald Dahl Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan Director: David Blount A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtp8)

Episode 7

Eleanor behaves strangely in the library, climbing to the tower barefoot - but no one can get through to her... Shirley Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror read by Emma Fielding. Abridged in 8-parts by Alison Joseph. Producer: Gemma Jenkins First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

TUE 18:30 Sounds Natural (b07mvx97)

Harry Secombe

From the Hyena to the Mountain Gorilla. Star of The Goon Show, actor and singer Harry Secombe talks to Derek Jones about his love of wildlife photography and travel - aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive. Producer: John Burton. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1976.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Jerome Vincent - Teddy and Toad (m0002107)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Love in Recovery (m0001xtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Wilson Dixon Line (b00kjh14)

Sweet Home Colorado

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 two, Sweet Home Colorado, Wilson reminisces about his dysfunctional family and his upbringing in Cripple Creek. Wilson Dixon is the comic creation of Jesse Griffin and sidekick Snake Wizzelteats is performed by Jesse Budd.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000261r)

Adam Hess 1/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Jayde Adams talks to Adam Hess.

TUE 23:00 Cowards (b00776sr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Talking coins and cows in the bizarre world of Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf. From April 2007.

TUE 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01bm0pr)

Series 4

Episode 1

Comedian-activist Mark Thomas and his studio audience consider policy proposals for a People's Manifesto. This week's agenda: 1) Excluding Non-Doms from free access to the NHS2) Every citizen to be given £10,000 in quantitative easing vouchers, to be spent in the next 6 months And 3) Proportional voting rights for MPs based on the size of their majorities "Any Other Business" policies are also taken from the studio audience throughout the show. Written and presented by Mark Thomas Produced by Colin Anderson.

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jqwh)

Paul Temple and the Geneva Mystery

See You in London

A stabbing in the snow, a fatal fire, blackmail and hush money. Can the suave sleuth unravel the deadly mystery? 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, Frederick Treves as Stone, Nigel Graham as Danny Clayton, Simon Lack as Vince Graham, Polly Murch as Julia Carrington, Alan Haines as the Sergeant, Bryan Colvin as Luigi, Malcom Terris as the Doctor and LeRoy Longwood as the Waiter. 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 Steve Richards Stands Up for Politics (b03bpxxx)

Steve Richards is a leading columnist about politics for the national press. But he has also been developing a new career in stand-up comedy, putting on a one-man show which explores some of the manoeuvring and absurdities of politics without being cynical or distrustful about the motives of politicians. He says he's trying to do what he calls "pro-politics comedy". This is his audio diary of how it went. Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

WED 07:00 Second Holmes (b015qy32)

The Case of the Reading Undertaker

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson investigate the death of a man by crossbow. 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, Stuart Organ as Simon Durham, Madi Hedd as Janet Durham, James Kerry as Inspector Fowler, Ronald Baddiley as the General and Hugh Dickson as Lamson. 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 (m0001ygt)

Series 2

Ageing

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 (b01mmp0j)

Taking Some Liberties

With HMS Troutbridge set for special escort duty, amorous Mr Phillips returns on a unicycle. 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, Ronnie Barker as Lieutenant Queeg 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 July 1965.

WED 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00021fq)

From 9/7/1959

Kenneth Horne fancies a Spanish trip and 'Hornorama' spotlights Britain. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took. 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 July 1959.

WED 09:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js0s)

Series 2

Episode 1

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Jack Docherty, Pater Baynam, Armando Iannucci and Simon Pegg. The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in. Producer: David Tyler. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

WED 09:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008j030)

On the Line

Harold Perkins can't get a site phone, so his workmates get him a handset and more besides... 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 Curran as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Steven Harrold as Harry, Carol Hawkins as Miss James, Stephen Garlick as Plonker and Karen Ascoe as the Typist. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. Written by Ted Walker. Producer: Martin Fisher. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

WED 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Nightingale Wood (b01pkjwp)

