

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

SAT 00:00 Daphne du Maurier - The Blue Lenses (b007k4rp)

Episode 2

After discovering she's able to see things that others can't, Marda West fears for her survival in this dangerous new world. The conclusion of Daphne du Maurier's two-part fantasy thriller exploring the darker aspects of human nature. Read by Emma Fielding. Produced and abridged by Gemma Jenkins. Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076mw8)

Boredom

Matthew Parris and his guests are inspired by boredom. With writers Brian Dooley, Matthew Sharpe and Susan Elderkin. From August 2004.

SAT 01:00 Wimsey (b007vj1)

Unnatural Death

2. Death in Epping Forest

After another killing, Lord Peter Wimsey questions an evasive would-be divorcee. Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth. British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927. Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War. Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975. Adapted for radio in seven episodes by Chris Miller. Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael/Miss Climpson Ambrosine Phillips/Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf/Mrs. Peasgood Betty Cardno/Mrs. Forrest Bridget McConnell/Superintendent Walmisley Godfrey Kenton/Mrs. Gulliver Pauline Letts/Miss Margatroyd Madi Hedd/Producer: Simon Brett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

SAT 01:30 Going on the Gallopers (b011c222)

A portrait of the life, popular art and remarkable engineering of Carters Steam Fair. John Carter was interested in old machinery and fairground art. People began giving him gear and rides, or selling them to him when they retired, knowing he would keep them working. His obsession encompassed his family and now, a decade after his death, Carters Steam Fair, staffed by John's widow, his sons and many old friends, travels for 7 months of the year, and spends winter in the yard fettling, burnishing and painting. There are gallopers (no, not carousels) of extraordinary glamour and beauty, dizzying steam yachts and the amazing Chair-o-Planes. The family and workers live in exquisite 1940s art deco showmen's wagons, with cut-glass clerestories. Their set-up is different everywhere they go because they regard all this as art and architecture - that moves. Even their lorries are ancient and beautiful - This programme, recorded in their winter yard and on site while they work, captures the wild, bright, musical, oily beauty, and thoughtful philosophy, of the life of the steam fair. Producer: Julian May. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

SAT 02:00 Book at Bedtime (b053c3q9)

In Certain Circles

"You must solve yourself"

Endings and new beginnings, as Anna and Zoe realise what love is. Conclusion of internationally acclaimed Australian author Elizabeth Harrower's novel written in 1971 and finally published in 2015. This tale of love, class and freedom is set among the grand houses and lush gardens of Sydney Harbour just after the Second World War, following the lives of Zoe and Russell Howard. Charismatic and confident, the children of affluent and loving parents, they welcome into their circle two orphans, Stephen and Anna. It's a meeting that will resonate for decades. Reader: Penny Downie. Abridger: Sally Marmion. Producer: Justine Willett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

SAT 02:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03yqz9)

When William Met Mary

Social networking appears to be expanding our circles of friendship just as our sense of community is contracting: Dr Thomas Dixon presents a timely history of how the meaning and experience of friendship have changed over the centuries. The famous 1989 film, When Harry Met Sally, crystallised for modern viewers the key question of whether a man and woman can truly be friends without any sexual element. This was a question which radical and educated people were beginning to ask in the 18th century, alongside its mirror image - can a husband and wife also be friends? Thomas Dixon traces the changing face of friendship and the new idea of "companionate marriage" during this era, through the linked histories of the feminist Mary Wollstonecraft and the radical philosopher William Godwin. With the help of the historian Barbara Taylor, he considers three moving stories: Mary's early friendship with Fanny Blood, of whom she declared: "To live with this friend is the height of my ambition"; the halting start, close friendship and devoted but tragically short marriage of Wollstonecraft with Godwin, who described their relationship as "friendship melting into love"; and the marriage of their daughter, Mary, who wrote of her desolation after the death by drowning of her husband, the poet Percy Shelley: "I have now no friend." Thomas Dixon brings together issues of friendship and marriage in this most contemporary of historical

series. Producer: Beaty Rubens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

SAT 02:30 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (b007jtch)

Episode 5

In her quest to finally come to terms with her Cornish past, Marjorie gets help from some youngsters. Written by Dave Sheasby. Marjorie Beaumont Elizabeth Bradley. Mrs Nugent June Barrie. Mandy Alison Pettit/Tilson Tristan Sturrock. Producer: David Hunter. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

SAT 02:45 Ricky Tomlinson - Ricky (m0008r28)

Episode 5

Concluding his autobiography, actor Ricky Tomlinson recalls how disaster followed TV success in 'Brookside' - until Jim Royle barged in. Producer: Liz Webb. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 03:00 Classic Serial (b01hdyq0)

F Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby

Episode 2

Nick has fallen in with the wealthy crowd on Long Island. His neighbour, Gatsby, asks Nick to engineer a meeting with his lost love, Nick's cousin, Daisy. Conclusion of F Scott Fitzgerald's seminal novel, a portrait of the Jazz Age in all of its decadence and excess, is perhaps the greatest book on the fallibility of the American dream. Dramatised by Robert Forrest. Nick Bryan Dick. Gatsby Andrew Scott/Tom Andrew Buchan. Daisy Pippa Bennett-Warner/Jordan Melody Grove/Wolfshiem Karl Johnson/Klipspringer/Michaelis Sam Dale/Wilson/Gatz Gerard McDermott/Myrtle Susie Riddell/Alice Amaka Okafor/Director: Gaynor Macfarlane. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b036kbm5)

Series 2

Episode 1

What is Frankie Boyle's worst habit? What is the best piece of advice Diane Morgan's dad ever gave her? Which government department did Alan Johnson most like being in charge of? All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest. In this case, Alan Johnson picks his son Jamie, Diane Morgan her father Peter and Frankie Boyle his mate Stuart to answer questions about each other. Producer: Sam Michell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SAT 04:30 Mark Tavener - In the Red (b007k0hz)

Episode 5

A crucial by-election result is due, as the murders continue - but reporter George Cragge is on the case. London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are an old-style Chief Police Inspector and BBC Radio's crime correspondent, George Cragge. A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties. Dramatised in seven-parts by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham from Mark Tavener's novel. George Cragge Michael Williams/Frank Jefferson Barry Foster/Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore/Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt/Max Peter Woodthorpe/Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry/Controller Radio 4 John Bird/Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow/Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost/Andrew James Peter Serafinowicz/Laetitia Victoria Carling/Caroline Susie Brann/Home Secretary Peter Yapp/Auntie Agony Eva Stuart/Controller BBC 1 Ian McNiece/PA Woman Annabel Mullion/With Alice Arnold, Richard Turner and Tim Hope. Music by Paul Mottram. Producer: Paul Schlesinger. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SAT 05:00 Babbewick Hall (b01n6zrr)

Series 1

Episode 3

After a sermon from Parson Flinch on the dangers of worldly lusts, Fenton Babbewick finds himself smitten by the exquisite charms of Miss Lucinda Blunstone. However, before any progress can be made Fenton must satisfy the terms and conditions of Lucinda's formidable mother which includes strict stipulations concerning the long-suffering Augustus Snipe - will this prove the end of an enduring master/servant relationship? Starring Nicholas Le Prevost as Fenton Babbewick and Forbes Masson as Augustus Snipe. Scott Cherry's six-part sitcom set in the 18th-century. Fenton Babbewick Nick Le Prevost/Augustus Snipe Forbes Masson/Barney David Antrobus/Jack Sam Kelly/Molly Gillian Bevan/Flinch Maurice Denham/Mrs Blunstone Liz Spriggs/Lucinda Tracie Bennett/Smellie David Timson/Hartson Geoffrey Whitehead/Music by Paul Mottram. Producer: Paul Schlesinger. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

SAT 05:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jcd4g)

Series 2

Green Pea Sandwiches

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic. Deepak takes Trisha on an outing to Oxford. But it's not quite the punting and picnic she expects. Extracts from Cooking in a Bedsitter are read by Eleanor Bron. Directed by Emma Harding.

SAT 06:00 Peter Timmiswood (m0008x5q)

Stoker Leishman's Diaries

Frederick Leishman was the lower deck member of a British party which made a dash for the South Pole with fatal

consequences for all except himself and his leader. For years his family have tried to get hold of the stoker's diaries, for they believe his account of the epic journey should be worth a fortune. It turns out to be a revelation. Robin Bailey stars as Stoker Leishman in Peter Timmiswood's drama. Frederick Leishman Robin Bailey/Mrs Bentall Shirley Dixon/Dora Barbara Marten/Gordon Christian Rodska/Barbara Liz Goulding/Edgar Martin Matthews/Director: Tony Cliff. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.

SAT 07:30 Mabey in the Wild (b02qdl13)

Series 2

Yew, Sycamore And Ash

In the first of two programmes about British trees, Richard Mabey is in Hampshire to tell the natural and the cultural history of a selection of British trees. His journey takes him from Gilbert White's village of Selborne down into the New Forest. He gives an account of these favourite British trees not only in terms of what they have contributed to the landscape but what their uses have been and what part they have played in human history, mythology and religion. From the 3000 year old Yew to the recent resurgence of young elm after the devastation of Dutch Elm disease, this is also a fascinating glimpse of the tenacity and resilience of trees in the wild. Producer: Susan Marling. A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b06g9xyh)

Lives in a Landscape

In 2005, Radio 4 broadcast the first in a series of observational documentaries about contemporary Britain. It was called Lives in a Landscape. It would focus on stories of individuals facing challenges, excitements and big changes in their lives, and those of their families and communities. Using the programme's archive, Alan Dein looks at what's changed - and unchanging - about Britain's social and physical landscape, from the lonely, depopulating island of Canina in Scotland, to the Cornish village that was about to be sold, lock, stock and barrel. The first ever Lives featured two very different sets of people: on one hand was Brian, ex-miner from Barnsley turned ratcatcher; on the other, a group of wealthy Londoners who'd met Brian on a Countryside Alliance march. They would go ratting together, they promised each other. And so they did; but what emerged were revelations that had nothing to do with long-tailed rodents. From the wealthy suburb of Clapham, just a few months before the financial crash, to the Hackney riots of 2011, Lives in a Landscape has observed changes on the streets of the capital. It's tracked the controversial installation of wind turbines in a Welsh beauty spot, the passionate pigeon-racers of inner-city Edinburgh and the fortunes of a Zimbabwean refugee musician trying to rebuild his formerly starchy career in downtown Belfast. Other enthusiastic performers include the teenage schoolboy band Socio from Grimsby who face an uncertain future as the close friends prepare for their grown-up lives, and the Bath pub-crooner whose livelihood is threatened by heart disease... Alan Dein sets out to explore ten years of change as charted by one hundred editions of Lives in a Landscape. Producer: Simon Elmes. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 09:00 You're Entering Rod Serling's The Twilight Zone (m0008yx7)

