

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2020

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn5r)

Series 2

Living With Death

Elevated to the priesthood of God-King Ra - the captive crew of Space Force seize a chance to escape.

Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure series starring Barry Foster.

Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster

Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson

Magnus Carter Nigel Stock

Lodderick Sincere Tony Osoba

With Wendy Murray, Willoughby Goddard and Bernard Brown.

Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' - charting the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. This fired the imagination of millions, years before the first moon landing. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart television!

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1985.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076t95)

A Nudge and a Wink

Matthew Parris pleads for more gravity in public life in the company of Arabella Weir, Martin Newell and Dave Cohen. From 2005.

SAT 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b01b3fdv)

Mrs McGinty's Dead

Episode 5

The chaos of Long Meadows provides Hercule Poirot with his final clue to unveiling the pitiless murderer.

But there's also another surprise in store for the Belgian detective...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Ariadne Oliver Julia MacKenzie

Superintendent Spence George Baker

Robin Upward Nick Waring

Maud Williams Beth Chalmers

Maureen Summerhayes Molly Gaisford

Major Summerhayes Ian Masters

Eve Carpenter Angela Sims

Guy Carpenter Dominic Colchester

Mrs Rendell Susannah Corbett

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Eynud Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

SAT 01:30 Death of An Orchestra (b04v381r)

Alan Bennett recalls his regular boyhood visits to hear the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. With other keen supporters and former members, he tells the Orchestra's history from 1947 to its demise in 1955.

Amid the austerity of the post-war years, the YSO was founded in a spirit of great optimism to provide first class orchestral music for the citizens of Yorkshire. It was based in Leeds Town Hall, and funded entirely out of the Rates. The inaugural concert book expressed the hope that it would "find a permanent place in the musical life of Yorkshire and rank with the finest orchestras of this country".

The founder conductor was Maurice Miles, who appears in the only recording of the YSO to survive in the BBC Archive.

There were guest appearances by Sir Malcolm Sargent, Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir Adrian Boult, and visits from glittering soloists such as Joan Hammond and Tito Gobbi.

As a Leeds schoolboy, Alan Bennett found these figures from the outside world "tinged with great glamour". Violinist Rodney Friend, another supporter, was a winner of the YSO's competition for young soloists before becoming leader of the LPO, the New York Philharmonic and the BBC SO.

Eight former members of the orchestra, now scattered around the country, describe life in the YSO: cold rickety buses, romance, and the thrill of the great conductor Nikolai Malko arriving for the final season. They recall their shock on discovering that the Orchestra was to be disbanded and the sadness of the final concert.

Produced by Susan Kenyon

A Whistledown production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 02:00 DH Lawrence - The Rainbow (m000g4jx)

Episode 10

Ursula has broken off with Sebrensky and he has left for India without her.

After his departure Ursula finds that she is pregnant - she must decide whether to follow him to India to live as his wife, or stay in England as an outcast from society.

DH Lawrence's novel explores the passionate lives of three generations of the Brangwen family of Nottinghamshire.

Concluded by David Bradley

Abridged by Linda Cracknell

Producer: Lu Kemp

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004

SAT 02:15 Nature's Great Invaders (b07qc3gf)

Ash dieback fungus

When trees infected with the ash-dieback fungus were first recorded in the UK in early 2012 there was widespread alarm. By 2016, are we closer to knowing what the final toll will be on our ash trees and with an uncertain political future how do we

limit the risks posed by other invisible invaders? Derek Mooney intends to find out.

Telling the stories of non-native invasive species and our complicated attitudes to them and with an uncertain political future, how do we police our ecological borders?

Producer: Ellie Sans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SAT 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jshd)

The Virgin in the Garden, Part 5/8

In the year of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, Bill Potter has difficulty in accepting his daughter Stephanie's desire to marry the local curate, Daniel Orton

The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.

Older Frederica Rosemary Leach

Young Frederica Hannah Watkins

Bill Geoffrey Whitehead

Winifred Barbara Flynn

Stephanie Helen Longworth

Daniel Shaun Dooley

Mrs. Thone Sandra Clark

Alexander Adam Kotz

Mrs. Orton Bridget Turner

All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SAT 02:45 Tom Fort - Channel Shore (b05w84zh)

Episode 5

The Loos. Then Lizard Point. Then Lands' End, where a cream tea is enjoyed, but the place itself?

