

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2019

SAT 00:00 Simon Bovey - Slipstream (b009mbjn)

Fight for the Future

Jurgen and Kate are desperate to get the weapon away before all is lost...Conclusion of Simon Bovey's sci-fi adventure series set during the Second World War.Stars Rory Kinnear as Jurgen Rall, Tim McMullan as Major Barton, Joanna Tincey as Kate Richey, Ben Crow as Lieutenant Dundas, Rachel Atkins as Trudi Schenk, Peter Marinker as Brigadier Erskine and Laura Molyneux as Slipstream. Other parts played by Simon Treves, Sam Pamphilon, Alex Lanipekun and Lloyd Woolf.Producer: Marc BeebyMade for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00769r8)

Fashionable Opinions

4 Extra Debut. Irish novelist Anne Enright and journalist Bill Hagerly join Peter Rhodes to consider received wisdom. 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 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07wb50w)

A Landlady Goes Missing

In a Northern French town, a young widow vanishes.Newly-promoted Commissaire Henri Castang wonders why the last name in the register of the tiny hotel she runs is that of a Jewish painter who never set foot there...?Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, Clive Swift as Marklake, Auriof Smith as Gabrielle, Michael Kilgarriff as Goubin and Nigel Carrington as NelsonFirst published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76.Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.Producer: Matthew WaltersFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 01:30 Music from Beyond the Veil (b00ljyn0)

Prof Paul Robertson examines the claims and counter-claims for musical mediumship and asks whether musical inspiration comes from within ourselves or if it could come from somewhere beyond. He recounts the story of how, 40 years ago, a Balham housewife and medium with little musical training created a sensation when she claimed to have received new works from beyond the grave from Liszt, Brahms, Beethoven, Rachmaninov and other great composers. Rosemary Brown's abilities divided the musical world, with her supporters convinced that the works were genuine while her critics dismissed them as pastiche.

SAT 02:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04wxmvg)

Episode 5

Edmund's attraction intensifies, but Arabella seems to be cooling off. Meanwhile, his absence is noted. Read by Claire Skinner.

SAT 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sm8nf)

Charlie Chaplin Went to France to Teach Ladies How to Dance Michael Morpurgo discovers new forms of entertainment available to children in the first half of the 20th century.

SAT 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mfhv8)

Episode 10

Neely has won an Academy Award, but her second marriage is already on the rocks. Jacqueline Susann drama with Madeleine Potter.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b03s9y35)

Germaine Greer - White Beech: The Rainforest Years

Episode 5

Germaine Greer returns from a six month stay in England to find some exciting plantings in her propagation unit in the rainforest. And though they look nothing like their parent, she is sure she knows what they will grow into. It is a triumph that makes all the hard work, worry and expense worthwhile.Read by Germaine GreerAbridged and produced by Jane MarshallA Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 03:00 Patrick Hamilton - Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gcj61)

The Plains of Cement

London, 1927. Bob gives Jenny an ultimatum and Ella confronts Mr Eccles.Starring Steven Pacey as Bob, Annette Badland as Ella, Emily Morgan as Jennyand John Moffatt as Ernest EcclesPatrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy set in working class, inter-war London.Ella's mother Anna CropperProsser.....Geoffrey WhiteheadPrunella Elizabeth MansfieldSammy.... Tina MarianAndy ... David GoudgeGuvnor David KingMrs Guvnor Jo KendallOther parts Donald Gee, Michael Kilgarriff & Marcia KingDramatised for radio in three parts by Frederic Bradnum.Producer: Glyn DearmanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

SAT 04:00 Foul Play (b00yy8yz)

Series 4

Deadline News

Crime writers Ruth Dudley Edwards and Robert Richardson try to solve the murder of a model.With the help of witnesses played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.Murder mystery panel game chaired by Simon Brett.Producer: Liz AnsteeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 04:30 Anything Legal (b0085hnm)

Episode 4

George and Charles tackle a horrid child and a bizarre giant in their new business offering anything legal... A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K DalyStarring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Madeline Smith as Isabel, Stephen Grief as Little Willy, Elizabeth Proud as Simon and Frances Jeaer as Miss Folliate.Theme music by Jim ParkerProducer: John Fawcett WilsonFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

SAT 05:00 Two Doors Down (b008h6b)

Series 2

Druids and Draws

Edith Black's lodger, Victor, the Ulster-Scots poet, has fallen in love with a Celtic druid, Anashuya - and brought her back to BelfastSeries 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, Alan Mckee as Victor, Laura Hughes as Anashuya, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Richard Clements as Rory, Gerry Anderson as Himself and Hannah R Gordon as Anna.Director: Tanya NashFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 05:30 The Rivals (b082x79t)

Series 4

The Mystery of the Scarlet Thread

By Jacques Futrelle.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 Thinking Machine' Professor SFX Van Dusen with what he suspects may be a series of attempted murders. City dealer Nicholas Henley, has nearly been gassed three times in apparent accidents in the luxury flats of Malplaquet House. All the residents have secrets, but which one of them is out to get Henley?Lestrade James FleetVan Dusen Tony GardnerNicholas Henley Nick UnderwoodCharlotte Lipscombe Joannah TinceyReginald Cabell James LaileyMiss Regnier Kirsty OswaldBurlingame Brian ProtheroePemberley Sean BakerProducer: Liz Webb.

SAT 06:00 Peter Reynolds - Garden Tiger (b0075427)

Toby loves to sit in Grace's garden as a refuge from his motorbiker wife. But how long will he stay?Peter Reynolds' sparkling comedy of adultery, etiquette, entomology and motorbiking amongst the middle classes.Stars Angela Thorne as Grace, Charlotte Cornwell as Emma, Peter Jeffrey as Toby, Alex Lowe as Robert and Alison Pettitt as Alison.Directed by Sally AvensFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

SAT 07:30 Swansong (b0Intfvn)

The Smiths' Strangeways, Here We Come

In the summer of 1987 Britain's best loved indie band abruptly came to end when guitarist Johnny Marr sensationally quit. The Morrissey/Marr partnership that had produced such a wealth of finely crafted pop tunes was over, just weeks after the group finished recording their fourth album, "Strangeways, Here We Come." Since then, all four band members have separately pronounced the LP as their best work. Bass player Andy Rourke and drummer Mike Joyce also claim that, at the time, they were blissfully unaware of any conflict. So what happened?In this final part of the Swansong series, Stuart Maconie examines the circumstances surrounding the final recording by The Smiths, revealing the reasons behind one of the most famous breakups in British pop history. With new interviews from Mike Joyce, Andy Rourke and producer Stephen Street and contributions from music journalist Sian Pattenden and Morrissey biographer Simon Goddard.

SAT 08:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00s7gxc)

Bill Kerr

'Hancock's Half Hour' stalwart Bill Kerr recalls the classic BBC comedy show that made him famous, plus his other career highlights and some favourite music.Ed Doolan was one of Britain's best-known BBC local radio presenters, broadcasting to the West Midlands for over 40 years. Ed died aged 76 in 2018.First broadcast on BBC WM in 2001.

SAT 08:50 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)

Stephen Fry

The actor and raconteur chooses the Overture to Tannhauser by Richard Wagner, and 'The Spanish Flea' by Herb Alpert and Tijuana Brass.