October 1959, America was deep into the 'age of unease' as viewers took their first steps into 'another dimension, not only of sight & sound but of mind. Their 'next step, The Twilight Zone. Through these doors of perception they have forever dwelled in stories of pixelated shadow and substance. A black & white realm presided over by a neat little man in a sharp suit whose perpetual cigarette smoke forever curls upwards as he ushers you into his realm. The aliens are among us and due on Maple Street but maybe we are the monsters? Are we on earth & is it dying? Where is everybody? Why are they vanishing & is that death hitching a ride or knocking at my door looking uncannily like Robert Redford. And why is Captain Kirk screaming at that thing on the wing that no one else can see? Rod Serling, America's most famous television playwright, astonished people with his announcement that he was to explore the realms of science fiction and fantasy in a new anthology show. Like Dennis Potter starting up Dr Who. But Serling, an impeccable liberal haunted by war, racial strife & the possibilities of nuclear Armageddon smuggled stories of conscience, doubt and possibility into 5 seasons of a remarkable show that has never died & has been revisited for a fourth time with Jordan Peele as host. In truth, nothing can match a realm of the American weird that Serling made uniquely his own. In this special Radio 4 Extra documentary Alan Dein hears from Serling's family, veteran directors Richard Donner & John Frankenheimer, actors Earl Holliman (star of the first ever episode) & Jean Marsh as well as the writers Jonathan Lethem & David Thomson & Black Mirror creator Charlie Brooker. 2 Twilight Zone radio episodes accompany the documentary. Producer Mark Burman

SAT 12:00 The Write Stuff (m0008qt8)

Series 3

1. Thomas Hardy

James Walton chairs the game of literary correctness testing Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Lynne Truss and Sue Limb. Author of the week: Thomas Hardy. Reader: Beth Chalmers. Producer: Jon Rolph. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 12:30 Potting On (b00kmm18)

Stones

Pam and Gordon Grant are a couple at odds running a garden centre. While Pam still feels young, Gordon wants to dive, slippers first, into middle age. She wants to go to a rock gig, but he wants to join the bowls club. Let battle among the begonias commence! Starring Pam Ayres and Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam and Gordon Grant. With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald and Alex Tregear. Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds. Producer Claire Jones. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

SAT 13:00 Just a Woman (Omnibus) (m0008x5s)

Omnibus of the fifth series about Amy - just your average transgender child in the modern world. Now 18, Amy is ready to fly the nest and assert her independence, with new friends, a trip to Amsterdam and maybe some romance. It's exactly what many people look forward to as they reach adulthood. And then there's a level results when she gets back. This accessible new drama is inspired by real life experiences. Amy is packing for a trip to Amsterdam, with new best friend Rachel. Her family are trying very hard to stay calm, but not

succeeding. Amy Tigger

Blaise Rachel Rosa

Hesmondhalgh Gary Don

Gilet Charlotte Bettrys

Jones Ted Michael Garner

Producer Polly Thomas Script

consultant Emily Joh Miller Production co-

ordinator Lucy Duffield Executive

Producer Joby Waldman

Writer Mark Davies Markham Piano played

by Alfie Davies A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio

4 first broadcast in five parts in 2019.

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0008x5v)

George RR Martin

Game of Thrones author George RR Martin chooses 'The Wayward Wind' by Gogi Grant and 'Ripple' by The Grateful Dead.

SAT 14:15 With Great Pleasure (m0008x5x)

Brian Patten

One of the 1960s Liverpool poets Brian Patten chooses some of his favourite pieces of writing, including works by Robert Graves and Philippa Pearce. Readers: Christian Rodska and Alison Reid. Producer: Christine Hall. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

SAT 14:45 15 Minute Drama (b09jgnf8)

Holmes and Watford

Speed

Comedy about two policewoman crewing in a small village. For PC Sue Holmes policing is about keeping the peace but PC Tina Watford yearns for excitement and she'll stop at nothing to ensure some action. Today a speeding driver brings back painful memories of her school days for Sue. by Jon Canter Directed by Sally Avens

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b06q9xyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Peter Tinniswood (m0008x5q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Mabey in the Wild (b02qd1s3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Doctor Who (b08w9346)

The Lost Stories: Point of Entry

Episode 1

The Sixth Doctor and his assistant Peri are aboard the TARDIS when it crash lands in Elizabethan England, as dark forces are preparing to invade Earth... An adventure originally written for the BBC's Doctor Who TV series but never made. Colin Baker stars as the Sixth Doctor. Peri Nicola Bryant Kit Marlowe

..... Matt Addis Velez Luis Sololozano Sean

Connolly Tom Tam Williams Alys Gemma Wardle Sir

Francis Walsingham Ian Brooker Written by Barbara Clegg

and Marc Platt. Director: John Ainsworth. Producer: David

Richardson Made by Big Finish and reversioned for broadcast

by BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 19:00 You're Entering Rod Serling's The Twilight

Zone (m0008yx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Political Animals (b01m5nt0)

Series 1

Sybil

Sybil. Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office 2007 to 2008, reflects on her troubled life with Gordon and Alistair. Series of scurrilous talks given by well-known, if unreliable, Downing Street cats, who relate their trials and tribulations under four different Prime Ministers. Starring Tracy Wiles. Written by Tony Bagley. Director: Marc Beeby. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SAT 22:15 Gus Murdoch's Sacred Cows (b00f10jv)

Football

Incisive reporter Gus Murdoch focuses on the joys of lower league soccer. Written by and starring Stephen Carlin. With Neil Edmond, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Stephen Carlin, Helen Longworth and Chris Pavlo. Producer: Tilusha Ghelani. Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in November 2008.

SAT 22:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b068xwm7)

Coding Special

The Museum's Steering Committee discusses computers made with dominoes, praises the mother of all computer programs and reveals that the first computer bug was actually a moth. Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his newest new curator Sarah Millican welcome:- Matt Parker, who left

Australia to teach maths in the UK before joining the Festival of the Spoken Nerd comedy group. He is a regular on Radio 4's The Infinite Monkey Cage, presents the Discovery Channel's You Have Been Warned and has shown off his Rubik's Cube skills on CBBC's How to Be Epic at Everything. His latest book Things to Make and Do in the Fourth Dimension explores such topics as the fairest way to cut a pizza and the most efficient way to tie your shoelaces. Matt's favourite numbers are 496, 3,435 and 2,025. - Eben Upton, who in 2006 conceived the idea of the Raspberry Pi, a credit-card sized fully-programmable computer that went on sale in 2011 and has since sold more than 5 million, becoming the fastest-selling British personal computer in history. MIT has since named him one of the world's top 35 innovators under the age of 35 and he has been awarded the Royal Academy of Engineering Silver Medal. - Sydney Padua, a Canadian graphic novelist and animator and who has worked on blockbuster movies such as The Illusionist, Clash of the Titans and John Carter as well as teaching at the Animation Workshop in Denmark and at the University of Middlesex. Most recently she has written and illustrated The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage, a New York Times bestselling graphic novel in which 19th century computer pioneers Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage build a vast mechanical computer - and use it to fight crime for Queen Victoria. Researchers: Anne Miller and Stevyn Colgan of QI. Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin. A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00092h2)

Flo and Joan 1/2

Jake Yapp is joined by the musical comedy duo Flo & Joan - who also sing for us!

SAT 23:00 Alice's Wonderland (b0118n82)

Series 1

Episode 4

A trip round Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms. It's a kingdom much like our own, and also nothing like it in the slightest. Stay a while and meet waifs and strays, wigshops and witches, murderous pensioners and squirrels of this delightful land as they go about their bizarre business. A sketch show written and performed by Alice Lowe. Also starring Richard Glover, Simon Greenall, Rachel Stubblings, Clare Thompson and Marcia Warren. Producer: Sam Bryant. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

SAT 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvt7)

Series 1

Ireland

Travelling from rainy Sligo to busy Dublin, the comedian performs for the locals and learns to play the penny whistle - badly. Producer: Danny Wallace. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

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SUN 05:30 Mabey in the Wild (b02qd1s3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (Omnibus)

(b007jtr)

Returning to Porthant Bay in Cornwall after 60 years, Marjorie Beaumont is coming to terms with her past. Omnibus written by Dave Sheasby. Marjorie Beaumont Elizabeth Bradley. Mrs Nugent June Barrie. Mandy Alison Pettit. Tilson Tristan Sturrock. Producer: David Hunter. First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

SUN 07:15 Julia Stoneham - The Outing (b07xsf0j)

Edwin and Norma go birdwatching on the Devonshire coast, but have an unusual encounter on the beach. Christian Rodska reads Julia Stoneham's short story. Producer: Viv Beeby. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1990.

SUN 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07x2dt)

Series 11

All About Eve

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and downs of his University Week. Ed decides that the modern student seems to have a complete absence of healthy anti-authoritarian rage and determines to put this state of affairs right by contacting the student magazine. Current editor, Eve, is surprisingly pleased to see a fellow student, especially one offering to contribute, so hires Ed, who jumps at the £15 expenses per issue. So it is that Ed sets out to give Eve a taste of the hard boiled professional Fleet Street Life whilst stirring up the students. Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas. Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas. Olive Stephanie Cole. Pearl Brigit Forsyth. Jaz Milvain Philip Jackson. Ping Barunka

O'Shaughnessy Stan Geoffrey Whitehead. Frank Martin Hyder. Cliff Geoff McGovern. Eve Maya Sondhi. Producer: Dawn Ellis. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

SUN 08:00 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008x0v)

From 28/07/1963

Old money and a sit-down protest. More comic characters of popular comedian Arthur Haynes in Johnny Speight's sketches. After originally working with Charlie Chester on a number of series for BBC Radio, Arthur Haynes (1914-1966) became a big star on ITV in the late 1950s/early 1960s. With Nicholas Parsons, Leslie Noyes and Gary Watson. Music by Joe Brown & The Bruvvers. Producer: Richard Dingley. First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1963.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (m0008x0x)

Dangerous Company

Having finished with Zoe, David finds himself a new girlfriend.

But will Anne and Tony approve? Geoffrey Harrison's sitcom

about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss starring

George Cole. David Bliss George Cole. Anne Fellows Diana Churchill. Tony Fellows Colin Gordon. Zoe Hunter Sheila Sweet. Psyche' the Dog Percy Edwards. Melissa Maxine Audley. Beginning in 1953, it ran for six series of 118

episodes concluding in 1969 - but few survive in the BBC

archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first 7

episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred

the future star of The St Trinian's films - destined to find great

fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - George

Cole. Producer: Leslie Bridgmont. First broadcast on the BBC

Home Service in March 1959.

SUN 09:00 Who Am I, Again? (Omnibus) (m0008x0z)

Lenny Henry tells the extraordinary story of his early years and

sudden rise to fame in his long-awaited autobiography. The

legendary actor, comedian and campaigner has graced our

screens for over four decades. A co-founder of Comic relief, he

was knighted in 2015 for services to charity and drama. Who

Am I, Again is a poignant and hilariously observed self-portrait

of growing up in the Midlands as child of Jamaican immigrants

seeking, though not always finding, a better life. The book

candidly documents racism and fraught family relationships,

but ultimately celebrates how a working-class kid from Dudley

made the big time with support from those around

him. Omnibus read by Lenny Henry. Abridged by Penny

Leicester. Produced by Ciaran Bermingham. First broadcast in

five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b052lv3)

Gail and Brian - Avon Calling

Fi Glover introduces a conversation between a husband and

wife who admit they are totally dedicated to their work, but

find the rewards more than compensate for the time they spend.

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 (b04k6vsz)

Nobel Prize Winners

Martin Evans

From Edith Piaf to Rachmaninov, Nobel-winning scientist

Martin Evans shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

From February 2008.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b097lzd4)

Series 2

To See or Not to See

Radiolab asks should the last moments of life be captured, seen,

and shared? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich. Radiolab

is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound

illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science,

philosophy, and the human experience. First broadcast on public

radio in the USA.

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SUN 14:30 Margaret Atwood - The Testaments (Omnibus)

(m0008x11)

Episode 2

In this brilliant and long-awaited sequel to The Handmaid's

Tale, Margaret Atwood answers the questions that have

tantalised readers for decades. The Testaments picks up the

story 15 years after Offred stepped into the unknown, with the

explosive testaments of three female narrators from

Gilead. Omnibus of episodes six to ten of fifteen parts. 'Dear

Readers: Everything you've ever asked me about Gilead and its inner workings is the inspiration for this book. Well, almost everything! The other inspiration is the world we've been living in.' Margaret Atwood'The literary event of the year.'

