

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqlg)
The Red Planet

Episode 15

Cold-handed Maclean attacks Lemmy, but the plucky radio operator fights back... 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/Variou Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

SAT 00:30 London Nights (b00sxgyc)

The Other Side of the River

Writer Andrea Levy presents anthologies of short pieces for radio capturing a certain off-beat spirit of London. In tonight's programme: The Other Side of the River - South Londoner Arthur Smith conducts musician Suggs round his manor in a vain attempt to convince the north Londoner that his is the better end of town. On Monday, Suggs returns the compliment. Also: writer Peter Blegvad rings a doorbell in Hammersmith and is ushered into the fantasy world of the Central London Hatcheries and Conditioning Centre - or is he? Plus, the regular feature Pairs in Squares, in which Jonathan Glancey randomly selects a section from the grid of London's famous streetmap and explores it in company with a well-known London companion. Andrea Levy was born in London and holds the city close to her heart; her experience growing up here as a black Londoner pervades her novels and is the thread woven through this mix of the day-to-day and the nocturnal... of pieces taking a sidelong glance as well as a more direct approach. A blend of poetry and prose, of the factual and the fictional that together make up this diverse and diverting nightly series. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 01:00 EW Horning - Raffles (b007jncv)

Series 3

No Sinecure

AJ Raffles is dead - and Bunny must face the world alone. Then comes an invitation to answer a newspaper advertisement... The stories of EW Horning in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry "Bunny" Manders. Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Gordon Reid as Dr Theobald and John Hately as Maturin. Dramatised by Olwen Wymark. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker. Director: Gordon House A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

SAT 01:30 Stuart: A Face Backwards (b01k2df5)

Stuart Freeborn's face launched a thousand space ships, his hands fashioned the Dawn of Man. Freeborn was the self-made genius of British make-up. A career that began in the Denham dream factory of Alexander Korda in the late 1930's culminated in the creation of Yoda for the original Star Wars Trilogy. Freeborn, desperate to escape the humdrum fate of City clerk, longed to emulate his hero Jack Pierce, the man who transformed Karloff into Frankenstein's monster. Despite the almost total lack of information available he devised increasingly elaborate make-ups in his bedroom. Testing them by leaping out to terrify unsuspecting neighbours. Dreaming and drifting from a succession of jobs just to pay for his materials, Freeborn's parents despaired. It took a moment of fate to finally enter professional film-making at Alexander Korda's new dream factory of Denham Studios. From the very beginning Freeborn was an innovator, experimenting with new plastics and later engineering and early radio control. He created the controversial Fagin makeup for Alec Guinness in Lean's Oliver Twist, the many faces of Peter Sellers in Kubrick's Dr Strangelove and the near impossible design of the ape families for the Dawn of Man sequence in 2001: A Space Odyssey. A career littered with achievements culminated in the creation of Yoda for George Lucas in 1979. The wizened Jedi master drew on all Freeborn's skill and experience and took make-up into a new age. Back in 1997, producer Mark Burman spent a week in Freeborn's company amidst a shed of delights since sold off to collectors around the world. What he got was the story of a make-up genius, the history of a face backwards. Presenter/Producer: Mark Burman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

SAT 02:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m000527w)

Episode 5

Taking his boss's car for a spin, a young man named Ralph spots a grand house into Lahardane he's never seen before - nor its beautiful occupant... William Trevor's haunting masterpiece abridged by Sally Marmion. Read by Dermot Crowley. Producer: Di Spiers First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SAT 02:15 Foreign Bodies (b01imnz2)

Series 1

Russia and Ukraine - Erast Fandorin

Boris Akunin sets his Erast Fandorin novels in nineteenth century Russia whilst Andrey Kurkov describes twenty first century Ukraine. Mark Lawson looks at the influence of Bulgakov and Dostoevsky on Russian crime fiction and compares the inside view with those created by outsiders including Martin Cruz Smith and Tom Rob Smith. Producer Robyn Read.

SAT 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b05nxzpg)

Mike Bartlett - A Steal

Episode 5

Hanna is really in trouble now, but at least she'll be able to make her case: tell the world why she has done what she's done. Hopefully. Written by Mike Bartlett. Hanna Laura Dos Santos Mark Shaun Mason Susise Samantha Robinson Reporter Jude Akuwudike Director Mary Peate First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 02:45 Book of the Week (b0460zm8)

Curious: True Stories and Loose Connections

Lauren Bacall Stole My Husband's Chip

A tantalising glimpse into the strange world of celebrity, where normal rules no longer apply. Rebecca Front reads from collection of anecdotes and yarns exploring all that's remarkable about everyday life. Abridged by Sara Davies. Producer: Gemma Jenkins First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b05scmc)

Evelyn Waugh - Decline and Fall

Episode 2

Captain Grimes finding himself in 'the soup' again has disappeared and Margot has invited Paul to tutor her son Peter during the school holidays. There he meets the eccentric Otto. Conclusion of Evelyn's Waugh's fast paced roller-coaster set in the early jazz age dramatised by Jeremy Front. Paul Kieran Hodgson Margot Emilia Fox Otto Tom Hollander Peter Alex Lawther Grimes John Sessions Prendergast James Fleet Dr Fagan Geoffrey Whitehead Philbrick Ben Crowe Alastair Sam Valentine Sir Humphrey/Governor 2/Scott Sam Dale Inspector Bruce/Warder 1 Stephen Critchlow Lunatic/Warder 2 Ian Conningham Lucas-Dockerty/Chaplain David Acton Jane Grimes Jessica Turner Bessy Rhiannon Neads Directed by Tracey Neale First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 04:00 Hidden Treasures (b05p6jmr)

Syon House

The antiques quiz visits Syon House in London. With Lars Sharp, John Bly and Christine Lalumia. From May 1998.

SAT 04:30 Home Again (m000527p)

Old Habits

Fulton Jones resumes his old ways in the family home after a 20-year unexplained absence. 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 ... Fulton Doreen Mantle ... Margaret Liz Goulding ... Rosie David Troughton ... Martin Christopher Benjamin ... Ernest Blackrock Written by Peter Tinniswood. Producer: Griff Rhys Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

SAT 05:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06d2l25)

Series 1

The Best A Man Can Get

Things are getting desperate for the staff of Hardacre's, London's worst advertising agency. The work isn't coming in and accounts chief Amanda Brook finds herself reduced to pleading for the business of old friend/nemesis, India. Back at the office, hopeless creative team Joe and Teddy devise a campaign for an anti-aging cream for men. Worse, they must grapple with the most difficult and least glamorous form of advertising of all - radio work. They find themselves unexpectedly assisted by creative director Rupert Hardacre who descends from on high at Amanda's instruction to give the little people the benefit of his creative wisdom. The only trouble is, he seems to have forgotten most of it. Fortunately, he wrote it all down in a book entitled Hardacre on Advertising and he sets out to find a copy for Joe and Teddy. Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers Amanda Brook Josie Lawrence Joe Matthew Baynton Teddy Rasmus Hardiker Director: Alan Nixon Producer: Gordon Kennedy An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m00051k8)

Suzi Ruffell: Postcards to Portsmouth

Stand-up special from Suzi Ruffell about growing up in Portsmouth and sending postcards to back home. Through sharp storytelling and real-life examples, Suzi introduces the audience to her large and entertaining Portsmouth family. Postcards to Portsmouth was written and performed by Suzi Ruffell, with additions from Ann Ruffell. It was produced by Suzy Grant and is a BBC Studios production.

SAT 06:00 Edwin Pearce - The Night They Stole the FA Cup (m000596h)

In 1895, Aston Villa won the FA Cup beating local rivals West Bromwich Albion. That same season, Villa lost the FA Cup, when it was stolen from the Birmingham shop where it was on display. In Edwin Pearce's drama, Villa fan Wilf Rickard keeps getting himself into trouble, fighting with Albion supporters. After he's unsuccessful in trials for his beloved team, his uncle Joe has to battle to keep him on the straight and narrow... Wilf ... Neil Coker Ramsay/Hipkiss ... Terry Molloy Rinder ... Tim Brierley Darnley/Shillcock ... Edwin Richfield Joe ... Roger Rowland Doris ... Joyce Gibbs Hodggets ... Dave Mitty Sargeant/Rowbotham ... Geoff Searle Cummings/Constable ... John Dixon Cath ... Charlotte Martin Nicker ... Mustifa Dinson Albert ... Richard Allenson Director: Philip Martin. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

SAT 07:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dpw98)

Episode 4

High-diving elks, the sporting munificence of Charles Dickens and the explosion in music hall entertainment all help bring to a close the merry little stroll John Sessions has been taking through the history of popular entertainment in the UK. Having joined the restoration celebrations of 1660 and witnessed the rise of a new popular entertainment phenomenon, the sporting hero, John now ventures into the industrial heartlands of Victorian Britain to see how the masses were kept amused before the dawn of cinema and the emergence of a global entertainment industry worth billions of pounds. Producer: Paul Kobrak First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00767cc)

Don't Write, Make a Record

Just 7" of thin vinyl connects generations, continents, lovers and the lost. From 1935 until the coming of the cassette, anyone, anywhere in the world, from Australia to Argentina, could walk into an auto-recording booth, from the Empire State to Brighton Pier, a Cunard Liner to the NAAFI and make their own short gramophone record. From the anonymous to the likes of Tennessee Williams, the Beats and Gracie Fields, join Alain Dein on a journey through the grooves of time and memory. Producer: Mark Burman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SAT 09:00 The Navy Lark: Left Hand Down A Bit, with Leslie Phillips (b00sdjr2)

Cast member Leslie Phillips roams the high seas of comedy, with a three-hour celebration of the long-running BBC radio favourite. Featuring: Operation Fag End (January 1959); The Hank of Heather (April 1959); The Lighthouse Lark (January 1960); A Deliberate Bashing (April 1963); Mr. Phillips at Dartmouth (October 1967); The Jubilee Navy Lark (July 1977). The Navy Lark is almost as much of a national institution as the Navy itself. With a worldwide following, it remains one of BBC radio's most fondly remembered comedies, and continues to entertain new generations of listeners. Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips welcomes you aboard the infamous HMS Troutbridge for a voyage through six classic episodes in the life and times of a legendary comic flagship. Find out how The Navy Lark got started; discover who might have been in starring roles; learn how the cast of the radio series were invited to take large bits of a real-life ship! What other popular "Larks" appeared on radio? How did the Troutbridge crew come to be running their own TV company? How exactly did Sub-Lieutenant Phillips get through Dartmouth? All is revealed. Produced by Martin Dempsey. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2006.