Episode 2

The young, widowed and pretty Viola Wither finally has the chance to escape her stifling in-laws in Essex. Whilst they are spending a month in the Lakes, she and her sister-in-law Tina escape to Stanton on Sea. Viola is still pining for the dashing Victor Spring - who has kissed her - and Tina for the beautiful chauffeur, Saxon - likewise. But is it all hopeless? Stella Gibbons' sparkling pre-war comedy of manners dramatised in two-parts by Christopher William Hill. Starring Victoria Hamilton as Tina, Dinah Stabb as Mother, Paul Moriarty as Father, Francine Chamberlain as Viola Simon Bubb as Victor, dam Billington as Saxon, Adjoa Andoh as Edna, Alex Rivers as Hetty, Joan Walker as Phyllis, Ian Masters as Spry, James Lailey as Uncle Frank, Gerald McDermott as Mr Brodhurst. Director: Marion Nancarrow. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

WED 11:00 Shorts (b055jykh)

New Irish Writing

The Blackthorn Tree

A series of original stories from some of Ireland's most exciting writers. Donal Ryan (The Spinning Heart, The Thing About December) brings us to Limerick where a young writer befriends a local octogenarian, Tommy, and discovers the beauty within the man. Eimear McBride (A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing) takes us into the world of dark family secrets and revenge, while playwright Rosemary Jenkinson reflects on the changing landscape of Belfast and its mythology as a young girl believes she's discovered the fairy folk in the hill behind her home. Writer: Rosemary Jenkinson. Reader: Maggie Cronin. Producer: Heather Larmour

WED 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b00fq1br)

Michael Butt - The Babington Plot

Documentary-style drama by Michael Butt that tells the story of the 1586 plot to assassinate Elizabeth I and return England to Catholic rule under Mary, Queen of Scots. The story is told from the perspective of several of the conspirators - some genuine, some government spies that had infiltrated the group. Presenter: Stephen Greif. Robert Poley: Burn Gorman. Thomas Salisbury: Sam Barnett. Aflosier Skeres: Chris Pavlo. Thomas Phelipps: Jonathan Taylor. Robert Bull: Stephen Critchlow. Gilbert Gifford: Inam Mirza. Don Mendoza: Malcolm Tierney. Mistress Bellamy: Marlene Sidaway. Jane Tichbourne: Janice Acquah. Agnes Lauren: Jill Cardo. Shepherd: Dan Starkey. Casey: Paul Rider. Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

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WED 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04brrmc)

The Miniaturist

Episode 8

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

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WED 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00shrwl)

Father, Is It Time?

Michael Morpurgo reveals children's working lives during the

Industrial Revolution - up chimneys, in factories and down

mines.

WED 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbc2m)

Episode 3

Anne meets famous torch singer Helen, and Neely understudies

the lead in a new musical. Drama on the perils of fame stars

Sally Dexter and Susan Jameson.

WED 14:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m00021fs)

Series 4

The Price of Joy by Ruth Rendell (Part 1/2)

An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places. Series

Four: Tales from the collection A Spot Of Folly by Ruth

Rendell. Daniel is set on remarrying his first wife, Joy. But there

is an obstacle to this: his current wife, Prunella. Ruth Rendell

was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known

for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological

novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and

in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died in May 2015. A Spot Of

Folly, a collection of previously unpublished stories, was

published in 2017. Writer: Ruth Rendell. Reader: Samuel

West. Producer: Jeremy Osborne. A Sweet Talk Production for

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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WED 17:30 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001ygt)

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WED 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b07j571j)

Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist

My Lady Love, My Dove

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane storyteller in

dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and

amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for

their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks,

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powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy

with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly

characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism,

presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In My Lady

Love, My Dove, starring Penelope Keith, we meet Arthur and

Pamela Beauchamp, a wealthy couple who like to play bridge.

However, they are continually being beaten by the Snapes - a

younger couple who stay with them as house guests. But Pamela

has devised a cunning way of getting her own back.