Guardian'Terrifying and exhilarating.' Peter Florence, chair of the Booker 2019 judges.Writer: Margaret Atwood is the author of more than fifty books, including novels such as Cat's Eye, The Robber Bride, Alias Grace, The Blind Assassin and the MaddAddam trilogy. Her 1985 classic, The Handmaid's Tale, went back into the bestseller charts with the election of Donald Trump, when he Handmaids became a symbol of resistance against the disempowerment of women, and with the 2017 release of the award-winning Channel 4 TV series.Reader: Sara Kestelman, Katherine Press and Samantha Dakin.Abridger: Katrin WilliamsProducer: Justine WillettFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019

SUN 15:45 Diplomatic Dinners (m0008x13)

Medallions de Guerres

Chris Bowlby hears what it's like to eat for Britain from such wine-and-dined luminaries as Chris Patten and Christopher Meyer. In this episode, he hears how devilish Soviet shenanigans are thwarted by the great British sandwich.Producer: Mark Savage.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

SUN 16:00 Jonathan Smith - The Last Bark of the Bulldog (m0008x15)

A dramatisation of the political crisis of June 1953 when Winston Churchill suffered a stroke at 10 Downing Street during his last period in office as prime minister.Written by Jonathan Smith. Winston Churchill Benjamin WhitrowClementine Churchill Sian PhillipsLord Moran .. Christian RodskaAnthony Eden Michael CochraneJock Colville.... Robert PortalNurse.... Emma CallanderDirector: Bruce YoungFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0008x17)

The Lost Poets of the Raincoat Shop
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects The Lost Poets of the Raincoat Shop presented by Ian MacMillan.Ian MacMillan tells the story of lost poets through the letters, diaries and scattered pages of poetry found in a derelict raincoat shop in Sheffield. The papers were found by an engineer who saved them from the skip and took them home to read. Fascinated by the story they revealed, he donated them to the Sheffield Archive.Ian MacMillan looks through the dust covered pages that still, he says, give off a faint whiff of raincoat. The letters document the friendship between the shop owner and an uneducated man who were brought together by a love of words and writing. Ian says, 'It's an extraordinary tale of friendship, and what is left behind.'He talks to John Gregory who devoted his lunchtimes to going through the derelict shop gathering together the pages before they were put in a skip, and to Tim Knebel, the archivist who has created order out of the scattered pages.Ian also talks to historian Helen Smith about the uniqueness of Sheffield during the early years of the 1900s, when uneducated steelworkers yearned to better themselves by learning about philosophy and poetry.Finally, Ian contributes to the amount of words generated by the two men by composing his own work based on the daily takings recorded in the cash book of the raincoat shop.Producer: Janet GravesA Pennine production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.

SUN 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07x2zdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Night Terrace (m0008x19)

Series 2

The Edification Of Anastasia Black

When Eddie is lost in time and space, Anastasia and Sue must launch a daring rescue. Assuming they notice he's gone.Meanwhile things are complicated by the interference of the mysterious Cosmic Immortals, and a trip to an inhospitable planet with human colonists from the future.Sci-fi comedy starring Neighbours' Jackie Woodburne. Jackie Woodburne Anastasia BlackBen McKenzie Eddie JonesPetra Elliott Sue DenholmAmanda Buckley..... CamiciaAndrew Hansen..... Horatio GrayEmily Taheny..... Captain StyrkLee Zachariah..... ÄrgerlichDave Lamb..... McHaggisCelia Pacquola Cosmic ImmortalLaura Hughes Cosmic ImmortalWritten by Lee Zachariah.Music by David AshtonProduced by Ben McKenzie and John RichardsA Splendid Chaps Production.

SUN 18:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmfj)

Episode 1

The mystery deepens when all the residents of the rural village of Midwich suddenly fall into a state of unconsciousness...The classic 1957 sci-fi novel by John Wyndham (1903-1969) adapted in three-parts by William Ingram.Colonel Bernard Westcott Charles KayRichard Gayford William GauntGordon Zellaby Manning WilsonAngela Zellaby Pauline YatesJanet Gayford Rosalind AdamsFerrelyn Zellaby Jenny QuayleAlan Hughes Gordon DulieuDoctor Willers Hugh DicksonVicar Leebody William IngramColonel Latcher Garard GreenCaptain Beamish Martin BansleyGroup Captain Harding Peter TuddenhamChief Constable Ronald BaddifleyPilot Alex JenningsPC David PeartBase Controller Edward CastMusic specially composed by Roger Limb of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.Director: Gordon HouseFirst broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 1982.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b097lzd4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Who Am I, Again? (Omnibus) (m0008x0z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b05zlv3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b04k6vsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b07x2zdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Chain Reaction (b054qfjd)

Series 10

Vic Reeves talks to Olivia Colman

One half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Vic Reeves, talks to Oscar and BAFTA award-winning actress Olivia Colman.Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.Producer: Charlie PerkinsFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00092h0)

Flo & Joan

Jake Yapp is joined in the studio by musical comedy duo Flo & Joan.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (m0008qtg)

Series 21

Episode 3

Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public. Host Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined this week by Kath Hughes, Chris Cantrill and Tom Burgess.Script Editors: Gemma Arrowsmith and Laura MajorProduction Coordinator: Damiola MabadejeProducers: Suzy Grant and Hayley SterlingNewsjack is a BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 A Short Gentleman (b0196rmd)

Episode 2

Robert wos Elizabeth, by means of a putty-coloured carpet.Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell. QC, a perfect specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless legal logic to his disastrous personal life.Jon Canter's comic novel 'A Short Gentleman' adapted by Robin Brooks.Elizabeth Lyndsey MarshalGuy Adam BillingtonSophie Francine ChamberlainAnthony Carl Prekoppsabel Lauren MoteAlan Gerard McDermott Director: Jonquil Painting.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

MON 00:00 Night Terrace (m0008x19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (b007jmfj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Dave Sheasby - Shifting the Leaves (Omnibus) (b007jtrc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:15 Julia Stoneham - The Outing (b07xsf0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Margaret Atwood - The Testaments (Omnibus) (m0008x11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:45 Diplomatic Dinners (m0008x13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Jonathan Smith - The Last Bark of the Bulldog (m0008x15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0008x17)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07x2zdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvjm)

Unnatural Death

3. The Will

A suspect takes a shine to Lord Peter Wimsey, as he investigates multiple murders.Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.Adapted for radio in seven episodes by Chris Miller.Lord Peter Wimsey Ian CarmichaelMiss Climpson Ambrosine PhillpottsInspector Parker Gabriel WoolfBunter Peter JonesMr Murbles Malcolm HayesNurse Forbes Sheelah WilcocksEvelyn Gotobed Alison SkilbeckProducer: Simon BrettFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

MON 06:30 The Enfield Thunderbolt (b03jsrm8)

Episode 1

Peter Curran has bought the 40 year old remains of a piece of motoring history. The Enfield 8000 was a prototype electric car built in the early 1970s at the height of the energy crisis, when the British Government feared that the country would grind to a halt at the hands of the oil producing nations of the world.The car was the result of a secret deal brokered between a Greek shipping billionaire and the Electricity Boards, and was aimed at creating a revolution in the way we thought about transportation.The Enfield 8000 was shorter than a Mini but

had bold styling and came in a range of classic 70's shades. It was powered by four giant tractor batteries and applied the latest electrical circuitry to control the car. It had no gear stick, just a tiny toggle switch which flicked it instantly from forward to reverse. Just over a hundred vehicles were produced, and enthusiastic early owners talked about its delicate handling, impressive pick up speed and natty aero-dynamics.Peter Curran tells the first of a two-part story of this ground-breaking British car and tries to breathe life into his 40 year old Enfield for one final challenge.Producer: David PrestA Whistle-down production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2013.

MON 07:00 Sisters (b065xhth)

Series 1

No Wi-Fi

Susan has hidden Fiona's work phone, in a bid to encourage a healthier work-life balance. But Fiona declares Susan a hypocrite due to her own constant internet use and online gaming. Each sister thinks the other is completely addicted so they set themselves a challenge to go without their devices for 24 hours.In the empty hours that lie ahead, the pair try to find ways to occupy themselves but inevitably end up getting increasingly irate with one another.As they try to stave off the building frustration, Susan makes a rash decision, while Blake's attempts to hijack the neighbours' Wi-Fi don't end well.Written by Susan Calman.Starring Susan Calman, Ashley Jensen, Nick HelmProducer: Mollie FreedmanBerthoudExecutive Producer: Paul SchlesingerA Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2015.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m0008p66)

Series 85

Episode 8

Stephen Fry, Jan Ravens, Pam Ayres 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 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)

Series 1

The Party

Kate's furious - why haven't they been invited to their friend's party?A series based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newly-weds. Starring Richard Briers as George Starling and Prunella Scales as Kate Starling.Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.George Richard BriersKate Prunella ScalesWith Rodney Diak, Audrey Nicholson, David Graham and David Morton.Written by Richard Waring.Producer: Charles MaxwellFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1965.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b00qxh17)

Series 2

War Dance

Captain Mainwaring's platoon dance is disrupted by an announcement from Private Pike.Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.Captain Mainwaring Arthur LoweSergeant Wilson John Le MesurierCorporal Jones Clive DunnePrivate Fraser John LauriePrivate Pike Ian LavenderPrivate Godfrey Arnold RidleyPrivate Walker Larry MartinMrs Pike Pearl HackneyViolet Gibbons Wendy RichardAnnouncer John SnaggeProducer: John DyasFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

MON 09:00 Whispers (b007k2zg)

Series 1

Episode 3

'There never was an individual less regretted by his fellow creatures than this deceased King.'Gyles Brandreth reveals who in the panel show that celebrates gossip rather than discretion, believing valour to be a redundant concept in the face of a good story.Regular team captains, biographer Anthony Holden, and writer Stella Duffy are joined by the BBC's former royal correspondent Jennie Bond and entertainer Geoffrey Durham.Producer: Elizabeth FreestoneFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

MON 09:30 Semi Circles (b007jxl1)

Series 1

A Nice Area

An action committee is formed when a foreign owner applies to open a new restaurant in the area.The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.Starring Paula Wilcox as Helen and David Wood as BenWritten by Simon BrettHelen Paula WilcoxBen David WoodMrs Kelly Pat HeywoodAlastair Bruce AlexanderRoger Ben ArisMo Penelope NiceMr Mukerjee Tariq YunisProducer: Pete AtkinFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1982

MON 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081S0d)

Hard Times

Episode 1

Hard facts are all that provincial businessmen, Mr Gradgrind and Mr Bounderby feel are necessary in life. But the arrival of Sleary's circus in Coketown shows another way...Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised in four parts by Doug Lucie.Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth CranhamJosiah Bunderby Philip JacksonMrs Sparsit Eleanor BronMrs Gradgrind Thelma BarlowSleary Derek WaringHelen Longworth LouisaRachael Becky HindleyStephen Alan WilliamsMrs Pegler Marcia WarrenFrancis Jeater Mrs

