

SATURDAY 04 MAY 2019

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpv4)
The Red Planet

Episode 5

With all communications back to Earth lost, the courage of Captain Jet Morgan is severely tested during a meteor swarm...Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971. Andrew Faulds Jet MorganDavid Kossoff LemmyGuy Kingsley Poynter DocBruce Beeby MitchDavid Jacobs Announcer/VariousAnthony Marriott VariousMusic composed and conducted by Van Phillips.Producer: Charles ChiltonFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1954.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076ggf)

Wickedness

Matthew Parris talks to writers Philip Burley, Mimi Thebo and Richard Morton Jack about the nature of good and evil. From August 2003.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 2003.

SAT 01:00 The Lives of Harry Lime (m0004y9l)

Series 4

Honeymoon

Con artist Harry Lime gets embroiled in a bizarre smuggling plot for a notorious Sicilian bandit.Starring Orson Welles as Harry Lime.In the celebrated 1949 film adaptation of Graham Greene's novel 'The Third Man', Harry Lime is introduced as one of cinema's most notorious anti-heroes brilliantly portrayed by Welles.This 1951-52 radio prequel to the film, 'The Lives of Harry Lime' earned Welles even more acclaim. Selected episodes were even broadcast by the BBC – the first drama to be aired that hadn't been produced in-house.Stripped of the film cameras, the character of Harry Lime is not ameliorated for this radio outing. He's an out-and-out rogue. Lime made it to the airwaves thanks to another Harry - Harry Alan Towers. Like its eponymous anti-hero, this series travelled widely, being syndicated across the USA and on Radio Luxembourg.The music is by Anton Karas, the zither man.Produced by Towers of London.

SAT 01:20 Inheritance Tracks (b06gx5pk)

Cyndi Lauper

Singer Cyndi Lauper with Fats Waller and Louis Armstrong's 'All That Meat And No Potatoes' and Marvin Gaye's 'Mercy, Mercy Me'.

SAT 01:30 Midnight Feasts and Lashings of Ginger Beer (b00qj0x)

Food is everywhere in children's literature. The Famous Five were constantly eating enormous amounts of food. Midnight feasts an essential part of life at St Clare's and Hogwarts. Not forgetting squashed fly biscuits, and even food which comes to life - children's books luxuriate in lavish descriptions of meals, picnics and treats.Food is always delicious and written about with such enthusiasm that the reader is left wishing they could dive into the story and feast on the treats within. But why is British children's fiction so preoccupied with all this fictional feasting?Former Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen, among others, discusses the meaning of all this gluttony with presenter Sheila McClellon.Producer: Cecile Wright.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010

SAT 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01s9len)

Episode 5

Whizz-kid manager Nick Marshall continues to make his clandestine plans for Theston's Post Office, and Elaine isn't happy.Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel.Producer: Rosemary WattsFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

SAT 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnnz57)

Series 1

Sweden - Inspector Martin Beck

In 1965 husband and wife Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö published the first of their series of 10 police procedurals featuring Inspector Martin Beck and his team. Written during a time when Stockholm saw demonstrations against the Vietnam War, the arming and re-organisation of the police force and stresses on the welfare state, the Beck novels deliberately used the crime genre to depict changes in Swedish society.Current crime best sellers Jo Nesbo, Henning Mankell, Åsa Larsson, Camilla Läckberg, Jens Lapidus, Val McDermid and Gunnar Staalesen are amongst those discussing the influence of the Martin Beck series with Mark Lawson as part of his series looking at European history through crime fiction.Producer: Robyn ReadFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

SAT 02:30 Katie Hims - Football Stories for Girls (m0004y9q)

Death or Glory

9 months pregnant, Maggie tries to find out why her husband left her. But is her relationship somehow linked to the fate of the England team?One of five short plays by Katie HimsMaggie ... Claire RushbrookTrevor ... Gerard McDermottDirector: Toby SwiftFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b04dq7ze)

Mona Lisa: A Life Discovered

Episode 5

A genius immortalised her. A French king paid a fortune for her. An emperor coveted her. Every year more than 9 million

visitors trek to view her portrait in the Louvre. Yet while everyone recognizes her smile, hardly anyone knows her story.Mona Lisa: A Life Discovered - a blend of biography, history, and memoir - truly is a book of discovery about the world's most recognised face, most revered artist, and most praised and parodied painting.Who was she, this ordinary woman who rose to such extraordinary fame? Why did the most renowned painter of her time choose her as his model? What became of her? And why does her smile enchant us still?The author, Dianne Hales, is a prize-winning, widely published journalist and author. The President of Italy awarded her an honorary knighthood in recognition of her internationally bestselling book, La Bella Lingua.Abridged by Eileen HorneProducer: Clive BrillA Brill production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 03:00 War and Peace (b04w89vd)

Episode 10

In this concluding episode, Pierre recalls his time in the barracks – a surprisingly happy time where he meets a prisoner, Platon Karateev. Kutuzov reluctantly leads the Battle of Tarutino, a Russian victory by a series of accidents.Meanwhile, Sonya is left little choice but to return her promise to Nikolai so that he can marry his true love, Marya. Countess Rostov receives shocking news and Natasha is still suffering from the death of her beloved Prince Andrei. Kutuzov is called upon once again by the Emperor, this time to 'save Europe'. What will be the General's ultimate decision for Russia?A dynamic fresh dramatisation by Timberlake Wertenbaker of Leo Tolstoy's epic - from the translation by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokonsky - follows the fortunes of three Russian aristocratic families during the Napoleonic War. Starring Lesley Manville, John Hurt, Alun Armstrong and Harriet WalterThe story moves between their past and present as Pierre, Natasha, Marya and Nikolai talk to their children about the events that shaped their lives and the lives of every Russian who lived through these troubled times.War and Peace reflects the panorama of life at every level of Russian society in this period. The longest of 19th-century novels, it's an epic story in which historical, social, ethical and religious issues are explored on a scale never before attempted in fiction. From this, Timberlake Wertenbaker has created a riveting radio dramatisation in ten episodes.Leo Tolstoy ... AuthorTimberlake Wertenbaker ... DramatistAlex Shiels ... Sergei RostovAlun Armstrong ... Count RostovBen Crowe ... Mikhail MitrichCharlotte Emmerson ... Helen KuraginDaniel Flynn ... Regimental CommanderDavid Calder ... Prince Vasily KuraginDavid Collings ... ShinsinElla Dale ... Masha BezukhovEmerald O'Hanrahan ... Julia KaraganFerdinand Kingsley ... Anatole KuraginHarriet Walter ... Anna Mikhailovna DrubetskoyHazel Ellerby ... Julia's motherJed Vine ... Petya RostovJoanna David ... Annette SchererJoel MacCormack ... Boris DrubetskoyJohn Hurt ... Prince BolkonskyJonathan Slinger ... Captain DenisovKathleen Keaney ... Liza RostovLesley Manville ... Countess RostovMiss Nelly Harker ... Lise BolkonskyNatasha Little ... Marya BolkonskyPaterson Joseph ... Pierre BezuhkovPhoebe Fox ... Natasha RostovPip Donaghy ... Colonel of the HouseRoger Allam ... General KutuzovRoger May ... Prince BagrationSam Blatchford ... Andrusa RostovSam Dale ... AlpatychSam Reid ... Nikolai RostovSarah Badel ... Maria DemitrievnaSerena Evans ... CaticheStanley Toyne ... Mitya RostovStephen Campbell Moore ... Andrei BolkonskyTamzin Merchant ... Sonya RostovTom Glenister ... Nikolena BolkonskyDirector: Celia de WolfExecutive Producer: Peter HoareA Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SAT 04:00 Hidden Treasures (b055q39m)

Harewood House

From gorgeous fashion creations to athlete wrestling with a python.Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz from the Long Gallery at the Earl of Harewood's family home in West Yorkshire.With Henry Sandon, Sally Kevill-Davies, Tim Bentinck and Kevin Baker.Producer: Annie BristowFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

SAT 04:30 Safety Catch (b00w236m)

Series 3

Unforgivable, That's What You Are

A new series of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.Simon McGrath is a generally nice chap who just happens to be an arms dealer. It's not something he planned, he just fell into it, and despite all his best intentions he just doesn't seem to be able to leave because he has to pay his mortgage like everyone else. Of course his real love is electronic music and this is just a stop gap until he finds the perfect outlet for his music - okay so the gap has lasted five years but that's not the point. Once he can get himself motivated he'll be out of there and, as his ever supportive mum says, people will always want to kill each other. So that's alright then...This week Heathcote Sanders are under the microscope when some of the weapons they sold to a hostile government are turned against the British. This prompts Simon to wonder if he should be seeking some kind of forgiveness, although of course, he has absolutely nothing to seek forgiveness for...does he? Meanwhile his personal life is going fantastically well, until he and Anna realise that they don't know why they love each other.Cast List:Simon McGrath.....Darren BoydAnna Grieg.....Joanna PageBoris Kemal.....Lewis MacleodJudith McGrath.....Sarah SmartAngela McGrath.....Brigit ForsythMadelaine Turnbull.....Rachel AtkinsSarah.....Di BotcherVicar.....Mike HaywardWritten by Laurence HowarthProduced By Dawn Ellis.