SAT 12:00 Wordaholics (b04fzr7p)

Series 3

Episode 1

Comedians Lloyd Langford, Holly Walsh, Paul Sinha and Natalie Haynes join Giles Brandreth for the panel game about words that will make you laugh your socks off. Lloyd Langford delicately tells us why avocados are called avocados; Natalie Haynes explains what the modern term astroturfing is; Paul Sinha unlocks the meaning of the German word handschuhsanbalwerfer and Holly Walsh shares her favourite example of prison slang. The panel also suggest words that don't yet exist, but should. What could they mean by 'a Clarkson', 'messcalation', 'trage' and 'appointmentia'? Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle. Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014

SAT 12:30 The Architects (b050zpxh)

Series 2

Airport

Architects Sarah and Matt journey north in pursuit of an airport contract that will put Sir Lucien and Partners back on the map. Meanwhile Tim tries to buddy up with a TV chef whose fond of the sauce. Comedy by Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths. Arch-Brutalist Sir Lucien founded his architectural practice on a commitment to concrete in all its forms. Fashion has been a cruel mistress and four decades later things are not going well for Sir Lucien and his team of loyal-ish employees. Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead Sarah Anna Crilly Matt Dominic Coleman Tim Alex Carter Murray Peter Forbes Noel David Hounslow Ella Rhiannon Neads Director: Toby Swift First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015

SAT 13:00 Cuckoo (Omnibus) (m000596m)

After the death of his mother, Jennifer, in November 2017, the writer Jeremy Raison found letters, diaries, divorce transcripts and an unpublished manuscript. This sparked an unexpected journey unravelling some of the mystery of his late mother's troubled childhood. The youngest of four children, Jennifer was kept away from school until she was a teenager, and educated by a nurse who would gradually take the place of her mother. Set between the late 1920s and early 1940s, Cuckoo explores the story of Jennifer and her mother Theo. Married at nineteen to a wealthy politician, Harold Eastleigh, Theo was said to be suffering from anxiety after the birth of her fourth child. After a period in hospital, Theo returned to the family home accompanied by one of the nurses, Miss Land. In the years to follow Miss Land would become a permanent feature in the family home, eventually leading to Theo and her husband divorcing. Miss Land became the second Mrs Eastleigh and young Jennifer's stepmother. Did Theo suffer from post-natal depression before it was widely acknowledged as a condition? Was Harold simply unable to cope with an illness he knew little about, or was he under pressure to keep his family trouble out of the public eye? Brought up in this unsettling environment what effect would it have on young Jennifer? Although some

names and details have been changed this drama is based on a true story.Jeremy

.....EWAN
BAILEY JenniferSUSAN
JAMESON Uncle Godfrey/Uncle JamesMICHAEL
BERTENSHAW Theo

.....MELODY
GROVE HaroldCHRISTOPHER
HARPER Omnibus director: David Ian Neville First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000596r)
Alistair McGowan
Impressionist and actor Alistair McGowan chooses 'Poem' by Zdenko Fibich and 'Narcissus' by Joyce Grenfell and Norman Wisdom.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (b008wr7x)
John Major
Former prime minister John Major chooses some of his favourite pieces of writing. Including works by Anthony Trollope and Oscar Wilde. Readers: Nigel Anthony and Lucy Briers. Producer: Christine Hall First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SAT 14:45 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m000596w)
Episode 6

Diana really wants to get off on her holiday, but Bell and Todd are still in trouble. Mischievous narrator Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a mad and a mysterious world of her own devising. June Whitfield stars in the conclusion of John Eggleston's six-part comedy adventure series. With Matthew Bell as Bell and Toby Longworth as Todd. Producer: Liz Anstee First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

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SAT 18:00 Spine Chillers (b0886z49)

Colin Haydn Evans – Figures

As soon as Ann saw the house she knew it had to be hers. Its past turns out to be part of her future. So all she has to do is sit in the upstairs room - kept locked for so long - and wait... Stars Anna Massey as Ann, Blain Fairman as Ralph Symons, Jill Lidstone as Rebecca Symons and Jon Strickland as Peter Fuller. Written by Colin Haydn Evans. Director: Ian Cotterell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.

SAT 18:40 Fay Weldon - Spirit of the House (b08f16hz)
Christine fears for baby Emmy who's looked after by the cool Jenny. No-one is interested in her suspicions - even when they confirm Jenny's fictitious past. Anna Massey reads Fay Weldon's weird tale. Producer: Duncan Minshull First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SAT 19:00 The Navy Lark: Left Hand Down A Bit, with Leslie Phillips (b00sdrj2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b05xggjr)

Series 6

Barnard Castle

"Barnard Castle - The Hidden Gem" Mark Steel visits the County Durham town of Barnard Castle. A picturesque place - home to a castle, friendly locals and one of the most impressive and surprising museums on earth (really, it's ridiculous). In spite of all this, hardly anyone knows the town exists. Attempting to reach 'Barney' by public transport is not an easy task, taking so long that Mark begins to wonder if in fact it is a real place at all. Mark speaks to local policeman PC Steven Purchase about the alarmingly low levels of crime in the area; marvels at the majesty of a silver, clockwork swan and tries to get to the bottom of why the people of Barnard Castle seem to keep the place such a secret. Mark Steel returns for a 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 Steel. Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair. Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Sterling. Producer ... Carl Cooper. BBC Radio Comedy Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015..

SAT 22:30 Revolting People (b00ftcck)

Series 2

A Bunch More Trying Times

Ezekiel gets a shock, and Mary is wooed by a newly arrived Captain. Little does she know he's recently been named "Cad of the Year" by the Bounder's Gazette. Comedy set just before the American Revolution. Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses. Stars Jay Tarses as Samuel Oliphant, Andy Hamilton as Sergeant McGurk, James Fleet as Captain Brimshaw, Jan Ravens as Mary, Hugh Dennis as Ezekiel Spriggs, Penelope Nice as Cora Oliphant, Tony Maudsley as Joshua Oliphant and Michael Fenton Stevens as Dashmount. Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0005b4y)

Rob Auton 2/2

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats again to Rob Auton.

SAT 23:00 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03zx9pg)

Episode 2

Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler discovers ancient Egyptian music and what the Dutch think of British pubs. With Fiona MacDonald. Producer: Mark Savage First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

SAT 23:15 Creme de la Crime (b0081mpp)

Series 2

Six Feet Down Under

Michael Feydeau -TV's much loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert, David Pershore probe a strange death by cutlery back in 1824. Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. Director: Adam Bromley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SAT 23:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04jm36p)

Series 3

About Bad Boys

In a mix of stand-up and re-enacted family life - Nathan Caton tries to be a good role model for his younger brother Tyree. Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle. Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing is a series about young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who after becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, opted not to use his

architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian, much to his family's horror and disgust. They desperately want him to get a 'proper job.' Each episode illustrates the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his disapproving family as he tries to prove himself. The series is a mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with scenes from his family life. Janet a.k.a. Mum is probably the kindest and most lenient of the disappointed family members. At the end of the day she just wants the best for her son. However, she'd also love to brag and show her son off to her friends, but with Nathan only telling jokes for a living that's kind of hard to do. Martin a.k.a. Dad works in the construction industry and was looking forward to his son getting a degree so the two of them could work together in the same field. But now Nathan has blown that dream out of the window.

Martin is clumsy and hard-headed and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way). Shirley a.k.a. Grandma cannot believe Nathan turned down architecture for comedy. She can't believe she left the paradise in the West Indies and came to the freezing United Kingdom for a better life so that years later her grandson could 'tell jokes!' How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way! So with all this going on in the household what will Nathan do? Will he persevere and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference? Or will he finally leave home? Producer: Katie Tyrrell

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SUN 06:00 Mike Bartlett - A Steal (Omnibus) (b05pmm0h)

Liverpudlian shop assistant Hanna tries to help out a couple of friends who are down on their luck, and before she knows it, it's turned into a mission to tackle the widening economic gap in her community. Omnibus of Mike Bartlett's comic look at the morality of economics and how the financial crisis feels on the street. Hanna Laura Dos Santos Susie Samantha Robinson David Justin Salinger Mark Shaun Mason Director Mary Peate A Steal explores our reaction to the current economic crisis, dramatising how it affects the fabric of society and community. What happens if a citizen takes matters into their own hands, how would they go about it and how would everyone else react? Producer: Mary Peate First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 07:15 Alex Shearer - Bonding (b07s3zc7)

An outdoor survival weekend for men turns out not to be quite what Dave expected. Gareth Hale reads Alex Shearer's short story. Producer: Jordan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1998.