BlackpoolMr M'choakumchild Stephen CritchlowChildren Chris MoranJosephine Jaimi BarbakoffA Boy Gregg PrenticeServant Iwan MeredithWaiter Declan WilsonSissy Stephanie RawsonBitzer Alexander SlaterTom Nick RoudMusic by Nina Perry.Director: Janet WhitakerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.
MON 11:00 The TED Interview (m0008xqg)
Yuval Noah Harari
Founded in 1984 in the USA, TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design. The first TED Talks were first posted online in 2006 and since then TED Talks have had many millions of views.In The TED Interview hosted by Chris Anderson - audiences can immerse themselves more deeply in some of the most compelling ideas heard on the TED stage.Yuval Noah Harari reveals the real dangers ahead.Historian and futurist Yuval Noah Harari - author of 'Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind' - has a story about the future that's profound, exciting and unsettling.A TED original podcast.
MON 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xqj)
Lost Property
The surprising items that turn up at the Transport for London's lost property office - and the man who has a passion for reuniting them with their owners.BBC Radio London's Rob Oxley discovers how the system works - from paper labelling to Sherlock Holmes skills.This story originally appeared on the BBC podcast Multi Story, presented and produced by Becca Bryers.
MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b04pb1tz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b00qxh17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvlm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Enfield Thunderbolt (b03jsrm8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Book of the Week (b0b42v6d)
Feel Free
Episode 1
Zadie Smith reads from her essay collection where she offers sharp, and often funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal. Today, she reflects on growing up in multicultural London in the 1980s.Feel Free is an electrifying selection of Zadie Smith published essays from the last eight years. Wide ranging, timely and witty each essay is a perceptive view of the contemporary world from one of the best regarded writers of her generation.Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time. Feel Free is her second essay collection. She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York University.Read by Zadie SmithAbridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.
MON 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03z91x6)
Felons and Oddfellows
As the nature and depth of our friendships comes under scrutiny in an era of Social Networking, a timely history of friendship over the centuries.Dr Thomas Dixon traces the idea of friendship as a form of practical self-help back to the Friendly Societies of the 18th and 19th centuries. At their peak, there were 9000 of these grass-roots institutions - many with quaint, archaic names, such as The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows - and it is estimated that 40% of the adult male population belonged to one - mobilising the power of friendship in a sort of forerunner of the Welfare State.The importance of the idea of friendship emerges through the colourful vocabulary of friendship in the period - from cronies, trumps and bladders to cullies, marrows and rib-stones, and the more familiar, chums and pals.With contributions from Dr Helen Rogers and Professor Hugh Cunningham.Producer: Beaty RubensFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.
MON 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06gqdw1)
Early One Morning
Episode 1
Rome 1943. A split-second decision is about to change Chiara's life forever.Cardiff 1973. Welsh teenager Maria learns some shocking news about her past.Greta Scacchi, Juliet Aubrey and Sophie Melville star in Virginia Baily's powerful novel of love, loss and learning to be a mother.The action moves between Nazi-occupied Rome and 1973. Dramatised in ten parts by Miranda Emmerson. Narrator:.....Greta ScacchiChiara.....Juliet AubreyMaria.....Sophie MelvilleCecilia.....Alex TregearDaniele.....Adam Thomas WrightGennaro/ Adult Daniele.....Cesare TaurasiSimone/ Nonna.....Jessica TurnerAntonio.....David HounslowGabriele.....David ActonTommaso/ Nazi officer/ Brian.....Felix AuerEdna.....Amelia LowdellBarry/ Goffredo.....Chris PavloGianni.....Sam DaleDirector: Emma HardingFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.
MON 14:45 Book of the Week (b04xn7cq)
Reaching down the Rabbit Hole
Episode 1
Neurologist Dr Allan H Ropper and his co-writer Brian D Burrell take us behind the scenes at the Harvard Medical School's neurology unit.Dr Ropper's case studies cover the

unusual, sometimes bizarre, and often moving stories of life-changing injuries and illness - including the case of an epileptic."In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," says Ropper, "Alice jumps into a rabbit hole and finds herself in a bizarre realm where everything bears little relation to the outside world. It is a place where, as the Red Queen mentions to Alice, it helps to believe six impossible things before breakfast. I have no need to believe six impossible things before breakfast because I know that on any given day I will be confronted with six improbable things before lunch..."Read by Colin StintonWritten by Dr Allan H Ropper and Brian D Burrell.Abridged by Pete Nichols.Producer: Karen RoseA Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2015.
MON 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081s0d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Whispers (b007k2zg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Semi Circles (b007jx1l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Sisters (b065xhth)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m0008p66)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)
Arthur Conan Doyle - The Captain of the Polestar
As a Dundee whaling ship becomes trapped in the Arctic, strange cries sound across the ice at night and a figure is glimpsed on the floes.Is it the Captain's lost love come to reclaim him?Series of 3 Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery.Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Marty Ross.Craigie Alec HeggieMilne James BryceDoctor Nick UnderwoodWilliamson John Buick McLeod Brian PettiferProducer: Bruce YoungFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00dvwq1)
Terry Jones and Mark Borkowski
Monty Python star Terry Jones and PR guru Mark Borkowski join Sue MacGregor to discuss favourite books by Ronald Wright, Alan Bennett and Jim Steinmeyer.Special edition from the Cheltenham Literature Festival.A Short History of Progress by Ronald WrightPublisher: CanongateThe Uncommon Reader by Alan BennettPublisher: Profile Books / Faber and FaberHiding the Elephant by Jim SteinmeyerPublisher: ArrowFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.
MON 19:00 Marriage Lines (b04pb1tz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b00qxh17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvlm)
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MON 21:00 The TED Interview (m0008xqg)
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MON 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xqj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m0008p66)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00445vn)
Series 2
A Restoration Re-Ruined Only Even Worse
As the Victorian comic epic continues, Pip finds himself heavily in debt when he has to bribe the whole of the House of Commons not to hang him. But has he found true love at last in the form of wealthy Southern belle Talullah Not-A-Man?Or is it some sort of fiddishly subtle plot hatched by an evil villain in a frock.Mark Evans's epic comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.Volume Two, Chapter the Fourth: a Restoration Re-Ruined Only Even Worse.Sir Philip.....Richard JohnsonMr Benevolent.....Anthony HeadYoung Pip.....Tom AllenSternbeater.....Geoffrey WhiteheadHarry Biscuit.....James BachmanRipely Fecund.....Sarah HadlandPippa/Woman.....Susy KaneThe Bailiff.....Mark EvansProducer: Gareth Edwards.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0008xqm)
Series 27
Episode 5
A satirical review of the week's news
MON 23:45 Life on Egg (b091ofqz)
Series 1
Stand-In
When Peter is sent back to the mainland to undergo some urgent diversity training, Harry and Ann are given a replacement guard by The Minister.Warder Leo Hatchet is a tough, uncompromising new screw and soon makes his mark on the prison's regime. But in doing so, has he destroyed The Egg's ambience? And what about Peter? Will The Minister allow him to return to The Egg, if Hatchet's already doing his job quicker and better?Governor Harry Harry HillAnn Karen BartkePeter Marek LarwoodThe Minister Tanya MoodieTim the Helicopter Pilot Dan MaierWarder Leo Hatchet Dan MaierPrisoner Gyles Brandreth Gyles BrandrethWritten by Dan Maier.Producer: Sam MichellA BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2018.

TUESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2019

TUE 00:00 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00dvwq1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
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TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (m0008p66)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvlv)
Unnatural Death
4. Hallelujah
Thanks to a murder victim's cousin, new clues surface in Lord Peter Wimsey's investigation.Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.Adapted for radio by Chris Miller.Lord Peter Wimsey Ian CarmichaelInspector Parker Gabriel WoolfMr Murbles Malcolm HayesThe Reverend Hallelujah Dawson Tommy EytelMrs Cobling Miriam MargolyesPiggin David GoodersonBen Cobling Bill WallisProducer: Simon BrettFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.
TUE 06:30 The Enfield Thunderbolt (b03kp470)
Episode 2
Peter Curran has bought the 40 year old remains of a piece of motoring history. The Enfield 8000 was a prototype electric car built in the early 1970s at the height of the energy crisis, when the British Government feared that the country would grind to a halt at the hands of the oil producing nations of the world.The car was the result of a secret deal brokered between a Greek shipping billionaire and the Electricity Boards, and was aimed at creating a revolution in the way we thought about transportation.The Enfield 8000 was shorter than a Mini but had bold styling and came in a range of classic 70's shades. It was powered by four giant tractor batteries and applied the latest electrical circuitry to control the car. It had no gear stick, just a tiny toggle switch which flicked it instantly from forward to reverse. Just over a hundred vehicles were produced, and enthusiastic early owners talked about its delicate handling, impressive pick up speed and natty aero-dynamics.Peter Curran concludes his story of this ground-breaking British car as he tries to breathe life into his 40 year old Enfield for one final challenge. Producer: David PrestA Whistle-down production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2013.
TUE 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00fd63v)
Series 4
Episode 5
Rosie had always thought the expression 'Celebrity Gardener' was a contradiction in terms...until she met Bernadette Gittings...Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...Rosie Burns Prunella ScalesJo Rebecca CallardBob Duncan PrestonTess Annette BadlandBrad Colin StintonBernadette Gittings Suzanne JamesonCrispin Garnett George LeytonMrs Thompson Mary WimbushWritten and produced by Simon Brett.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.
TUE 07:30 Clare in the Community (m0008nx4)
Series 12
Heartbroken
Clare is not feeling particularly sympathetic towards Brian after he's dramatically unwell. She's more concerned about delivering her showstopping palliative care package. Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.We join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.Written by Harry Venning

and David RamsdenProducer Alexandra SmithA BBC Studios productionClare.....SALLY PHILLIPSBrian.....ALEX LOWENali.....NINA CONTIDoctor.....RICHARD LUMSDENSimon.....ANDREW WINCOTTLibby.....SARAH KENDALLJoan SARAH THOMCilla.....GBEMISOLA IKUMELO

TUE 08:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00gszmr)

From 29/03/1971

A bungling burglar, a struggling pianist and the Clegworthy family's Sunday. A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker. With Terence Brady, Pauline Yates and Peggy Ann Wood. Pianist: Gordon Langford. Written by Chris Allen, Tony Bilbow and Mike Fentiman, David Climie, John Graham, Gerald Wiley and John Fawcett-Wilson.Producer John Fawcett-WilsonFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

TUE 08:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0008y9y)

Series 3

Episode 8

Kenneth Horne goes up the Khyber Pass and Hornerama investigates food. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee. Written by Eric Merriman and Barry TookThe precursor to 'Round The Horne' – series 3 has been fully restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings. A madcap mix of sketches and songs. Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles. Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Incidental music by Edwin Braden. Announcer: Douglas SmithProducer: Jacques BrownFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1960.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz Extra (m0008xqm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:45 Life on Egg (b09jofqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:45 on Monday]

TUE 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081t1f)

Hard Times

Episode 2

Six years have passed; Louisa is now working for Bounderby in his Bank, and he claims Louisa in marriage. Stephen Blackpool runs into trouble with the union men. Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie. Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth CranhamJosiah Bounderby Philip JacksonMrs Sparsit Eleanor BronMrs Gradgrind Thelma BarlowHelen Longworth LouisaRachael Becky HindleyStephen Alan WilliamsMrs Pegler Marcia WarrenSlackbridge Ioan MeredithBlitzer Declan WilsonTom Richard FirthSissy Lydia TuckeyJames Harthouse Guy HenryChairman Ben CroweWaiter Damien LynchMusic by Nina Perry. Director: Janet WhitakerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

TUE 11:00 Short Cuts (b07gfhbq)