SAT 05:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bhk9h)

Series 1

Lemon

Welcome to Hardacres, the worst advertising agency in London, and setting of Edward Rowett's new series.In this opening episode, the agency is shaken by the arrival of a new accounts chief, Amanda Brook who is determined to rebrand and re-launch the agency as a legitimate business.Inept creative team Joe and Teddy, two recent graduates who are still not entirely sure what it is they're supposed to be doing, find themselves fighting to save their jobs and prove they are not quite as clueless as they appear.Meanwhile, creative director and advertising legend Rupert Hardacre is appalled to discover Amanda expects him to do slightly more than play golf and drink whisky all day.And receptionist Laura...well, she doesn't care what happens.The team must work together as they head to the Advertise NOW! Awards and find an answer to the question - how do you advertise yourself?Rupert Hardacre - Nigel HaversAmanda Brook - Josie LawrenceJoe - Matthew BayntonTeddy - Rasmus HardikerLaura - Olivia NixonDirector: Alan NixonProducer: Gordon KennedyAn Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m0004ibs)

Lucy Porter in the Family Way... Again

Radio 4 favourite Lucy Porter returns with another examination of domestic life, covering everything from the dramatic to the dreary.Following up last year's In the Family Way, Lucy looks at the question of legacy - what do we receive from our parents, and what do we pass on to our children?Lucy hasn't entirely been a winner in the genetic lottery. She has inherited dodgy knees, terrible teeth and a small third nipple. Her collection of family heirlooms consists of glass clowns, porcelain horses and offensive jam lids. Lucy does, however, want to instil in her own kids some of the values her parents taught her, including patience, courage and charity.Talented comedian and impressionist Luke Kempner is on hand again to help Lucy illustrate the points she wants to make. As always, he displays his range of comic voices, including an impressive impersonation of Lucy's Welsh great-grandmother.In The Family Way... Again is a kind of love letter from Lucy to her mum, and a tender reflection on the things our parents do that drive us mad - things we'll inevitably end up doing ourselves.Recorded live at Circus StratfordWritten by Lucy PorterWith Additional Material by Gabby Hutchinson CrouchPerformed by Lucy Porter and Luke KempnerDirected by Marilyn ImrieEngineered and Edited by Jerry PeelProduction Managed by Sarah TomblingProduction Runner: Abbigayle BirchamProduced by Gordon KennedyAn Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Drama (b0631r4y)

James Bond - Diamonds Are Forever

An all-star Ian Fleming James Bond adventure, directed by Martin Jarvis and starring Toby Stephens as 007.Fleming's fourth Bond novel is especially dazzling. Its dark humour encompasses millions of pounds worth of diamonds smuggled out of British mines in Africa. Responsible? Somebody known as 'ABC'. James Bond is sent undercover by MI6 to New York to follow the pipeline. Masquerading as a courier he meets enticing, ice-cold, Tiffany Case. She stands between Bond and gang-bosses whose criminal diamond business stretches from Sierra Leone, via London, to the gambling tables of Las Vegas.Bond infiltrates the mob. Horse-racing scams, a car chase, a rigged card game, pursuit by locomotive - Bond and Tiffany endure all. Eventually flown to West Africa, Bond unmasks the ultimate villain.Archie Scottney's dramatisation parades a bizarre collection of mafiosi monsters.James Bond.....Toby Stephens'M.....John StandingSupt Harris.....Nigel HaversRufus B. Saye.....Alan ShearmanTiffany Case.....Lisa Dillon'Shady' Tree.....Alex JenningsFelix Leiter.....Josh StambergErnie Curoe.....Stacy KeachMr Spang.....Jared HarrisSammy.....Kevin DanielsRocky and Wint.....Andre SogliuzzoKidd and the Sergeant.....Darren RichardsonTingaling and Dentist.....Matthew WolfVoice of Ian Fleming.....Martin JarvisOther parts played by members of the castSound design: Mark HoldenOriginal music: Mark Holden and Michael LopezDirector: Martin JarvisProducer: Rosalind AyresA Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SAT 07:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

Elizabethan London

Elizabethan London, from Bankside theatre to ringside gambling, from merry jigs to brutal bear-baiting.John Sessions continues his series charting the history of popular entertainment in Britain, from medieval minstrels to Victorian freakshows.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b06000pc)

A Brief History of Shame

American satirist Joe Queenan is joined by a stellar cast including Tiger Woods, Gordon Brown and the Duchess of York for Archive on 4's A Brief History of Shame. Queenan tackles key issues - what is shame for? The art of the apology; and then there's the French - before building to a surprising and fiery conclusion."When you do something wrong and then you admit that you did it, and people keep after you ... that's when society becomes almost pathological. I'm never willing to give the public the benefit of the doubt - and this insane epidemic of shame - both the trivial, and the miserable, the deadly, even the

murderous – it's got to be reined in."Featuring archive of Bill Clinton, Jane Garvey, John Prescott, Jon Ronson, Tim Stanley of the Daily Telegraph, and Sir Peter Viggers, the 'duck house man'; plus new interviews with classics professor Edith Hall and novelist Kathy Lette, and music by Fats Domino, Bessie Smith and Question Mark and The Mysterians.Shame follows Joe Queenan's previous programmes on Anger, Irony and Blame.Produced in Bristol by Miles Warde.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 09:00 Alexander Armstrong's Radio Heroes (b01qdw15)

The X-Men? Pah! Superman? Bah! Give us Jet Morgan any day – as Alexander Armstrong celebrates those fine gentleman adventurers of the wireless.Big screen do-gooders like the Avengers have the glam and the moves, but you don't have to be superhuman to be a hero. Enjoy our very own British brand of intrepid adventurer, for whom style, panache, wit and guile serve just as well as x-ray vision, awesome strength or vivid underpants.Guiding us through this modern pantheon is Alexander Armstrong – no stranger to style, panache and wit himself – although he assures us his underpants are suitably subdued.Along the way, we'll ponder what makes these characters so enduringly heroic? – and what qualities does a hero need?Featuring:RAFFLES: EW Hornung's gentleman cracksmen seizes a challenge. Stars Jeremy Clyde.JOURNEY INTO SPACE:Captain Jet Morgan in the classic 1950s sci-fi from Charles Chilton. Stars Andrew Faulds.SEXTON BLAKEThe comic strip crime fighter devised for radio in the 1960s by Philip Ridgeway. Starring William Franklyn.DICK BARTON: SPECIAL AGENT:The BBC Light Programme's hugely popular radio hero revived in 1972 and starring Noel Johnson.JUDGE DREDD:Gary Martin stars as the legendary law enforcement officer. Produced by Dirk Maggs.THE DEVIL IN AMBERThe decadent Edwardian dandy and defender of the realm, Lucifer Box. Written and read by Mark Gatiss. Produced by Martin Dempsey.

SAT 12:00 Counterpoint (b00lfp8c)

Series 22
2008 Semi-final 1

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.The pace heats up as the series enters its semi-final stage, with three of this year's heats winners going into battle for a place in the Final in a few weeks' time. The questions cover every aspect of music – from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.Three contestants battle it out: Stephen Banks from Bristol, Brian Davies of Middlesex and Diane Hallagan from Leeds.Producer: Paul BajoriaFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)

Series 6
Fred's Pie Stall

The lad is out to save a Cheam institution threatened by council closure.Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Hugh Morton and Harry Towb.Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.Producer: Tom RonaldFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1959.

SAT 13:00 Curious Under the Stars (m0004xtb)

Series 8 Omnibus - The Owl and the Ivy
Gareth picks up a naked hitchhiker on the road into Glan Don. She seems to have sprung to life from the forest. More of the magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast. Omnibus written by Alan Harris Starring Elis James (Josh), Emma Sidi (Pls Like) and Ifan Huw Dafydd (Gavin and Stacey). Gareth.... Elis James Diane.... Emma Sidi Emlyn.... Ifan Huw Dafydd Megan.... Aimee Ffion Edwards Fleur.... Catrin Stewart Bethan.... Hannah Daniel Matty.... Siw Hughes Series created by Meic Povey Directed by James Robinson A BBC Cymru Wales Production first broadcast in five-parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b069njsy)

Bridget Christie
Comedian Bridget Christie chooses 'Have You Ever Seen the Rain' by Creedence Clearwater Revival and the theme to Stepotee and Son.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b007tck8)

Tony Benn
Veteran politician Tony Benn presents some of the pieces of prose and poetry that have helped shape his personal philosophy, including the words of Mahatma Ghandi, Dwight D Eisenhower, Oscar Wilde and John Bunyan.Readers: Saffron Burrows, Jim Findley and Carl Prekopp.Producer: Christine HallFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 14:45 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m0004xtd)

The Magic Compass
Todd and Bell's plan to revamp the royal croquet lawn upsets the Princess...Mischievous narrator Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a mad and a mysterious world of her own devising.June Whitfield stars as Diana in John Eggleston's six-part comedy adventure series.With Matthew Bell as Bell and Toby Longworth as ToddProducer: Liz AnsteeFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b06000pc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Drama (b0631r4y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Jill Hyem - Past Refrain (m0004xtg)

Lara is haunted by a Corsican lullaby. Can it be due to some repressed memory from her childhood?Tracy Wiles ... Lara Ben Crowe ... Sam Mary Wimbush ... Mrs Osborne John Turner ... Aiden Routh Elizabeth Bell ... Judith Routh Tessa Worsley ... Marjory Ioan Meredith ... Vicar Stephen Critchlow ... Various Becky Hindley ... VariousWritten by Jill Hyem.Director: Cherry Cookson.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

SAT 19:00 Alexander Armstrong's Radio Heroes (b01qdw15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b05vy6ps)

Series 6

Melton Mowbray

'Melton Mowbray - Rural Capital of Food'Mark visits the Leicestershire Town where he discovers that as well as being the home of the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie and Stilton Cheese, it's also coincidentally, been officially ranked the most obese area of Leicestershire. He looks at the history of fox hunting in the area, meets several eccentric local residents including a crime fighting milk man and he tries to get to the bottom of who and what is the Melton Mowbray Town Estate, a mysterious organisation established in 1549.Mark Steel's sixth series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.Written and performed by ... Mark SteelAdditional material by ... Pete SinclairProduction co-ordinator ... Hayley StirlingProducer ... Carl Cooper.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xtj)

2019

Episode 5

Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fosteckew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SAT 22:40 Afternoon Reading (b013f972)

Comic Fringes

A Difference of Opinion by Bridget Christie

When Bridget's husband is assaulted by the ghost of a long dead European leader, it highlights the vast differences in interpretation between a believer and an atheist.Written and performed by Bridget Christie.Recorded in front of an audience at the BBC's own venue at Potterrow, during 2011's Edinburgh Festival Fringe.Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 22:55 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xtm)

2019

Episode 6

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SAT 23:05 Beef and Dairy Network (b09xmpy3)

Broadcast Series 2

Episode 1

The number one podcast for those involved or just interested in the production of beef animals and dairy herds.In this episode, we interview Michael Banyan, the former bovine poet laureate who is now in hiding after a brush with the Bovine Farmers' Union.Produced by Benjamin Partridge.