SAT 09:00 Angela Barnes's Cold War Secrets (m00027jc)

Comedian Angela Barnes is an ardent nuclear bunker enthusiast with a passion for all things Cold War. Angela's latest Edinburgh show - Fortitude - featured nuclear bunkers heavily and whilst in Edinburgh, Angela performed her show in a decommissioned Cold War bunker in Fife.Featuring a perfect blend of archive and studio interviews, Angela Barnes' Cold War Secrets explores this fascinating, frightening and relevant period in modern history. Using both factual and comic archive to reveal what we didn't know then but we do know now, the show brings a unique and surprising insight into the Cold War - from bunkers and other civil defence plans, to the Royal Observer Corps, numbers stations and the secret police services behind the Iron Curtain.In her journey to find out more about this period of history, Angela talks to Author Anna Funder (Stasiland), discusses pre unification Germany with Henning Wehn and strategizes for the end of the world with comedian John Robins.Batten down the hatches, ready the invisible ink and prepare your code names.Programmes featured include:•

Le Carre on Spying - A very special comedy offering from sketch group The Penny Dreadfuls. Prepare to enter 1960s

Germany and a hotbed of intrigue and espionage, starring The News Quiz's Miles Jupp as David Cornwell and Mark Heap as the narrator. • The Bed-Sitting Room - This atmospheric, surrealist play was originally written by John Antroubus and Spike Milligan, and has been adapted for radio by John Antroubus and Paul Merton with an all-star cast including Derek Jacobi, Catherine Tate and Bernard Cribbins. • Excerpts from documentaries 'Broadcast from the Bunker' and 'The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle'.Producer: Adnan Ahmed for BBC StudiosMade for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 12:00 The 99p Challenge (b007js37)

Series 2

Episode 2

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, David Quantick, Peter Baynham and Richard Herring.The game where someone stands to leave the studio 99p richer than when they came in.Producer: David TylerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

SAT 12:30 Crazy Big Fish (b0075z0w)

Fish is Back in Hull

The adventures of five everyday Hull women as they struggle with learning lines, grumpy parents, stilettos heels and a poorly petAn uplifting six-part series by Gill Adams about being extraordinary and ordinary all at once.Stars Deborah McAndrew as Rita, Ruth Holden as Gladys, Rachel Davies as Pauline, Katy Cavanagh as Sandy, Sally Walsh as Babs and Terence Mann as Billy.Director: Polly ThomasFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SAT 13:00 Irene Nemirovsky: The Misunderstanding (Omibus) (m00027jf)

Yves is a disappointed young man, scarred by the First World War. He returns to the Spanish resort where he spent blissful childhood holidays, and becomes infatuated by the beautiful, bored Denise, whose rich husband is away on business and Denise falls passionately in love with him.But their relationship is snagged by both personal and social thorns and back in Paris their love is challenged by a mutual misunderstanding. The story alternates from the perspective of the lovers.Yves - Joseph KloskaDenise - Sarah SmartFrancette - Charlotte Sienna LeeJessaint - Jake FerrettiWaïter - Evan JonesPublished in 1926, The Misunderstanding has been described as Nemirovsky's Madame Bovary.Nemirovsky displays a kind of hidden regret that human beings are so imperfect. Real exhorting passionate emotion, expressed with truthful intensity and cool wit leaps from every page/scene. Fire banked down with ice. It's a brilliant synthesis that illuminates the gaping fissures in the French class system wrought by the First World War and industrialisation.Translated by Sandra SmithDramatised by Lin CoghlanDirector: Pauline Harris First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m00027jh)

Eric Idle

Comic actor Eric Idle chooses Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles and Always Look on the Bright Side of Life by Monty Python.

SAT 14:15 Frankly Speaking (b05rd9by)

Dr Mary Stocks

Social activist, writer and broadcaster Dr Stocks discusses her career, in the pioneering BBC Home Service series from July 1964.Launched in 1952 on the BBC Home Service, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewers firing direct questions. Early critics described it as 'unkempt', 'an inquisition' and described the guest as prey being cornered, quarry being pursued - with calls to axe the unscripted interview. But the format won out and eventually won over its detractors.Only 40 or so of the original 100 programmes survive.First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1964.

SAT 14:45 Peter Tinniswood - Tales From a Long Room (m00027jk)

Series 1

Our Own Dear Queen

Had Queen Victoria become a Test cricketer, would there still be a British Empire?Robin Bailey reads the first of five stories from Peter Tinniswood's cricket tales.Abridged for radio by the author.Producer: Tony CliffFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

SAT 15:00 Ed Doolan Interviews... (b00s7gxc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 15:50 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SAT 16:00 Peter Reynolds - Garden Tiger (b0075427)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Swansong (b0Intfvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Ivan the Fool and Vasilisa the Wise (m00027jp)

"This is a very peculiar story...." And so it is, with a man-eating witch, a talking doll, a dead princess and a live skeleton - the source of all the world's evil.But the course of true love never did run smooth and Ivan the Fool is determined to marry the beautiful Vasilisa, no matter what the obstacles...Nicholas McArdle narrates Stephen Mulrine's magical drama. With Jonathan Tafler as Ivan the Fool, John Rye as Koschei, Victoria Carling as Vasilisa the Wise, Pauline Letts as Baba Yaga, Caroline Gruber as Doll, Julie Berry as Tsaritsa and Alan Dudley as the Priest.Director: Matthew WaltersFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 19:00 Angela Barnes's Cold War Secrets (m00027jc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b04v5fk2)

Series 6

Robert Newman

Rufus Hound is joined by the comedian and author Robert Newman, who reads from his 1981 teenage diaries. The young Newman goes on a CND rally, meets Tony Benn and Joe Strummer, and falls in love on the bus... twice. Produced by Harriet JaïneA Talkback production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b013gfnh)

Series 7

Kevin Eldon interviews Mark Steel

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. Kevin Eldon is a writer and actor for whom it would probably be quicker to list the brilliant programmes he's not been in than those he has - which include Brass Eye, 15 Storeys High, Spaced, Look Around You, Black Books, Big Train, World of Pub, Jam, I'm Alan Partridge and Attention Scum!. He also wrote and starred in Radio 4's Poets' Tree, in character as the Islington poet Paul Hamilton, and is the singer in Beergut 100. Mark Steel has presented a range of his own programmes on Radio 4, from The Mark Steel Solution, The Mark Steel Revolution, The Mark Steel Lectures to, most recently, the Sony Silver Award and Writers Guild Award-winning Mark Steel's In Town. He also occasionally appears in programmes that don't have his name in the title, such as The News Quiz.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0002c8l)

Sarah Keyworth 2/3

Angela Barnes chats to the Comedy Award nominated comedian Sarah Keyworth.

SAT 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b01kblld1)

Series 2

Brian Pern

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 brings washed up rocker, Brian Pern to the Mallard Theatre as he's interviewed on stage by pretend 6Music journalist, Ben (Rhys Thomas). Cast list: Brian Pern Simon Day Emanuel Akiniyemi Felix Dexter Pat Bennet ... Morweena Banks Ron Bone / Wozak Simon Greenall Ben ... Rhys Thomas Written by Simon Day with additional material from Rhy Thomas and Felix Dexter Original music arranged by Steve Burge Produced by Colin Anderson.

SAT 23:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00dhg7k)

Series 2

Humility

The comedian ponders the virtue of living more modestly. With poetry and songs by Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 04:00 Peter Reynolds - Garden Tiger (b0075427)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Swansong (b01ntfvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mj3g2)

Episode 2

1945 and war is over. Set on showbiz careers in New York, Anne, Jennifer and Neely move in together. 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, Barbara Barnes, Julia Ford, Susan Jameson, Jamie Glover and Harry Myers. Omnibus of episodes six to ten of fifteen - dramatised by Yvonne Antrabus. Producer: Claire Grove First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

SUN 07:15 Michael Carson - The Paradise Hotel (m00027sg)

Will Mrs Flynn and Miss Pearce find 'Paradise' as heavenly as they expect? Read by Irene Sutcliffe and Ann Windsor.

SUN 07:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b0480352)

Series 1

Episode 3

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. This week a pair of American tourists visit St Paul's cathedral to confess their sins; there's an unexpected rendezvous at the train station waiting for the 4:18 to Hatfield; and a student council meeting unearths some dark secrets. 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 (m00027sj)

Ben's Birthday

Ben's dropping hints about his birthday to the family, but will they remember? Starring Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon, Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir, Hugh Morton, Clive Baxter and David Enders. 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 February 1953.