Series 9

Body Language

Reading Russian literature - without a book - in solitary confinement, speaking with someone else's voice and the need to be embraced. Josie Long delves into wordless communication. From the melody of your speech to the brush of skin on skin, Josie explores body language. We hear about secret codes sent through walls, a sudden bodily change which left a woman feeling like a stranger to herself and the importance of touch. Series Producer: Eleanor McDowalla

Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 11:30 After Eden (m0008yb0)

One Flesh

Arranging weddings and funerals on the same day is just part of a vicar's job. Alison Leonard's warm-hearted six-part drama about the life of a woman priest. Rev Elaine Metcalfe Christine PritchardPhil Hywel MorganRev Melvyn Johns Michael PoveyTash Clare IsaacBryn Rhodri HughGwen Manon EdwardsShelia Kristin MilwardColin ... Oliver SentonDirector: Alison HindellFirst heard on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

TUE 12:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00gszmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0008y9y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Enfield Thunderbolt (b03kp470)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Book of the Week (b0b4z28c)

Feel Free

Episode 2

Some lessons on the connection between writing and dancing. Zadie Smith reads from her essay collection where she offers sharp, and sometimes funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal. Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time. Feel Free is her second essay collection. She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York

University. Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

TUE 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zb4b2)

Education of the Heart

As the nature and depth of our friendships comes under scrutiny in an era of Social Networking, a timely history of friendship over the centuries. Today, we tend to view friendships among children as a good thing, but in the 18th century, improving "conduct manuals" tended to warn children off friendship, seeing it as fraught with danger. In an era of large families, friendships among siblings were considered far safer. Dr Thomas Dixon learns from the distinguished expert on the history of childhood, Professor Hugh Cunningham, how the reduction of family size and the spread of mass education in the 19th century began, inevitably to challenge this notion. But the idea of the dangers of friendship for children persisted. Thomas Dixon goes on to explore with children's literature specialist, Dr Matthew Grenby, how the classic school stories of the 19th century - from Matthew Arnold's Tom Brown's Schooldays to Angela Brazil's A Fourth Form Friendship - continued to provide moral advice about friendship, buried within their depiction of algebra, lacrosse and midnight feasts in the dorm. Producer: Beaty Rubens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

TUE 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06gqx6n)

Early One Morning

Episode 2

Italy 1943. Chiara has to flee Rome with her sister and Daniele Levi, the young Jewish boy she is sheltering. Thirty years later, Welsh teenager Maria is still coming to terms with the bombshell that her real father is an Italian man she's never met, a man called Daniele Levi. Greta Scacchi, Juliet Aubrey and Sophie Melville star in Virginia Baily's powerful novel of love, loss and learning to be a mother. Dramatised by Miranda Emmerson. Narrator: Greta Scacchi Chiara Juliet Aubrey Maria Sophie Melville Cecilia Alex Tregeard Daniele Adam Thomas Wright Genmaro / Adult Daniele Cesare Taurasi Simone / Nonna Jessica Turner Antonio David Hounslow Gabriele David Acton Tommaso / Nazi officer / Brian Felix Auer Edna Amelia Lowdell Barry / Goffredo Chris Pavlo Gianni Sam Dale Director: Emma Harding First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

TUE 14:45 Book of the Week (b04xp15c)

Reaching down the Rabbit Hole

Episode 2

With a case of Wernicke's aphasia - neurologist Dr Allan H Ropper and his co-writer Brian D Burrell take us behind the scenes at the Harvard Medical School's neurology unit. "In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," says Ropper, "Alice jumps into a rabbit hole and finds herself in a bizarre realm where everything bears little relation to the outside world. It is a place where, as the Red Queen mentions to Alice, it helps to believe six impossible things before breakfast. I have no need to believe six impossible things before breakfast because I know that on any given day I will be confronted with six improbable things before lunch..." Read by Colin Stinton Written by Dr Allan H Ropper and Brian D Burrell Abridged by Pete Nichols Producer: Karen Rose A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2015.

TUE 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081t1f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Act Your Age (b00zm0mc)

Series 3

Episode 1

Simon Mayo hosts the three-way battle between the comedy generations to find out which is the funniest. Will it be the Up-and-Comers, the Current Crop or the Old Guard who will be crowned, for one week at least, as the Golden Age of Comedy. Holly Walsh is joined by Henry Paker, Lucy Porter by Miles Jupp and Tom O'Connor teams up with Duggie Brown. Devised and Produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

TUE 16:30 The Patrick and Maureen Maybe Music Experience (b007lr4s)

Episode 4

Unhappily married Patrick and Maureen are getting on so badly that they're forced to present their final show from separate studios. But even that doesn't stop them quarrelling... Starring Imelda Staunton as Maureen Maybe and Patrick Barlow as Patrick Maybe. Special guest: Rachel Weisz Doctor Peter Jones Cleonni Carla Mendonca Peter Davies John Ramm Written by Patrick Barlow. Script associate: Nev Fountain Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

TUE 17:00 Smelling of Roses (b00fd63v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Clare in the Community (m0008nx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cft28)

Robert Louis Stevenson - Olalla

During the Peninsular War in Spain a wounded Scottish soldier is sent to stay in a remote house in the hills. The soldier falls in love with the daughter of the house, but the family harbour a terrible secret... Series of 3 Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery. Written by Robert Louis Stevenson and dramatised by Marty Ross. Alec Paul Blair Olalla Roxanna Pope Felipe Richard Conlon Senora Carol Ann Crawford Carrido Richard Greenwood The Padre

Simon Tait Producer: Bruce Young First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

TUE 18:30 Musical Genes (b00h9cx9)

Series 2

Margaret Bennett

Tom Morton talks to folklorist Margaret Bennett about life with her son Martyn - piper, fiddler and music producer. Series searching for the true story behind some of our best loved musicians. Producer: Mike Walker First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in February 2009.

TUE 19:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00gszmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0008y9y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 The Enfield Thunderbolt (b03kp470)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Short Cuts (b07gfhbq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:30 How to Burn a Million Quid (m0008yb3)

Rule 3

Rule 3: Only a madman is absolutely sure. Pop stardom is going well, the KLF are a music industry sensation with a string of hits. An inspired collaboration with country music legend Tammy Wynette takes them to new heights. But is that enough, asks Bill, where's the meaning? In the North Pole perhaps? Well that's the conclusion he reaches and so off they go. Really. All this happened. Part three of the outrageous comedy drama telling the true story of the chart-topping pop duo known as KLF, who, in 1994, burned £1 million in cash on a remote Scottish island. It was their mission to cause chaos. And they did. How to Burn a Million Quid features Paul Higgins (The Thick of It, Line of Duty) as Bill Drummond, Nicholas Burns (Nathan Barley, The World's End) as Jimmy Cauty, with Kevin Eldon as Gimpo, Jeremy Stockwell as Ken Campbell and an outstanding cast of music comedy performers. Bill Drummond: Paul Higgins Jimmy Cauty: Nicholas Burns Gimpo: Kevin Eldon Ken Campbell: Jeremy Stockwell Everyone else: Kate O'Sullivan, Polly Kemp, Ronnie Jhuttie and Niall Ashdown Original music by Somerset & Lewin Original music by MZYLYKPOP (Mick Somerset, David Lewin, Simon Lewinski, Rachel E. Flip Clegg and Thom Foote) Sound Design by Carl Scheele Shit Johnson Produced and Directed by Boz Temple-Morris Written by Sean Grundy and Cara Jennings A HOLY MOUNTAIN production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0008nx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b08gxx7p)

Series 1

Touchdown

"This show is a story, and our story starts at the end. My parents came to see one of my shows, and I would end this particular show by telling a story about the time I swore at a teacher..." Starting with a short routine from her comedy club set, Sarah admits that like with most stand-up routines, it had a punchline manufactured for the sake of a joke. Her mum challenges her to tell everyone what really happened the day she swore at that teacher and the result is this show. Denied the quick fix of a fabricated punchline it is transformed into a full, honest, coming-of-age story that explores the clumsiness of adolescents, their awkward relationships, and painful need for friendship and love. Multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendall brings her critically acclaimed trilogy of funny and moving, live shows to BBC Radio. Taking her audience on a trip, Sarah gives a unique snapshot of small-town life in Australia in the early 90s. At a time when most people were seeing Australians through the filter of 'Home and Away' and 'Neighbours', Sarah's shows present a darker underbelly to the stereotype of the sun-loving, happy-go-lucky Aussie teenager. Comedic and tragic in equal measure, Sarah's tales of her teenage life blend intricate narratives with a cast of memorable characters, bringing events to life in front of your very ears. *Contains strong language Written and performed by Sarah Kendall Producer - Carl Cooper Production Coordinator - Emily Hallett A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2017.

TUE 23:00 Seekers (b05xhzh3)

Series 2

The Wedding Crushers

Stuart and Vanessa are keen to plan their wedding, but not everyone is happy for them. Series 2 of the job seeking sitcom starring Mathew Horne, Daniel Mays, Tony Way and Zahra Ahmadi. Stuart Mathew Horne Joseph Daniel Mays Terry Tony Way Nicola Zahra Ahmadi Vanessa Natalie Walter Gary Probert Steve Oram Mr Putter Ian Cunningham Kenny Sam Dale Written by Steve Burge. Producer: Victoria Lloyd First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.

TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm3k)

Series 1

Moore and Burmans

Ailing high street retailer Moore and Burman desperately needs help. They must be desperate to enlist the services of Unthinkable Solutions! Ryan persuades them to go for a radical publicity campaign, Daisy facilitates his nervous breakdown and Sophie decides to take charge of her love life with some decisive action. James Cary's award-winning sitcom about

management consultants.Ryan Packer Marcus
BristockeSophie Stott Emma KennedyDaisy
Catherine ShepherdTimandra Olivia ColmanClive
Mark HeapBrian Simon GodleyBoris Simon
GreenallScript associates: Paul Mayhew-Archer and Ed
Drew.Music by John Whitehall.Producer: Adam Bromley.First
broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

WEDNESDAY 02 OCTOBER 2019

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Unnatural Death

5. The Property Act

Unravelling property rules provides fresh clues for Lord Peter Wimsey's murder probe.Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.Adapted for radio by Chris Miller.Lord Peter Wimsey Ian CarmichaelInspector Parker Gabriel WoolfMr Murbles Malcolm HayesMr Towkington Garard GreenMr Trigg Gordon ClydeMrs Mead Bridget McConnelProducer: Simon Brett.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

WED 06:30 Anglomania (b00g447z)

John F Jungclaussen, Die Zeit's UK correspondent, sets out to discover why so many of his fellow countrymen are in thrall to all things British.Among his travels around Germany he experiences British Day in Hamburg, with its very own Last Night of the Proms, an evening in a Bayreuth pub where the locals only speak English and, in the Ruhr valley, a German rock band called Claymore, who perform in full Highland dress.