SAT 23:35 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xtp)

2019

Episode 7

Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fosteckew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SAT 23:40 The Haunting (b097c271)

Series 1

Soulmaits

Travel through the bad gateway in this modern ghost story as writer and performer Tom Neenan discovers what horrors may lurk in our apps and gadgets.Modern technology is terrifying. The average smartphone carries out 3.36 billion instructions per second. The average person can only carry out one instruction in that time. Stop and think about that for a second. Sorry, that's two instructions – you won't be able to do that.But what if modern technology was literally terrifying? What if there really was a ghost in the machine?Tom.....Tom NeenanHeidi.....Jenny BedeThe Cabbie.....Roger MorlidgeJane.....Kath Hunterand Frances Barber as the voice of the app.Written by Tom NeenanProduced by David TylerA Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 23:55 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xtr)

2019

Episode 8

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Curious Under the Stars (m0004xtb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b069njsy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Saturday]

SUN 02:15 With Great Pleasure (b007tck8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Saturday]

SUN 02:45 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m0004xtd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00djlcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Katie Hims - Football Stories for Girls (Omnibus) (m0004xv7)

Omnibus of five short soccer-themed plays by Katie Hims.Stealing Alfredo : Setting out to buy a birthday present for his football-mad granddaughter, Des has a strange encounter. Stars Tom Georgeson.When I Got Lost: Rachel's brother was tipped for football fame, but one day he just disappeared. Stars Pauline Collins.Mr Belling's Diner: Carol works in a seaside diner. Taken by her Marilyn Monroe outfit, a famous footballer invites her to a game. Stars Sharon Percy.Tallulah's Game: Mary played Women's Premier League football in wartime. Then Shelley at the supermarket is signed up. Stars Bridget Turner.Death or Glory: Nine months pregnant, Maggie wonders why her husband left. Is it linked to the fate of the England team? Stars Claire Rushbrook.Directed by Jeremy Mortimer, Mary Peate and Toby Swift.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002

SUN 07:15 William Trevor - Sitting with the Dead (m0004xv9)

The Geraghtys are two middle-aged sisters and members of the Legion of Mary – famed for their tireless charitable works – who sit with the dying.But the visit they're about to undertake turns out to be a very unusual one...Sorcha Cusack reads William Trevor's short-story.Producer: Gemma McMullanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 07:30 Couples (b05mrdn9)

Episode 1

Dr Tanya meets theatre director Brian and his unhappy actress wife Kirsten.Semi-improvised comedy show written and performed by Julia Davis and Marc Wootton.The duo portray a series of couples, all in therapy with the renowned therapist Dr Tanya Ray-Harding, played by Vicki Pepperdine.Producer: Ashley BlakerA Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SUN 08:00 Home to Roost (m0004xvc)

Series 1

To Be Or Not To Be – An OAP

Freshly-retired William Wheeler reluctantly signs-up for his pension.Molly Sugden and Derrick Guyler play crusty old married couple, Olive and William Wheeler, who refer to each other in the arcane 'Mother' and 'Father' terminology.After 40 years of work in the same office, he's recently retired and is trying to adapt to his new life of leisure. She, on the other hand, is trying to adapt to having her husband under her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage. Deryck Guyler ... William WheelerMolly Sugden ... Olive WheelerNorman Rossington ... Jack BaileyJohn Baddeley ... NevilleYsanne Churchman ... AngelaPatricia Green ... PatLinda Polan ... Mrs CoxWriter: Anne JonesProducers: Richard Maddock and Peter Titheradge.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1974.

SUN 08:30 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b072s3gk)

From 03/06/1943

Can Tommy Handley take care of all the guests at his new hotel in the legendary wartime comedy.ITMA proved to be one of the BBC's most popular radio comedies ever produced. It was first transmitted just before the start of the Second World War in 1939 and ran to 1949. Domestic audiences topped 20 million, and the audience worldwide was said to number 30 million. It starred Liverpoolian comic Tommy Handley, who with Ted Kavanagh created the series named after the phrase newspapers often used to describe Hitler: It's That Man Again!The original setting on a ship was deemed inappropriate once war broke out, and was replaced with the Office Of Twerps, with Tommy as Minister of Aggravation and Mysteries.Other settings followed – a seaside resort, and a war factory which by 1943, for this run of episodes, had been turned into a hotel.Featuring a host of supporting characters including Dorothy Summers as Mrs Mopp and Jack Train as Colonel Humphrey Chinstrap.Producer: Francis WorsleyFirst broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1943.

SUN 09:00 Underland (Omnibus) (m0004xvf)

Robert Macfarlane describes various journeys made in the worlds beneath his feet; abridged for radio by Katrin Williams.He journeys in all manner of ways through caves and crevices, catacombs and glaciers. His travels take him to the Mendips and Paris, to Norway and to Greenland. To places mythical and extreme.Omnibus read by the author.Producer: Duncan MinshullFirst broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b0738hm0)

Callum and Adam – The Guilty Pleasure of Computer Gaming
Fi Glover introduces a conversation between computer gamers who admit to being selfish and non-productive, but can still find positive reasons to continue. 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 (b05tr0t1)

Eurovision
Michael Ball

From Ethel Merman to Garth Brooks. Singer Michael Ball shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From March 2008.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b093p3cq)

Series 5

Explorers, Organizers and Interrogations

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

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

Series 1

Songsters

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world. People are not the only species who sing. Many birds do and even another ape. What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and repeated phrases, and who is listening?

SUN 12:00 Home to Roost (m0004xvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 12:30 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b072s3gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 Katie Hims - Football Stories for Girls (Omnibus) (m0004xv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:15 William Trevor - Sitting with the Dead (m0004xv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 Machines Like Me (Omnibus) (m0004xvj)

Episode 1

Ian McEwan's new novel reimagines life and times in the 1980s. Against a backdrop of Britain's loss of the Falkland Islands and mounting social unrest, Charlie invites Adam into his modest London home and introduces him to Miranda, a resident upstairs. Adam is a synthetic human and both neighbours decide to 'shape' his personality for everyday use. Others are doing it too, with an Adam or with an Eve. Omnibus read by Anton Lesser. The first five of ten parts abridged by Penny Leicester. Producer: Duncan Minshull. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 15:45 The Animals' VC (b0076mcc)

Dogged Defence

Dylan Winter learns about the bravery back in 1941 of life-saving Gander the Newfoundland dog in Hong Kong. But what does it take to train military dogs, horses and their handlers today? Will this year's four-legged recruits be Dickin Medal winners in the future for their gallantry? Dylan visits an army base to find out, and meets a recent winner. Producer: Sheena Duncan. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

SUN 16:00 Peter Terson - Getting to Know Mr Schmeigelow (b071c6t2)

In 1925, the future designer Cecil Beaton came down from Cambridge deeply in debt: his one ambition, to be accepted by the aristocratic and artistic. But his father decided that he should learn to be a businessman and sent him to work in the City. Written by Peter Terson. Cecil Beaton Julian Firth. William Eedle Papa Christian Rodska Mr Schmeigelow. Mama June Barrie. Nancy Joanna MacKie. Baba Jenny Funnell. Agnes Robertson Susan Sheridan. Mr Skinner Brian Miller. Boy le Bas Paul Downing. Director: Shaun MacLoughlin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0004xvn)

Time for Verse: Dannie Abse

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive selecting Time for Verse: Dannie Abse episodes 4 and 5. The poet of bodily dissections talks to George MacBeth about his

life and poetry. Produced by Alec Reid. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SUN 17:30 Couples (b05mrdn9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Night Terrace (m0004xvq)

Series 1

Time of Death

Anastasia and Eddie witness a murder in 1920s Dorset, investigated by glamorous sleuth, Miss Baker. Sci-fi comedy starring Neighbours' Jackie Woodburne as Anastasia Black. Guest starring Virginia Gay and Andrew McClelland. Ben McKenzie ... Eddie Jones. Petra Elliott ... "Sue" Dave Lamb ... Constable Agnew. Amanda Buckley ... Countess Summerfield. Virginia Gay ... Miss Baker. Andrew McClelland ... The Colonel/Mr Bell. Additional voices: Anniene Stockton and Allan Carey. Writer: John Richards. Producers: Ben McKenzie / John Richards. A Splendid Chaps production.

SUN 18:30 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js82)

Episode 2

After aspiring poet Saul Judd and his family win a competition, strange events happen. Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in, and under, Bath. Robert Glenister Saul Judd. Sharon Duce Elise Judd. Freddie Jones The Scribe. Kate Binychi The Scribe's Wife. Constance Chapman Haensel Sethria. John Telfer Prince Bladud. Trevor Cooper Rough Peasant. Sam Dastor Karim el Hate. June Barrie The Chairwoman. Timothy West Selwyn Fist. Liz Goulding Rita. Original music composed by Thomas Johnson. Music realised by Robin Lever. Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop). Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b093p3cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Underland (Omnibus) (m0004xvf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b0738hm0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05tr0t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Couples (b05mrdn9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xvs)

2019

Episode 9

Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fostekew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 22:40 15 Minute Drama (b061q92j)

Appiness

Episode 1

Katy Wix stars in Robin Brooks and Jon Canter's zippy, loopy comedy about a woman who hits her 32nd birthday, and decides she has to finally choose between the men in her life. She has to decide on The One. Luckily, she's got a great app on her phone called Appiness, which allows you to switch between men instantaneously - with one swipe of your screen. On a dinner date, during a run in the park, when out with friends - she can swipe from one boyfriend to another, and compare the experience with each one. It's a sort of 'go compare men'. But it's even better than that, because with this app, you can actually, you know touch the men. This is obviously morally wrong, because basically it's cheating. And she really ought to make up her mind, and settle down with one of them. But somehow she can't bring herself to delete Appiness. Or to put down her phone. Perhaps she's a telexual? Karl Theobald (Twenty-Two, Green Wing), Colin Hoult (Nurse, Derek, Being Human), and Harry Hadden-Paton (In The Loop, Grantchester, No Naughty Bits, Posh) play the men in Lucy's life, and listen out for a special guest appearance by Clive Anderson. Lucy Katy Wix. Keith Colin Hoult. Damian Karl Theobald. Mark Harry Hadden-Paton. Clive Anderson himself. Anna Ayesha Antoine. Fun Dude Neet Mohan. Caroline Jessica Turner. Director: Jonquil Panting. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 22:55 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xvv)

2019

Episode 10

Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fostekew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 23:05 Mark Watson's Inner Child (b08295s0)

Being a grown-up is boring. Is that the thinking behind the current trend in 'kiddult' activity - where adults play kids' games and generally get in touch with their 'inner child'? Comedian Mark Watson finds no shortage of evidence for this trend - the programme features adult 'days in the woods' in Corby for grown-ups who like climbing trees and making dens, there are playgym for those who want to dress up or rediscover Lego. We find some women in Bristol who like opening their colouring books in a pub, cafes that serve nothing but the breakfast cereals of your youth, playdays for adults in urban parks, to say nothing of swings and slides and the set of musical see-saws that are currently being enjoyed by adults in Leicester Square. Mark is out with his own inner child playing 'hedgehogs' with grown-ups and sampling the pleasures of a 'board games cafe'. Philosopher Susan Neiman and Psychologist Oliver James offer their interpretations of this contemporary

phenomenon. Producer: Susan Marling. A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

SUN 23:35 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xvx)

2019

Episode 11

Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fostekew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

SUN 23:40 The Haunting (b098n4vm)

Series 1

The Asag Chiller

Tech blogger Tom has acquired a healthy new lifestyle, a shiny new fridge and a terrifying new problem. Second of the series of modern horror stories. Modern technology is terrifying. The average smartphone carries out 3.36 billion instructions per second. The average person can only carry out one instruction in that time. Stop and think about that for a second. Sorry, that's two instructions - you won't be able to do that. But what if modern technology was literally terrifying? What if there really was a ghost in the machine? Travel through the bad gateway in this modern ghost story as writer and performer Tom Neenan discovers what horrors may lurk in our apps and gadgets. Cast: Tom Tom Neenan. Heidi Jenny Bede. Debbi Kath Hughes. Reynolds Roger Morledge. Asag Ewan Bailey. Written by Tom Neenan. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 23:55 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xvz)