Cast: Storyteller: Charles Dance. Pamela: Penelope

Keith. Arthur: Richard

O'Callaghan. Henry: Nicholas

Boulton. Sally: Jaimi Barbakoff. Written by Roald

Dahl. Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan. Director: David Blount. A

Navy production for BBC Radio 4

WED 18:15 Shirley Jackson - The Haunting of Hill House (b007jtpg)

Episode 8

The experiment ends and it's time to leave the house. But

Eleanor has no home to go to and wants to stay... Shirley

Jackson's spine-chilling Gothic Horror concluded by Emma

Fielding. Abridged in 8-parts by Alison Joseph. Producer:

Gemma Jenkins. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

WED 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00tsh41)

Series 1

AL Kennedy

AL Kennedy is an award winning writer whose first published

book 'Night Geometry and the Garscadden Trains' hit the

bookshops in 1991. Now established as a novelist and short story

writer Alison Louise Kennedy is also a stand-up comedian. In

conversation with Stuart Cosgrove she reveals her favourite

book from childhood and the book she has bought but has never

finished. Stuart also enquires about her favourite bedside book,

the novel she wishes she had bought as a teenager and the book

she has returned to most often.

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WED 22:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001ygt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Brig Society (b06d9lhx)

Series 3

Diplomat

Ahem. Marcus Brigstocke coughs politely, dons a crumpled linen suit and fibs for Britain as he tries his hand at becoming a diplomat. On the way, he'll look at the history and origins of diplomacy, the training required and the fact that approximately 60% of the modern British diplomat's work is spent apologising for Jeremy Clarkson. Helping him to foster mutually beneficial relationships will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith, William Andrews and Colin Hout. Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt and Dan Tetsell. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:00 The Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8br)

Tower of London

The Kiwi novelty music duo try to make it big in the English capital. Improvised by Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement, with Rob Brydon. From September 2005.

WED 23:30 4 at the Store (b00ddx9h)

Series 2

Episode 4

Stand-up at London's Comedy Store with host Simon Bligh, Andrew Maxwell, Pierre Hollins and Simon Evans. From January 2002.

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THU 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jmsq)

Episode 1

Kindly Detective Inspector Purbright probes dark deeds in the world of small-time animal charities. One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts. Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Robin Polley as Sgt. Malley, Tricia Wilcock as Mrs Hallam, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Dr Fergusson and Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime. Produced by Tony Cliff. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

THU 06:30 Living Books (b00r9yd8)

Sandi Toksvig visits the library where you borrow a person instead of a book. The Human Library is a ground-breaking idea from Denmark designed to get you to confront your deepest prejudices. Borrow a type of person you think you don't like, goes the strap line, take them away for a half-hour conversation, and try and get to the bottom of your preconceptions. People who have volunteered to be 'Books' range from Muslims to transsexuals, and neo-Nazis to male nannies. Sandi talks to those who've got involved, both as Readers and Books, borrows a couple of Books herself, and even lends herself out as one. Produced by Beth O'Dea. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvgy)

Episode 6

Landlord Jack has the flu, so Nicola takes over just as the pub

inspectors are due. If the father-daughter bond can survive this, it could probably survive anything... Joe Turner's six-part sitcom stars Michael Williams as Jack, Lisa Coleman as Nicola, Cherry Morris as Mrs Drummond, Simon Greenall as Andy, Sally Grace as the Inspector and Toby Longworth as Joe. Producer: Liz Anstee. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

THU 07:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b08bzp9r)

Series 6

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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. 6/6th final edition of the sixth series of Souvenir Programme, John lets Lawry take over, with inevitable reactions from Carrie, Margaret and Simon. And, well... Since you ask him for a musical finale... Written by & starring ... John FinnemoreCast ... Margaret Cabourn-SmithCast ... Simon KaneCast ... Lawry LewinCast ... Carrie QuinlanOriginal music composed by ... Susannah PearsePiano ... Susannah PearseFlute ... Caroline ArdronBassoon ... Joanna Baillie StarkCello ... Sally StaresProduction Coordinator... Sophie RichardsonProducer ... Ed MorrishA BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m00021x5)

Series 2

Episode 9

Janet starts dating a BBC announcer, resulting in Michael become insanelly jealous. "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, 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 (b00d7jxr)

The Plasticine Man

Neddie Seagoon poses as a 6,000-year-old man to resurrect his rock 'n' roll career. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1957.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m00021x7)

Series 1

TS Eliot

James Walton chairs the knockabout book quiz testing Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Kate Saunders and Nigel Williams. Author of the week: TS Eliot. Reader: Rachel Atkins. Producer: Jon Rolph. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 09:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hks6t)