WED 07:00 Potting On (b00kxs62)

Taking a Break

Pam decides she wants to go on an exciting adventure holiday, but Gordon would much prefer the usual caravanning.Pam and Gordon Grant are a couple at odds running a garden centre and growing older...Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.Starring Pam Ayres and Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam and Gordon Grant.With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald and Alex Tregear.Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.Producer Claire JonesFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

WED 07:30 The Quanderhorn Xperimentations (b0b91t03)

Series 1

A Little Thing Like Chocolate Gates Can't Stop Us It's 1952.Again.Professor Quanderhorn (James Fleet) and his crew are besieged by a mob of alien-possessed villagers. Their only hope - a highly-trained spy parrot with a bad attitude (Kevin Eldon) and an irritating gramophone record by the Queen of the Hammond organ.Having been permanently fitted with a rather dangerous experimental bra, Brian (Ryan Sampson) finally steels himself to face the nightmare horrors of the professor's cellar, unaware that a secret camera is set to expose him.Meanwhile, Dr Janussen (Cassie Layton) has discovered a message from Virginia (Rachel Atkins) revealing the terrible secret that turned her into a broccoli monster.As Troy (Freddie Fox) and Guuurk (Kevin Eldon) join the not-quite-romantic pair while fleeing the merciless cellar defences, Troy inadvertently presses the wrong lift button and they find themselves heading pell.mell...for the Moon.The Quanderhorn Xperimentations - an adventure beyond human understanding.Cast:Professor Quanderhorn- James FleetBrian Nylon- Ryan SampsonDr Gemini Janussen- Cassie LaytonGuuurk- Kevin EldonTroy Quanderhorn- Freddie FoxWinston Churchill/Jenkins- John SessionsSynthetic Voice

Rachel AtkinsCreated and written by Rob Grant and Andrew MarshallDirected by Andrew MarshallMusic by Peter BrewisEngineered, Edited and Sound designed by Alistair McGregorProduction Manager: Sarah TomblingProduced by Rob Grant and Gordon KennedyRecorded at The Soundhouse StudiosAn Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzg0)

The Monte Carlo Rally

The lad competes in the famous motor race in a very classic car - provided by Sid.Starring Tony Hancock. With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James and Kenneth Williams.Special guests: Brian Johnston and Raymond Baxter.Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott. Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.Producer: Dennis Main WilsonFirst broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

WED 08:30 Listen to Les (b007w2jm)

From 14/12/1980

Les Dawson pays tribute to the Rochdale Universal Films version of Fu Manchu, plus Cosmo's Corner and the audience battle with another piano sing-along.With Daphne Oxenford and Colin Edwynn.Music by Brian Fitzgerald.Sitcom and produced by James Casey.First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1980.

WED 09:00 The 3rd Degree (b0b7dlw4)

Series 8

Newcastle University

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from Newcastle University with specialist subjects including Physiological Sciences, Sociology and Media and Communication and questions ranging from Bach and benzene rings to Mills and Boon and Mick Jagger.Recorded on location at a different University each week, pitting three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of TV, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.Producer: David TylerA Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2018. .

WED 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b007s5v1)

Series 1

Not Suitable for Parents

Robert lands a part in the adult drama 'Strap Up Your Jocks'. Sue's parents would definitely not approve. What a pity they arrive on the doorstep.John Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.Robert Wilson John SinclairDesmond Shaw Gary WaldhornSue Caroline QuentinWith:Marcia WarrenDavid RyallSally GracePaul B DaviesProducer: Paul SpencerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1989.

WED 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081vdy)

Hard Times

Episode 3

Stephen has disappeared, blamed for the robbery at Bounderby's Bank. James Harthouse sets his sights on Bounderby's wife, Louisa.Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth CranhamJosiah Bounderby Philip JacksonMrs Sparsit Eleanor BronMrs Gradgrind Thelma BarlowHelen Longworth LouisaBlitzer Declan WilsonTom Richard FirthSissy Lydia TuckeyJames Harthouse Guy HenryGuard Chris MoranJane Soumaya KeynesMusic by Nina Perry.Director: Janet WhitakerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

WED 11:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79)

From Cumbria to Ambridge

Author and journalist, Grace Dent, locks herself in her teenage bedroom and rifles through the BBC Radio archives to celebrate the awkward, emotional, and unfortunately inevitable adolescent experience.She reminisces about the heartbreak and arguments that were an everyday part of her own teenage years growing up in Carlisle in the '70s. Then finds out what it was really like for the teenage boys she thought had it so easy, asking Radio 5 Live presenter Nihal Arthanayake to paint a portrait of his own formative years.Over three episodes, Grace plays programmes from the BBC archives: 'Too Old To Rock and Roll, Too Young To Die'A documentary made by Sara Conkey in 1995, featuring the reminiscences of people who were teenagers during the BlitzTeenage traumas and tantrums from 'The Archers'.Producer: Jessica TreenMade for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in October 2017.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Listen to Les (b007w2jm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Wimsey (b007jv1r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Anglomania (b00g447z)

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WED 14:00 Book of the Week (b0b48tqq)

Feel Free

Episode 3

The talk Zadie gave in Berlin on 10th November, 2016 on

receiving the Welt Literature Prize, where she offers some reasons for optimism and despair.Zadie Smith reads from her essay collection where she offers sharp, and sometimes funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal.Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time. Feel Free is her second essay collection. She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York University.Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

WED 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zby89)

Darwin's Best Friend

Dr Thomas Dixon presents a timely history of the changing meaning and experience of friendship over the centuries. Charles Darwin loved his dog and praised her in letters to friends as "the beloved and beautiful Polly". He believed that dogs shared qualities such as a sense of shame, honour and affection with humans, and wrote about them in The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals.It was in this era that dogs were, for the first time, given the title of "man's best friend". Thomas Dixon traces the impact of Darwin's own relationship with animals on his theory of evolution, and compares it with his ideas about other, "savage" human beings, whom he encountered in Tierra Del Fuego, during his trip on the Beagle.He also considers Darwin's deeply affectionate and intimate friendship with his fellow-scientist, Joseph Hooker, at a time when it is often believed men were disinclined towards displays of emotion.With contributions from Emma Townshend, author of Darwin's Dogs, and Hooker expert Dr Jim Endersby.Producer: Beaty RubensFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

WED 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06grwhh)

Early One Morning

Episode 3

Italy 1943. Chiara, Cecilia and Daniele are attempting to flee Rome for the countryside.Thirty years later, Chiara takes a phonecall from a young Welsh girl, Maria, who claims to be Daniele's daughter.Greta Scacchi, Juliet Aubrey and Sophie Melville star in Virginia Baily's powerful novel of love, loss and learning to be a mother.Narrator.....Greta ScacchiChiara.....Juliet AubreyMaria.....Sophie MelvilleCecilia.....Alex TregearDaniele.....Adam Thomas WrightGennaro/ Adult Daniele.....Cesare TaurasiSimone/ Nonna.....Jessica TurnerAntonio.....David HounslowGabriele.....David ActonTommaso/ Nazi officer/ Brian.....Felix AuerEdna.....Amelia LowdellBarry/ Goffredo.....Chris PavloGianni.....Sam DaleDramatised by Miranda Emmerson. Director: Emma HardingFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

WED 14:45 Book of the Week (b04xjr7r)

Reaching down the Rabbit Hole

Episode 3

A look at transient global amnesia - as neurologist Dr Allan H Ropper and his co-writer Brian D Burrell take us behind the scenes at the Harvard Medical School's neurology unit."In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," says Ropper, "Alice jumps into a rabbit hole and finds herself in a bizarre realm where everything bears little relation to the outside world. It is a place where, as the Red Queen mentions to Alice, it helps to believe six impossible things before breakfast. I have no need to believe six impossible things before breakfast because I know that on any given day I will be confronted with six improbable things before lunch..."Read by Colin StintonWritten by Dr Allan H Ropper and Brian D BurrellAbridged by Pete NicholsProducer: Karen RoseA Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2015.

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WED 17:00 Potting On (b00kxs62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 The Quanderhorn Xperimentations (b0b91t03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Darker Side of the Border (b00ck4fs)

James Hogg - The Brownie of the Black Hags

Lady Wheelhope has a reputation as a violent mistress to those under her power. Yet when desire for a mysterious servant overwhelms her, it's her own soul she yields to terrible risk...Series of 3 Scottish 19th Century tales of terror and mystery.Written by James Hogg and dramatised by Marty Ross.Lady Wheelhope Irene MacDougall The Laird Paul YoungMerodach James ChisholmBessie Mary RiggansWattie James Bryce Adam Alec Heggie Producer: Bruce YoungFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

WED 18:30 That Reminds Me (b0076g3j)

Series 5

Keith Barron

Actor Keith Barron looks back over his radio and TV career, sharing memories and views on the era of variety.Series showcasing the reminiscences of celebrated raconteurs before a

live audience.Producer: Claire JonesFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

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WED 20:30 Anglomania (b00g447z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:00 The Quanderhorn Xperimentations (b0b91103)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b00hhrrp)

Series 2

Stress

It's quite stressful writing a six-part series, planning an Edinburgh show and taking a holiday.Will Adam manage to complete the series? And just what is the best way of dealing with stress?Written by and starring Adam Bloom.With Brendon Burns.Producer: Victoria LloydFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

WED 22:45 Sounding Off with McGough (b007jvnp)

The Way Things Are

Roger McGough's reflections on life, death and BBC Radio 4's 'Today' programme. With the accompaniment of long-time musical collaborator Andy Roberts.Recorded at the Bath Festival.Producer: Sara DaviesFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00092h8)

Salena Godden 1/2

For National Poetry Day on October 3rd, Jessica Fostekeew chats to the poet Salena Godden.

WED 23:00 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p9jsb)

Series 3

First I Was a Nurse Then I Became a Roofer

The hyperactive Irish comedian scrutinises the realm of employment.Jason reveals how he drove a former employer to distraction - and amongst the audience he discovers a nurse-turned-roofer-turned-counsellor-turned-womble; a laundry manager in a private castle and one man who has no idea whatsoever of his job title.Themed audience comedy show with high-energy stand-up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.Producer: Julia McKenzieFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

WED 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cl6vl)

Series 2

Episode 3

Things are looking up for Tom - he's got a new job working at the zoo, which he loves, and he's also met a rather nice girl called Pi, who works with the birds, and what's more it seems that Pi also has a band in her head.Everything seems perfect, so surely the band in Tom's head couldn't possibly ruin things for him this time...could they?Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.Suggs Tom CaineBob Monkhouse Dr BoonePhil Cornwell BoucheAndrew McGibbon JakeNick Romero Monty De VereBill Nighy MalJulia Deakin PheliaToby Longworth ClammyPi Debra StephensonSongs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and SuggsProducers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

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THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)

Unnatural Death

6. Vera Findlater

Lord Peter Wimsey's murder trail leads him to make a shocking seaside discovery.Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features

in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have Unnatural Death was first published in 1927.Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.Adapted for radio by Chris Miller.Lord Peter Wimsey Ian CarmichaelInspector Parker Gabriel WoolfMiss Climpson Ambrosine PhillpottsMiss Findlater Gretta GourietSir Charles Pillington ... James ThomasonAlf the Boy Scout/Maid Denise BryerProducer: Simon Brett.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

THU 06:30 The House That Chekhov Built (b00pxmev)

The White Dacha, the house in which Chekhov wrote his greatest works is falling into ruin. With the campaign to save it due to culminate on the 150th anniversary of his birth, actor Michael Pennington journeys to Yalta in the Ukraine to get an inside view of Chekhov's life and work.The White Dacha was Chekhov's place of both escape and inspiration. Built in 1898 by Chekhov after the success of The Seagull, he moved there to find solace after his father's death and to help his ailing health due to tuberculosis. The building is the genesis of some of his best-loved stories but stands to be lost forever as it stands on land that could be sold off; until just a few months ago the house was crumbling away, the victim of post-Soviet politics and the recession.After he died in 1904, Chekhov's house was protected by his sister, Masha, and then became a museum in 1921. As Michael wanders around the house and gardens he learns how it survived the Russian Revolution, civil war and Nazi occupation.Michael meets the individuals fighting to keep Chekhov's personal and literary legacy alive, including Chekhov scholar and director of the Yalta Chekhov Campaign, Rosamund Bartlett. The campaign hopes to raise 200,000 euros by January 2010, the 150th anniversary of Chekhov's birth.Featuring contributions from actress Prunella Scales and Oscar-winning playwright Christopher Hampton, both of whom have travelled to the house to take inspiration from the home of their literary hero.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