2019

Episode 12

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MONDAY 06 MAY 2019

MON 00:00 Night Terrace (m0004xvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 William Trevor - Sitting with the Dead (m0004xv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Machines Like Me (Omnibus) (m0004xvj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Animals' VC (b0076mcc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Peter Terson - Getting to Know Mr Schmeigelow (b071c6t2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0004xvn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Couples (b05mrdn9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xvt)

Episode 1

'When I walked into this house I was simple Grahame Mayer, the bookseller. Now it seems I'm Philip Marlowe, private eye. Am I being tested for something?' A bookseller is surprised to be asked to try and solve a military mystery... Edward Boyd's five-part thriller serial based on his 1986 play. Grahame Mayer Ray Brooks. Coleman John Westbrook. Teresa Alexandra Mathie. Forrest Garard Green. Hemingway William Hope. Cameron John Hannah. Rainsford Jonathan Tafler. Produced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

MON 06:30 The Butterfly Effect (b01rglwg)

Soprano Amanda Roccoft explores the impact of Madame Butterfly in performance and popular culture. Leading British Soprano Amanda Roccoft explores the story of Japanese girl Cio Cio San, who evolving from a short novel was brought to the stage by Italian composer Giacomo Puccini in his opera Madama Butterfly. In this programme soprano's Angela Gheorghiu, Anne Sophie Duprels and Victoria De Los Angeles reveal why performing as Butterfly is one of the most exacting roles in the operatic repertoire. Author and Japanese expert Lesley Downer and opera enthusiast Rod Wood provide details of the origins of her tragic story and present fascinating insights into the life and work of Puccini. Madame Butterfly's impact in performance is also discussed by members of Northern Ballet and Opera North and her incredible influence in the world of popular culture is revealed; including the time she caused a stir in the pop charts when music impresario Malcolm McLaren introduced her to a whole new audience. Using archive and fresh interviews along with stand-out vocal performances, Roccoft takes a captivating journey through one of the world's best loved operas. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

MON 07:00 Bad Salsa (b06z2tj7)

Series 2

The Cycle of Life

Each of the women get to grips with their own particular cancer after-shocks. In this last episode each of them must face their fears. A second series of the sitcom about three women who meet during cancer treatment and start going to salsa class together to maintain their friendship. As they adjust to life after

cancer they realise that they've all changed. The series is not about cancer, but about life after cancer, how you cope with the changes in your outlook, your desires and your expectations. It's also about how other people cope with the change in you. Written by Kay Stonham. Directed by Alison Vernon-Smith.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0004n7k)
Series 22

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. Sindhu Vee, Susan Calman, Graeme Garden and Tony Hawks are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as kings, snakes, make up and hats. Produced by Jon Naismith. A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)

Series 6
The Waxwork
The lad is set to be immortalised in wax, but it's not quite how he'd envisaged. Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Warren Mitchell. 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 November 1959.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jsg2)

Series 1
Battle School
The Walmington-on-Sea platoon is off to a weekend training camp - subject to Captain Mainwaring and his map... Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast. Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Jack Watson as Major Smith and Alan Tilvern as Captain Rodrigues. With John Snagge as the announcer. Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad. Producer: John Dyas. First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (b01dlvix)

Series 62
India
Nicholas Parsons sets more challenges from Mumbai with Paul Merton, Marcus Brigstocke, Anuvab Pal and Cyrus Broacha. From 2012.

MON 09:30 Snap (b013fct0)

Series 3
Episode 6
Molly's surprise pregnancy makes Doug to do something neither of them ever expected... Conclusion of Paul Mendelson's sitcom about a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after divorce. Starring Rebecca Lacey as Molly, Paul Venables as Doug, Soumaya Keynes as Kaz, Jessie Sullivan as Ryan, Marlene Sidaway as Annie, Robin Weaver as Dawn, Jonathan Taffler as Raymond and Richard Firth as Ansel. Producer: David Ian Neville. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

MON 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k1tz)
Flora's Rights

In which Flora Poste - she of the strong will and the slender ankle - begins her adventures. Flora believes that unless life is tidy, one cannot even begin to enjoy it - and life with her relatives at Cold Comfort Farm promises to be anything but. First published in 1932, Stella Gibbons tale of early 20th-century rural England dramatised in 4 parts by Elizabeth Proud. Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore. Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud. The Abbe Fausse-Maigre Malcolm Hayes. John Westbrook John Westbrook. Mary Smiling Kate Binchy. Charles Fairford David McAlister. Aunt Gwen Pauline Letts. Angus McKnag Alexander John. Spiritualist Lady Gladys Spencer. Judith Starkadder Margaret Robertson. Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin. Adam Lambsbreath Cyril Shaps. Seth Starkadder Sion Prober. Amos Starkadder John Hollis. Mark Dolour Stephen Garfick. Elfine Starkadder Jane Knowles. Music: Terence Allbright. Director: Ian Cotterell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0004xty)

Series 5
Quiet
Guy Raz explores ways to find quiet in this busy world. A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage. Guy Raz explores ways to find quiet in this busy world. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2013.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07grpkd)

Ray Quinn
Actor, singer, dancer Ray Quinn chooses 'My Special Angel' by Malcolm Vaughan and 'Eye of the Tiger' by Survivor.

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jsg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 13:30 The Butterfly Effect (b01rg1gw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdcy9)

Episode 6
Whizz-kid post office manager Nick Marshall makes an offer to Martin Sproule, but will he take it? If he does, what will it mean for him and Ruth? Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

MON 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01inkxl1)

Series 1
UK - Commander Dalgliesh and Chief Inspector Wexford
PD James's Adam Dalgliesh and Ruth Rendell's Reginald Wexford first appeared in novels written in 1962 and 1964. Mark Lawson continues his series about the way crime fiction has depicted modern European history by looking at the shifts in UK society they have encountered from rural racism and road rage to fears about changes in the Church of England and the rise of an environmental movement. Producer: Robyn Read. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012. Catch an extended interview with PD James on the Front Row Crime Writers' Archive.

MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b052hffd)

The Embrace
Episode 1
Iona returns stirring up old conflicts and broken promises. Linda Marshall Griffiths's unflinching five-part drama about betrayal and the power of money cracks open the impossibilities and difficulties of love. IONA.....LYNDSEY MARSHAL. CHARLIE.....WILLIAM ASHGRACE.....OLIVIA HALLINANDAN.....BLAKE RITSON. TABBIE.....OLWEN MAYCLEM.....JONATHAN KEEBLE. Director: Nadia Molinari. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b042zb4t)

Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy
Episode 1
It's 12 years since Tim Moore, the ultimate amateur, slogged around the route of the Tour de France. At 48 years old, and distraught by those riders who are despoiling the heroic image of cycling, he decides it's time to reacquaint his feet with creaks and show these soft modern-day cyclists what a real challenge is. A brief internet search later, he discovers the 1914 Giro d'Italia, the hardest bike race in history. Eighty-one riders started and only eight finished, after enduring cataclysmic storms, roads strewn with nails and even the loss of an eye by one competitor. Undeterred, Tim sets off to cycle all 3,200km of it. For authenticity, he decides to do it on a 100-year-old bike, which, unburdened by relevant experience, he opts to build himself. Wearing period leather goggles, a woollen jersey, and with an account of the 1914 Giro as his trusty companion, Tim sets off to tell the story of this historic race, as well as the travails of a middle-aged man cycling up a lot of large mountains on a mainly wooden bicycle. Tim Moore's Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy - abridged in five parts by Libby Spurrier. Reader: Stephen Mangan. Producer: Joanna Green. A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

MON 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k1tz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Just a Minute (b01dlvix)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Snap (b013fct0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Bad Salsa (b062zj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0004n7k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpxk)

The Red Planet

Episode 6
Weeks have passed since the Mars space fleet lost all contact with Earth. But then Captain Jet Morgan and his crew suddenly receive warnings to turn back, but from whom? Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971. Andrew Faulds Jet Morgan. David Kossoff Lemmy Guy. Kingsley Poynter Doc Bruce. Beebie Mitch David. Jacobs Announcer/Variou Anthony Marriott Various. Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1954.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0090qv6)

Tom Robinson and Bidisha
Kate Mosse and her guests - musician and broadcaster, Tom Robinson and writer and critic, Bidisha to discuss books favourite books by Iris Murdoch, Simon Napier-Bell and Zora Neale Hurston. The Bell by Iris Murdoch. Publisher: Vintage Classics. Black Vinyl, White Powder by Simon Napier-Bell. Publisher: Ebury Press. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston. Publisher: Virago. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00917jt)

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MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jsg2)

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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m0004xty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07grpkd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0004n7k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Machynlleth Stand-Up Show (m0004xv1)

2019
Kiri Pritchard-McLean hosts a live stand-up show featuring some of the best names performing at the festival.
MON 22:55 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m0004xv3)
2019

Episode 13
Jake Yapp is joined by Jessica Fostekew, Rob Deering, Laura Lexx and Angela Barnes to bring you the best of this year's Machynlleth Comedy Festival.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0004xv5)

Series 26

Episode 4

Miles Jupp is joined for a ramble through the week's news with comedians Angela Barnes, Kerry Goddman, Kemah Bob, and Theresa May's former PR advisor Katie Perrior. Produced by Sarah Sharpe. A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b03jpvjt)
Series 3

Episode 4
The Luton laureate visits the Cheltenham Literary Festival, and finds that some poems just don't want to be read. From February 2000.