The end of Tom Fort's maritime journey taking us from the White Cliffs to Lands' End. About 675 miles in all.

Concluded by Jonathan Coy

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015

SAT 03:00 Peter Tinniswood (b00758gq)

A Very Rare Bird Indeed

At a small family-run hotel on the Welsh coast, lonely Avril observes the guests while waiting for her philandering husband. Judi Dench stars in Peter Tinniswood's drama.

Avril Judi Dench

Maynard Peter Jeffrey

Morgan John Moffatt

Clayton Lou Hirsch

Marion Carolyn Jones

Gilbert Jeff Shankley

Major Rackham Derek Waring

Music by Simon Morecroft.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1997.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b91jt2)

From 20/01/1981

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Bob Monkhouse, Larry Adler and George Axelrod.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.

SAT 04:30 Molesworth (m000g4js)

Leisure

Leisure means watching sport on TV with plenty of beer and cigs, not playing it.

Schoolboy terror Nigel Molesworth, formerly The Curse of St Custard's, is now all grown-up and determined to share his experience of life.

Starring Willie Rushton.

Series written by Simon Brett based on characters created by Geoffrey Willans and by Ronald Searle.

Molesworth William Rushton

Grimes Clive Swift

Fotherington Thomas Phil Nice

Louise Penelope Nice

Darryl Robert Harley

Peason Bob Sinfield

Lucinda Chrissy Robert

Music by Oonagh Bernon

Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.

SAT 05:00 Bad Salsa (b048jj9b)

Series 1

A New Perspective

After treatment for ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles.

Two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!

Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death. Written by Kay Stonham, Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.

For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. Our characters have finished their treatment and are in the

process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." Everyday challenges must go on like boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents. But their brush with mortality gives them a new perspective.

So do they preserve their pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"

Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.

Terry Camille Coduri

Chippy Sharon Rooney

Jill Natasha Little

Marco Doc Brown

Gordon Andrew Obeney

Colin David Cann

Georgie Emily Chase

Tim Matt Houlihan

Sara Antonia Reid

Chippy's Mum Kay Stonham

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

SAT 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000qq8)

Series 3

Connecting People

Hardacre's ad agency find themselves competing for an unusual account - Befriendr, a dating-style app designed to help lonely city-dwellers make friends.

Amanda (Josie Lawrence) recruits Joe (Mathew Baynton), as the most normal member of the agency, to accompany her to the Befriendr launch event - a chance to network, and maybe even make some new friends themselves.

Meanwhile Hardacre (Nigel Havers) and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) - both banned from attending the event for not being normal enough - seek solace in each other's company. Hardacre resolves to remake Teddy in his own image, teaching him how to be A Real Man.

Cast:

Hardacre.....Nigel Havers

Joe.....Mathew Baynton

Amanda.....Josie Lawrence

Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker

Laura /

'Gram Woman.....Olivia Nixon

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Liz Lochhead - Blood And Ice (b00y8vw6)

In 1816, Mary Wollstonecraft eloped with her lover Percy Shelley to the shores of Lake Geneva.

They moved into a villa close to Lord Byron and turned their hands to writing ghostly tales.

A tale of the creation of Frankenstein by Liz Lochhead.

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley Gerda Stevenson

Percy Bysshe Shelley Stephen Boxer

Lord Byron Jack Klaff

Claire Clairmont Stella Gonet

Elise Tilly Vosburgh

The Creature Peter Kelly

Music composed and played by Robert Pettigrew.

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

SAT 07:30 Recycled Radio (b052j8v9)

Series 3

Recycled: Lawyers

Welcome to the chopped up, looped up, sped up world of Recycled Radio.

Gerald Scarfe introduces the subject of the law and lawyers.

Our journey to court includes contributions from Clive Anderson, Harry Potter, Tom Wrigglesworth, Moses and Douglas Hurd.