SUN 07:30 Couples (b07syvhd)

Episode 3

Dr Tanya meets again with spiritual lovers Helen and John. 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 Blaker A Black

Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

SUN 08:00 Home to Roost (m00058gt)

Series 1

Do It Yourself

William's efforts at DIY shock both him and Olive. Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler play crusty old married couple, Olive and William Wheeler. 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 Wheeler Molly Sugden ... Olive Wheeler Norman Rossington ... Jack Bailey Ysanne Churchman ... Angela John Baddeley ... Neville Patricia Green ... Cath Linda Polan ... Mrs Shipley Writer: Anne Jones Producers: Richard Maddock and Peter Titheradge. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1974.

SUN 08:30 ITMA - It's That Man Again (b074bvvv)

From 14/10/1943

Can Tommy Handley find talented performers for his new entertainment venture? 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 Liverpudlian 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 Worsley First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1943.

SUN 09:00 L.E.L. (Omnibus) (m00058gw)

London society of the 1820s was intrigued by the emergence of a poet signing herself off as L.E.L. In real life, this was the work of Letitia Elizabeth Landon, who courted success, notoriety and ultimately a dramatic and sad end, in a distant part of the world. Omnibus read by Helena Bonham Carter. Abridged by Katrin Williams. Producer Duncan Minshull First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b0625k45)

Iain and Claire – No Job Like It

Fi Glover with a conversation about the move to reactive policing and how cyber crime and better car security has changed things since the Bobby on the Beat - 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 (b05wxcj6)

Eurovision

Graham Norton

From Grace Jones to his duet with Dolly Parton, Comedian Graham Norton shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley. From May 2004.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0952xv8)

Series 5

Doctors, Judgments, Dictators

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

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)

Series 1

Dragons

What did Sir David do when he was confronted by a ten-foot-long grey-scaled reptile, with a long yellow forked tongue

whipping in and out of its mouth?He didn't run and, in fact, was one of the first to film it: the Komodo dragon.Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

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SUN 14:30 The Doll Factory (Omnibus) (m00058gy)

Episode 1

Set in London 1850 -1851 at the time of The Great Exhibition, The Doll Factory follows the story of a young woman called Iris who we first meet painting the faces of tiny porcelain dolls.Iris burns to become an artist but her modest upbringing and strict working class parents have always meant this seems to be little more than a dream. She lives with her twin sister, Rose, in a room above a doll shop in Regent Street. When a chance encounter offers the glimpse of a new life she is ready to embrace it.Five-part omnibus. Written by Elizabeth MacNealRead by Louise BrealeyAbridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie DaviesProduced by Lizzie DaviesA Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2019.

SUN 15:45 The Best of English (m00058h1)

It Started in Aldershot

Comedian and actor Arthur English reminisces about his career in show business with Michael Pounton and a studio audience.Best remembered as Mr Harman BBC TV's long-running sitcom Are You Being Served?, Arthur English recalls the early days of his career as a stand-up comic.Producer: Edward TaylorFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1988.
SUN 16:00 Jeremy Front - The Long Weekend (b0076cwx)
When former school chums Sophie and Gemma re-unite after 20 years at Sophie's Country Estate, the idyllic-sounding long weekend takes a turn for the unexpected.Black comedy written by Jeremy Front.Gemma Emma FieldingSophie Jane SlavinToby Stephen TompkinsonInspector Fenton Clive MerrisonDodo Clare CorbettFreddie Robert Portallvor Ben CroweDirector: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m00058h4)

Time for Verse - Spike Milligan

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive selecting Time for Verse with Spike Milligan in conversation with George MacBeth. Featuring episodes 3 and 4, Spike talks about his life and poetry, with examples of his poems read by Tony Robinson.Poems:What The Wiggle Woggle SaidTell Me Little WoodwormDr. David MantleRevengeFrom Harry SecombeFailureGrandad's Bedtime StoryTwo FunnyThe Future2B Or Not 2BProducer - Alec Reid First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SUN 17:30 Couples (b07syvdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Night Terrace (m00058h6)

Series 1

Sound and Fuhrer

In the far future, Anastasia and Eddie land in a theme park staffed by surprisingly polite robot Hitlers.Eddie is pretty grumpy about it, and the park's owner doesn't understand why. Anastasia thinks he should get over it, but of course it all goes wrong.Sci-fi comedy starring Neighbours' Jackie Woodburne as Anastasia Black. With guest star Alan Brough.Ben McKenzie Eddie JonesPetra Elliott "Sue" Alan Brough BarryPhil Zachariah The HitlersSamantha Streeter The ToyWriter: John RichardsProducers: Ben McKenzie / John Richards.A Splendid Chaps production.

SUN 18:30 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8q)

Episode 4

Saul learns the truth about Stonehenge and the fear-instilling Gibson Room, and two covers push too deep.Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in, and under, Bath.Robert Glenister Saul JuddSharon Duce Elise JuddFreddie Jones The ScribeKate Binchy The Scribe's WifeTimothy West Selwyn FistZoe Hicks Miss DewhurstJonathan Tafler AlanSteve Woodward MartinKaty Carmichael TrackyJonathan Adams OpticianCornelius Garrett NewsreaderOriginal music composed by Thomas Johnson.Music realised by Robin Lever.Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy JordanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0952xv8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lmdh4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 Dario Fo - Accidental Death of an Anarchist (b01s63cx)

While in police custody a suspected terrorist 'fell' to his death from the fourth floor of Police HQ.But someone, disguised as a maniac, has got into the building and is determined to find out what really happened and who is to blame...Dario Fo's world famous comic masterpiece is a biting satire on police corruption.Adapted by award-winning comedian Jeremy Hardy.Adrian Edmondson ManiacJennifer Saunders Maria FelettiJill Gascoine SuperintendentStephen Frost

Inspector BertozzoJohn Forgeham Inspector PissaniMark Steel ConstablesFrom Gillian Hanna's translation and Gavin Richards' stage adaptation.Producer: Turan Ali.First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b05wvcj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Couples (b07syvdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04vr5j8)

Series 2

Turning Cheeks

Family arguments in the first in a series of Stephen K Amos' sitcom about his own teenage years, growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London.Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.Producer: Colin Anderson.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 23:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k2kj)

Series 1

Episode 1

90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans on her many celebrity friends. And how did the Rat Pack get its name?Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets.Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in July 2006.

SUN 23:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07c4tq7)

Series 2

Women

Paul looks at the forgotten women of history. From warriors to inventors to civil rights activists, Paul unearths some stories, that for reasons of sexism and patriarchy, we never got told about at school. You're welcome, ladies.Paul Sinha returns for a second series of the show that uncovers the fascinating stories that we've forgotten in our onward march of progress. In the last series we learned how Alexander Graham Bell did NOT invent the telephone, and that the World Cup final of 2014 could only have happened because of the 1415 invasion of Morocco."Sinha's gift for finding humour in it all makes him worth a listen" - The TelegraphWritten and performed by Paul SinhaProduced by Ed MorrishA BBC Radio Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

MONDAY 20 MAY 2019

MON 00:00 Night Terrace (m00058h6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Mike Bartlett - A Steal (Omnibus) (b05pmm0h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Alex Shearer - Bonding (b07s3zc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Doll Factory (Omnibus) (m00058gy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 The Best of English (m00058h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Jeremy Front - The Long Weekend (b0076cwx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m00058h4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Couples (b07syvdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jndt)

Series 3

To Catch a Thief

London's glittering High Society suffers some audacious jewel robberies - but for once, the cracksman is not Raffles.The stories of EW Hornung in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry "Bunny" Manders.Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Henry Stamper as Inspector MacKenzie and Gordon Reid as Dr Theobald.Dramatised by Olwen Wynark.Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.Director: Gordon HouseA BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

MON 06:30 Comme Je Suis - Sketches of Juliette Greco (b01rpkkh)

The singer Juliette Greco emerged in post-war Parisian society as an embodiment of the bohemian ideas and ideals that gripped the Left Bank.A shy girl from the provinces, she had been part of the Resistance, before pursuing a career as singer and actress. Jean-Paul Sartre described her voice as containing "a million poems". Miles Davis famously fell for her, but wouldn't marry her, saying he "loved her too much to make her unhappy".Laura Barton has always been drawn to what Greco represents - that voice, her black-clad Kohl-eyed image - and presents a sequence of sketches, impressions, portraits of the octogenarian singer.With contributions from Ginette Vincendeau, Philip Sweeney, Pascal Grierson and others.Produced by Alan Hall.A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

Series 4

In Custody

'We are representatives of Democracy in this benighted place, William. We enshrine the values of liberty, tolerance and free speech. By the way, why is that woman chained to the embassy railings..?'Ambassador Mackenzie must tackle the delicate issue

of a Briton being held hostage.Series 4 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.Starring Dinsdale Lenden as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov and Stephen Greif as Spiro.Producer: Neil CargillFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m00051qs)

Series 84

Episode 1

New SeriesGyles Brandreth, Kerry Godliman, Jenny Eclair and Paul Merton join Nicholas Parsons for the panel game where the challenge is to speak without repetition, hesitation or deviation.A BBC Studios Production.