TUESDAY 07 MAY 2019

TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jpxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdcy9)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

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TUE 05:00 Bad Salsa (b062zj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m0004n7k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Castles in Spain (m0004r2s)

Episode 2

'You can't even get your act together, you lot. Do you want Jock Cameron found, or would he be better left where he is?' Armed with new information, bookseller Grahame Mayer is sent to Glasgow on the trail of Jock Cameron. Edward Boyd's five-part thriller serial. Grahame Mayer Ray Brooks. Coleman John Westbrook. Teresa Alexandra Mathies. Inspector McNeill Carey Wilson. Norah McGill Sybil Wintrop. Cameron Joseph Greig. Henderson Joseph Brady. Arnold Ian Thompson. Receptionist Jennifer Piercey. Passenger William Hope. Produced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

TUE 06:30 R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - The Art of Backing Vocals (b00kgfcl)

Nick Barraclough pushes aside the lead singer and delves into the world of the backing singer. With the help of musicians, composers, and vocalists, he draws a straight line from the medieval canon to 50s doo-wop, celebrating the innovations of The Beatles and the multi-tracked world, inhabited by the likes of Joni Mitchell, along the way. Producer: John Leonard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00lqzs9)

Series 4

Just Managing

Bill and Faith face new pressures on their marriage and Liza shows just how vulnerable she really is. Sitcom about the battles of married life for ex-divorcees Bill and Faith, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and Faith's teenage children. Stars James Bolam as Bill, Lynda Bellingham as Faith, Belinda Lang as Liza, Julia Sawalha as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Melanie Hudson as Louise and Nick Murchie as Duncan. 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 July 1992.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m000419m)

Series 13

The Wooden Spoon
Comedy series written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds. Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-

dodger and master of the abusive email, attempts to survive in a world where the media seems to be run by idiots and lying charlatans. In the first episode of this new series, Ed and Elgar return to London (from their failed jaunt living in a shepherd's hut in the country) destitute and on the lookout for a new roof over their respective heads. Could a carrier bag filled with wooden spoons be the answer to their problems? Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas Olive Stephanie Cole Pearl Brigit Forsyth Maggie Pippa Haywood Jaz Philip Jackson Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy Stan Geoffrey Whitehead Elgar Colin the cat With Sarah Ovens, Dan Tetsell and Ellen Thomas Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds Producer Simon Nicholls A BBC Studios Production
TUE 08:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b011v5zm)
From 11/05/1974

Police intelligence and making merry at the court of Henry VIII. Kenneth Williams and Ted Ray cross their comedy swords. Characters, songs and sketches with Miriam Margolyes and Nigel Rees. Music by Neil Innes. Script by Michael Wale and Joe Steeples. Producer: Simon Brett First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1974.

TUE 08:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007jrzw)
The Old Magic

Poorly Terry gets some shock news from Bob. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier and Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris. With Anita Carey, Barbara Ogilvie, Brenda Cavendish and Anthony Snee. Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais. Adapted for radio by Patrick Tilley. Producer: John Brownell. Originally lost from the archive, the audio was recovered in a BBC Treasure Hunt. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0004xv5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b03jpvjt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k22w)

Amos's Call

Flora aims to tidy up the Starkadders, and the apocalyptic ravings of preacher Amos. Flora believes that unless life is tidy, one cannot even begin to enjoy it - and life with her relatives at Cold Comfort Farm promises to be anything but. First published in 1932, Stella Gibbons tale of early 20th-century rural England dramatised in four parts by Elizabeth Proud. Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud John Westbrook John Westbrook Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin Adam Lambsbreath Cyril Shaps Seth Starkadder Sion Probert Amos Starkadder John Hollis Aunt Ada Doom Fabia Drake Meriam Amanda Murray Mrs Beetle Miriam Margolyes Mrs Murderer Diana Bishop Mr Mybug Michael Spice Waitress Kathryn Hurlbut Music: Terence Allbright Director: Ian Cotterell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

TUE 11:00 Drama (b09nrvtb)

Reading Europe - Turkey: The Bastard of Istanbul

Episode 1

Two families - one Turkish, the other Armenian-American - are bound by the same horrific past. One rainy afternoon in Istanbul, a 19-year-old, unmarried woman walks into a doctor's surgery. "I need to have an abortion," she announces. 20 years later, Asya Kazanci lives with her extended family in Istanbul. All the Kazanci men die early, victims of a mysterious family curse, so this is a household of women. Among them are Asya's beautiful, rebellious mother Zeliha, her clairvoyant aunt Banu and their eccentric sister Feride, as well as the ageing Petit Ma. They are ruled over by the iron will of matriarch Gulsum. Into the midst of this madhouse comes Asya's determined American cousin Armanoush, who unknowingly brings with her long-hidden family secrets inextricably linked to Turkey's turbulent past. Written by Elif Shafak and dramatised by Hattie Naylor. Produced and directed by Nicolas Jackson. An Afonica production for BBC Radio 4.

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Episode 7

Assistant postmaster Martin Sproale finally stirs into action, but has Nick been ahead of him all along? Where is Elaine? Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
TUE 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mmz73)

Series 1

Sicily - Inspector Rogas

Leonard Sciascia used crime stories to highlight Mafia crimes. The Sicilian was the author of novels including The Day of the Owl, A Simple Story and Equal Danger - which features Inspector Rogas. Paul Bailey, Gianrico Carofiglio, Andrea Camilleri and Petra Reski discuss with Mark Lawson the influence of Leonardo Sciascia and the continuing presence of the Mafia in Italian life. Producer: Robyn Read First broadcast

on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b052t0f2)

The Embrace

Episode 2

Iona tells Charlie how she was bought and why she left him. Linda Marshall Griffiths' unflinching drama about betrayal and the power of money cracks open the impossibilities and difficulties of love. IONA.....LYNDSEY MARSHAL CHARLIE.....WILLIAM ASHGRACE.....OLIVIA HALLINAN DAN.....BLAKE RITSON Director: Nadia Molinari First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b043kdyw)

Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy

Episode 2

Complete with self-built road bike and period cycling outfit, Tim arrives in Milan for the start of his epic challenge to retrace the route of the 1914 Giro d'Italia. It's 12 years since Tim Moore, the ultimate amateur, slogged around the route of the Tour de France. At 48 years old, and distraught by those riders who are despoiling the heroic image of cycling, he decides it's time to reacquaint his feet with cleats and show these soft modern-day cyclists what a real challenge is. A brief internet search later, he discovers the 1914 Giro d'Italia, the hardest bike race in history. Eighty-one riders started and only eight finished, after enduring cataclysmic storms, roads strewn with nails and even the loss of an eye by one competitor. Undeterred, Tim sets off to cycle all 3,200km of it. For authenticity, he decides to do it on a 100-year-old bike, which, unburdened by relevant experience, he opts to build himself. Wearing period leather goggles, a woolen jersey, and with an account of the 1914 Giro as his trusty companion, Tim sets off to tell the story of this historic race, as well as the travails of a middle-aged man cycling up a lot of large mountains on a mainly wooden bicycle. Tim Moore's Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy - abridged in five parts by Libby Spurrier. Reader: Stephen Mangan. Producer: Joanna Green. A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

TUE 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k22w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b03df10f)

Series 6

Herring, Lippincott, Clemente

This week, the Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Humphrey Ker welcome the art historian and former director of the Greenwich Observatory Dr Kristin Lippincott; comedian, chat show host and blogger Richard Herring and animal locomotion expert Dr Christopher Clemente. Topics for illumination include Time, inspiration, writer's block, sticky ants' feet, Russia's Greatest Love Machine lizards doing wheelies and the most controversial moustache in history. The show was researched by James Harkin, Molly Oldfield and Stevyn Colgan of QI. The producers were Richard Turner and Dan Schreiber.

TUE 16:30 Up the Garden Path (b008j0kf)

Series 3

Up the Stick and Sick as a Parrot

Izzy spends her birthday coping with the surprise news that she's pregnant... Imelda Staunton stars as Isabelle 'Izzy' Comyn. With Mike Grady as Dick, Marty Cruickshank as Maria, Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rene Zagger as Razors, Neil McCaul as Bill, Phyllida Nash as Louise and Sion Prober as Gwyn. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30-something teacher Izzy has a predilection for inappropriate men. A six-part radio sequel first adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The last 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 1993.

TUE 17:00 Second Thoughts (b00lqzs9)

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TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq0c)

The Red Planet

Episode 7

As the Mars fleet crew battle to locate freighter ship number 6, Captain Jet Morgan suffers strange hallucinations... Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971. Andrew Faulds Jet Morgan David Kossoff Lemmy Guy Kingsley Poynter Doc Bruce Beeby Mitch David Jacobs Announcer/Variations Anthony Marriott Various Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1954.

TUE 18:30 Best of British Laughs - Morecambe and Wise (b07b30dr)

From early days to their rise as kings of comedy, Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise reminisce with Barry Took. The duo recall their big breaks and the importance of good writers in their success, initially Sid Green and Dick Hills and later Eddie Braeburn. Illustrated with excerpts from BBC and private recordings. Surviving episode from Barry Took's series of interviews with some of the greats of British comedy. Producer: John Brownell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1971

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TUE 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m00049m)

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TUE 22:30 Warhorses of Letters (b016wzty)

Series 1

Episode 2

This is the world's first epistolary equine love story, comprising the recently discovered passionate love letters between Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse (played by Daniel Rigby), and his hero Marengo (Stephen Fry). It is the story of two horses united by an uncommon passion, cruelly divided by a brutal conflict. Warhorses of Letters stars Stephen Fry as Marengo, the seasoned, famous and just-a-little-bit-short mount of Emperor Napoleon. Daniel Rigby stars alongside him as Copenhagen, the frisky young former racehorse ridden by the Duke of Wellington. This collection of their moving letters to each other is introduced by Tamsin Greig. Episode 2 sees Copenhagen becoming a warhorse, and Marengo setting out into the vast Russian Steppe as he carries Napoleon at the head of his vast army towards Moscow. As uncertainty and conflict beset our heroes it puts strains on their new relationship, especially when Copenhagen begins to explore his physical side with really quite a lot of other horses, and things begin to go less well for the French army and its horses as winter sets in. Written by novelists Robert Hudson (The Kilburn Social Club) and Marie Phillips (Gods Behaving Badly - soon to be a feature film starring Christopher Walken and Sharon Stone), directed by Steven Canny and produced by Gareth Edwards.

TUE 22:45 I, Regress (b01rr6gc)

Series 2

Cats

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious. Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different phobia. As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing. The cast across the series include Bob Mortimer, Daisy Haggard, Steve Furst and Tracy-Ann Oberman. A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head! Produced by Sam Bryant.

TUE 23:00 Vent (b00svcbq)

Series 1

Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go

Ben doesn't get out much, but he has a loving and attentive family, an active imagination and a comfortable bed, so he can't complain. Because he's in a coma, Mary and Mum wonder whether some of his favourite music will wake him up, while his own thoughts are occupied with visions of Sue Lawley, Robbie Williams - and an unconventional seduction technique. Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith. Starring Neil Pearson as Ben Smith, Fiona Allen as Mary, Josie Lawrence as Mum and Leslie Ash as Blitzkrieg. With Mark Perry, Dave Lamb, Jo Martin, Tim Whitnall, Hils Barker and Kim Wall. Producer: Gareth Edwards First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

TUE 23:30 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01cws2j)

Series 1

Chance

Tim tackles the dicey issue of 'chance' via a selection of poems including: 'The Wrong Number that Led to a Marriage' and 'Probably Gay'. Written and presented by Tim Key. Musical accompaniment is provided by Tom Basden. Producer: James Robinson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

TUE 23:45 Jigsaw (b01r0zhh)

Series 1

Episode 3

Dan Antopolski, Nat Luurtsema and Tom Craine piece together a selection of silly, clever, dark sketches. Produced by Colin Anderson.