Series 1

Popeye

Born in a typhoon with dynamite in both fists, Spinach was his trademark but it also brought about his downfall. Whatever happened to EC Segar's sailor man - Popeye? Six-part series revealing the afterlife of some famous characters from children's fiction written by Adrian Mourby. With Warren Mitchell as G Wellington Wimpy, Kerry Shale as Sweep, Peter Woodthorpe as Bluto, Andrew Sachs as Peter Boyd-Shuster, Jonathan Tafler as Lou Canvas, Cyril Shaps as Moses Kyle, Eva Haddon as Miss Jones and Myfanwy Talog as Sian Owens-Prosser. Producer: Brian King. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (m00021x9)

W Somerset Maugham - The Razor's Edge

Episode 1

Traumatised young veteran Larry Darrell returns to Chicago after the First World War, but finds it difficult to fit back into society. To the dismay of his fiancée, Isabel, he heads for Paris, where he embarks on a spiritual quest to find the answers to his many questions. First published in 1944, W Somerset Maugham's novel dramatised in two-parts by Ronald Frame. W Somerset Maugham ... Nicholas Le PrevostLarry ... John LightIsabel ... Megan DoddsElliott ... Edward PetherbridgeMaturin/Brabazon ... David BannermanGray ... Sam DaleThe Swami ... Amerjit DeuSophie ... Laurel LefkowitzBradley ... Carolyn PicklesDirector: Gaynor MacFarlaneFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 11:00 Shorts (b05n1l3m)

New Irish Writing

Me and the Devil

A series of original stories from some of Ireland's most exciting writers. Donal Ryan (The Spinning Heart, The Thing About December) brings us to Limerick where a young writer befriends a local octogenarian, Tommy, and discovers the beauty within the man. Eimear McBride (A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing) takes us into a world of dark family secrets and revenge, while playwright Rosemary Jenkinson reflects on the changing landscape of Belfast and its mythology as a young girl

believes she's discovered the fairy folk in the hill behind her home. Writer Eimear McBrideReader Damien MolonyProducer Heather Larmour
THU 11:15 Afternoon Drama (b03qfzgn)
Ian Curteis - The Road to Yalta
February 1945. Hitler's exhausted armies are in full retreat before the triumphant advance of American and British troops from the West, and Russians from the East. It becomes imperative that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin meet face-to-face, to decide the future shape of Europe. They meet at the tiny Russian resort of Yalta, each ready to play their hand in a high-speed game of poker, and each relying on their diplomatic and intelligence communities to deal them the winning hand. Meanwhile, in Ian Curteis' drama, loosely based on real events, diplomats at the British Embassy in Washington are discussing their high-flying First Minister - an impeccably-connected young man called Donald Maclean. Directed by Jonquil Panting.

THU 12:00 Something to Shout About (m00021x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jmsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Living Books (b00r9yd8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04brxqk)

The Miniaturist

Episode 9

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. Read by Emilia Fox. Ep9. The burghomasters of Amsterdam are determined to uphold their city's godfearing reputation. Producer: Jill Waters. Abridged by Isabel Creed and directed by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

THU 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sjp2l)

I Ain't a Child

Michael Morpurgo tells the story of Victorian street children and the organisations that grew up to rescue them.

THU 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb13h)

Episode 4

Anne's relationship with Lyon grows passionate, and Neely gets her big break. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.

THU 14:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m00021xd)

Series 4

The Price of Joy by Ruth Rendell (Part 2/2)

An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places. Series Four: Tales from the collection A Spot Of Folly by Ruth Rendell. Daniel must decide whether to save Prunella by paying the kidnappers' ransom. Ruth Rendell was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died in May 2015. A Spot Of Folly, a collection of previously unpublished stories, was published in 2017. Writer: Ruth RendellReader: Samuel WestProducer: Jeremy OsborneA Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (m00021x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b08bzp9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 15 Minute Drama (b07j699j)