THU 07:00 Fat Chance (b01b3fp9)

Weighty Matters

A TV star turns up at Wendy Bottomley's slimming club and Graham unwisely divulges his secret to Lee...Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet comedy for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.Graham Pitscottie Gareth CorkeWendy Bottomley Janine DuvitskiClive Bottomley Michael TroughtonSoo Pitscottie Anne ReidTina Tattersall Julia DeakinKelly Chambers Tilly GauntLee Dubs Harry MyersMrs Enright Frances JeaterProducer: Sally AvensFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

THU 07:30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

Series 3

Rage and Resentment

Alexei considers the roots of his rage and resentment, explores the dangers of magical thinking and contemplates what the philosophies of Bertholt Brecht could offer Premier League football.Written by Alexei SaylePerformed by Alexei SayleProduced by Joe NunneyA BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Brothers in Law (b007k38w)

Series 1

Special Examiner

Barrister Roger Thursby is sent to Rome to check on a case.Starring Richard Briers as Roger Thursby, Richard Waring as Henry Blagrove and Ann Davies as Sally Mannering.With guest stars Fenella Fielding as Nina Zoffany and Terence Alexander as Chapfield.Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts.Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.Published in 1955, Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was adapted first for TV in 1962 by Frank Muir and Denis Norden. It provided the first regular starring role for Richard Briers, who later reprised his role of the idealistic young lawyer Roger Thursby for BBC Radio between 1970 and 1972.Producer: David Hatch.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1970.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pzzgv)

Series 2

Episode 2

Oxford take on Bermondsey in 'Universal Challenge', unclad fashion news - and ballet on the radio!More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies. Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.Written by Peter Vincent, David McKellar, Les Lilley, Chic Jacob, Humphrey Barclay, David Lund, Bill Oddie, Hugh Woodhouse, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer.Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.Songs by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden with music by Dave Lee.Producer: Humphrey BarclayFirst broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1965.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m00092h4)

Series 3

2. Agatha Christie

James Walton chairs the game of literary correctness testing Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Walsh, Jane Thynne and Harry

Ritchie.Author of the week: Agatha ChristieReader: Beth Chalmers.Producer: Jon RolphFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

THU 09:30 For Better Or for Worse (b00g2glt)

Episode 1

Dithering Bernard tries to get engaged to his flighty partner Iris. Will she manage to persuade Bernard to buy her an engagement ring at last?Gorden Kaye and Su Pollard star in Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple. Iris Su PollardBernard Gorden KayeWilf David RossDaisy Paula TilbrookMr Foley Peter WheelerMr Matthews John JardineMiss Parker Julie HigginsonWriter Vince Powell (1928-2009) scripted a number of popular TV sitcoms including Love Thy Neighbour, For the Love of Ada and Never Mind the Quality Feel the WidthProducer: Mike CraigFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1993

THU 10:00 Charles Dickens (b0081w2g)

Hard Times

Episode 4

Sissy and Rachael go looking for Stephen Blackpool - tragedy follows. Tom's crime is uncovered and Gradgrind tries to save his son with Sleary's help.Mrs Sparsit claims victory over 'The Noddle'. Conclusion of Charles Dickens's 1854 classic about struggles in the industrial north, dramatised by Doug Lucie.Thomas Gradgrind Kenneth CranhamJosiah Bounderby Philip JacksonMrs Sparsit Eleanor BronHelen Longworth LouisaBlitzer Declan WilsonTom Richard FirthSissy Lydia TuckeyStephen Alan ArmstrongBarbara Becky HindleyMrs Pegler Marcia WarrenSleary Derek WaringMusic by Nina Perry.Director: Janet WhitakerFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

THU 11:00 Opening Lines (b064xcfh)

Series 17

Flour Baby by LA Craig

When the couple across the street bring home their new baby, nosy neighbour Rosey is disturbed by its appearance.But in telling her story - a story full of hardship and humour - Rosey gives away more than she perhaps intended, and finds herself coming face to face with her own buried trauma.LA Craig's short story selected from thousands of entries for the BBC Opening Lines 2015 initiative, our annual open submission window for writers new to radio.Read by Liz WhiteProducer: Simon RichardsonFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

THU 11:15 John Banville - Kepler (m0008yhf)

An exploration of the clash between two of the 17th century's leading astronomers - the assured, prickly and self-mocking Johannes Kepler, and the aristocratic, overbearing and secretly insecure Danish Nobleman, Tycho BraheBenedict Cumberbatch stars in John Banville's dramatisation set during the last year of Brahe's life. Johannes Kepler Benedict CumberbatchTycho Brahe Alun ArmstrongBarbara Arabella WeirSophie Gillian KearneyLongberg Scott HandyRudolph II Geoffrey BeeversJeppe Kenny BakerChristine Marcella RiordanRegina Hannah R. GordonMessenger Simon ImrieCourt Official Kevin JacksonDirector: Gemma McMullanFirst broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

THU 12:00 Brothers in Law (b007k38w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pzzgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The House That Chekhov Built (b00pxmev)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Book of the Week (b0b48wq1)

Feel Free

Episode 4

Zadie's inaugural Philip Roth Lecture, given at the Newark Public Library on 27 October 2016, where she airs some thoughts on the art and practice of writing fiction.Zadie Smith reads from her essay collection where she offers sharp, and sometimes funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal.Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time. Feel Free is her second essay collection. She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York University.Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard.First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

THU 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zdbri)

Comrades and Lovers

Dr Thomas Dixon presents a timely history of the changing meaning and experience of friendship over the centuries.Drawing on the intriguingly ambiguous relationship of Frances Power Cobbe with Mary Lloyd and the more open relationship of Edward Carpenter with George Merrill, he explores the Victorian borderland between Platonic friendship and homosexual love.Professor Barbara Caine discusses Frances Power Cobbe, the largely forgotten Anglo-Irish feminist and journalist, who wrote articles with titles such as, "The Woman Question", "What Shall We Do With Our Old Maids" and "Wife Torture in England". She explains how

Cobbe reclaimed friendship for women after centuries of classical and renaissance assumptions that only men had a true capacity for it. Dr Matt Cook tells the story of Edward Carpenter, whose own unconventional lifestyle and 1908 book, *The Intermediate Sex*, brought homosexual love out into the open and even introduced the contemporary notion, celebrated in tv series such as *Will and Grace*, of women enjoying having a "gay best friend". Producer: Beaty Rubens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

THU 14:30 15 Minute Drama (b06gw3jz)

Early One Morning

Episode 4

Italy 1943. Chiara flees Rome for the countryside with her sister, Cecilia and Daniele, the small Jewish boy she has saved from the Nazis' clearance of the Rome ghetto. Thirty years later, in 1973, Chiara has lost touch with her troubled, junkie adoptive son, but she must now decide how to deal with the young Welsh teenager who keep phoning her and who claims to be Daniele's daughter. Greta Scacchi, Juliet Aubrey and Sophie Melville star in Virginia Baily's powerful novel of love, loss and learning to be a mother. Narrator: Greta Scacchi. Chiara: Juliet Aubrey. Maria: Sophie Melville. Cecilia: Alex Tregear. Daniele: Adam Thomas. Wright Gennaro/Adult Daniele: Cesare Taurasi. Simone/Nonna: Jessica Turner. Antonio: David Hounslow. Gabriele: David Acton. Tommaso/Nazi officer/Brian: Felix Auer. Edna: Amelia Lowdell. Barry/Goffredo: Chris Pavlo. Gianni: Sam Dale. Dramatised by Miranda Emmerson. Director: Emma Harding. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

THU 14:45 Book of the Week (b04xrv9q)

Reaching down the Rabbit Hole

Episode 4

Looking at signs versus symptoms, neurologist Dr Allan H Ropper and his co-writer Brian D Burrell take us behind the scenes at the Harvard Medical School's neurology unit. "In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," says Ropper, "Alice jumps into a rabbit hole and finds herself in a bizarre realm where everything bears little relation to the outside world. It is a place where, as the Red Queen mentions to Alice, it helps to believe six impossible things before breakfast. I have no need to believe six impossible things before breakfast because I know that on any given day I will be confronted with six improbable things before lunch..." Read by Colin Stinton. Written by Dr Allan H Ropper and Brian D Burrell. Abridged by Pete Nichols. Producer: Karen Rose. A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2015.

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens (b0081w2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m00092h4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 For Better Or For Worse (b00g2glt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Fat Chance (b01b3fp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007js6f)

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Episode 1

Research scientist Kate Brown makes a dramatic discovery of a gene that could determine a man or a woman's natural lifespan. Whilst her discovery remains within the lab, everything's fine. But when politicians hear of it, events rapidly spiral out of control. Wally K Daly intriguing two-part sci-fi drama starring Amanda Root and Geoffrey Whitehead. Kate Brown: Amanda Root. Professor Slingsby: Geoffrey Whitehead. Joe Barnard: Jon Strickland. Reporter: Elizabeth Conboy. Prime Minister: Chris Tranchell. Minister of Defence: Ian Masters. Major Peters: Brett Usher. Danny Flowers: Stuart Milligan. Lab Technician: Harry Myers. Minister of Health: Sandra Clark. Director: Gordon House. First broadcast as a one hour drama on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b039ctgh)

Series 31

Paul Mason on Louise Michel
TV journalist and writer Paul Mason talks to Matthew Parris about the 19th Century French anarchist, Louise Michel, heroine of the Paris Commune. They're joined by historian Carolyn Eichner who says that Michel "expounded action and aggression with a theatrical, infectious elegance." Known as 'the Red Virgin of Montmartre', Michel fought on the barricades in the short-lived revolution of 1871. Captured and tried by the French government, she told her accusers: "Since it seems that every heart that beats for freedom has no right to anything but a little lump of lead, I demand my share. If you let me live, I shall never cease to cry for vengeance and I shall avenge my brothers. If you are not cowards, kill me!" She served seven years in a penal colony in the South Pacific and seven thousand Parisians turned out to welcome her home. She was a school teacher, writer, orator, anthropologist, feminist and cat-lover. She wrote some moving poems – and an opera about the destruction of the world. Producer: Peter Everett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

THU 19:00 Brothers in Law (b007k38w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pzzpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The House That Chekhov Built (b00pxmcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Opening Lines (b064xcfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

THU 21:15 John Banville - Kepler (m0008yh6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

THU 22:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Newsjack (m0008yhj)

Series 21

Episode 4

Newsjack is a scrapbook sketch show written entirely by the Great British public. Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00092h6)

Salena Godden 2/2

For National Poetry Day, Jessica Fosteckew chats to the poet Salena Godden.

THU 23:00 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b099yqss)

Series 4

The Visit

A woman returns to her old home to see the changes made by her husband and his new wife. She can't believe what she finds, but she has a unique way of dealing with her disappointment. Another in the series of Jenny Eclair's comic monologues where four women reach a crisis in their lives. Doon Mackichan is one of our leading comic actors. She wrote and starred in *Smack The Pony* and *Doon Our Way* and has recently been seen in *Plebs* and *Two Doors Down*. Producer: Sally Avens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

THU 23:15 The Lach Chronicles (b04tft8)

Series 2

Drinking Beers With Mom

Lach was the King of Manhattan's East Village and host of the longest running open mic night in New York. He now lives in Scotland and finds himself back at square one, playing in a dive bar on the wrong side of Edinburgh. His notorious night, held in various venues around New York, was called the Anthioot. Never quite fitting in and lost somewhere lonely between folk and punk music, Lach started the Antifolk movement. He played host to Suzanne Vega, Jeff Buckley and many others. He discovered and nurtured lots of talent including Beck, Regina Spektor and the Moldy Peaches - but nobody discovered him. The road to success has many distractions, particularly on the journey through rock and roll. As an outsider, Lach didn't know what he was missing until a fateful night on the New Jersey border opened his eyes to the possibilities of the universe, the appeal of the Dark Side of the Moon and the high school house party. Producer: Richard Melvin A. Dabster. Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014..