MON 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rn1w)

Series 6

The Fete

The lad rashly agrees to tempt Sir Laurence Olivier to open the East Cheam Garden Fete.Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Jack Watson and Hugh Morton.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 December 1959.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007k481)

Series 1

Something Nasty in the Vault

An unexploded bomb puts Mainwaring and Wilson in a jam.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 DyasFirst broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.

MON 09:00 Wordaholics (b04g8q5c)

Series 3

Episode 2

Comedians Josh Widdicombe and Helen Keen, Dictionary Corner's Susie Dent and classics scholar Natalie Haynes vie for wordly supremacy under the watchful eye of chair Gyles Brandreth.Lexicographer Susie Dent admits to the words she finds most difficult to spell: science lover Helen Keen grumpily dismantles the portmanteau word 'murse'; Natalie Haynes works out what 'kyacting' is, and does some to boot; while Josh Widdicombe tries to ban the word 'chillax'.The panel also guess what some foreign words which have no direct equivalent in English: the Caribbean Spanish word 'cotisuelto'; the Welsh phrase 'glas wen'; the German word 'Kummerspeck' and the Central American Spanish word 'achaplinarse'.Finally they unearth some archaic phrases from the 1870s: 'gigglemug', 'Jeremiah-mongering', 'back row hopper' and 'robbing the barber'.Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.Producer: Claire Jones.

MON 09:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kn418)

Series 4

In the News

The difference between fact and fiction and opinion...that's easily defined isn't it? Ask Miss Reid.School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge. Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.Stars Brigitte Forsythe as Mrs Eastwood, Marlene Sidaway as Miss Lewis, Michael Cochrane as Mr Maxwell, Teresa Gallagher as Miss Featherstone, Jacqueline Beatty as Miss Reid, Janice Acquah as Mrs Khan, Paul Copley as Mr Long and Amanda Gordon as Miss Spivey.Producer: John Fawcett WilsonFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

MON 10:00 Lee Hall - I Luv U Jimmy Spud (b007jmts)

Jimmy Spud is Newcastle's only trainee angel, determined to solve cosmic mysteries and save his father from the grip of lung cancer.Lee Hall's play about poverty, illness, love and redemption stars Gareth Brown as Jimmy Spud, Charlle Hardwick as Mother and Dave Whittaker as Father.Producer: Kate RowlandFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995First repeated in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's "God's Country" quartet plays: The Love Letters of Ragie Patel, The Sorrows of Sandra Saint and Spoonface Steinberg.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m00058hf)

Series 5

Fighting Cancer

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.Guy Raz explores ideas about detecting, curing and living with cancer.First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2015.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00058hh)

Jack Savoretti

Singer Jack Savoretti chooses Forever Young sung by Joan Baez and Kathy's Song by Simon and Garfunkel.

MON 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rn1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007k481)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jndt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Comme Je Suis - Sketches of Juliette Greco (b01rqpkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058hk)

Episode 6

Lucy's parents assume she drowned years before - meanwhile, Lucy has grown up in a large country house in the care of two servants. A young man called Ralph declares his love for Lucy - but will she accept him? William Trevor's haunting novel about the legacy of one night in 1921 during the Irish troubles. Read by Dermot Crowley. Abridged by Sally Marmion. Producer: Di Spiers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

MON 14:15 Noise: A Human History (b01r9c95)

Echoes in the Dark

What do caves tell us about the mind and beliefs of Neolithic people? With no scientific explanation to hand for the phenomenon of the echo, it was natural to assume it was a spirit voice. Certain echoes sounded like the galloping hooves of beasts; others like the fluttering wings of birds. These echoes appeared to come from the rocks themselves. They moved, they were uncanny - all this hinting at a 'spirit world' within. Professor David Hendy from the University of Sussex visits the caves of Arcy-sur-Cure in Burgundy with musicologist legor Reznikoff to listen to evidence deep underground next to paintings of bison and birds. A 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive. Producer: Matt Thompson. A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

MON 14:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xgp36)

Clipped Wings

The reflections of the young Victoria as she turns sixteen... Scripted by Juliet Ace, based on the letters and diaries of the young Queen Victoria, this portrait of her younger life and the happy years of her marriage, reveals some of the remarkable and long-lasting achievements of this extraordinary queen. Starring Imogen Stubbs as Victoria. Duchess of Kent Anna Massey Prince Albert Adrian Lukis Baroness Lehzen Selina Cadell Sir John Conroy John Rowe. Melbourne Christopher Cazenove WAG Andrew Wincott William IV Terence Edmond Prince of Wales Bertie Thomas Arnold Princess Vicky Clare Corbett Prince of Wales Bertie as a child George Allonby. Producer: Cherry Cookson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b03th7pn)

Month of Madness

Sarajevo

Professor Christopher Clark unpicks the complex sequence of events during the July Crisis, leading to outbreak of the First World War, from the perspective of the key centres of decision-making - in Berlin, Paris, St Petersburg and London. He analyses how these countries reacted to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary in Sarajevo on 28th June 1914 and casts fresh light on the causes of the First World War, offering a new interpretation of the catastrophe. This short-run crisis was the most complex event in modern history - yet Professor Clark argues that, far from being a slow sequence of events in which bungling leaders walked blindly to war, it was a fast-paced crisis that contains lessons and parallels for our own world. There was no 'slithering over the brink' as Lloyd George later claimed, but rather a sequence of clear-eyed steps. The July Crisis of 1914 was a 'Month of Madness', not because the men who made it were themselves mad, but because its outcome was completely catastrophic and completely unnecessary. In the first programme, Professor Clark travels to Sarajevo to tell the story of extraordinary chances that led to the assassinations of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie Chotek on 28th June 1914, conveying a sharp sense of the dramatic sequence of events that day and how they were shaped by the geography of the city. The repercussions of the assassinations - comparable to the effect of 9/11 - exemplify the transformative power of a terrorist event. But the murders were not a pretext for a war decided in advance - nor did they make conflict inevitable. Producer: Melissa FitzGerald. A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4

MON 15:00 Lee Hall - I Luv U Jimmy Spud (b007jmts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Wordaholics (b04g8q5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kn418)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m00051qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqp2)

The Red Planet

Episode 16

With Mitch still missing, Captain Jet Morgan, Doc and Lemmy set off to find him, with hopes of finding the engineer rapidly diminishing... Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971. Andrew Faulds Jet Morgan David Kossoff Lemmy Guy Kingsley Poynter Doc Bruce Beeby Mitch Madi Hedd (Sheep Station Wife) David Jacobs Announcer/Various Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.

MON 18:30 London Nights (b00szxzh)

North v South

Writer Andrea Levy continues her series of anthologies of short pieces for radio that capture a certain off-beat spirit of London. Including tonight: The Other Side of the River - North London champion Suggs tries to convince South Londoner Arthur Smith of the merits of his corner of the capital; and bling meets posh as polo comes to central London in summer. Plus: nightly feature Pairs in Squares in which Jonathan Glancey invites another duo of lively and knowledgeable speakers to enthuse about the qualities of a randomly-picked square from the London street-map. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

MON 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rnw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jndt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Comme Je Suis - Sketches of Juliette Greco (b01rqpkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m00058hf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00058hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m00051qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Clare in the Community (b008pzyz)

Series 4

A Game Of Two Saws

The overbearing social worker gets boyfriend Brian caught up in a hostage situation! Starring Sally Phillips. From January 2008.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00058h8)

Series 26

Episode 6

Made for 4 Extra. Miles Jupp hosts a satirical review of the week's news in an extended version of Friday's programme. Produced by Sarah Sharpe. A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sln)

Series 3

Episode 6

The Luton laureate muses on school puddings and asks his audience 'how long is your dog?' From March 2000.

TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019**TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqp2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 London Nights (b00szxzh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jndt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Comme Je Suis - Sketches of Juliette Greco (b01rqpkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058hk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Noise: A Human History (b01r9c95)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xgp36)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:45 Book of the Week (b03th7pn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Monday]

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TUE 05:00 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (m00051qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jnf)

Series 3

An Old Flame

Raffles has had many worthy combatants, both on the cricket field and in his more nefarious pursuits. But none prove so formidable as Jacques Saillard - an old flame. The stories of EW Hornung in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders. Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Gudrun Ure as Mrs Fisher and Peter Forbes as Druce. Dramatised by Olwen Wymark. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker. Director: Gordon House. A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

TUE 06:30 Batting for the Middle Kingdom (b03hwr7)

In 2012, 24-year-old Jiang Shuyao made sporting history when he became the first mainland Chinese cricketer to play for an English league side. Jiang's debut season with Cleethorpes Cricket Club drew attention to the rising popularity of the quintessentially British sport in the People's Republic of

China. The Chinese Cricket Association has set itself the target of achieving Test match status and playing against the likes of England, Australia and South Africa by 2020. A grass roots campaign to get the game taught in schools is well underway, and in the city of Shenyang in Liaoning province in North Eastern China, the country's top side is fast becoming a nurturing ground for the star players of the future. If China were to one day become a cricketing nation, the International Cricket Council has estimated that global revenues for the game could increase by as much as 40 per cent. Fred Dove has been meeting some of China's finest cricketers, and talking to those attempting to make the game of WG Grace and Donald Bradman part of the Chinese way of life. Producer: Jessie Levene. A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

TUE 07:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)

Series 2

Refurb

Matt and Tim are dispatched to Watford to restyle a Premier League footballer's mansion. Meanwhile Sir Lucien must negotiate a press interview without putting his foot in it. Comedy by Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths. Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead Tim Alex Carter Sarah Anna Crilly Matt Dominic Coleman Danny Richie Campbell Sean Jude Akuwudike John Ian Conningham Computer Caddie/Tony Sam Dale Director: Toby Swift. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m00050rg)

Series 13

Bezzies

Comedy series written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds. Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate faredodger 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 episode three, Ed collides with the world of reality television. Could Ed's expert carpentry skills lead to him being the next reality star? Starring: Christopher Douglas with: Stephanie Cole, Lisa Coleman, Brigit Forsyth, Meera Syal, Colin Nicholls, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Sarah Ovens and Geoffrey Whitehead. Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds. Producer: Simon Nicholls. A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b007jq2v)

From 25/05/1974

Kenneth Williams and Ted Ray take on Wuthering Heights - and there's news of a mysterious ancient murder... 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? (b007md8j)

Boys' Night In

Terry's in despair over his mate Bob's stag night. Starring James Bolam as Terry Collier and Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris. With Michael Stainton. Created and scripted for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais. Adapted for radio and produced by John Browell. Audio recovered from a BBC Treasure Hunt. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1975.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m00058h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075sln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Lee Hall - The Love Letters of Ragie Patel (b06zdnkh)

Ragie Patel is left with his Grandparents for the summer. A chance meeting with the amazing Jimmy Spud convinces Ragie that he might be a Hindu god, and when Nandini asks him to act as a go-between, he's convinced of his powers. Lee Hall's play about Faith, Hope and Reality in the 1990s. Stars Kulwant Singh Bhatia as Ragie Patel, Gareth Brown as Jimmy Spud, Nina Wadia as Nandini, Rashid Karapiet as Grandfather and Jamila Massey as Grandmother. Producer: Kate Rowland. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's "God's Country" quartet plays: I Luv U Jimmy Spud, The Sorrows of Sandra Saint and Spoonface Steinberg.

TUE 11:00 The Vinyl Cafe (b007ylrb)

Postcards from Canada

Stuart McLean reads 'snapshots' of Canadian life as written by listeners and spins a few home-grown platters. When a grade six teacher, Ms Terry, from Seattle, Washington contacted the Vinyl Cafe asking listeners to send postcards to her students, to help them learn more about Canada - she had no idea what to expect. Imagine how she felt on being inundated with thousands of letters from all across Canada! So sit back as Stuart McLean shares some of his favourites. First broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation from 1994, the variety show Vinyl Cafe sadly lost its host, author and humourist Stuart McLean, after his death in February 2017. First broadcast by CBC in 2006.

TUE 12:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b007jq2v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007md8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jnf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Batting for the Middle Kingdom (b03hwr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058hb)

Episode 7

Ralph still wants to marry Lucy but she feels she can't accept until she's been reconciled with her parents. William Trevor's haunting masterpiece abridged by Sally Marmion. Read by Dermot Crowley. Producer: Di Spiers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 14:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzhz)

The Beat of Drums

Words are only one way to communicate - humans have found many more. Professor David Hendy travels to Ghana to hear the talking drum, a language made of drumbeats that once carried messages through the rainforest like a telegraph signal. There's also a treasure from the Pitt Rivers Sound Archive - the sound of Bayaka pygmies of the Central African Republic preparing for a net hunt. How do non-verbal sounds carry information and how do they bind us together as a group? 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive. Producer: Matt Thompson. A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

TUE 14:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xhck1)

Looking for Love

Talk turns to a suitor for the young princess. Based on letters and diaries portraying the Queen's life. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b03th7qw)

Month of Madness

Vienna

Professor Christopher Clark unpicks the complex sequence of events during the July Crisis, leading to outbreak of the First World War, from the perspective of the key centres of decision-making. In 1914, Vienna was the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, ruled by the ancient Hapsburg dynasty. Archduke Franz Ferdinand was the heir to the throne and, after his assassination in Sarajevo on the 28th June 1914, the Austro-Hungarian decision-makers met in Vienna to consider what course of action to take against Serbia. In this programme, Professor Christopher Clark explores the mind-set inside the Austrian administration during the tense days of July 1914, where he says, a 'militant group think' seized hold of the decision-makers, bent on settling their old scores with Serbia. Producer: Melissa FitzGerald. A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 15:00 Lee Hall - The Love Letters of Ragie Patel (b06zdnkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b03g9b1f)

Series 6

Frost, Sinha, Aderin-Pocock

John Lloyd and curator Humphrey Ker welcome objects from Paul Sinha, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and David Frost. From April 2013.

TUE 16:30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b04gyp8k)

Series 10

How to Eat Food

Setting out to explain one of our most fundamental acts as human beings, Jeremy Hardy picks up the topic of food with the chopsticks of enquiry and then drops it on his trousers of former cleanliness. Helping him tackle the subject will be special guests Vicki Peppertine and Paul Bassett Davies. The comedian engages in a free and frank exchange of his entrenched views. Passionate, polemical, erudite and unable to sing, Jeremy returns with another series. Few can forget where they were twenty years ago when they first heard "Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation". The show was an immediate smash-hit success, causing pubs to empty on a Saturday night, which was particularly astonishing since the show went out on Thursdays. The Light Entertainment department was besieged, questions were asked in the House and Jeremy Hardy himself became known as the man responsible for the funniest show on radio since Money Box Live with Paul Lewis. Since that fateful first series, Jeremy went on to win Sony Awards, Writers Guild nominations and a Nobel Prize for Chemistry. He was a much-loved regular on both The News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. Written by Jeremy Hardy. Producer: David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2014.

TUE 17:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m00050rg)

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TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqrd)

The Red Planet

Episode 17

With Mitch conditioned at a 'sheep station', Captain Jet Morgan and his crew must work out how to plan their escape. 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/Various John Cazabon Various Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.

TUE 18:30 London Nights (b00szq8)

Trauma Team

Writer Andrea Levy presents ten anthologies of short pieces for radio that capture a certain off-beat spirit of London. In tonight's programme: on a warm summer night, we join the elite Trauma team rushing to the aid of victims of accidents in central and east London... And meet a Korean hairdresser in

New Maldon who's mad about Shakespeare and is bringing a Korean Romeo and Juliet to Britain. Plus: another London beyond London - tonight, Little London in Leeds - and the regular feature Pairs in Squares, with Jonathan Glancey and guests. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

TUE 19:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b007jq2v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (b007md8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jnf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Batting for the Middle Kingdom (b03hwr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 The Vinyl Cafe (b007yrlb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m00050rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Warhorses of Letters (b0174gm8)

Series 1

Episode 4

Deep in the British Library tucked into the slipcover of a book on the history of Blenheim Palace a packet of extraordinary letters has been discovered. "Dear Marengo brackets Napoleon's horse close brackets, I've never written a letter like this before...." Thus begins the first passionate letter from Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse, to his hero Marengo in this epistolary equine love story. A 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 racehorse who as our story begins is about to be the new mount for the Duke of Wellington. This collection of their moving letters to each other is introduced by Tamsin Greig. Episode 4 sees the wars rage on as Copenhagen lives it up in Paris and Marengo tries to enjoy a quiet retirement. 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. Produced by Gareth Edwards.

TUE 22:45 I, Regress (b01s0dlz)

Series 2

Mirrors

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 (b00szjy0)

Series 1

Wouldn't You Like to Get Away

Mary and Mum have a break when Ben's unconscious body gets driven to a medical conference in Birmingham. But they can't quite bring themselves to leave the hospital. Meanwhile, Ben's mind also takes a trip. Unfortunately, it's a trip back to the hotel in Paris, where he had the most miserable night of his life. 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, Giles New, Hils Barker, Lucy Montgomery, Scarlett Milburn-Smith and Elizabeth Bell. Producer: Gareth Edwards. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

TUE 23:30 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01dht2y)

Series 1

Egypt

Tim Key is on a cultural pilgrimage to Cairo, as he grapples with the meaning of 'Egypt'. Tom Basden plays guitar, while wearing a fez. Written and presented by Tim Key. With Tom Basden. Producer: James Robinson. First broadcast on BBC Radio in March 2012.