SUN 08:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008p5c6)

From 21/09/1948

The gang are back from their summer holidays sharing tales - and Murdoch organises a sing-song... Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch. With Sam Costa, Maurice Denham, Dudley Davenport, Maureen Riscoe and Helen Hill. Much Binding in the Marsh ran from 1944 to 1954 initially set at a remote RAF station before being converted to a country club and later the action moved to a newspaper. (The show also ran for a season with commercial breaks on Radio Luxembourg). Written by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. Music by the Augmented Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black. Producer: Leslie Bridgmont. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1948.

SUN 09:00 Maid (Omnibus) (m00027sl)

Lanna Joffrey reads Stephanie Land's hard-hitting account of living on minimum wages in present-day America. Struggling to support her young daughter as a single parent, Stephanie finds work as a cleaner in the US tourist resort of Port Townsend, Washington State. Her memoir tells the story of this new life, scrubbing bathrooms, scraping food off the ceiling of trailers, and becoming an invisible ghost in the houses she cleans. "I became fascinated by the things hidden in the dark corners of the houses I cleaned. The snooping was like uncovering clues, finding evidence of the secret lives of people who seemed like they had it all. I began to pay attention to the items that cluttered their kitchen counters: the receipts for rugs that were as expensive as my car, the bill for the dry cleaner that could replace half my wardrobe. Most of my clients worked long hours, away from the homes they fought so hard to pay for. They worked to pay me just above the minimum wage, to keep it all spotless, in place, acceptable." In the omnibus of five episodes, we hear about the relationships she forms with her clients, including the moving story of her friendship with Wendy, a woman who is dying of cancer and who hires Stephanie to help her parcel up her possessions and set her whole house in order. Even when Stephanie doesn't meet her clients, she vividly imagines their lives. She begins to give the different houses nick-names - "the Cigarette House", "the Porn House". Through it all, she is sustained by her love for her daughter Mia, and her determination to keep food on the table. And, in the end, her ambition to become a writer provides an escape. Written by Stephanie Land. Omnibus read by Lanna Joffrey. Bridged and produced by Elizabeth Burke. A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b071j6yf)

John and Diane - Lemons with Liver

Fi Glover with a conversation between a brother and sister who recall the limited cuisine of their upbringing, apart from one strikingly unusual combination. 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 (b016vh1b)

Crime Writers

Ian Rankin

Desert Island Discs Revisited with Kirsty Young explores the choices of the creator of Inspector Rebus, in the last of a series featuring crime writers.

SUN 11:05 The Moth Radio Hour (b08dby46)

Series 4

Mismatch, Marriage and a Marathon

True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces tales about early romance, marriage and the perils of

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

SUN 12:00 Life With The Lyons (m00027sj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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SUN 13:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mj3g2)

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SUN 14:15 Michael Carson - The Paradise Hotel (m00027sg)

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SUN 14:30 Washington Black (m00027sn)

Omnibus 2/2

Set in the 1830s, Washington Black is an epic, historical novel. It begins on a slave plantation in Barbados and by the most unexpected and inventive means, transports its young protagonist, Washington Black, off the island and on a journey that takes him around the world, in pursuit of freedom and the man whose approval he so desperately seeks. It is a novel that explores the nature of evil, moral delusion, and the limits of responsibility as well as being a coming-of-age story where survival marks the transition from boy to man. Underpinning the more sobering aspects of the novel is a glorious celebration of the creative spirit and the power of the imagination. Despite everything, Washington's ability to connect with and inspire others, and to draw strength from his own inner life, is an inspiration and a joy that speaks to the contemporary world. Esi Edugyan has degrees from the University of Victoria and Johns Hopkins University. Her first novel, The Second Life of Samuel Tyne - written when she was 25 - was published in 2004. Her second, Half Blood Blues, won the Scotiabank Giller Prize and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2011. Washington Black won the 2018 Scotiabank Giller Prize and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. Esi lives in Victoria, British Columbia. Writer: Esi Edugyan. Abridged by: Jeremy Osborne. Reader: Alex Lanipekun. Producer: Rosalynn Ward. Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 15:45 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qgn)

Four Legs Muybridge

Colin Ford discovers how Eadweard Muybridge's photos of animals revolutionised our understanding of movement. From December 1999.

SUN 16:00 David Wade - Power of Attorney (b007w3c3)

Moral: If you have a rich aunt who is slightly doty, think twice before attempting to defraud her of her money - as hard-up Geoffrey and Annabelle soon discover. David Wade's comedy stars Geoffrey Palmer as Geoffrey Campion, Geraldine McEwan as Annabelle Campion, Joan Matheson as Aunt Beattie, Katherine Parr as Mrs Penny and John Moffatt as Corvo. Producer: Glyn Dearman. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m00027sq)

Poetry Societies - The Yeats Society of Sligo

80 years since the death of WB Yeats (28 January 1939), Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive selecting Poetry Societies - The Yeats Society of Sligo about the Nobel winning poet and his home. From 2006. Presenter Judith Palmer spends a day on the West Coast of Ireland with the Yeats Society as they celebrate the poet's birthday [13th June 1865]. Produced by Viv Beby. First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 17:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b0480352)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jgf)

No Conferring

Your starter for ten-sion. A Christmas bonding week in an isolated moorland cottage for the 1983 University Challenge team from Bracewell College, Cambridge, goes horribly wrong... Jonathan Holloway's spine-tingling tale stars Damian Lynch as Derek, Lydia Leonard as Dilly, Kenny Blyth as Ernest, Peter Darney as Donald and Jaimi Barbakoff as Emily. With Bamber Gascoigne and Jeremy Paxman as themselves. Director: David Hunter. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SUN 18:30 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

Series 3

Connect

Helpline volunteer Rosie receives a series of strange calls from a sinister caller raking up her past... Mark Gatiss returns as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce Lucy Moore's chilling tale that may make you think twice before picking up the phone. Stars Claire Harry as Rosie, Iain Batchelor

as Mike, Eliza Caitlin Parkes as the Demon, Lloyd Thomas as Sam, Leah Brotherhood as Liz and Deeviya Meir as the Volunteer. More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you. Director: Abigail le Fleming. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b08dby46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:05 today]

SUN 19:55 The Listening Project (b071j6yf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Maid (Omnibus) (m00027sl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b016vh1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b0480352)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Harpoon (b007m747)

Series 2

Episode 1

A ripping, bumper summer edition of the nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure story papers. With Alistair McGowan. From July 1992.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0002bqj)

Sarah Keyworth 3/3

Angela Barnes chats to the Comedy Award nominated comedian Sarah Keyworth.

SUN 23:00 Polyoaks (b046p07d)

Series 3

That Heart Sinky Feeling

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 revalidated? 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 3: That Heart Sinky Feeling: In which Polyoaks staggers under the weight of the chronically undiagnosed and all the patients who just keep coming back for more. Cast: Dr. Roy Thornton.....Nigel Planer Dr. Hugh Thornton.....Simon Greenall TV's Dr. Jeremy.....David Westhead Nurse Vera Duplessis.....Polly Frame Mr.

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MON 00:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (Omnibus) (b00mj3g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Michael Carson - The Paradise Hotel (m00027sg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Washington Black (m00027sn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qgn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 David Wade - Power of Attorney (b007w3c3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m00027sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Trodd en Bratt Say 'Well Done You' (b0480352)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x0m63)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

Explosions in a Convent

Commissaire Henri Castang wonders if the disappearance of hotel owner, Adrienne Sergent is linked to a bombing? Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, Clive Swift as Marklake, Michael Kilgarriff as Goubin and Vincent Brimble as the American. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Producer: Matthew Walters First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

MON 06:30 Tanning Tales (b0367j1l)

Kit Hesketh Harvey explores the meteoric rise of the spray tan. From Katie Price to Kate Middleton, no well dressed woman, or man, would now be seen without one. While social position used to be judged on accent and clothing, it now comes down to skin tone; with burnt amber tones being more prevalent in the north and subtle olive tones more common in the south. But, as one tanning expert bluntly explains to Kit, there's one thing we can all agree on: brown fat looks better than white. As one who modelled himself on Adam Ant and the New Romantics of the 80s, Kit is not unfamiliar with the muddy, fake-tan look that could be achieved thirty years ago with a bottle of sticky brown liquid. However, he remains a spray tan virgin. In the hands of celebrity tanner James Read, aka The Tantalist, will Kit agree to don a paper thong and discover what all the fuss is about? Seemingly recession proof and, most importantly, the safest way to achieve the sun kissed look, fake tan has become the fastest growing sector of the cosmetics industry with a retail value of over 100 million pounds in the UK alone. Kit talks to those who have shaped the industry to discover if this is a trend that's here to stay and why we all now wish to be beyond the pale. And he visits Liverpool, the fake tan capital of Britain, where over half the population are sneering at the vagaries of the weather and are tanned all year round. Producer: Lucy Lunt.