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WED 06:00 Castles in Spain (m0004t9v)

Episode 3

'Remember, nobody knows what this Hanrahan looks like. Nobody knows what name he's travelling under. So keep your door locked. And don't let anyone in you don't know.' Bookseller Grahame unearths more clues about Jock Cameron when he meets a nurse from the Spanish Civil War. Edward Boyd's five-part thriller serial. Grahame Mayer Ray Brooks Coleman John Westbrook Teresa Alexandra Mathiel Inspector McNeill Carey Wilson Cameron John Hannah Norah McGill Sybil Wintroppe Cameron Joseph Greig Arnold Ian Thompson Miss McLaughlan Yvonne Gilan Pat Richard Jamieson Paula Caroline Guthrie Waiter Gordon Reid Produced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

WED 06:30 Heel, Toe, Step Together (b00wdf4b)

Heel, Toe, Step Together tells the story of two people who met at an East London market one day and the unlikely friendship that blossomed through dance. Bob Hill, 86, has been dancing on and off since he was 16 and won many competitions with his late wife Iris Hill, who he lived with in Hackney. Katie Burningham, 28, is a radio producer and self-confessed bad dancer. Bob and Katie met by chance one day, shortly after Bob's wife Iris had died, and, three years later, Katie is still having dance lessons with Bob. This programme brings together recordings of their dancing and explores why it is that Bob, and Katie, need to dance. Touching on themes of loss, loneliness, love and affection, Heel, Toe, Step Together reveals how, through music and movement, friendship can bridge generations. Heel, Toe, Step Together was produced as part of the European Broadcasting Union's Master School on Radio Features, with the creative advice of Edwin Brys. Producer: Katie Burningham A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 07:00 Bookcases (m0004tvc)

Series 2

Self Help

There are some eccentric and desperate plans to save Spavin and Spavin from financial ruin involving Prince Albert and Samuel Smiles. Second series of Martyn Wade's comedy series set in a Victorian publishing house. Starring Michael Cochrane as Primus, Maggie Steed as Cordelia, David Horvitch as Gerald, Elizabeth Spriggs as Edith, Joan Sims as Mrs Quirk, Charles Simpson as Simeon, Ioan Meredith as Prince Albert/Smiles, Stephen Critchlow as John, Rachel Atkins as Mrs Beeton and Becky Hindley as Lizzie Siddal. Director: Cherry Cookson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

WED 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004mgp)

Series 5

Karl Marx

Radio 4's premier comedy-economics hybrid is five series old and the time is right to take a step back, and perhaps two steps up, and tackle the big, competing theories of Macro Economics. These are little short of religions to their proponents, and the figures who deified them dominate the intellectual landscape in a way that mere politicians can only dream of. These are the Big Beards, the Glinting Eyes, the Bristling Moustaches and Eyebrows of "Worldly Philosophy" and their insights, calculations and hallucinations remain as contentious today as they were when first inked into place. In this series Simon Evans, with the help of Undercover Economist, Tim Harford will advance through the modern industrial era using three great beacons as their guide - Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes - and reflect on how they continue to shape our world today. In episode 2, from Adam Smith last week, we leap forward a hundred years to Karl Marx. A towering figure in world, let alone economic, history, and endlessly fascinating as much as for his personal foibles as for his vast influence on the course of twentieth century history. Few figures are more divisive. Yet is he fully or even remotely understood by one tenth of those who have strong views on him? Are his central ideas now discredited by history, or are we still waiting for his philosophy to stop merely describing the world, as for many it still does, and instead, as he famously declared, to start changing it? Is Marxism genuinely gaining ground even as his economic predictions gather dust? And what exactly is Dialectical Materialism? All this plus jokes in 28 minutes. Producer: Richard Morris Presenters: Simon Evans and Tim Harford Writers: Simon Evans, Tim Harford, Dan Evans and Robert Ledger

WED 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0082hrd)

Series 8

Buoys Up

Buoys will be buoys when HMS Troutbridge is sent on a top secret mission... Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Cawdric as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as the Russian Trawler Captain, Ronnie Barker as AS Johnson, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral and Michael Bates as the Flag Lieutenant. 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. Incidental Music by Tommy Riley and James Moody. Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1966.

WED 08:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)

'Alice Foster, This Is Your Life!'

There's a surprise in store for chairman, Alice at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Evening Guild, in the northern English town of Cloughbottom. Keith Parry's sitcom about the comic mishaps of the Cloughbottom Ladies' Evening Guild. Starring Sheila Hancock as Alice Foster, Pat Coombs as Phyllis Middleton, Avis Bunnage as Mrs Fothergill and Clovis Newcombe as Ethel and Peggy. Produced in Manchester by Bob Oliver Rogers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1978.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00bvnsj)

Series 22

2008 Semi-final 2

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. The pace hots up as the series enters its semi-final stage, with three of this year's heats winners going into battle for a place in the Final in a few weeks' time. The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop. Three contestants battle it out: Chris Cook from Haslemere in Surrey, Howard Curtis from London and John Tattersall from Todmorden. Producer: Paul Bajoria. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 09:30 Be Prepared (b0076tb0)

First Aid

Despite being sacked from running the First Aid stall at the local church fete Miles is determined to give his life saving mannequin, Annie, a day out. Recently separated from his wife and with a teenage son, Miles Rummings continues with his dream of running a scout troop. Stars Kim Wall as Miles, Emma Amos as Dawn, Barnaby Power as Steve, Louis Dunsford as Jason, Collen Prendergast as Jules, Robert Hastie as Rob, Susan Jamerson as Mary, Gerard McDermott as the Vicar and Harry Myers as the Estate Agent. Producer: Sally Avens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

WED 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007jpwk)

Elfine's Rights

In which Flora's plots begin to thicken and she seems to be making headway over the tidying-up of the farm. But she's reckoned without Aunt Ada Doom... First published in 1932, Stella Gibbons tale of early 20th-century rural England dramatised in four parts by Elizabeth Proud. Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud John Westbrook John Westbrook Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin Judith Starkadder Margaret Robertson Adam Lamsbreath Cyril Shaps Seth Starkadder Sion Probert Amos Starkadder John Hollis Micah Starkadder Alexander John Richard Hawk-Monitor Stephen Garlick The Abbe Fausse-Maigre Malcolm Hayes Meriam Amanda Murray Mrs Beetle Miriam Margolyes Aunt Ada Doom Fabia Drake Mr Mybug Michael Spice Claud Hart-Harris Roger Hammond Harkaway Starkadder David Timson Urk Starkadder Christopher Scott Monsieur Solide Alan Dudley Rennett Starkadder Christine Absalom Mrs Hawk-Monitor Margot Boyd Elfine Starkadder Jane Knowles Young Man David McAlister Music: Terence Allbright Director: Ian Cottrell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

WED 11:00 Step Back In Time - with Rylan Clark-Neal (m0004tkv)

1999 - James Dreyfus

Actor James Dreyfus joins Rylan Clark-Neal in his time machine to revisit some of 1999's most talked about moments. From Posh & Becks' wedding, to the hysteria surrounding the Millennium Bug, James and Rylan revisit iconic music videos, as well as classic film and television moments, in this celebration of 1999. Executive Producer: Daniel Clark-Neal Producer: Oliver Morris Assistant Producer: Simona Rata Composer: Pascal Wyse Production Manager: Sara Butler A Harbar 8 production for BBC Sounds.

WED 11:30 Short Cuts (b082xc07)

Series 10

Vox

Finding your voice, life or death conversations and seeking anonymity - Josie Long explores the power of the human voice. From losing yourself in a crowd of others to the medium who finds herself conversing with a murderer. Cards on the Table Produced by Andrea Rangelcofrantumaglia Produced by Phil Smith Power and Freedom http://sarahboothroyd.com/home.html Produced by Sarah Boothroyd Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4. Short documentaries and adventures in sound presented by Josie Long.

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Episode 8

Martin succumbs more and more to the power of the chair, but soon gets his comeuppance. Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

WED 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mmz7f)

Series 1

Spain - PI Pepe Carvalho

In his Pepe Carvalho novels, Manuel Vázquez Montalbán created a Barcelona-based private eye with a gastronomic passion, whose investigations are set against political developments in post-Franco Spanish society. Mark Lawson continues his series looking at European history through crime fiction - discussing the books of Montalbán with Antonio Hill and Jason Webster - whose own crime novels depict contemporary Spain. Producer: Robyn Read First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b043kh5r)

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WED 18:30 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

Series 1

Bill Pertwee

Comic actor Bill Pertwee recalls the early days of his showbiz career as he entertains an audience. Featuring memories of making the BBC's Round the Horne and Dad's Army. Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

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WED 22:30 Tina C (b06qmpqw)

Tina C: Herstory

Episode 1

Country music star Tina C presents her life story, starting with her humble origins in deepest Tennessee and taking us all the way to where she stands today - a global feminist icon, and political powerhouse. And she can still knock out a tune or two too. Tina will be joined on stage by a three-piece band who will help her recreate her biggest hits, and a special guest interviewer who will talk to her about her struggles. In this first episode, Tina recalls her childhood. A humble start in life provides a rich seam of stories which fed into her early work. Family has always been important to Tina - as tracks like Hard Times, Don't Be Afraid to Start Crying, and Tramp on a Trampoline show. From the moment her second album No Dick's As Hard As My Life was released, the world took notice of country music singer Tina C. Since then she has become a global brand. Following 9/11 she has been travelling the world 24/11 working for peace and being a poster girl for American democracy, selling that unique vision of hope to the rest of the world whether they want it or not. Seductive and persuasive, she is here to recruit you to her world view. She is the living embodiment (and what a body) of soft power. Tina C. has performed in venues all over the world, with her own TV show and five series on BBC Radio. You can run but you can't hide from Tina C. Tina is the creation of Christopher Green, a multi-award winning writer and performer. "Tina C is one of my favourite performers. She is witty, often outrageous and always in tune! I can't wait to see what Chris Green comes up with next" Sir Ian McKellen "Christopher Green's Tina C is one of the great comic creations of the age. A genuinely fine country singer, but with a twist of satire and insight which is rare and to be highly prized". Stephen Fry Written & performed by Christopher Green. Additional voices: Debra Baker & Leo Wan. The Band: Duncan Walsh-Atkins, Mark Hardisty & Phil Wraith. Special guest interviewer: Dr Raj Persaud. Producer: Victoria Lloyd. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 23:00 Comedy Club Extra (m0004tvn)

Jon Holmes

Jon Holmes investigates the healing power of sound - with the help of his guest, Othman Haddad, also known as Otto.