Roald Dahl: Served with a Twist

The Surgeon

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and

amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers. The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism, presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In The Surgeon, Robert Sandy and his wife are faced with a dilemma - where should they conceal the priceless diamond Robert has been given by the King of Agrabah as reward for saving the life of his eldest son? It's Friday evening and the banks are closed. There's only one thing for it, they must find a secret hiding place somewhere in their house. Cast: Storyteller Charles Dance Robert Sandy Simon Williams Betty Sandy Emma Fielding Prince Sope Dirisu Inspector Chris Stanton Written by Roald Dahl Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan Director: David Blount A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

THU 18:15 Tao Lin - A Message of Unknown Purpose (b0474xj1)

Peter Marinker reads Tao Lin's curious tale about the discovery of a message from the future in which an elderly prisoner talks about the invention and misuse of a sleep machine. "In 2042, after major worldwide catastrophes in the second and third decades of the 21st century, the world is drastically different. It's much, much worse and maybe more exciting, depending on who you ask." A vision emerges of a society addicted to sleep. Produced by Gemma Jenkins In reviewing cult author and poet Tao Lin's novel, Taipei, the TLS writes, "a daring, urgent voice for a malfunctioning age"

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01hxh6y)

Series 27

Sebastian Walker

Lynn Barber first met Sebastian Walker at Oxford. "He was the first person I'd ever met who was gay... quite funny looking with a big adam's apple and bespeckled face... he dressed in a very dandy way." He formed Walker Books in 1978 which, in Lynn's words, "launched a whole new era of children's book publishing." He took every opportunity to reinvent the rules of publishing - he paid the illustrators more money than anyone else, befriending the likes of Maurice Sendak and Helen Oxenbury till they agreed to work for him. He struck a deal to sell books through Sainsbury's supermarkets and justified it in the name of child literacy. Titles like 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Where's Wally?' would establish Walker Books as a major player in children's book publishing. Walker would describe the financial side of business as a "bore" preferring to spend his money on lavish parties for his friends. Lynn Barber talks to Matthew Parris about why Sebastian Walker remains such a memorable friend. They're joined by Walker's sister and biographer Mirabel Cecil who says her brother "... had very little sense of his own identity", and that his one true love was really the piano. Producer: Toby Field First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 19:00 Something to Shout About (m00021x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Living Books (b00r9yds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Shorts (b05n1l3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Afternoon Drama (b03qfzgn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b08bzp9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 iGod (b00wwc1r)

Robot

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 (b00pftgl)

Episode 3

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'. Jim reports live from the launch site of the Nurseryland space programme as preparations are finalised to

put a cow over the moon. With Peter Donaldson, Lewis MacLeod, Alex MacQueen, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell. Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000261t)

Adam Hess 2/2

The best in contemporary comedy. Jayde Adams talks to Adam Hess.

THU 23:00 What the Future? (b04pshdr)

Series 1

Drugs

Britain, in a desperate attempt to look fashionable, legalises marijuana. Soon her majesty the Queen lights up the first ceremonial joint on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Now perpetually stoned, politicians legalise other drugs to perk us all up a bit. But soon a drug addled nation turns to beat poetry, hence sell-offs and injury claims to fund its habit. Kirsty Wark presents a documentary from the future... Starring Nadia Kamil, Geoffrey McGovern, Kieran Hogson, and Alistair McGowan. With Alice Scott-Gemmill, Max Olesker and Jane Slavin. 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 23:30 Party (b00rmxk5)

Series 1

Episode 4

The final episode sees The Party take to the streets with their inaugural protest. If only it wasn't raining. Jared's musical attempts to draw attention backfire painfully and Mel is desperate to get arrested. Duncan ... Tim Key Jared ... Johnny SweetMel ... Anna Crilly Phoebe ... Katy Wix Policeman ... Nick Mohammed Simon ... Tom Basden Written by Tom Basden. Producer Julia McKenzie.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Living Books (b00r9yds)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b04brxqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sjp2l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mb13h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m00021xd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (m00021x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m00021x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hks6t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Old Dog and Partridge (b007jvgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b08bzp9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnp)

Episode 2

As the sabotage and murder trail continues, Private Investigator Mortimer Hye arrives and is invited to make a speech. One of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles dramatised by Christopher Denys in 6 parts. Stars John Rowe as Inspector Purbright, Geoffrey Banks as Mortimer Hye, Paul Downing as Love, Russell Dixon as Booker, Ann Rye as Lucilla Teatime and Kathryn Hunt as Helen. Producer: Tony Cliff First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 06:30 Tim Key's Easy USSR (b03h30gh)