MON 07:00 Crazy Big Fish (b0075z4k)

A Dog's Life

Rita refuses to audition and Pauline puts her foot down. Will the Hull women make it to the audition, let alone get the parts? An uplifting six-part series by Gill Adams about being extraordinary and ordinary all at once. Stars Deborah McAndrew as Rita, Ruth Holden as Gladys, Rachel Davies as Pauline, Katy Cavanagh as Sandy, Sally Walsh as Babs and Terence Mann as Billy. Director: Polly Thomas First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00024pp)

Series 21

Episode 5

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Richard Osman, Holly Walsh, Susan Calman and David O'Doherty are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as nuts, birds, urine and traditions. Produced by Jon Naismith A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jtsy)

Series 5

Sunday Afternoon at Home

Bored and miserable, the lad tries to decide what to do. Classic episode starring 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 (b007jpb9)

Series 2

A Bird in the Hand

A 'rare' gull is spotted during a station spring-clean at Parsley Sidings, causing chaos on the line. Starring Arthur Lowe as Horace, Kenneth Connor as Valentine/ Bradshaw/Editor, Liz Fraser as Gloria, Ian Lavender as Bert and John Baddeley as the train driver. 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 step down the line. Producer: Edward Taylor. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1973.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b01c7nxc)

Series 62

Episode 3

Chairman Nicholas Parsons endeavours to find out who has the greatest gift of the gab. Panellists Paul Merton, Sue Perkins, Julian Clary and Charles Collingwood have to speak on a variety of subjects given to them by Nicholas. They must speak for 60 seconds on that subject without hesitation, repetition or deviation - a task much more difficult than it sounds. This week Sue Perkins reveals what she's got in her attic, Paul Merton talks about his Olympic Dreams, Julian Clary explains why he likes singing in the shower and Charles Collingwood lets us in on his fear of spiders and rats when he's asked to talk on the subject of Sydney. The game Just a Minute was devised by the late Ian Messiter atop a London bus on his way to work as a

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BBC Radio producer more than 45 years ago. It was inspired by his memory of a teacher making him and his classmates speak on a subject for 60 seconds as a punishment for bad behaviour. Producer: Claire Jones.

MON 09:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076rj6)

The Singular Speculation of the House Agent
Rupert believes mad military adventurer, Lieutenant Drummond Keith is a rogue, and insists they follow him. En route they witness a disturbing incident with the lieutenant's sword-stick and meet a house-agent with a fondness for ferrets. But Keith gives them the slip amidst the trees of Buxton Common. Charlie and Rupert remain stumped but Basil's powers of detection reach new heights in their search... Stars David Warner as Basil Grant, Martin Freeman as Rupert Grant, Geoffrey McGovern as Charlie Swinburne, Jeff Harding as Lieutenant Keith, Simon Jones as Montmorency and Martin Hyder as the Constable. GK Chesterton stories dramatised by Simon Littlefield. Producer: Simon Nicholls First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 10:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b007612t)

Episode 1

Gentle, intelligent Oblomov completely fails to deal with life. He lives in a flat in St Petersburg. He is always about to go and sort out his estate but he rarely gets out of bed. Never doing today what he can put off till tomorrow, Oblomov is a tragicomic hero for a couch potato generation. Starring Toby Jones as Oblomov, Trevor Peacock as Zahar and Claire Skinner as Olga. Singer: Olivia Robinson and pianist: Helen Crayford. Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt Director Claire Grove First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

MON 11:00 The TED Interview (m00027wr)

Dalia Mogahed

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 Muslim scholar Dalia Mogahed about Islam in America today. Researcher and pollster Dalia Mogahed is an author, advisor and consultant who studies Muslim communities. A TED original podcast.

MON 11:45 Comic Fringes (b048fpwm)

Series 10

Bad Fairytale by Grainne Maguire

An alternative fairy tale written and read by Grainne Maguire. Short-story series featuring new writing by leading comedians, recorded live in front of an audience at 2014's Edinburgh Festival Fringe. A stand-up comic and comedy-writer, Maguire received a prestigious BBC Radio 4 Comedy Writer's bursary in 2013. She's written topical jokes for The Now Show and The News Quiz. Producer: Kirsteen Cameron. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jtsy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jpb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x0m63)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Tanning Tales (b0367j1l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4bt)

Episode 6

Edmund hides his dalliance from his wife, who has a chill. Anne and Arabella talk while he's at work. Claire Skinner continues Elizabeth Jane Howard's classic depiction of a web entangling a contented couple and the beautiful, rootless Amanda. Abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall. Producer: Sarah Johnson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

MON 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00snq94)

The Kiddy and the Pork Chop
Michael Morpurgo looks at the impact on children of economic improvements in the second half of the 20th century.

MON 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjktk)

Episode 11

1956: Neely's Hollywood career has collapsed. Back in New York she and Anne go to see Neely's old rival Helen Lawson in a new show. Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller. Three beautiful young women are best friends carving out careers in the entertainment industry. Stars Madeleine Potter, Barbara Barnes, Kerry Shale, Sally Dexter and Coleen Prendergast. Dramatised in fifteen parts by Yvonne Antrobus. Producer: Claire Grove First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03vd5j7)

Barbara Taylor - The Last Asylum

Episode 1

The Last Asylum begins with Barbara Taylor's visit to the innocuously named Princess Park Manor in Friern Barnet, North London - a place of luxury flats and careful landscaping. But this is the former site of one of England's most infamous lunatic asylums, the Middlesex County Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch. At its peak, this asylum housed nearly 3,000 patients - including, in the late 1980s, Barbara Taylor herself. Writing about The Last Asylum, Booker prize winner and memoirist, Hilary Mantel said, "We believe our response to

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mental illness is more enlightened, kinder and effective than that of the Victorians who built the asylums. Can we be sure? Barbara Taylor challenges complacency, exposes shallow thinking, and points out the flaws and dangers of treatment on the cheap. It is a wise, considered and timely book 'Darian Leader has described it as 'Superb, Riveting, insightful and relentlessly honest'. Episode 1: At its founding in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition, Colney Hatch was the largest asylum in Europe. When Barbara Taylor revisited it years after her own stay there, it had been converted into luxury flats. Reader: Maggie Steed. Abridged and produced by: Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

MON 15:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b01c7ncx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 GK Chesterton - The Club of Queer Trades (b0076rj6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Crazy Big Fish (b0075z4k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00024pp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fx516)
The Unseeing Eye

"A glimpse across a weird threshold, on the rim of space where there should be nothing but eternal, frozen darkness. Yet where there was something more...." -Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recollections of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery... Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder. Written by Peter Elliott Hayes. Producer: David Davis. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1961.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b007tc6z)
Charlie Higson and Dr Tanya Byron
Sue MacGregor and her guests - psychologist, Tanya Byron and actor, Charlie Higson - discuss books by Franz Kafka, Emile Zola and Ian Fleming. Metamorphosis and Other Stories by Franz Kafka. Publisher: Penguin. Therese Raquin by Emile Zola. Publisher: Oxford World Classics. From Russia with Love by Ian Fleming. Publisher: Penguin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jysj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Parsley Sidings (b007jpb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07xm63)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Tanning Tales (b0367j11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 The TED Interview (m00027wr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:45 Comic Fringes (b04f8pwm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00024pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007r4mj)

Series 1

Death and the Afterlife

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

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00028sk)