WED 23:15 Mankind v Nature (b007jzp6)

Are we with Mother Nature - or against her? Luke Roberts tackles the big arguments and solves them using light entertainment. Producer: Ed Morrish. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2006.

WED 23:30 World of Pub (b007sygy)

Series 2

Episode 2

The Red Lion's almost bankrupt - can Doggy Phil get the punters back? Tony Roche's four-part comedy starring John Thomson as Doggy Phil, Phil Cornwell as Barry, Alistair McGowan as Garry, Debra Stephenson and Simon Greenall. Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero. Music: Bill Bailey. Producer: Jane Berthoud. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

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THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b00bvnjs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Be Prepared (b0076tb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Bookcases (m0004tvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004mnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw8)

Episode 4

'Each of these postcards came from a place where there had been a bomb outrage. That, Mayer, is why we want to talk to Jock Cameron.' Continuing his quest to hunt Jock down, Grahame meets a pop star and gets a lead on the holy pictures... Edward Boyd's five-part thriller series. Grahame Mayer Ray Brooks Coleman John Westbrook Teresa Alexandra Mathies Inspector McNeill Carey Wilson Norah McGill Sybil Willtrope Nuke John McGlynn Apollyon Billy McColl Millhouse William Hope Produced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

THU 06:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

The sidekick is not, by definition, the focus of our attention. They are destined to be overshadowed by their better half, the hero who will save Gotham, solve the uncrackable case or rescue the girl from the bad guys... But without the sidekick these heroes would often remain too distant, too powerful or just too brilliant for us to ever really love them. So in steps the earthy, flawed and loyal sidekick to provide the audience with someone to connect to, a character who knows how the world really works to help the hero off tilting at windmills. Whether it's in countless children's films - think Eddie Murphy's Donkey to Mike Myers's Shrek - or a hundred comic books and cartoons - or high literature from Cervantes to Sterne and Shakespeare to Verne - the sidekick provides the laughs, the pratfall and the focus of our empathy. Frank Cottrell Boyce talks with those who've created sidekicks, those who've played the parts and those who've studied just how essential these characters really are to making the fiction seem believable and offer a human face to the often inhuman character supposedly at the centre of the show. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 07:00 Shushi! (b06fntmg)

Series 1

New Romantics

A wandering poet, a bottle of Calpol and some Roman bathing techniques cause trouble for Snoo and Alice. And just what is Dr Cadogan's unexpected skill? Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day. And forever popping into the library is Dr. Cadogan, celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie. Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man. Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission, a mission to close down inefficient libraries. Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers. Written by Rebecca Front and Morwenna Banks. Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (m0004mgf)

Series 7

Episode 5

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller is back with more words of wit and wisdom. With his sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves him a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. This week, a story called Active Shooter and some more extracts from the diary he has kept daily for forty years. David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994) which included The Santa Land Diaries, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His latest international best-selling book is a collection of stories entitled Calypso. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He is a regular contributor to The New Yorker and has been appearing on BBC Radio 4 since 1996. Producer: Steve Doherty. A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m0004xwb)

Series 2

Episode 19

A turnip for the books when the agency is asked to help shift 500 tons of root vegetables. "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbian, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'. Starring Michael Medwin as Michael, Fenella Fielding as Janet, Joan Sims as Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as Maggie and Nicholas Phipps as Adrian. Other parts by Warren Mitchell. Series two (of three) written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe. Producer: Eric Miller. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1961.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jqbn)

The Mountain Eaters

Eccles and Ned set out to scoff Everest, with Grytpype-Thynne and Moriarty in pursuit. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1958.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m0004xwd)

Series 2

William Shakespeare

James Walton chairs the literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Lynne Truss and Nigel Williams. Author of the week: Shakespeare. Reader: Becky Hindley. Producer: Dawn Ellis. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.

THU 09:30 Bristolov (b00ct8w3)

Series 1

The Great Escape

The Chester-Perry buying clerk plots his summer holiday. With Rodney Bewes as Jones, Dora Bryan as Mrs Purdy, Owen Brenman as Hewitt, Jon Glover as Fudge and Katy Odey as Miss Sunman. Bristolov works as a buying clerk for Reginald Chester-Perry's firm. He's but a small cog in a gigantic wheel... and he knows it. Michael Williams stars as Bristolov, the buying clerk from Frank Dickens' famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's Evening Standard. Frank Dickens died in July 2016. RSC talent and popular stage and TV actor. Michael Williams died in 2001. Music: John Whitehall. Producer: Neil Cargill. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

THU 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k2m0)

Flora's Rights Again

As the wedding draws near, Flora Poste wrestles with Aunt Ada Doom. Will she get her rights at last? First published in 1932, Stella Gibbons tale of early 20th-century rural England dramatised in 4 parts by Elizabeth Proud. Flora Poste Patricia Gallimore Stella Gibbons Elizabeth Proud John Westbrook John Westbrook Reuben Starkadder Trevor Martin Judith Starkadder Margaret Robertson Adam Lambsbreath Cyril Shaps Seth Starkadder Sion Probert Adams Starkadder John Hollis Micah Starkadder Alexander John Richard Hawk-Monitor Stephen Garlick The Abbe Fausse-Maigre Malcolm Hayes Aunt Ada Doom Fabia Drake Mrs Beetle Miriam Margolyes Mr Mybug Michael Spice Harkaway Starkadder David Timson Urk Starkadder Christopher Scott Rennett Starkadder Christine Absalom Mrs Hawk-Monitor Margot Boyd Elfine Starkadder Jane Knowles Charles Fairford David McAlister Earl P Neck Nigel Anthony Dr Mudel John Rye Letty Pauline Letts Susan Diana Bishop Music: Terence Allbright. Director: Ian Cotterell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1981.

THU 11:00 The Parcel of Dreams (b007vcn7)

A writer wants to tell a story about a private detective in California, but will his characters let him? Experimental detective story by Louis Robinson and Richard Lewis in which the characters want to be independent of the script. Read by Colin Stinton. Produced at BBC Pebble Mill by Anne-Marie Cole. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1989.

THU 11:15 Drama (b044j7q2)

Clare Lizzimore - Missing in Action

Natalie's husband went Missing In Action, in Helmand Province. Then one day, she spots him in a supermarket. He swears he's someone else. But she knows it's him. Is this love, or obsession? Is he who he says he is? And what will he do with the new life she's offering him? Clare Lizzimore's first play for radio explores the fight which begins back home, after the guns fall silent. Writer and director Clare Lizzimore's first stage play, 'Mint', starring Sam Troughton, debuted in the Royal Court's Weekly Rep season last year, to rave reviews. Clare has been resident director at the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow; staff director at the Royal National Theatre, and she is currently an Associate Director at Hampstead Theatre. As a director, her credits include 'Bull' by Mike Bartlett at Sheffield Crucible and in New York, 'One Day When We Were Young' by Nick Payne as part of the Paines Plough Roundabout Season, and 'Lay Down Your Cross' by Nick Payne at Hampstead Theatre. At the Royal Court, she directed 'Faces in the Crowd' by Leo Butler in 2008, and has worked extensively with the International department. Daniel Sam Troughton Laura Liz White Natalie Anna Madeley Commanding Officer Clive Hayward Brian Craige Els Foreman Michael Bertenshaw Produced by Claire Grove and Jonquil Panting Directed by Jonquil Panting

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THU 13:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

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THU 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sdzr3)

Episode 9

Martin's drunken antics lead him into a field of bulls, and Ruth starts to worry about him... Michael Palin continues this ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

THU 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mnnz7f)

Series 1

Britain - DCI Jane Tennison

Dame Helen Mirren's portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison created a new image of women police officers in Britain. Lynda La Plante describes the creation of her character and what serving officers taught her about the macho culture of British policing before the millennium. The Granada TV series which first aired in 1991 was sold around the world. Dutch best seller Saskia

Noort and Scottish authors Ian Rankin and Val McDermid discuss its impact with Mark Lawson.Producer: Robyn ReadFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b052t1z3)

The Embrace

Episode 4

Tabby attempts to hide the truth but Iona plays her at her own game.Linda Marshall Griffiths' unflinching drama about betrayal and the power of money cracks open the impossibilities and difficulties of love.IONA.....LYNDSEY MARSHALCHARLIE.....WILLIAM ASHGRACE.....OLIVIA HALLINANDAN.....BLAKE RITSONTABBY.....OLWEN MAYCLEM.....JONATHAN KEEBLEDirector: Nadia MolinariFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b043khlh)

Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy

Episode 4

Now well in to his epic cycle around Italy, Tim stops for an overnight in the town of Montecorvino Rovella and finds himself in a rather strange hotelIt's 12 years since Tim Moore, the ultimate amateur, slogged around the route of the Tour de France. At 48 years old, and distraught by those riders who are despoiling the heroic image of cycling, he decides it's time to reacquaint his feet with cleats and show these soft modern-day cyclists what a real challenge is.A brief internet search later, he discovers the 1914 Giro d'Italia, the hardest bike race in history. Eighty-one riders started and only eight finished, after enduring cataclysmic storms, roads strewn with nails and even the loss of an eye by one competitor.Underdetermined, Tim sets off to cycle all 3,200km of it. For authenticity, he decides to do it on a 100-year-old bike, which, unburdened by relevant experience, he opts to build himself. Wearing period leather goggles, a woollen jersey, and with an account of the 1914 Giro as his trusty companion, Tim sets off to tell the story of this historic race, as well as the travails of a middle-aged man cycling up a lot of large mountains on a mainly wooden bicycle.Tim Moore's Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy - abridged in five-parts by Libby SpurrierReader: Stephen ManganProducer: Joanna GreenA Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Bristow (b00ct8v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Shush! (b06fntmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (m0004mgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq5b)

The Red Planet

Episode 9

After their battle to land on Mars, Captain Jet Morgan and his crew prepare to start their explorations...Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.Andrew Fauds Jet MorganDavid Kossoff LemmyGuy Kingsley Poynter DocBruce Beeby MitchDavid Jacobs Announcer/VariousAnthony Marriott VariousMusic composed and conducted by Van Phillips.Producer: Charles ChiltonFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b01pzst4)

Series 29

Nancy Mitford

Grace Dent loves Nancy Mitford for her wit, and for the way in which she showed women that it was possible to live your life fully and unconventionally.Matthew Parris asks why, with the aid of biographer Lisa Hilton.Nancy Mitford's greatest success came with the novels The Pursuit of Love (1945) and Love in a Cold Climate (1949). Matthew Parris asks what it is about Nancy that so inspires Grace, with the aid of Mitford biographer Lisa Hilton.Grace Dent is a TV critic, newspaper columnist, author, and broadcaster.Producer Beth O'DeaFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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THU 20:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw8)

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THU 20:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

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THU 21:00 The Parcel of Dreams (b007vcn7)

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THU 21:15 Drama (b044j7q2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m0004mgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (m0004xwj)

Newsjack Unplugged, Series 3

Episode 8

The week's news stories lovingly bashed, mashed and moulded into sketches and one-liners by the public.