There's also a breakneck journey to the land where every other person is a lawyer, while retired judge Elizabeth Butler-Sloss reveals the advice her father gave her about succeeding in this most competitive of professions.

Fun, silly, thoughtful radio ... recycled.

Producer: Miles Warde.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

SAT 08:00 Archive on 4 (b00b410m)

Sir Anthony Eden

Former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd uses the BBC Archives to explore the life of his predecessor Anthony Eden.

Eden's reputation is forever associated with the 1956 Suez crisis, but Hurd begins his journey much earlier with rare recordings of his radio talks and speeches from the 1930s before becoming Foreign Secretary at the age of 38.

He goes on to explore Eden's role in the front line of Churchill's government and his central role in settling the Indo-Chinese War in 1954.

Producer: Phil Tinline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

SAT 09:00 A Date With Dyall (b06my9rb)

Writer and actor Jonathan Rigby unlocks the vaults of the BBC sound archives to explore the broadcasting career of Valentine Dyall.

He reveals the enduring appeal of Dyall's most memorable character the menacing and creepy raconteur 'The Man In Black' and along the way he lifts the lid on some classic radio horror moments.

* Radio Dyall

Jonathan Rigby profiles the radio work of Valentine Dyall with rare archive of Dyall in conversation.

*** Here Come The Men In Black**

Featuring new and exclusive interviews. Actor Edward de Souza, a reincarnation of The Man in Black in the 1980's radio series Fear On 4, talks for the first time about his interpretation of the character.

And the role's latest denizen Mark Gatiss reveals his joy and enthusiasm for portraying radio's most sinister personality. With rare archive of Valentine Dyaal.

*** Appointment With Fear**

A classic episode from the ground breaking radio horror series * Jonathan Rigby's Vault of Horror

Jonathan Rigby is joined by writer Kim Newman and Josephine Botting from the British Film Institute to chart the history of 'The Man in Black', reveal some memorable radio horror stories and get their teeth into why this genre continues to have us shivering under the sheets.

*** Fear on 4: The Monkey's Paw**

A man makes wishes on a very unusual gift that's been cast with a sinister spell. Stars Oliver Maguire and Trudy Kelly.

*** Appointment With Fear**

Another classic episode from the ground breaking radio horror series

*** Fear on 4: The Snowman Killing**

The Man in Black introduces the snowy mystery of a mother fearing evil in her own home. Stars Edward de Souza and Imelda Staunton.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2015.

SAT 12:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b0082f0w)

Series 1

Barbie

It's school reports time - and Eddie needs a loan to start up his own taxi business.

The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family in the first series of Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.

Jason Dominic Monaghan

Michael Jason Done

Dave Stefan Escreet

Eddie John McArdle

Collete Emma Clarke

Maureen Beverley Callard

Debbie Jo-Anne Knowles

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.

SAT 12:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvcl)

Series 2

Ghosts and Ghouls

Ricky Lenin decides to write a column in a tabloid newspaper, but ends up learning a few painful lessons about life, love, truth, and Gloria Hunniford.

More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers starring Alexei Sayle.

Ricky Lenin Alexei Sayle

Jeff Frankly John Sessions

Frank Lee Brian Kenneth Wolstenholme

Colonel Brace Cartwright Donald Hewlett

Stevie Stalin Andrew McLean

Terry Trotsky Phil Cornwell

Curvy Corinne Jacqueline Ashman

Announcer John Witty

Written by Marcus Berkman.

Producer: Harry Thompson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SAT 13:00 The Leopard (Omnibus) (m000gfyq)

Episode 2

Tancredi has fallen in love with the beautiful Angelica, the daughter of the nouveau-riche commoner Don Calogero.

Continuing Giuseppe Di Lampedusa's The Leopard - a masterpiece of European political fiction: beguiling, beautiful and subtle, evoking a centuries-old way of life on the cusp of change.

Don Fabrizio Corbera is the Prince of Salina in Sicily, during the Risorgimento; the unification of Italy. An irresistible giant of a man whose hands are like paws and who makes the ground tremble when he rises to his feet, the Prince is clear-eyed, intelligent and languid, aptly represented by the leopard on his coat of arms.