Series 25

Episode 4

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

MON 23:45 Elastic Planet (b007k33s)

The Zoo

Revealing the links between hurdling cattle, the Elephant's Lumbeyard, gong beetles, alternative horticulture and the Llama movies of the early 60s. Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections. With Julian Pettifer, Brian Hayes, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Geoff McGivern, Fiona Allen. Producer: Jon Naismith. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995

TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

TUE 00:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fx516)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b007tc6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07xm63)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x1k3w)

Springtime in Sussex

Henri Castang goes in search of a missing British journalist, who has links to the two cases he's trying to investigate. Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Clive Swift as Marklake, James Greene as The Bishop, Sheila Mitchell as Annunziata and Aurio Smith as Gabrielle. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Producer: Matthew Walters. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

TUE 06:30 Libraries and Labyrinths: Borges and Me (b00kdtpy)

Peter White gets to grips with Jorge Luis Borges, the much-loved Argentinean poet, essayist, and short-story writer, whose tales of fantasy and dreamworlds are classics of 20th-century world literature. As he did to great effect with our Milton documentary, 'Visions of Paradise', Peter uses his own blindness as a way of probing a great writer's experience of his loss of sight. It's a novel and compelling way of opening up Borges' work. Labyrinths, intricate puzzles and game-playing characterise Borges' short stories such as 'Fictions', 'The Aleph', and indeed 'Labyrinths'. We'll relate this to his years of close reading of world literature, his playfulness, and the fact that through his long years of myopia, he stocked his mind with books, preparing for the blindness that he knew would come. Borges detested the regime of the dictator General Peron. So it wasn't until the end of Peronism in 1955 that the author was appointed Director of the National Library in Buenos Aires. By then he was almost completely blind: "I speak of God's splendid irony in granting me at once 800,000 books and darkness," he noted. We visit the National Library and find out how Borges' work is currently being converted into Braille for the country's blind readers. To compensate for his loss of vision, Borges turned again to poetry, a form of writing that he could more easily revise in his head than on paper. He also continued his pursuit of knowledge, acquiring a taste for the old Anglo Saxon language and Old Norse. Producer: Mark Smalley.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00kmys6)

Series 3

Come as You Were

Bill tries to disrupt Liza and Richard's affair, and gets involved with 'Emma Peel'. Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith beginning married life, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and Faith's teenage children. Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Belinda Lang as Liza, Geoffrey Whitehead as Richard, Jo Kendall as Marjorie, Brian Bowles as Dennis and Ian Lindsay as Ray. 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 May 1991.

TUE 07:30 Love in Recovery (m000256q)

Series 3

Ivy

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 episode four, Oscar has dropped in to the meeting on the way to see his son. Oscar's recently lost his wife and wants to share her story. But Oscar's tale is far from what any of the group expected. 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. Paul.... Charlie Condou. Oscar.... Jeffery Kissoon. Written and created by Pete

Jackson. Producer/Director: Ben Wordsfield. A King Bert production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b008gd6j)

Series 4

The Present

It's United Potter Day and author Gerald learns that surprises can be double-edged. The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana. With Margot Boyd, Brian Haines and Pauline Letts. Written by Basil Boothroyd. Producer: Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1981.

TUE 08:30 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)

Marriage of Convenience

Is it wedding bells for caretaker Ramsay in a quest to keep his job? Ramsay Potts is the jobsword caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie. Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elsie. Spurred by Spurge. Eight-part sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan. With Pat Coombs, Frank Thornton, John Graham, Jon Glover, April Walker and Benny Lee. Producer: Edward Taylor. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1982.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00028sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Elastic Planet (b007k33s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t6b)

Episode 2

Gentle, intelligent Oblomov completely fails to deal with life. He lives in a flat in St Petersburg never doing today what he can put off till tomorrow. During a summer in the country, he has fallen in love with pretty clever Olga. Back in St Petersburg, Olga's patience is put to the test. Starring Toby Jones as Oblomov, Trevor Peacock as Zahar and Claire Skinner as Olga. Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt. Director Claire Grove. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

TUE 11:00 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m00027pj)

Coming Home

When Rosalind's essay is a success at school she rushes home to share the news - but the house is empty. Read by Angela Thorne. One of three short stories written by Elizabeth Bowen. Producer: Enyd Williams. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

TUE 11:15 Nick Warburton - Our Late Supper (b010b6bw)

A shy middle-aged woman is forced out of her shell by an unexpected friendship with a 12-year-old girl. Nick Warburton's drama stars Marcia Warren as Marian, Holly Grainger as Charlie and Gerard McDermott as Bernard. Director: Claire Grove. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 12:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b008gd6j)

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TUE 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4by)

Episode 7

Edmund gloomily contemplates going to Greece alone, while Anne and Arabella strike up a relationship. Read by Claire Skinner.

TUE 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00snq9z)

A Prison or a Garden

Michael Morpurgo presents the story of the fight for children's rights in the second half of the 20th century.

TUE 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjnwj)

Episode 12

Just as Jennifer finds love and happiness, tragedy strikes. Stars Madeleine Potter, Kerry Shale and Nathan Osgood.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03vds7r)

Barbara Taylor - The Last Asylum

Episode 2

The Last Asylum begins with Barbara Taylor's visit to the innocuously named Princess Park Manor in Friern Barnet, North London - a place of luxury flats and careful landscaping. But this is the former site of one of England's most infamous lunatic asylums, the Middlesex County Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch. At its peak, this asylum housed nearly 3,000 patients - including, in the late 1980s, Barbara Taylor herself. Writing about The Last Asylum, Booker prize winner and memoirist, Hilary Mantel said, "We believe our response to mental illness is more enlightened, kinder and effective than that of the Victorians who built the asylums. Can we be sure?"

Barbara Taylor challenges complacency, exposes shallow thinking, and points out the flaws and dangers of treatment on the cheap. It is a wise, considered and timely book'. Darian Leader has described it as 'Superb, Riveting, insightful and relentlessly honest'. Episode 2: Taylor recalls how, in the 1980s, the left-wing intelligentsia of London was infatuated with psychoanalysis. Listening to people 'swap couch gossip', she 'yearned to join in' - but was not prepared for the pain and despair which gained her entry into this world. Reader: Maggie Steed Producer: Jill Waters A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 15:00 Ivan Goncharov - Oblomov (b0076t6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b01ng413)
Series 5

Roberts, Cottrell Boyce, Nyman
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 screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce, actor/writer/magician Andy Nyman and anatomist Dr Alice Roberts. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b0082g3d)

Series 2

On the Side of the Angels

Izzy faces confusion when fiancé Charles takes her home to the family mansion. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With David Robb as Charles, Neil McCaul as Bill, Marty Cruickshank as Maria, Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn, Melissa Wilson as Sharon and Catherine Clarke as Lorraine. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30-something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. An eight-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of three series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV. Producer: Jonathan James-Moore First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00kmys6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Love in Recovery (m000256q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fxq95)
The Cylinder

Monitoring a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery in outer space. Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery... Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder. Written by Peter Elliott Hayes. Producer: David Davis First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1961.

TUE 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jp6v)

Series 1

The Voice of Sherlock Holmes

Armed with pipe, hansom cab and violin, Professor Jeffrey Richards probes the varied incarnations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most celebrated Baker Street creation, Sherlock Holmes. Featuring interviews and classic recordings by Orson Welles, Basil Rathbone, Sir John Gielgud, Carleton Hobbes and Clive Merrison. Affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives hosted by the aficionado and expert. Producer: Jon Rolph First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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TUE 22:00 Love in Recovery (m000256q)

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TUE 22:30 The Wilson Dixon Line (b00kr5y1)

Uncle Wilbur's Advice for Modern Living
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. In the final episode, following his break up from Maureen, Wilson saddles up his horse Andrew and heads into the Colorado mountains to seek some guidance from his old Uncle Wilbur. What he gets instead is the epic tale of "the man with no name", straight from the annals of the Wild West. Wilson Dixon is the comic creation of Jesse Griffin and sidekick Snake Wizzelteams is performed by Jesse Budd.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0002c8n)

Bob Sinfield 1/2

Rob Deering chats to the comedy writer Bob Sinfield about the man he wrote gags for – Bob Monkhouse.