THU 22:45 The Pin (b06nrjk1)

Series 1

Episode 4

Join Alex and Ben in their weird twist on the double-act sketch

show. Strap in for a 15 minute delve in to a world of oddness performed in front of a live studio audience.The Pin are an award-winning comedy duo, and legends of Edinburgh festival.

They deconstruct the sketch form, in a show that exists somewhere between razor-sharp smartness and utterly joyous silliness.After a sold-out run in Edinburgh, and a string of hilarious performances across BBC Radio 4 Extra, BBC 3, Channel 4, and Comedy Central, this is The Pin's debut solo show for Radio 4. Join them as they celebrate, make, collapse and rebuild their jokes, each other, and probably the radio too.For fans of Adam and Joe, Vic and Bob, and Fist of Fun - a show of absurd offerings from two loveable idiots.'Reinventing sketch comedy before our very eyes.'***** The List'Eviscerating their chosen form completely.'***** The Sunday Times'A very classy, very funny show indeed.'**** The Telegraph'Adept at finding laughs in surprising places.'***** The Times'A genuine boundary pusher.'***** London is Funny.

THU 23:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00y28v4)

Episode 4

The urban warrior asks do you rave or rock?More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnerly.With Peter Serafinowicz. Producer: Aled EvansFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

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FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jq5b)

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FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b01pzst4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Sidekick (b00sfy5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sldr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mmz7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b052t1z3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b043khlh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Stella Gibbons - Cold Comfort Farm (b007k2m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

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FRI 05:00 Shush! (b06fntmg)

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FRI 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (m0004mgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw1)

Episode 5

'Whatever you think it is, bookseller, Terry copied pictures. End of story. Right?'.Will Forrest's death release bookseller Graham Mayer from the business of tracking down Jock Cameron?Conclusion of Edward Boyd's five-part thriller serial.Graham Mayer Ray BrooksColeman John WestbrookTeresa Alexandra MathieDr Lovat Roy HanlonJoseph Greig CameronProduced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

FRI 06:30 The Shapes of Things: BB Remembered (b00v71w4)

Kate Best looks back at the life and work of 'BB' - the pen-name of the writer and illustrator Denys Wakins-Pitchford. Best known for his children's books which include a much-loved classic, The Little Grey Men, BB also wrote prolifically about the countryside, documenting the wildlife which was his lifelong obsession. Kate visits some of his Northamptonshire haunts and talks to those who knew him - and fans including Ian McMillan and Philip Ardagh explain his lasting appeal. With readings by Sir Derek Jacobi.Producer: Thomas Morris

FRI 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06bnq1g)

Series 1

We Try Harder

Change is afoot at Hardacre's, London's worst advertising agency. New accounts chief Amanda Brook is well underway with her plans to turn the agency around, insisting they take any work they can get. Creative team Joe and Teddy thus find themselves reduced to working on posters for industrial adhesives, cast iron stoves, and jewellery for dogs.Horrified at seeing his name associated with such a low calibre of clients, creative director and advertising legend Rupert Hardacre resolves to bring in a better class of account. He enlists Amanda's help to chase down McCutcheon's Whisky, a client he worked with many years earlier.While Hardacre and Amanda head off, Joe and Teddy are left at the office determined to prove that they can design a poster, hire a plumber, and interview a client entirely unsupervised. Their jobs may just depend on it.Rupert Hardacre - Nigel HaversAmanda Brook - Josie LawrenceJoe - Matthew BayntonTeddy - Rasmus HardikerDirector Alan NixonProducer Gordon KennedyAn Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (m0004t03)

Ruby Wax: Frazzled - 2

Ruby Wax returns to talk about mental health in her inimitable

style, using comedy and insight to make us laugh and also think about what it means to be human.It follows her well-received show for Radio 4 last year."Excellent" - The Guardian."Appealing and wise" - The Times"Articulate and entertaining" - iThere is so much to say about mental health and, with a Master's degree in Mindfulness-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and years of struggles with mental health, Ruby has the knowledge, the experience and the comic gifts to say it in an articulate, funny and entertaining way, engaging the audience both in the room and at home.She wants to make us laugh at her and at ourselves, share her thoughts about where we are now, how we can make ourselves think and feel a bit better and how we can all be a bit less isolated.Written and performed by Ruby WaxProducer: Liz AnsteeA CPL production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 The Michael Bentine Show (b0012mcj)

From 27/05/1984

From a ghost hunter to a collector of holes.Michael Bentine stars in the ultimate one man show written and performed by the host.Producer: Jamie RixFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1984

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)

Series 3

Robbery With Violence

Terrified Albert lies to son Harold after accidentally breaking his treasured porcelain collection.Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Gwendolyn Watts and Richard Griffiths.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 man 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 JayeFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1971.

FRI 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4y)

Syon House

From bronze statues to Lalique.Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz from the London home of the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House.With John Bly, Philippa Glanville, Jane Hay and Peter Brown.Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 09:30 Home Again (m0004xw3)

The Family Gathering

As suddenly as he disappeared, Fulton Jones returns to his family - wife Margaret and children Rosie and Martin.He went to the newsagent to buy matches 20 years before and, bold as brass, waltzes back assuming his role as father figure once more.Margaret is perplexed, whilst Rosie and Martin are furious with him.Robin Bailey ... FultonDoreen Mantle ... MargaretLiz Goulding ... RosieDavid Troughton ... MartinChristopher Benjamin ... Ernest BlackrockScript writer: Peter TinniswoodProducer: Griff Rhys Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1980.

FRI 10:00 Jill Paton Walsh - A Piece of Justice (b010vyt7)

When Fran gets the chance to take over the biography of the great mathematician Gideon Summerfield, she rapidly discovers there's a mystery over a few days he went missing in August 1978.Her friend Imogen is the first to realise she may be in danger...Dramatised by Neville Teller from the novel by Jill Paton Walsh. Imogen Quy Barbara FlynnJanet Somerfield Rosemary Leach Francis Bullion Tracy WilesJosh Robert HarperDr Mistral James GreeneLady Buckmote Marlene SidawaySir William Buckmote Geoffrey WhiteheadProfessor Maverack Colin StarkeyMeredith Bagadeuce Peter Howell(Pamela Zephyr Di BotcherDavid Swann Iwan ThomasDirector: Janet WhitakerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0004xw6)

Audio Fiction with Ella Watts: The Bright Sessions & The Magnus Archives

Ella Watts joins Amanda Litherland to dive into the rich world of audio fiction. Featuring US podcast The Bright Sessions, and UK series The Magnus Archives. Also conversations with creators Lauren Shippen and Rusty Quill CEO Alexander J Newall.The Bright Sessions is a science fiction podcast that follows a group of therapy patients. But these are not your typical patients - each has a unique supernatural ability. The show documents their struggles and discoveries as well as the motivations of their mysterious therapist, Dr. Bright.The show is written and directed by Lauren Shippen.The Magnus Archives is a podcast by Rusty Quill. It is an ongoing long-form anthology details the supernatural cases under investigation by the Magnus Institute and its archivists and boasts a dedicated cult following in addition to multiple award nominations. The series has more than 125 episodes in its catalogue and releases a new episode every week.The show is written and performed by Jonathan Sims (along with guest actors) and directed by Alexander J Newall.

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FRI 14:00 Michael Palin - Hemingway's Chair (b01sf1x0)
Episode 10

Martin returns to the post office, seeking Geraldine. Meanwhile, Nick anticipates a big day. Michael Palin concludes this ten-part reading of his first novel. Producer: Rosemary Watts. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

FRI 14:15 Foreign Bodies (b01mzn8f)

Series 1

Italy - Inspector Montalbano

Andrea Camilleri discusses the influence of both the Spanish writer Montalbán and Belgian author Georges Simenon on the creation of his Sicilian detective Inspector Montalbano. In a conversation recorded at his home in Rome with Mark Lawson, he describes the way he uses his crime stories to comment upon the effects of both the Mafia and Berlusconi's leadership on Italian society today. Producer: Robyn Read. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b052t2yv)

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Episode 5

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MARSHALCHARLIE.....WILLIAM ASHGRACE.....OLIVIA HALLINANDAN.....BLAKE RITSONTABBY.....OLWEN MAYCLEM.....JONATHAN KEEBLEDirector: Nadia Molinari. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b043kj32)

Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy

Episode 5

Nearing the end of his epic cycle ride retracing the route of the 1914 Giro d'Italia, Tim's bike is falling to pieces and his sat-nav directs him onto the most terrifying road yet. It's 12 years since Tim Moore, the ultimate amateur, slogged around the route of the Tour de France. At 48 years old, and distraught by those riders who are despoiling the heroic image of cycling, he decides it's time to reacquire his feet with cleats and show these soft modern-day cyclists what a real challenge is. A brief internet search later, he discovers the 1914 Giro d'Italia, the hardest bike race in history. Eighty-one riders started and only eight finished, after enduring cataclysmic storms, roads strewn with nails and even the loss of an eye by one competitor. Undeterred, Tim sets off to cycle all 3,200km of it. For authenticity, he decides to do it on a 100-year-old bike, which, unburdened by relevant experience, he opts to build himself. Wearing period leather goggles, a woollen jersey, and with an account of the 1914 Giro as his trusty companion, Tim sets off to tell the story of this historic race, as well as the travails of a middle-aged man cycling up a lot of large mountains on a mainly wooden bicycle. Tim Moore's Gironimo! Riding the Very Terrible 1914 Tour of Italy - abridged in five-parts by Libby Spurrier. Reader: Stephen Mangan. Producer: Joanna Green. A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

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FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076kq)

Secrets

Writers Alice Jolly, Kris Kenway and Duncan Fallowell reveal all on matters undisclosed to 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 2003.

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FRI 22:30 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01nxwnd)

Money

Sketches, stand-up and song in a comic exploration of money. With Andrew Lawrence and Sara Pascoe. From November 2012.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0005280)

Michael Fabbri 1/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Angela Barnes chats to Michael Fabbri.

FRI 23:00 John Finnemore's Double Acts (b06vm2nd)

Series 1

The Goliath Window

It is the year 1820, and Mark and Luke have agreed to meet in the vestry of St Anne's church in the village of Mayton Chenett. John Finnemore and his "Souvenir Programme" regular Simon Kane star in the fourth of six two-handers written by John Finnemore. Written by John Finnemore. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05qgm0y)

Series 2

Episode 3

Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham recreates a 19th-century bet. Can he cook a pudding ten feet under water? Producer: Joe Nunnery. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.