The Prince knows he must attempt to preserve what remains of his family's feudal power in a period of political turmoil. He realises their best hope lies in his charming and resourceful nephew, Tancredi, who knows that "everything must change so that everything can stay the same".

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts read by Alex Jennings

Translated by Archibald Colquhoun

Abridged by Sara Davies

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020

SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000gfr0)

Kwame Kwei-Armah

Kwame Kwei-Armah, the Young Vic's Artistic Director, chooses Sugar Bum Bum by Lord Kitchener and What's Going On by Marvin Gaye.

SAT 14:15 Pam Ayres' Open Road (b007kfkf)

Series 2

Lowestoft

Pam heads to Britain's most easterly point to learn about

witches, monks and fishing in the Suffolk town of Lowestoft.

Poet and raconteuse, Pam Ayres is back on the open road, visiting nine more places in Britain to hear tales from the people who live there.

Photograph by Laurence Watts.

Producer: Jill Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2001.

SAT 14:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jqzh)

Series 1

We've Only Just Started

Carter Brandon drives his Uncle Mort down south, but trouble looms at a pub stop.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon and his curmudgeonly uncle.

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of four series of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV from 1975 to 1979.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Sam Kelly

Elderly Man Christopher Good

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1990.

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00b410m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Liz Lochhead - Blood And Ice (b00y8vw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Recycled Radio (b052j8v9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm34)

The Secondary Phase

Fit The Seventh

Who hasn't been confronted with a temporal anomaly while drunk? Arthur Dent and Ford Prefect struggle to work it out.

The show that began with the end of the world continues with Arthur and Ford stranded on prehistoric earth, and Zaphod Beeblebrox and Marvin thoroughly devoured by a carbon-copy

of the Ravenous Bugblatter Beast of Traal.

The Book Peter Jones

Arthur Dent Simon Jones

Ford Prefect/ Frogstar Robot Geoffrey McGivern

Marvin Stephen Moore

Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey

Assistant Arcturan Pilot Bill Paterson

Captain/ Receptionist/Lift David Tate

Roosta Alan Ford

The global multi-media success story that is 'Hitchhiker's' started life on Radio 4 in March 1978. The original scripts by Douglas Adams (1952-2001) went on to spawn a series of novels, a feature film, at least three stage shows, a TV series, a computer game, a collection of comic books - and various towels.

The answer to the meaning of life, the universe and everything is 42. If you work out what the Ultimate Question is, please let us know.

Radiophonic sound and music by Paddy Kingsland.

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1978.

SAT 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmn9)

Goody Two Shoes

Horror legend Vincent Price's sobering tale of Anne and David and their unwelcome lodger.

Married for five years, David and Anne Fordyce escape the London rat race by buying a deserted cottage in Devon. But their idyllic life is shattered by the intrusion of a previous tenant

- from another century...

David Fordyce Michael Jayston

Anne Fordyce Sandra Clark

Mrs Perkins Daphne Heard

Victoria Frances Jeater

Charles Nigel Graham

Written by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1983.

SAT 19:00 A Date With Dyaal (b06my9rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nq3p1)

Series 1

Episode 1

John Humphrys gives 28 performers 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Richie Webb & Vicki Pepperrine

Jason Manford

Steve Punt & Hugh Dennis

Josie Long

Ed Byrne

Matt Holt

Nick Mohammed

Phil Nichol

Matt Kirshen

Lenn Sissay

The Cowards

Jason John Whitehead

Howard Read

Janey Godley

Count Arthur Strong

Al Pitcher

Martin White

Edward Aczel

Marcus Birdman

Tom Price

John Bishop

The Consultants

Sue Vale

Miles Jupp

Stefano Paolini

Rhod Gilbert

Seymour Mace

Nicholas Parsons

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0742mqd)

Series 11

Sandi Toksvig interviews Roy Hudd

Series 11 of the show where one week's interviewee becomes the next week's interviewer. The first episode of Chain Reaction was broadcast on BBC Radio Five in 1991 when John Cleese was the first comedian in the hot seat. Now, 25 years on, a new series sees another raft of the world's best-loved comedians talking to each other about their lives and work. This week, the writer, broadcaster and erstwhile News Quiz host Sandi Toksvig turns interviewer as she chats to comedy icon, Roy Hudd.