THU 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtrr)

Series 2

The Unexplained

Every other mystery left answered in a final blockbusting edition. Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their heads. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. With Rebecca Front, Armando Iannucci and the voice of Tom Baker. Producer: Sarah Smith. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Book of the Week (b0b48wq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 15 Minute Drama (b06gw3jz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Book of the Week (b04xrv9q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Charles Dickens (b0081w2g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m00092h4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 For Better Or For Worse (b00g2glt)

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FRI 05:00 Fat Chance (b01b3fp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jvmb)

Unnatural Death

7. Miss Climpson Investigates

Lord Peter Wimsey enlists help to try and solve the puzzling murder mystery. Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth. British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English

crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. Have *Unnatural Death* was first published in 1927. Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War. Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975. Conclusion of Chris Miller's radio adaptation. Lord Peter Wimsey: Ian Carmichael. Inspector Parker: Gabriel Woolf. Miss Climpson: Ambrosine Phillips. Mrs Forrester: Bridget McConnel. Mr Tredgold: John Forrest. Dr Faulkner: John Dunbar. Sacristan: Mark Penfold. Bunter: Peter Jones. Producer: Simon Brett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

FRI 06:30 Fela Kuti Comes Home (b011j8zj)

Fela Kuti is Africa's most famous musician. Before his death in 1997 he recorded nearly 50 albums and invented his own genre of music: Afrobeat. In the 70s and 80s his legendary club in Lagos was famed for housing the best live band on Earth. As witnessed by James Brown, Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney. But there was more to Fela Kuti than ground-breaking music. He was also a political revolutionary who spent his life strongly criticising successive military regimes in his native Nigeria. While his contemporaries would sing in more general terms of oppression, Fela singled out his targets, personally naming them in songs which became popular all over Africa. It wasn't long before he was a hero to many working class Nigerians. But his taunts didn't go down so well with the authorities. Nor did his controversial lifestyle: he openly smoked marijuana, declared his home an independent state of Nigeria and married 27 women on the same day. The story goes he was the most arrested person in Nigerian history. He appeared in court hundreds of times, had spells in prison and permanently suffered from his injuries after regular beatings at the hands of the military and police. Fela believed they were also responsible for the death of his mother, who was thrown from an upstairs window when his home was stormed by 1000 soldiers. In 2009 his incredible story was turned in to a successful Broadway musical and it was performed in Lagos for the first time in 2011. Fela Kuti was coming home. But while the rest of the world is finally paying attention to this musical and political revolutionary why will you struggle to hear any of his music on Nigerian radio? Have they forgotten Fela? Or do the powers that be still find his music offensive? Radio 4 visited Lagos to find the answers. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

FRI 07:00 Babblewick Hall (b01nchms)

Series 1

Episode 4

With a General Election on the horizon, Fenton Babblewick has the chance to represent his constituents in Parliament, as Babblewicks have been doing for centuries. Only the rakish Thomas Berridge - confirmed gambler and general desperado - stands between Fenton and a glamorous political career... Starring Nicholas Le Prevost as Fenton Babblewick and Forbes Masson as Augustus Snipe. Scott Cherry's six-part sitcom set in the 18th-century. Fenton Babblewick: Nick Le Prevost. Augustus Snipe: Forbes Masson. Barney: David Antrobus. Jack: Sam Kelly. Molly: Gillian Bevan. Berridge: Jeremy Clyde. Dribb: John Baddeley. Music: Paul Mottram. Producer: Paul Schlesinger. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

FRI 07:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jrkrt)

Series 2

Bolognese Cutlets

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic. Trisha is definitely over Deepak. She really, truly is. Extracts from *Cooking in a Bedsitter* are read by Eleanor Bron. Directed by Emma Harding.

FRI 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqxd)

Series 3

Son of the Burkiss Way

Film 77 presents the premiere of the BBC's first ever motion picture for radio. Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett. Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980. Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick. Producer: John Lloyd. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1977.

FRI 08:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnms)

Series 6

Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning

The Steptoe family clash over the will at the funeral of Albert's brother, George. Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Albert: Wilfrid Brambell. Harold: Harry H Corbett. Arthur: George A Cooper. With Michael Burlington, David Graham, Anne Jameson, Norma Ronald and Marianne Stone. 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. Producer: Bobby Jaye. First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

FRI 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b036v9hd)

Series 2

Episode 2

Frank Skinner, Grace Dent and Jonathan Agnew each nominate someone they know well to answer a series of questions and they than have to second guess how they answered. Host Miles Jupp tests Frank on how well he knows his friend and radio co-host Emily Dean. Grace her best friend, the Times columnist Caitlin Moran, and Jonathan his wife's best friend Anne Davies. What is Frank's favourite drink? Who is Grace's favourite writer? And what would Jonathan do if he wasn't a cricket commentator? All answers and more will be revealed. Producer: Sam Michell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

FRI 09:30 Mark Tavener - In the Red (b007k0qh)

Episode 6

Reporter George is due in court - while BBC controllers keep on plotting to axe the Director General. London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are an old-style Chief Police Inspector and BBC Radio's crime correspondent, George Cragge. A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties. Dramatised in seven-parts by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham from Mark Tavener's novel. George Cragge Michael Williams Frank Jefferson Barry Foster Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt Max Peter Woodthorpe Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry Controller Radio 4 John Bird Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost Andrew James Peter Serafinowicz Laetitia Victoria Carling Controller BBC 1 Ian McNiece Prosecution Geoffrey Whitehead Fortescue's PA Jane Slavin With Alice Arnold, Eva Stuart, Gavin Muir, Annabel Mullion and Richard Turner. Music by Paul Mottram. Producer: Paul Schlesinger. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

FRI 10:00 Melissa Murray - The Inheritance (b0075gsn)

Simone has been exiled from her family since her appearance in a TV programme revealing that she is gay. Now she's seriously ill with leukaemia and her only hope is a bone marrow transplant from a close relative. But will anyone of her estranged family help? Written by Melissa Murray. Simone Kate Buffery Claire ... Stella Gonet Imelda ... Carolyn Pickles Peter ... Roger Allam Derek Charles Simpson Nurse/Laura ... Priyanga Alan Doctor/Mark David Allister Joan ... Amelia Taylor Gary/Waiter ... Ben Crowe Director: Cherry Cookson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0008yb6)

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

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FRI 14:00 Book of the Week (b0b490rv)

Feel Free

Episode 5

Some thoughts on the Alte Frau, an enigmatic painting of a woman by the German painter Balthasar Denner. Zadie Smith reads from her essay collection where she offers sharp, and sometimes funny, insights and observations on high culture, pop culture, social change, political debate and the personal. Zadie Smith is the award winning author of the novels, White Teeth, The Autograph Man, On Beauty, NW and Swing Time. Feel Free is her second essay collection. She was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013. Her 2000 debut White Teeth, won numerous literary awards, including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. Zadie Smith is a professor of fiction at New York University. Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

FRI 14:15 Five Hundred Years of Friendship (b03zdkkc)

A Battalion of Pals

Dr Thomas Dixon presents a timely history of the changing meaning and experience of friendship over the centuries. Two contrasting stories for this examination of the impact of World War One on male friendship. Dixon begins and ends with the pacifist Bloomsbury Group, focusing on EM Forster and his famous remark, "If I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country". Dr Matt Cook places this remark - shocking at the time - in the context of Forster's hidden sexual orientation. Forster began his masterpiece, A Passage to India, before the war, in optimism about the possibility of friendships and love across the nations. As Dr Santanu Das explains, he completed it, after the War, in a far bleaker mood. Meanwhile, amongst the less highly educated classes, groups of work-mates were being conscripted into the army. Thomas Dixon explores this new role for friendship - as a recruiting sergeant - and its tragic consequences. Producer: Beaty Rubens. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

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Early One Morning

Episode 5

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FRI 14:45 Book of the Week (b04xs49r)

Reaching down the Rabbit Hole

Episode 5

Emphasising the importance of neurology - Dr Allan H Ropper and his co-writer Brian D Burrell conclude their behind the scenes look at the Harvard Medical School's neurology unit. "In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," says Ropper, "Alice jumps into a rabbit hole and finds herself in a bizarre realm where everything bears little relation to the outside world. It is a place where, as the Red Queen mentions to Alice, it helps to believe six impossible things before breakfast. I have no need to believe six impossible things before breakfast because I know that on any given day I will be confronted with six improbable things before lunch..." Concluded by Colin Stinton. Written by Dr Allan H Ropper and Brian D Burrell. Abridged by Pete Nichols. Producer: Karen Rose. A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2015.

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FRI 16:30 Mark Tavener - In the Red (b007k0qh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Babbalewick Hall (b01nchms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jkrk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007nfs5)

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Episode 2

Scientist Kate Brown's attempt to bring her dramatic new gene discovery into the public domain doesn't go to plan... Conclusion of Wally K Daly intriguing sci-fi drama. Kate Brown Amanda Root Professor Slingsby Geoffrey Whitehead Joe Barnard Jon Strickland Reporter Elizabeth Conboy Prime Minister Chris Tranchell Minister of Defence Ian Masters Major Peters Brett Usher Danny Flowers Stuart Milligan Lab Technician Harry Myers Minister of Health Sandra Clark Director: Gordon House. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076n30)

Redemption

Matthew Parris knows what he did, and so do Gillian Slovo, Dannie Abse and Paul Burke. They all discuss atonement. From September 2004.

FRI 19:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jqxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b007jvmb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Fela Kuti Comes Home (b011j8zj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0008yb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jkrk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qw8m7)

Series 2

On Location

Damien is sent on location to the Lake District to film a chunk of his new series for Sky Arts about "poets and their palates". But when the sunshine turns to driving rain, Damien's spirits are further dampened when it appears Anthony might not be missing him quite as much as he had hoped... Written by Miles Jupp. Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony MacIveny Justin Edwards Gary McDade Ben Crowe Sound Man Ben Crowe Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage. Producer: Sam Michell. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

FRI 23:00 Talking to Strangers (b06zv3xm)

Episode 2

Comic monologues in which a range of characters find themselves engaging in that most un-British of activities: talking to a stranger. Each piece is a character study: funny, frank, absurd, moving... Characters include a sex councillor who loves to draw, a spy who loves to share, a woman who likes to help too much ('I'm a serial helpist...'), a frustrated falconer, and a cheater who has to call her cheater the morning after. And in this show, the listener themselves 'plays' the silent stranger in the piece... Written and performed by Sally Phillips and Lily Bevan. With guest stars including Emma Thompson, Olivia Colman, Jessica Hynes, Steve Evets, Sinead Matthews and Joel

Fry. A BBC Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jjsy)

Series 1

The Mastersons Lose Everything

London 1890. Auberon Masterson is the epitome of decadence, but will his unsavoury habits ruin the family? An improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself - based entirely on audience suggestions. Starring Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Caroline Quentin, Jim Sweeney and Phelim McDermott. Producer: Phil Clarke. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.