TUE 23:00 Cowards (b0079nt1)

Series 1

Episode 3

Packing cases and breaking vows in the bizarre world of Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf. From May 2007.

TUE 23:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01c7rqd)

Series 4

Episode 3

Comedian-activist Mark Thomas and his studio audience consider proposals for a People's Manifesto. The Agenda: 1) Cancel out everyone's debt. 2) Sue Goldman Sachs for their part in the Greek economic collapse. and 3) Increase the indicated speed on car speedometers. Plus throughout the show there are "any other business" policy suggestions from the studio audience. Produced by Colin Anderson.

WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2019

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Boring Old Biarritz

With hotelier, Adrienne Sargent still missing, Commissaire Henri Castang travels across France in search of journalist Robert MacLeod. Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, Clive Swift as Marklake, James Greene as The Bishop and John Horsley as Richard. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Producer: Matthew Walters First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

WED 06:30 Putting the Black Country on the Map (b01rmprr)

Adrian Goldberg becomes detective as he sets out on a geographical and anthropological investigation into the origins and boundaries of the Black Country. The coal and iron of the Black Country helped build the nation; its factories made the locks, nails and rivets that sustained the British Empire (not to mention the chains for the Titanic) and it stands at the heart of Britain's canal network. But where exactly is it? Even local inhabitants can't agree. Adrian Goldberg sets out to gather the evidence to work out where its boundaries lie and on his way he uncovers the story of one of the UK's most maligned, neglected and misunderstood regions: a place whose darkness was said to appal Queen Victoria. Where does the Black Country end and the Midlands begin and how and when did it get this name? Presenter: Adrian Goldberg Producer: Perminder Khattkar.

WED 07:00 Second Holmes (b0169ljq)

The Case of the Neglected Farm

The grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go to Dorset, where a wife is in danger. 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, Steve Hodson as Tom Wigley, Hugh Dickson as the Vicar, Fiona Walker as Sarah Callington, Ronald Baddiley as Bob Swannock and Alexandra Mathie as Kate Wigley. 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 (m000254p)

Series 2

Morals

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 (b00lmlqt)

Mr Murray Is Victimised

Captain Povey decides 'divide and rule' is the best way to deal with the crew of HMS Troutbridge. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson and Tenniel Evans as the Admiral. 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 (m00028sm)

From 30/7/1959

Kenneth Horne has tales from Ireland and 'Hornerama' spotlights cinema. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Padlock, 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 Home' - 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 (b00njx8l)

Series 2

Episode 3

Crazy panel show capers as host Sue Perkins grills Simon Pegg, Tom Binns, Peter Baynham and David Schneider. 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 July 2000.

WED 09:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008m30v)

Boning Up on History

Harold Perkins wants to dig for post-war Britain, but the workmates decide to soil his plans. Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour". Stars Norman Rossington as Big Jim, Roland Curram as Harold Perkins, Harold Goodwin as Old Ned, David John as Nimrod, Sylvester McCoy as Turps, David Beckett as Chick, Steven Harold as Harry, Hilary Mason as Miss Farquhar, Douglas Blackwell as the Farmer and Ben Aris as Trev the Rev. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. Written by Ted Walker. Producer: Martin Fisher. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

WED 10:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855gx9)

A Pretty Girl Is like a Melody

1986: Wallis Simpson is facing a lonely and miserable death, a virtual prisoner of her obsessive lawyer, Maitre Blum. As the Duchess of Windsor, Wallis was reviled for causing King Edward VIII to abdicate his throne to marry her. But what was she really like? Elizabeth Proud's three-part drama stars Stockard Channing as Wallis Simpson, Barbara Leigh-Hunt as Maitre Blum, Lewis Hancock as Win Spencer and Stephen Thorne as Ernest Simpson. Producer: Sue Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

WED 11:00 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000285f)

Her Table Spread

At Miss Cuffe's castle dinner is served to her guests. But tonight there is a warship in the estuary. Read by Angela Thorne. One of three short stories written by Elizabeth Bowen. Producer: Eynyd Williams. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986

WED 11:15 Vanessa Rosenthal - Jerusalem North West (m00028sp)

Maggie converted to Judaism to marry Harry, but now looking back over her life, she remembers the man she once fell in love with. Does she regret her decision? Vanessa Rosenthal's evocative play stars Sarah Lancashire as Maggie, David Fleeshman as Harry and Brigit Forsyth as Older Maggie. Mrs Hebden ... Ann Rye Mr Hebden ... Russell Dixon Mrs Bergman ...

Thelma RubyMrs Levy Vanessa RosenthalPaula ... Christine MacKieTina ... Tara PendergastMaggie (child) Holly GraingerDirector: Nandita GhoseFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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WED 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4c0)

Episode 8

Anne and Arabella get to know each other rather more intimately than expected while Edmund is away. Read by Claire Skinner.

WED 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sp3dv)

The Disappearance of Childhood

Michael Morpurgo examines how the media and marketing have encroached on the lives of children.

WED 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mjs2l)

Episode 13

After the tragedy, Neely gets agitated and Anne gets a visit from an old flame. Stars Madeleine Potter and Susan Jameson.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03vgd90)

Barbara Taylor - The Last Asylum

Episode 3

The Last Asylum begins with Barbara Taylor's visit to the innocuously named Princess Park Manor in Friern Barnet, North London - a place of luxury flats and careful landscaping. But this is the former site of one of England's most infamous lunatic asylums, the Middlesex County Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch. At its peak, this asylum housed nearly 3,000 patients - including, in the late 1980s, Barbara Taylor herself. Writing about The Last Asylum, Booker prize winner and memoirist, Hilary Mantel said, "We believe our response to mental illness is more enlightened, kinder and effective than that of the Victorians who built the asylums. Can we be sure? Barbara Taylor challenges complacency, exposes shallow thinking, and points out the flaws and dangers of treatment on the cheap. It is a wise, considered and timely book". Darian Leader has described it as "Superb, Riveting, insightful and relentlessly honest". Episode 3: At severe risk of suicide and with her nightmares invading her waking world, the author was finally admitted to Friern Hospital, 'Colney Hatch'. Her analyst continues to challenge and support, her friends still visit, fellow patients are an unexpected source of warmth and humour. Reader: Maggie SteedAbridged and produced by Jill WatersA Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

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The Power

The mysterious cylinder reveals its contents and - more terrifyingly - its awesome capabilities...Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery...Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder. Written by Peter Elliott Hayes. Producer: David Davis. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.

WED 18:30 My Life in Five Books (b00v6kfk)

Series 1

Tony Parsons

In this series Stuart Cosgrove meets guests from the literary world and beyond to hear about the five very special books in their lives. Tony Parsons is a bestselling author, a newspaper columnist and an outspoken commentator. He published his first novel, *The Kids in 1976* while working in a Gin factory. Making a name for himself as a journalist on the *New Musical Express* he went on to publish several semi-autobiographical novels including *Man and Boy* in 1999. His latest book, *Tony Parsons on Life, Death and Breakfast* has just been published. Talking to Stuart Cosgrove, Tony picks five significant books from his book shelves including a memorable title from his childhood, a book he would describe as life changing and the one he has bought but has never finished.

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WED 22:30 The Brig Society (b06gwcpm)

Series 3

Being a Lord

Good Lord. Exactly what Marcus has become in order to peer under the ermine and see if we really do need that second chamber. Along the way he'll be looking at the history and function of the House of Lords, getting himself a Coat Of Arms and having a good old rummage in the Woolsack. Helping him declare his interests will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith (2Miranda"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head") and Justin Edwards ("The Thick Of It"). 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 (b00dnlkz)

The Fans Proposition

The Kiwi band face fan propositions. Improvised musical comedy by Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement, with Rob Brydon. From September 2005.