Sandi Toksvig is a prolific writer and broadcaster who chaired the News Quiz on BBC Radio 4 for nine years and over 220 episodes. In 2015 she was a founder member of the Women's Equality Party and, later that year was announced as the new host of the long-running BBC television series, QI.

Roy Hudd has clocked up more than 50 years in showbusiness, starting out as a Butlins redcoat in the 1950s and then developing a stellar career through numerous successes on stage, radio and screen. BBC Radio listeners know him best as the host of the much loved News Huddlines on Radio 2 for 26 years. More recently, Roy gained plaudits for his moving portrayal of Bud Flanagan in the BBC drama 'We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story'.

In this the year of his 80th birthday, Roy tells Sandi about his beginnings in showbusiness, reveals how Arthur Askey gave him a leg up in the early days and shares his favourite pantomime story courtesy of Tom O'Connor.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy Production.

SAT 23:00 Colin Houl's Carnival of Monsters (b050bjhl)

Series 2

Episode 4

Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.

A host of characters are the exhibits at the Carnival - all played by Colin himself.

Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Wannabe Hollywood screenwriter Andy Parker; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and a host of other characters from acid jazz obsessives, to mask workshop coordinators.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b00cpsyk)

Series 1

Episode 1

Simon Bligh hosts an evening of stand-up comedy without having to leave your armchair.

Featuring Dominic Holland, Sue Beard and Felix Dexter.

From London's Comedy Store

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

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SUN 06:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07djzlh)

The Virgin in the Garden

In 1950s Yorkshire, Frederica Potter is still living at home, but senses something exciting...

The first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the

lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.

The Frederica Quartet comprises of 'The Virgin in the Garden' (1978), 'Still Life' (1985), 'Babel Tower' (1996) and 'A Whistling Woman' (2002).

The first omnibus of The Virgin in the Garden (episode 1 to 5/8).

Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
Stephanie Helen Longworth

Alexander Adam Kotz
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Daniel Shaun Dooley
Dramatised by John Harvey.

Producer: Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SUN 07:05 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s9yy)
New York, New York

"I got myself wedged on a train, and immediately it left the station a knife-fight began, apparently to the death..."

A snapshot from the 1980s of the unique American city recalled by Leonard Rossiter.

Written by Barry Pilton.

Producer: Louise Purlow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1981.

SUN 07:15 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)

Don't Ask Me Why by Ruth Thomas
Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany. In Ruth Thomas's short story, the news that Sonia's best friend has been hit by a car is overshadowed by the arrival of an international celebrity at the local airport.

Read by Sally Reid.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SUN 07:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b076bz3h)

Series 2

Aristophanes

Join Natalie Haynes and guests for half an hour of comedy and the Classics from the BBC Radio Theatre in London.

Natalie is a reformed comedian who is a little bit obsessive about Ancient Greece and Rome.

She stands up in the name of Greek playwright and inventor of 'old comedy', Aristophanes. Expect a chorus of frogs, rather too much information about padded costumes, and a sex strike. Oh, and a lot of gossip from two and half thousand years ago.

With special guests Rosie Wyles, Edith Hall and Fiona Laird.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.

SUN 08:00 Home to Roost (m000gf0t)

Series 2

Dinner Dance

Olive learns she's missed 30 years of the annual dance at William's firm.

Mollie Sugden and Deryck Guyler play crusty old married couple, Olive and William Wheeler.

After 40 years of work in the same office, he's now retired and is trying to adapt to his new life of leisure. She, on the other hand, is trying to adapt to having her husband under her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage.

William Wheeler Deryck Guyler

Olive Wheeler Mollie Sugden

Jack Bailey Norman Rossington

Nev John Baddeley

Kath Patricia Greene

Writer: Anne Jones

Theme music composed and played by Alex Walsh and his Band.

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1975 .

SUN 08:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09wv0q6)

The Coach Trip

Harry takes his troublesome nephew, Edwin, on an incident-packed coach journey down the M1.

Starring Harry Worth.

With John Baddeley, John Graham and Miriam Margolyes.