TUE 23:45 Jigsaw (b01r9rtx)

Series 1

Episode 5

Dan Antopolski, Nat Luurtsema and Tom Craine piece together a selection of silly, clever, dark sketches. Producer: Colin Anderson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019

WED 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqrd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 London Nights (b00szq8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Batting for the Middle Kingdom (b03hwr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058hb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzhz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xhck1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:45 Book of the Week (b03th7qw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Lee Hall - The Love Letters of Ragie Patel (b06zdnkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b03g9b1f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (b04gyp8k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (m00050rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jnf)

Series 3

The Raffles Relics

Bunny is appalled to hear Raffles calmly announce that he intends to visit New Scotland Yard to view an exhibition of his own craftsman's tools... The stories of EW Hornung in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry "Bunny" Manders. Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Gudrun Ure as Mrs Fisher and Peter Forbes as Druce. Dramatised by Olwen Wymark. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker. Director: Gordon House. A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

WED 06:30 The Holton Players (b00768nh)

Oscar-winning actor Jim Broadbent returns to his roots in rural Lincolnshire. The village of Holton-cum-Beckering was populated by a small community of conscientious objectors, who included Jim's parents, during the Second World War. The theatre company which they created in the village school is still proudly alive today, with its own theatre and Jim as its president. Producer: Gareth Edwards. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

WED 07:00 Bookcases (m0005772)

Series 2

Terminal Journals

Primus's latest plan to save the firm from ruin involves publishing deathbed memoirs of the famous. A chance meeting with the poet Rossetti has him hoping for great things... Martyn Wade's four-part comedy series set in a Victorian publishing house. Starring Michael Cochrane as Primus, Maggie Steed as Cordelia, David Horovitch 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, Becky Hindley as Lizzie Siddal and Gerard McDermott as Forster. Director: Chery Cookson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

WED 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m00051lf)

Series 5

Episode 4

After three episodes focusing on the lives and theories of Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes, it's time for Simon Evans and Tim Harford to attempt synthesis and see how these three economic superbrains can help us out of our current economic predicament. 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 (b007vkkg)

Series 8

Drifting Through

The senior crew of HMS Troutbridge head for the breakers yard aboard Number One's first command. Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Heather, Ronnie Barker as Able-Seaman Johnson and Michael Bates as the Admiral's 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 October 1966.

WED 08:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0886z2)

Tilly

Alice gets in a panic over a special guest set to visit the Cloughbottom Ladies' Evening Guild. Starring Sheila Hancock as Alice Foster, Pat Coombs as Phyllis Middleton, Avis Bunnage as Mrs Fothergill, Peter Jones as Arthur Foster and Kathleen Helme as the Duchess. Scripted by Keith Pary. Produced in Manchester by Bob Oliver Rogers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1978.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00c0ncg)

Series 22

2008 Final

Paul Gambaccini chairs the 2008 final of the much-loved music

quiz. Three contestants have fought through heats and semi-finals to reach this thrilling stage of the series. Paul's questions cover the whole gamut of musical knowledge - covering the classics, world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop. Producer: Paul Bajoria First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 09:30 Jim Broadbent - A Sense of History (b04yf832)
In keeping his family estate intact, the 23rd Earl has had to resort to the occasional murder and a degree of coercion. But for the breed that "came over with William the Conqueror", this is hardly something new... The 23rd Earl Jim Broadbent Giddy Stephen Bill Recorded on location in Nettlebed, Oxfordshire. Adapted by Jim Broadbent from his Channel 4 TV drama. Director: Eoin O'Callaghan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

WED 10:00 Lee Hall - The Sorrows of Sandra Saint (b06zh3r6)

Sandra and her brother Scout are still grieving for their Dad. Sandra is 14, difficult, angry at the world and drives her mum mad. Scout is two years younger and believes if he buries a sock in the garden, then he might bring his father back to life. However, Sandra has other ideas in mind... Lee Hall's play about Faith, Hope and Reality in the 1990s stars Hayley Richardson at Sandra, Michael Walpert as Scout and Tracey Wilkinson as Mother. Producer: Kate Rowland First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997 as part of Lee Hall's "God's Country" quartet plays: I Luv U Jimmy Spud, The Love Letters of Ragie Patel and Spoonface Steinberg.

WED 11:00 Wish You Weren't Here... (b05vhkbt)

Small Print
A young couple buy a house, but there's a strange clause in the small print and a mysterious guest in their front room. Patrick FitzSymons reads Clare Dwyer Hogg's unsettling tale. Wish You Weren't Here is a series of three original short stories by award-winning writers about that awkward person you'd rather not meet... Director: Jenny Thompson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 11:15 Gwyneth Lewis - A Hospital Odyssey (b047c9zz)

A woman sets off on a journey to save her husband's life. As she hears the dreaded diagnosis, cancer, the hospital lurches and her fear sets her on a quest to save him. Confronting her deepest fears Maris's world slides into science-fiction. She must face dark creatures and tests of her resolve - a dragon in the bowels of the hospital, a Microbe's Ball, and The Cancer Mother herself. Alexandra Roach stars as Maris and Alex Beckett as Wilson the talking dog in Gwyneth Lewis's drama is a contemporary version of The Odyssey set in an NHS Hospital. Gwyneth Lewis was the first Poet Laureate of Wales. She wrote her original poem 'A Hospital Odyssey' drawing on very personal experience after her husband was diagnosed with cancer. The Narrator Deborah Findlay Maris Alexandra Roach Wilson Alex Beckett Ludlow/ Hardy Patrick Brennan The Cancer Mother/ Nurse/ Bees Heather Craney Philoctetes/ the dragon/ Papilloma Virus/ Bees Wilf Scolding Hippocrates/ Administrator Michael Bertenshaw Music and sound design by Gary C. Newman Director: Allegra McIlroy First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007vkkq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0886zg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jnfw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 The Holton Players (b00768nh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m0005775)

Episode 8

Captain Gault is now a widower with no one to stop him from returning to Ireland and his old home of Lahadane. Of course, he's unaware who he'll find there... William Trevor's haunting masterpiece abridged by Sally Marmion. Read by Dermot Crowley. Producer: Di Spiers First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

WED 14:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzlc)

The Singing Wilderness

Professor David Hendy of the University of Sussex explores our relationship with noisy nature. How do we interact with what the American nature writer Sigurd Olson called "The Singing Wilderness"? Hear the Bosavi people of Papua New Guinea sing a 'gisalo' in the darkness of a forest longhouse, and extraordinary recordings from around the world, including musical trees, the bluesy singing of the pootoo bird, and a real frog chorus. 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive. Producer: Matt Thompson. A Rockhouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

WED 14:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xhz79)

The Young Queen

The young princess turns 18, and William IV dies. Based on the diaries and letters of Queen Victoria. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b03th82b)

Month of Madness

Berlin

Professor Christopher Clark unpicks the complex sequence of events during the July Crisis, leading to outbreak of the First World War, from the perspective of the key centres of decision-

making. Many historians have identified Germany as primarily responsible for plunging Europe into war in 1914, with their issuing a blank cheque of unconditional support to Austria-Hungary for war against Serbia. In this programme, Professor Christopher Clark reconsiders why the German administration made this bold offer. He shows how the administration was divided. Kaiser Wilhelm II, the German monarch, urged restraint in the New Palace at Potsdam, but to no avail as his power was limited. His generals pushed for war. Yet, Clark argues, they envisaged a fast and quick local war and did not believe the situation would escalate. Producer: Melissa FitzGerald A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4

WED 15:00 Lee Hall - The Sorrows of Sandra Saint (b06zh3r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Counterpoint (b06c0ncg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Jim Broadbent - A Sense of History (b04yf832)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Bookcases (m0005772)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m000511f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqv2)

The Red Planet

Episode 18

With Lemmy and Doc at the mercy of the Martians, can Captain Jet Morgan come to their rescue? 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/Variou John Cazaban Various Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

WED 18:30 London Nights (b000d51)

A Million Miles from London

Writer Andrea Levy's anthology of short pieces for radio that capture a certain off-beat spirit of London. In tonight's programme: A Million Miles from London - former London-dweller and passionate Ulsterman Gerry Anderson visits the Northern Ireland town that is he says the polar opposite of the capital - Strabane; And a visit to London's Scar studios where, all night long, amateur musicians abandon the day job to record music together. Plus Jonathan Glancey's nightly lucky dip into the London streetmap. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

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WED 22:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m000511f)

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WED 22:30 Tina C (b06s0njv)

Tina C: Herstory

Episode 3

It's 2003 and Tina has geo-political aspirations, and a role promoting US values overseas. Ritula Shah asks about her role as a special advisor to US President George W Bush. Written & Performed by Christopher Green. Additional voices: Debra Baker & Leo Wan. The band: Duncan Walsh-Atkins, Mark Hardisty & Phil Wraith. Guest Interviewer: Ritula Shah. Produced by Victoria Lloyd. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 22:55 Comedy Club Extra (m0005hdd)

Ones To Watch... Huge Davies

Comedy Club Extra - Ones To Watch... Huge Davies. BBC Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club meets up-and-coming comedian Huge Davies.

WED 23:00 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b008041f)

Episode 2

Back to the days of the poll tax, buying porn and true fables. Recorded at the Plymouth University, Exmouth. With Peter Baynham, Jo Unwin, Kevin Eldon and Don King. Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter. Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC TWO in 1995. Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in October 1993.

WED 23:30 World of Pub (b007v1dk)

Series 2

Episode 4

Dodgy Phil lays on an unusual awards ceremony to improve the faded fortunes of Barry and Garry's pub. Tony Roche's four-part comedy starring John Thomson as Dodgy 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 February 1999.