WED 23:30 We Are Klang: Amazing Lives (b007k3hw)

Max Phantasma

The controversial American comedian, by those who know him. Spoof starring Greg Davies and Steve Hall. From April 2007.

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THU 06:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x4bnnb)

An Infirmary in Auschwitz

Battling to locate a missing hotelier, Henri Castang makes an important discovery - and also unearths a clue about journalist, Robert MacLeod. Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, Clive Swift as Marklake, James Greene as The Bishop and Ian Lindsay as the Major. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Producer: Matthew Walters. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 06:30 Portraying the Poor (b00qyw6f)

In Print

The first of two programmes about the image of poverty and of the working class that's been created by writers (Part 1) and by films and TV (Part 2). Whether it's Friedrich Engels's report on the Salford slums in the 1840s through to George Orwell's account of his expeditions to Wigan and the hop-fields of Kent, our picture of the poor has been painted by members of the middle class. Paul Mason asks whether this outsider's view gives us a full and fair account - or whether it says more about the attitudes of the literary class than about the poor

themselves. Interviewees include Orwell's biographer DJ Taylor; Polly Toynbee (author of "Hard Work: Life In Low-Pay Britain") and Michael Collins (author of "The Likes Of Us - A Biography Of The White Working Class"). Producer Peter Everett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:00 Dave Sheasby - Sharing Fatman (b0075kfd)

Breezing Up

An immediate connection is made with Mr Fatman at the horse sales. Margaret and Ken Warburton throw caution to the wind to pursue their new hobby. Dave Sheasby's six-part horse-racing comedy - following on from "One Flat Summer". Stars Gillian Bevan as Margaret, Gerard McDermott as Ken, Tony Rohr as Eddie, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Karen, Rachel Atkins as Christine, James Taylor as Edward and Stephen Critchlow as the Auctioneer. Director: David Hunter. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

THU 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m00025cx)

Series 9

King's Lynn

Mark Steel returns to Radio 4 with the ninth series of his award-winning show that travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness. After thoroughly researching each town, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents. In this episode Mark visits King's Lynn. King's Lynn has an apostrophe. And a river. And a traffic island full of rabbits. Mark has a delightful trip on a ferry. And the Queen often visits the town on her way to Sandringham. Written and performed by Mark Steel. Additional material by Pete Sinclair. Production co-ordinator, Hayley Sterling. Sound Manager, Jerry Peal. Producer, Carl Cooper. Picture Credit, Tom Stanier

THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m00028sr)

Series 2

Episode 11

Can the advertising team meet the needs of a demanding kitchen furniture company? "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 March 1961.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkp)

The String Robberies

Ace investigator Neddie Seagoon must solve a crime, and the link to Moriarty's sock. Stars Spike Milligan. From January 1958.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m00028st)

Series 1

DH Lawrence

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

THU 09:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hwwb2)

Series 1

Horace Henry Samuel Quelch

The Scourge of Billy Bunter and other pupils of Greyfriars School who may have done lasting damage to a generation of English schoolboys. Whatever happened to Horace Henry Samuel Quelch? Six-part series revealing the afterlife of some famous characters from children's fiction written by Adrian Mourby. With Andrew Sachs as Quelch, Nigel Davenport as Major Vernon Smith, Gerald Campan as Harry, Cyril Shaps as Sir Johnny Bull, Peter Woodthorpe as Barry Wharton MP, Jonathan Tafler as Alonzo Todd, Kerry Shale as Professor Edwin McHatte and Eva Haddon as Dr Anna Safanner. Produced at BBC Bristol by Brian King. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

THU 10:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855tzh)

Tea for Two

As Maitre Blum manipulates Wallis, she recalls her first marriage and her attempts to meet a prince. Stars Stockard Channing.

THU 11:00 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000289q)

Firelight in the Flat

There's a lot to be said for an open fire. But this evening Constance needed a different kind of cheer. Read by Angela Thorne. One of three short stories written by Elizabeth Bowen. Producer: Enyd Williams. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.

THU 11:15 Jonathan Myerson - How Did I Get Here? (b051wzxx)

by Jonathan Myerson. Rebecca looks after her kids, and her Dad. But Dad isn't how he used to be. Multi-infarct dementia has made him confused, and forgetful of people and his past. Rebecca misses her Dad. She longs to talk to him, and to ask him questions. But what if she could have him back? Just the way he always was? Has she remembered him right? Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.

THU 12:00 Something to Shout About (m00028sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma

(b07x4bnb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Portraying the Poor (b00qyw6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4c9)

Episode 9

The unspoken aftermath follows. Arabella and Edmund dance. Impoverished, Janet struggles to cope alone. Read by Claire Skinner.

THU 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00spnww)

Calling a Hit a Smack

Michael Morpurgo examines how children have fallen between the family and the state, sometimes with tragic results.

THU 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mk688)

Episode 14

Lyon is back and Anne still has feelings for him, despite being engaged to Kevin. Stars Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03vgq1s)

Barbara Taylor - The Last Asylum

Episode 4

The Last Asylum begins with Barbara Taylor's visit to the innocuously named Princess Park Manor in Friern Barnet, North London - a place of luxury flats and careful landscaping. But this is the former site of one of England's most infamous lunatic asylums, the Middlesex County Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch. At its peak, this asylum housed nearly 3,000 patients - including, in the late 1980s, Barbara Taylor herself. Writing about The Last Asylum, Booker prize winner and memoirist, Hilary Mantel said, "We believe our response to mental illness is more enlightened, kinder and effective than that of the Victorians who built the asylums. Can we be sure? Barbara Taylor challenges complacency, exposes shallow thinking, and points out the flaws and dangers of treatment on the cheap. It is a wise, considered and timely book". Darian Leader has described it as 'Superb, Riveting, insightful and relentlessly honest'. Episode 4: The history of mental health hospitals is fraught with failures and good intentions. When it was decided to close down the old asylums, the care in the community revolution was already well underway. Barbara finds herself in a hostel. Reader: Maggie Steed. Abridged and produced by Jill Waters. A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

THU 15:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855tzh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m00028st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hwwb2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Dave Sheasby - Sharing Fatman (b0075kfd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m00025cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fxzqq)

The Voices

After dramatic events in outer space, the disturbance of noise, light and vibration subsides... Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery... Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder. Written by Peter Elliott Hayes. Producer: David Davis. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01lhwgd)

Series 28

Josephine Bonaparte

"I get to Milan," wrote Napoleon. "I fling myself into your room. I have left everything in order to see you, to clasp you in my arms you were not there." The tale of Napoleon and Josephine is one of history's great love affairs, and while she did not win the battles he fought, she was both present, and perhaps influential, at a great moment in Europe's past. Her own life before then was equally extraordinary - born in Martinique, her first husband was executed and she was in jail too, expecting the madame guillotine at any time. Reporter Janine di Giovanni champions Josephine with the expert help of her biographer Andrea Stuart, who makes no apology for the methods Josephine employed to ensure her survival and rise. An astonishing life, though presenter Matthew Parris remains unconvinced that she was truly great. The producer is Miles Ward.

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THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jprk)

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THU 20:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x4bnb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Portraying the Poor (b00qyw6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000289q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Jonathan Myerson - How Did I Get Here?

(b051w2zx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m00025cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 iGOD (b00x9xb8)

Procrastination

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 a different parallel world is accidentally wiped out by an ordinary bloke called Ian (Simon Day). With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD will be a true aural extravaganza. In this week's episode, a parallel Earth is obliterated when a lazy Ian decides to take the afternoon off. Cast: SIMON DAY as IAN DAVID SOUL as THE NARRATOR with ROSIE CAVALIERO, ALEX MACQUEENDAN, TETSELL. Written by SEAN GRAY. Produced by Simon Nicholls.

THU 22:45 The News at Bedtime (b00pftgq)

Series 1

Episode 6

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'. Mary Mary has shocking news of an egg on a wall. With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Lewis MacLeod, Alex MacQueen, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell. Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m000290r)

Bob Sinfield 2/2

Rob Deering chats to the comedy writer Bob Sinfield about the man he wrote gags for - Bob Monkhouse.