"I remember exactly where I was when I was first exposed to Vyacheslav Mescherin's tunes. I was at a dinner party and the host handed me the sleeve with a glint in her eye. She thought I might quite like it. The inscription was that none of the other guests would. She was right." Nine years ago, comedian and poet Tim Key was given a copy of a CD entitled Easy USSR Vol. 2. One car journey to Devon and four consecutive listens later, and he was hooked. The strange yet catchy sounds of Vyacheslav Mescherin's Ensemble of Electronic Musical Instruments have underscored his life and his work ever since.

On stage and on the radio, Mescherin's music lies beneath him like a crashmat. With very little information available about Mescherin, Tim sets out to find out more about the man. His search takes him from one of the world's leading Theremin players to a Soviet Cosmonaut. Tim discovers that, far from the obscure rarity it is today, in the 1960s and beyond Mescherin's music was a quirky soundtrack to life in the Soviet Union - on radio, TV and even in factories. The futuristic sounds of the electronic instruments he pioneered provided the perfect accompaniment to the space race era. Nearly twenty years after his death, many Russians can hum Mescherin's tunes, yet few know his name. But what of the rumours that Mescherin's sounds were blasted into space? And will Tim be able to find more of the music he craves? Producer: Peggy Sutton A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 07:00 Two Doors Down (b008gbvs)

Series 2

Mythical Kings and Iguanas

Saffron is a typical mother, multi-tasking her aromatherapy business with trying to feng shui her bathroom and coping with a four year old desperately missing their ex-pet iguana. So no surprise she needs Sally's help when things go wrong... 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, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Ali White as Saffron, Hannah R Gordon as Anna and Alan McKee as Victor. Director: Tanya Nash First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

FRI 07:30 The Rivals (b082fgt8)

Series 4

The Secret of Dunstan's Tower

By Ernest Bramah. 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. Lestrade enlists the help of the brilliant blind detective Max Carrados when he is asked to help a woman who believes that an old prophecy is foretelling her death. In 1662 a fierce quarrel lead to the fatal wounding of Sir Philip Belmont by Henry Ainsworth who owned Dunstan's Tower. Before Sir Philip died he prophesied that when blood appeared on the steps of the grand staircase of Dunstan's Tower, then one of the Ainsworth family had a week to live. Blood has now appeared on the steps and the present Lady Ainsworth is awaiting her death. Lestrade James Fleet Max Carrados Pip Torrens Tom Ainsworth Tom Forrester Edith Ainsworth Kirsty Oswald Lady Una Ainsworth Joanna Munroe Parkinson James Lailey Swarbrick Sean Baker Producer: Liz Webb.

FRI 08:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r2jkk)

From 02/10/1988

Harry Worth's doctor prescribes him a sunshine holiday. Starring Harry Worth. With Jacqueline Clarke, Charles Collingwood, Julie Higginson and Milton Johns. Script by Vince Powell. Producer: Mike Craig First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtn)

Series 1

Steptoe a la Carte

After meeting Monique on his round, Harold's hoping he's found true love with a French twist. But what will his of his dad Albert? Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Gwendolyn Watts as Monique. 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? (b068bf83)

Episode 10

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

FRI 09:30 Anything Legal (b0084hrs)

Episode 3

Charles and George kick off their secret new business offering anything legal - but at what cost? A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George and Douglas Blackwell as the Publican. Theme music by Jim Parker. Producer: John Fawcett Wilson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (m0002245)

W Somerset Maugham - The Razor's Edge

Episode 2

It's now the 1930s. After travelling in the East, Larry returns to Paris where he meets up with Sophie again - to the horror of his ex-fiancée, Isabel. Conclusion of W Somerset Maugham's novel dramatised in two parts by Ronald Frame. W Somerset Maugham ... Nicholas Le Prevost Larry ... John Light Isabel ... Megan Dodds Elliott ... Edward Petherbridge Gray/Chief Inspector ... Sam Dale The Swami ... Amerjit Deu Patsy ... Paul Dimmen Joseph ... Philip Fox Sophie ... Laurel Lefkowitz Miss Keith ... Carolyn Pickles Director: Gaynor MacFarlane First broadcast

on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0002247)