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019

THU 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqv2)

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THU 01:30 The Holton Players (b00768nh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

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THU 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngf)

Series 3

The Knees of the Gods

Raffles and Bunny leave England to fight for queen and country in the South African war. For one of them there will be no return... The stories of EW Hornung in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry "Bunny" Manders. Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Sean Barrett as Connell, Gudrun Ure as Mrs Fisher and Peter Penry-Jones as the General. Dramatised by Olwen Wymark. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker. Director: Gordon House A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

THU 06:30 Gormley on Epstein (b00n8613)

Artist Jacob Epstein attracted criticism during his turbulent career - his work was seen as too graphic or hard hitting, too 'ugly' or 'distorted', even 'cannibal'. After his death, the younger sculptor Henry Moore paid tribute to his courage as a pioneering artist who bore the brunt of critical derision, but even today, Epstein has never been properly celebrated for his work at the vanguard of British art. In this programme made to mark the 50th anniversary of Epstein's death, contemporary artist Antony Gormley redresses the balance, to show Epstein's vital position in art. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

THU 07:00 Dot (b0714033)

Series 1

The Astonishing Adventures of Agent Whiff-Whaff
Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel who are getting squiffy over Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff. Bertie wants Dot promoted, but can Dot handle life on the other side of the hallway? Rollicking wartime comedy by Ed Harris - set in the personnel department of the Cabinet War Rooms. Dot Fenella Woolgar Myrtle Kate O'Flynn Peg Freya Parker Millicent Jane Slavin Peabody David Acton Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff Adie Allen Director: Jessica Mitic First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 07:30 When Jeremy Hardy Spoke to the Nation (m00051qc)

Part 1

A two-part look back at one of Radio 4's best-loved comedians. Not quite a biography, not quite a documentary, these programmes celebrate Jeremy Hardy's Radio 4 life, with material from his very first appearances in stand-up shows in the mid-1980s, via his own early sitcom At Home With The Hardys, and right through to his glorious appearances on The News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue - as well as the very best of the ten series of his own ground-breaking Jeremy Hardy Speaks To the Nation and his final solo series Jeremy Hardy Feels It. Narrated by his great friend and colleague Sandi Toksvig, the programme also features never before broadcast behind-the-scenes material and shines a light on how and why the man once described as "an incendiary vicar" stayed so funny and so beloved for over thirty years. There'll also be some singing. The show is produced by his longest-term collaborator, David Tyler for Pozzitive who has all the tapes. Narrator: Sandi Toksvig. Producer: David Tyler A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Something to Shout About (m00058fy)

Series 2

Episode 21

With holiday fever in the air, Mavis is persuaded to head to Nice. "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!". Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'. Starring Michael Medwin as Michael, Fenella Fielding as Janet, Joan Sims as Mavis, Eleanor Summerfield as Maggie and Nicholas Phipps as Adrian. Other parts by Warren Mitchell. Series two (of three) written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe. Producer: Eric Miller First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1961.

THU 08:30 The Goon Show (b007jxxg)

The Seagoon Memoirs

Driving a piano on the Great North Road, Neddie must seek Bloodnok's assistance. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1958.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b01sd23j)

Series 2

The Brontë Sisters

James Walton chairs the literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Frank Delaney and Harry Ritchie. Author of the week: The Brontë Sisters. Reader: Becky Hindley. Producer: Dawn Ellis. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.

THU 09:30 Rent (b063rvm6)

Series 4

Episode 2

Maria and Richard receive a windfall, while Paul and Ruby are busy house-hunting. Stars Barbara Flynn. From June 1998.

THU 10:00 Lee Hall - Spoonface Steinberg (b007jnsq)

Spoonface is seven years old, autistic and terminally ill with cancer. She's fascinated by opera and by the way her parents behave. With the help of their cleaner, Mrs Spud, she tries to come to terms with her extraordinary life. Lee Hall's award-winning monologue is performed by Becky Simpson. First broadcast in 1997, it elicited such an extraordinary response from BBC Radio 4 listeners that a repeat was scheduled within days of the original transmission. Originally the final part of Hall's quartet of dramas examining the experience of growing up from the perspective of children, Spoonface Steinberg was subsequently adapted for TV and the stage. Lee Hall went on to receive an Academy Award nomination for his screenplay of Billy Elliot, later turned into a stage musical. Producer: Kate Rowland. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

THU 11:00 Wish You Weren't Here... (b05w8dnd)

The Last Person

Jack is relieved that his fifth book launch is going well, until an unexpected guest brings a pang of conscience and unwelcome memories of past plagiarism. A stranger, a mystery and an old friend all make us 'wish you weren't here'. Dermot Bolger's tale of literary fraud read by Richard Lumsden. Wish You Weren't Here is a series of three original short stories by award-winning writers about that awkward person you'd rather not meet... Director: Jenny Thompson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 11:15 Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (b007721h)

Set in Arthurian Britain at Christmas time with the knights of the Round Table, whose festivities at Camelot are disrupted by the appearance of a green knight. The stranger has come to lay down a challenge - a test of courage and heart which Sir Gawain, King Arthur's nephew, accepts. Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage's translation of the medieval verse romance is narrated by Ian McKellen. Sir Gawain Samuel West. The Green Knight/Sir Bertilak David Fleeshman. Bertilak's wife Deborah McAndrew. Arthur/Servant Conrad Nelson. With specially composed music by Gary Yershon. Producer: Susan Roberts. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

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THU 13:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngf)

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THU 13:30 Gormley on Epstein (b00n86t3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058g2)

Episode 9

Lucy now lives with her father at Lahardane and bitterly regrets sending Ralph away so he could marry someone else. Then she hears another visitor has arrived... William Trevor's haunting masterpiece abridged by Sally Marmion. Read by Dermot Crowley. Producer: Di Spiers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 14:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzq0)

A Ritual Soundscape

Orkney's Neolithic sites feel like theatre stages, encouraging us to move through them in unfamiliar ways. If the people noticed striking sound effects, they must have been tempted to exploit them. But exploit them how, exactly? Were these the kind of places where our ancestors came to make a spectacular din - or places where they came in search of silence and sensory deprivation? Professor David Hendy of the University of Sussex explores the ritualistic use of sound. 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive. Producer: Matt Thompson. A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

THU 14:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xj4ld)

The Learning Process

The coronation captures the heart of the nation. Based on the diaries and letters of Queen Victoria. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b03th83h)

Month of Madness

The French in St. Petersburg

Professor Christopher Clark unpicks the complex sequence of events during the July Crisis of 1914, leading to outbreak of the First World War, from the perspective of the key centres of decision-making. In this programme, Professor Clark travels to Paris. He discusses why Raymond Poincaré, the French President, and the Russians under Tsar Nicholas II, extended

the remit of their alliance, to cover the eventuality of a 'war of choice' in which Russia would attack Austria-Hungary on behalf of a Balkan client state. St Petersburg and Paris thus created a geopolitical tripwire that made a general war highly likely if a quarrel were to break out between Austria and its turbulent neighbour - an extremely dangerous thing to do in Europe in 1914. Producer: Melissa FitzGerald. A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4

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THU 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqxb)

The Red Planet

Episode 19

As Lemmy and Doc master a Martian sphere - Captain Jet Morgan gets a mysterious offer of help... 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. Various. John Cazabon Various. Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

THU 18:30 London Nights (b00t0gb4)

Thames Barge

Writer Andrea Levy with her penultimate anthology of short pieces for radio that capture a certain off-beat spirit of London. In tonight's programme, we join a working gravel barge setting out from Colchester as it travels through the night up the whole length of the Thames Estuary and into the heart of the city, while Mario Petrucci greets dawn over the river in a poetic interpretation. Plus The Other Londons goes to another river, the Medway, to find the significance of The London Stone; and Jonathan Glancey and guests reveal the latest delights of their randomly selected square of the London streetmap in Paris in Squares. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 19:00 Something to Shout About (m00058fy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Goon Show (b007jxxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Gormley on Epstein (b00n86t3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Wish You Weren't Here... (b05w8dnd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (b007721h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 When Jeremy Hardy Spoke to the Nation (m00051qc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Britain Versus the World (b04v76pr)

Series 1

Episode 2

Comedy panel show pitting two British comedians against a team of comics from overseas to find out which side is superior. Joining the British captain, Hal Cruttenden, is the Mancunian comedian Justin Moorhouse while the captain of the Rest of the World - Henning Wehn - is teamed with Danish stand-up Sofie Hagen. The contest is overseen by Irishman Ed Byrne who does his very best to stay impartial. Host Ed Byrne. Guests Hal Cruttenden, Henning Wehn, Justin Moorhouse, Sofie Hagen. Programme Associate: L Bill Matthews. Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 23:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00zfk7g)

Episode 6

The Che Guevara of radio, with contraband comedy, music and Mark E Smith. More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance. Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnelly. With Peter Serafinowicz, Mandy Knight and Dermot Carmody. Producer: Aled Evans. First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019**FRI 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqxb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 London Nights (b00t0gb4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Gormley on Epstein (b00n86t3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xj4ld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b03th83h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Lee Hall - Spoonface Steinberg (b007jnsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (b01sd23j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Rent (b063rvm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Dot (b0714033)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 When Jeremy Hardy Spoke to the Nation (m00051qc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngz)

Series 3

The Last Word

War-scarred Bunny returns to London, determined to restore his extraordinary friend's reputation. The stories of EW Hornung in the continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry "Bunny" Manders. Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Emily Richard as Sophie and Matthew Morgan as Alec. Dramatised by Olwen Wymark. Signature tune composed by Jim Parker. Director: Gordon House. BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1992.