THU 23:00 The Consultants (b007k32d)

Series 3

Episode 1

Chesney fixes the alphabet, which has a leaky 'e'. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.

THU 23:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p0fz3)

Series 5

A Re-Excited Life Made Distinctly Dangerous

By Mark Evans. Volume 5 Chapter 2: A re-excited life made distinctly dangerous. The Victorian comedy adventure sees Pip and his friends travel to India in their quest to thwart the evil machinations of smooth but sinister genius Mr Gently Benevolent. Gasp as our heroes struggle with super-intelligent tigers, giant snakes, and secret gin! Produced by Gareth Edwards.

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FRI 00:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fxzqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b01lhwgd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x4bnb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Portraying the Poor (b00qyw6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 EJ Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4c9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00spnww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mk688)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03vgq1s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855tzh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m00028st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Whatever Happened to...? (b00hwwb2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Dave Sheasby - Sharing Fatman (b0075kfd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m00025cx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Henri Castang - Not as Far as Velma (b07x4qbm)

Tipping the Black Spot

Commissaire Henri Castang is a reluctant bystander as the police net closes in, but he still has a role to play. Van der Valk creator, Nicolas Freeling's thriller stars Keith Barron as Castang, Edita Brychta as Vera, James Greene as The Bishop, Angus Wright as Morosini and Simon Treves as Robert. First published in 1989, this is the 11th novel in Freeling's sixteen strong series featuring Henri Castang. The London-born author died 2003 aged 76. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Producer: Matthew Walters. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 06:30 Portraying the Poor (b00r33sl)

In Film and TV

The second of two programmes about the image of poverty and of the working class that's been created by writers. From 'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning' to 'Coronation Street' and from 'On The Buses' to 'Big Brother', British film and TV has had plenty to say about the working class. But precious little of it has been written, less of it directed and virtually none of it commissioned by people who have themselves grown up among the poor. Paul Mason asks how the picture has changed over the decades - and whether we're now any closer to seeing real lives on screen than we were in the days of the Ealing comedies or the 'kitchen sink' dramas. Interviewees include film director Ken Loach, whose career spans more than half a century from 'Cathy Come Home' (1966) to 'Looking For Eric' (2009); Donna Franceschild, California-born playwright whose 2003 TV series 'The Key' was the story of three generations of working-class Glasgow women; Anthony Wonke, director of the BAFTA-winning documentary series 'The Tower: A Tale Of Two Cities' (BBC TV 2007); John Jewell of Cardiff University who has studied the representation of class in comedy, and TV reality-show presenter Trisha Goddard. Producer: Peter Everett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 07:00 Two Doors Down (b008j0lm)

Series 2

Out of Tune

Miss Black throws a dinner party in honour of Sean Rafferty who's in Belfast to interview her lodger Fintan for BBC Radio 3. Musical prodigy Simon's asked to play for the guests, but he has other ideas... 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, Alan Mckee as Victor, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Patrick Gleadhill as Simon, Robert Patterson as Tony, Des McAleer as Trevor, Aine McCartney as Fidelma, Hannah R Gordon as Anna and Sean Rafferty as Himself. Director: Tanya Nash. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

FRI 07:30 Clare in the Community (b082hg9n)

Series 11

Fight Them on the Beaches

Clare is in charge of a day at the seaside for some elderly residents of the estate. They turn out to be a bit more feisty than the Sparrowhawk team were expecting, which makes it tricky for Clare to impress her new student, Cilla. Back at home, Brian is coaching Nafi for a musical audition. Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution. A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her. We join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare. Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden. Producer: Alexandra Smith. A BBC Studios production. First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 08:00 Thirty Minutes Worth (b07v05xf)

From 16/10/1988

The vicar has engaged the services of that well-known thespian, Binky Bottomley to write and produce a pageant for the bicentenary of the village - but then he entrusts Harry with his script. Starring Harry Worth. With Jacqueline Clarke, Charles Collingwood, Su Douglas, Julie Higginson and Jack Douglas as Binky Bottomley. Script by Vince Powell. Producer: Mike Craig. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00sbh9h)

Series 1

The Bath

Harold's plan for a proper bathroom upset his father Albert. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV. Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick. Produced by Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1966.

FRI 09:00 Foul Play (b00z5b12)

Series 4

Much Ado About Murder

Crime writers Jean McConnell and Keith Miles try to solve an Elizabethan court killing. With the help of witnesses played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson. Murder mystery panel game chaired by Simon Brett. Producer: Liz Anstee. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 09:30 Anything Legal (b00882zb)

Episode 5

Charles and George hire a secretary to boost their new business offering anything legal... A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly. Starring Donald Hewlett as Charles, Michael Knowles as George, Sherrie Hewson as Belinda Bustrom and Helena Breck as the Job Applicant. Theme music by Jim Parker. Producer: John Fawcett Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

FRI 10:00 Wallis - The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson (b0855wfh)

The Melody Lingers On

Wallis realises marrying an ex-King means broken promises, plus doubtful acquaintances and scandal. Stars Stockard Channing.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m00028nv)

Made for 4 Extra. Amanda Litherland and her guest recommend the best podcasts.

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FRI 13:30 Portraying the Poor (b00r33sl)

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FRI 14:00 E.J. Howard - Odd Girl Out (b04xn4dz)

Episode 10

Events finally come to a head as Arabella talks to Anne and Edmund. Revelations and resolutions follow. Read by Claire Skinner.

FRI 14:15 The Invention of Childhood (b00sprf9)

Reinventing Childhood

Michael Morpurgo looks at the impact of adults on childhood down the centuries up to the present day.

FRI 14:30 Jacqueline Susann - Valley of the Dolls (b00mlxk3)

Episode 15

Betrayed by Neely, and with Lyon becoming more distant, Anne turns to the dolls. Stars Madeleine Potter and Barbara Barnes.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03vh0c2)

Barbara Taylor - The Last Asylum

Episode 5

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FRI 16:30 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Two Doors Down (b008j0lm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Clare in the Community (b082hg9n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Peter Elliott Hayes - Orbit One Zero (b08fy3gj)

The Frozen World

"If I had known, that night, the terrible risk Elizabeth had taken!" But Clifford knew... Newspaper reporter, Tom Lambert has decided to reinvestigate the strange events of ten years before, concerning the "cosmic noise". Believing the inside story was never told, he's tracked down the only man who knows, Dr Hayward Petrie. Told in flashbacks, the story unfolds from Dr Petrie's own recordings of the time when the detection of a strange pattern of signals sparks a mysterious discovery... Starring Felix Felton as Dr Petrie, David Spenser as Tom Lambert, Graydon Gould as Clifford Brown, and Elaine MacNamara as Elizabeth Ryder. Written by Peter Elliott Hayes. Producer: David Davis. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1961.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00769vh)

Stand-Up

Poet Matthew Harvey, storyteller Joolz Denby and US comic Lewis Shaffer discuss solo performing. With Matthew Parris. 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.

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FRI 22:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07ks074)

Series 1

Episode 4

A new show from the internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine sees Tim interview members of his live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark gleeful wordplay and preposterous songs. The show in the current series features a mysterious job in a reservoir and a quiz about trifle. Producer: Richard Morris. A BBC Studios Production.

FRI 23:00 Rubbish (b0088np3)

Series 2

Rant

Martin foolishly agrees to go on a sponsored walk with his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend. Will he be able to keep his rants to a minimum - or will an audience just encourage him? Series two of Tony Bagley's sitcom set in a local government office. Stars Reece Dinsdale as Martin, Pippa Haywood as Sarah, Matthew Cottle as Barney, Kevin Eldon as Scott, Ewan Bailey as the Loud American and Martin Trenaman as David. Producer: Claire Bartlett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

FRI 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01s259p)

2025

Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins, Nigel

Plamer and Ken Livingstone recall a year that was yet to be:

2025 - foreseeing ego transplants and the USA invading Narnia... 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 August 1994.