Deborah Frances-White: 'Best Pick' and 'How To Fail'
Podcast Radio Hour is 1 year old! To celebrate Amanda is joined by PRH's first ever guest Deborah Frances-White to recommend more of her favourite podcasts and chat to their creators. Featuring Best Pick - a podcast where Tom Salinsky, John Dorney, and Jessica Regan watch discuss every Academy Award Best Picture winner in no particular order. Also How To Fail With Elizabeth Day, a podcast that celebrates the things that haven't gone right. Every week, a new interviewee explores what their failures taught them.

FRI 12:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r2jxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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FRI 14:00 Book at Bedtime (b04bs0mp)

The Miniaturist

Episode 10

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. Ep10 Nella bids her husband farewell and welcomes the new arrival. 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 (b00sjw36)

The Habit of Schooling

Michael Morpurgo discovers the reaction to the 1870 Forster Education Act, marking the start of compulsory education for all.

FRI 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mbmd1)

Episode 5

Anne has fallen for Lyon Burke, but her friendship with Helen is put to the test. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.

FRI 14:45 Short Works: A Season of Murder, Mystery and Suspense (m0002249)

Series 4

Trebuchet by Ruth Rendell

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The Butler

Charles Dance leads the cast as the urbane Storyteller in dramatisations of five classic tales by Roald Dahl. Bizarre and amusing by turns, these dark comedies are justly famous for their surprise endings, and for their rogues gallery of crooks, cheats and schemers. The stories show Dahl at the height of his powers as a writer of adult fiction, combining black comedy with sly social satire. They are stylishly plotted, vividly characterised and made unforgettable by their breezy cynicism,

presenting a hilariously bleak view of human nature. In The Butler, we meet George Cleaver, the Sausage King of the North, who sells his business and moves to London in order to enter society. He employs a butler, Tibbs, to help him to do this. Tibbs explains that it's vital Cleaver learns as much as he can about fine wines - and, to this end, Tibbs sets about buying rare and expensive vintages and educating his employer. Before long, Cleaver feels he no longer needs his butler's advice. Cast: Storyteller..... Charles Dance George Cleaver.... Geoffrey Whitehead Mrs Cleaver..... Sarah Badell Tibbs..... Nicholas Grace Lord Dungeness..... Nicholas Boulton Written by Roald Dahl Dramatised by Stephen Sheridan Director: David Blount A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 18:15 James Follett - Devil to Pay (b06yk87w)

A car crash on a hot deserted road; a camper on hand to drag the driver from the blazing wreck. The start of an action-packed adventure play?... Not quite. Listen on Stars Norman Rodway as the Devil and Derek Seaton as the Camper. Director: Glyn Dearman First broadcast in Double Act - a selection of plays from Just Before Midnight on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (m000224c)

Style

Novelists Richard Francis and Michael Bracewell and former Design Museum director Alice Rawsthorn debate 'style'. 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 Thirty Minutes Worth (b00r2jxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Inspector Purbright - Charity Ends at Home (b007jsnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Tim Key's Easy USSR (b03h30gb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0002247)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Rivals (b082fgt8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07j7j6f)

Series 1

Episode 2

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 mirthful wordplay and preposterous songs. This week's show comes from the Wakefield Theatre Royal where Tim meets a secretary and sings an imaginary country song. Producer: Richard Morris A BBC Studios Production.

FRI 23:00 Rubbish (b0084j26)

Series 2

Insomnia

Martin Christmas works in the council's recycling department - an apt job as it reflects the rubbish going on in his personal life. Martin has a new boss who delights in winding him up... Series two of Tony Bagley's sitcom. Stars Reece Dinsdale as Martin, Matthew Cottle as Barney, Neil Dudgeon as John, Emma Kennedy as Dawn and Nicole Shortland as the Little Girl. Producer: Claire Bartlett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

FRI 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rqbqk)

2010

Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and Griff Rhys Jones recall a year that was yet to be: 2010 - the Year of the Toddler Power. 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.