FRI 06:30 Still Points, Turning Worlds (b00sjs25)

When WH Davies wrote his celebrated poem 'Leisure' over a century ago, the myriad stimuli assailing people's senses now and the demands that sap humanity's powers of concentration in the digital age were unimaginable. But he rightly gauged the detrimental impacts to the human spirit of failing to find moments of peace in a busy world: 'a poor life this, if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'. In this 'composed feature', producer Alan Hall embroiders together the experiences of a range of people for whom still points and daydreaming provide an escape from the increasingly invasive nature of the turning world about us and offer a foundation for reflection, rejuvenation and creativity. Hearing from Canon Lucy Winkett of St Paul's in the heart of the City of London, an installer of 'energy pods' that offer 'corporate fatigue solutions', an hypnotherapist, staff and pupils from a school that champions 'the Pause' and Kieran MacFeely, a singer-songwriter from the world of pop music (or 'high-end racket') who sought out the peace of the countryside. Still Points, Turning Worlds' relishes moments of reverie in an attempt to reclaim the powers of concentration. Producer: Alan Hall. A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2010.

FRI 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06f1mfv)

Series 1

Vorsprung Durch Technik

Things are looking up for Hardacre's. They may still be London's worst ad agency, but business has begun to trickle in. Moreover, thanks to a herculean effort by accounts chief Amanda Brook, the agency will be featured in an article in industry bible Campaign. It's a chance to answer their critics and take control of their image. A reporter is coming by today to interview the team, and Amanda needs them at their very best. Or - failing that - their least incompetent. But the team has other things on their mind. Like Joe's divorce lawyer, who seems to have developed a sideline as a blacksmith. Or their campaign for Hardacre's mysterious gentlemen's club. Or why Teddy is covered in spiders. Or what to do when the office lift breaks down, stranding Joe, Teddy, Amanda, and Hardacre between floors, with the woman from Campaign due any minute. Edward Rowett's sitcom starring Nigel Havers as Rupert Hardacre, Mathew Baynton as Joe, Josie Lawrence as Amanda Brook and Rasmus Hardiker as Teddy. Director: Alan Nixon. Producer: Gordon Kennedy. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

FRI 07:30 Phil Wang: Wangslaining (m00057qs)

The UK is more divided than ever, and no one seems able to agree on anything. What does it mean to be British? To be a man? To be white or "of colour", gay or straight, young or old, or none of the above? It seems we can't see the woods for the trees. What's needed is a little outside perspective. Enter: Phil Wang - a caustic British-Malaysian comedian who grew up on the island of Borneo. A centrist with a heart; an artist with an engineering degree. In this pilot episode, Phil turns his attention to the British Empire - was British colonialism really one big crime? Modern liberalism would say so, but Phil's Dad sure misses those prompt British buses - "I wish they'd come take us over again. Maybe I'd get to work on time!" Written by and starring Phil Wang. Original music by Fauxe. Produced by Matt Stronge. Wangslaining is a BBC Studios production.

FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm1y)

Series 1

Pass Examinations the Burkiss Way

Improve your IQ and go on the Auntie Quiz in the cult sketch show. Continuing the Burkiss Way to dynamic living - radio's first correspondence course. No stamp needed. Dynamic instruction from Denise Coffey, Nigel Rees, Chris Emmett and Fred Harris. Dynamic scripts by Andrew Marshall, John Mason and David Renwick with dynamic production by Simon Brett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1976.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b00t4qmv)

Series 2

My Old Man's a Tory

Angry Albert disrupts Harold's Labour party meeting. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Dudley Foster as Stonelake and Beth Boyd as Miss Frobisher. Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV. Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick. Produced by Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

FRI 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)

Parham House

The antiques quiz visits Parham House in West Sussex. With Lars Tharp, Stella Beddoe and Henry Sandon. From May 1998.

FRI 09:30 Home Again (m00058mq)

Enter The Airship

Fulton meets daughter-in-law, Cyrilla, for the first time. How will they get on? As suddenly as he disappeared, Fulton Jones has returned to his family – wife Margaret and children Rosie and Martin. He went to the newsagent to buy matches 20 years previously and, bold as brass, has waltzed back assuming his role as father figure once more. Margaret is perplexed, whilst Rosie and Martin are furious with him. Robin Bailey ...

Fulton Doreen Mantle ... Margaret Liz Goulding ... Rosie David Troughton ... Martin Ursula Smith ... Cyrilla Christopher Benjamin ... Ernest Blackrock. Script writer: Peter Tinniswood. Producer: Griff Rhys Jones. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1980.

FRI 10:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett - sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance - who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past... Written by Martyn Wade. Stars Justine Waddell as Olive Garnett, David Horovitch as Stepniak, Jennie Stoller as Connie Garnett, Elizabeth Bell as Fanny Stepniak, Jasmine Hyde as Olive Rossetti and Charles Simpson as Edward Garnett. Director: Cherry Cookson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m00058qc)

Made for 4 Extra. Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.

FRI 12:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00t4qmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Still Points, Turning Worlds (b00sj5z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 William Trevor - The Story of Lucy Gault (m00058ms)

Episode 10

As Lucy grows old at Lahardane, can she make her peace with the man whose actions sparked the tragic events of a lifetime ago? The final part of William Trevor's haunting masterpiece abridged by Sally Marmion. Concluded by Dermot Crowley. Producer: Di Spiers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

FRI 14:15 Noise: A Human History (b01rdzx0)

The Rise of the Shamans

Around the world charismatic individuals claim the ability to change the weather, heal illness and help crops grow. Professor David Hendy explains how sound - and its manipulation - is central to the shaman's power. David introduces the eerie rituals of Siberian reindeer herders as they summon spirits, before coming closer to home to hear a mysterious singing angel high in the facade of Wells Cathedral. 30-part series made in collaboration with the British Library Sound Archive. Producer: Matt Thompson. A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

FRI 14:30 Juliet Ace - Young Victoria (b00xj958)

The Wedding

The Queen proposes to her husband of choice. Drama based on letters and diaries. Stars Imogen Stubbs.

FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b03th83q)

Month of Madness

London

Professor Christopher Clark unpicks the complex sequence of events during the July Crisis, leading to outbreak of the First World War, from the perspective of the key centres of decision-making. As events unfolded in July 1914, all eyes were on the British and how they would react. In the final programme of his series, Professor Christopher Clark analyses British decision-making during the July Crisis. At the centre of the events in London was the Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey. Of all the politicians who walked the European political stage in 1914, he was the most baffling. Professor Clark shows how the last-minute British decision to enter the war on the side of France and Russia, and to declare war on Germany, was a decision of world-historical import that transformed a local conflict into a global struggle. Christopher Clark is Professor of Modern History at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of St Catharine's College. He is the author of Kaiser Wilhelm II, Iron Kingdom and - most recently - of the highly acclaimed and award-winning *The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went To War in*

1914. Producer: Melissa FitzGerald. A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 15:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Home Again (m00058mq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b06flmfv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Phil Wang: Wangsplaining (m00057qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqz9)

The Red Planet

Episode 20

Captain Jet Morgan and his crew must battle to outrun the Martian Spheres in their bid to escape... Conclusion of 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/Various John Cazabon Various Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips. Producer: Charles Chilton. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

FRI 18:30 London Nights (b00t0k7n)

Noise and Peace

Writer Andrea Levy presents the last of her anthologies of short pieces for radio that capture a certain off-beat spirit of London. Tonight: noise and peace - the deaf-signing symbol for 'London' is the same as that for 'noise': actor Sophie Woolley, who has hearing difficulties, travels home amid the capital's hubbub, while for Irene and her colleague Colin and his family, days - and nights - are spent in timeless tranquility behind the railings of Grove Park cemetery in south-east London. Because it's their home. Plus the final square in Jonathan Glancey's exploration of the London streetmap and another spooky story from the London Underbelly. Andrea Levy sadly died of cancer aged 62 in February 2019. Executive Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jm1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b00t4qmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 EW Hornung - Raffles (b007jngz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Still Points, Turning Worlds (b00sj5z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m00058qc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Phil Wang: Wangsplaining (m00057qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Mark Steel and Jeremy Hardy - Two Men on a Bench (b01fhlzx)

Mark Steel and Jeremy Hardy are two passionate and polemic comedians. But what happens when they're just nattering? Recorded on location on a small park bench in Crystal Palace, London. Producer: Mike O'Brien. A Laughing Stock Production from August 2008.

FRI 23:00 John Finnemore's Double Acts (b08wphjb)

Series 1

Hot Desk

For a few minutes, twice a day, at precisely seven in the morning and seven in the evening, a receptionist and a security guard meet to swap ownership of a desk. Mathew Baynton and Jenny Bede star in the last of six two-handers written by Cabin Pressure's John Finnemore. Written by John Finnemore. Produced by David Tyler. A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007rkg1)

Dave Podmore's World of Cricket

Episode 1

Eat the Dream. Pod makes a bid to run the opening ceremony of the 2003 Cricket World Cup - on the cheap, of course. Sitcom about the exploits of talented, amateurish, smug, inept and self-deluding English cricketer Dave Podmore. Starring Chris Douglas and Andrew Nickolds with Chris Pavlo and Nicola Sanderson. Written by Chris Douglas, Andrew Nickolds and Nick Newman. Producer: Richard Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.