Written by David McKellar and David Renwick.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1976.

SUN 09:00 The Peregrine, read by David Attenborough (Omnibus) (m000gf0x)

David Attenborough reads from JA Baker's British nature writing classic which was published over 50 years ago to critical acclaim.

Written in the form of a diary, it covers seven months from autumn to spring, charting Baker's observations of this extraordinary predator.

The diaries give us insights into Baker's obsession with the peregrine's hunting life in and around the Essex countryside, a county where Baker lived all his life.

Omnibus of five parts.

Abridged by Katrin Williams

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020

SUN 10:10 The Listening Project (b06mv2zp)

Laurie and Roland – A Legacy in Lego

Fi Glover introduces a conversation recorded during a building session, between a father whose own childhood obsession with the Danish toy has been passed on to his small son; another conversation 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 (b0952xv6)

Rock & Pop Stars

Keith Richards

From Chuck Berry to Antonio Vivaldi

Keith Richards, member of the Rolling Stones, shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

Keith was born in Dartford and grew up as an only child. He and Mick Jagger went to the same primary school, but then lost touch until meeting again at Dartford train station in 1961 and discovering they shared a taste in blues music. Keith picked up his love of the guitar from his grandfather and honed his skills whilst at art college.

If one single, living person could be said to personify rock n' roll then it is surely him. He's been making music and causing havoc for over half a century and counting. His song writing, singing and guitar playing have helped to make The Rolling Stones a stratospherically successful group and his early and single minded dedication to the triumvirate pursuits of sex and drugs and rock and roll made him a counter-culture icon.

No surprise then that as a boy he would go to sleep at night with his arm around his first guitar.

Producer: Sarah Taylor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0b7dzw)

Series 7

Young Adults

True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces seven stories about boundaries, curfews and first loves.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

SUN 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

Series 2

Earthworms

Although Charles Darwin is especially well known for his work on the Theory of Evolution through his seminal work "On the Origin of Species", he also published a lot of his research on earthworms. Earthworms fascinated Darwin, so much so that his observations led him to believe that they showed marked intelligence.

And earthworms fascinate Sir David Attenborough too. He recalls a visit to Australia to film the giant earthworm and intriguingly used his ears more than any other sense to find them. What did they sound like and what did they look like? He reveals all.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 12:00 Home to Roost (m000gf0t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SUN 12:30 Harry Worth in Things Could Be Worse (b09wv0q6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 13:00 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07djzlh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 14:05 Leonard Rossiter - In a Nutshell (b00s9yy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 today]

SUN 14:15 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SUN 14:30 The Call of the Wild by Jack London (Omnibus) (m000gf0z)

Jack London's The Call of the Wild was published in 1903 and set in Yukon, Canada, during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, when strong sled dogs were in high demand.

The central character of the novel is a dog named Buck and the story opens at a ranch in Santa Clara Valley, California, when Buck is stolen from his home and sold into service as a sled dog in Alaska. He becomes progressively feral in the harsh environment, where he is forced to fight to survive and dominate other dogs.

Jack London spent almost a year in the Yukon, and his observations form much of the material for the book. The story was serialized in The Saturday Evening Post in the summer of 1903 and published as a book a month later. Its great popularity and success made a reputation for London. As early as 1923, the story was adapted for film, and it has seen several more cinematic adaptations since.

It's often thought of as a children's book and indeed the current film has turned it into a story more suitable for the young. But the original writing is fierce, poetic, beautiful and atmospheric. It appeals to the core of everyone's nature. Exciting and moving in equal measure, it's a sublime adventure story. Omnibus of five parts read by Kerry Shale.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2020

SUN 15:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00bvbyz)

Common Warblers

Brett Westwood presents the guide to help identify your local woodland birds.

Brett joins birdwatcher Stephen Moss and wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson in the Forest of Dean to identify the songs of the chiffchaff, the blackcap and the willow and garden warblers

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

SUN 16:00 Lucy Catherine - The Goldilocks Zone (b0076smd)

"There are a hundred billion nerve cells in the mind, a hundred billion stars in the galaxy and a hundred other paths I could have taken."

A modern day Brief Encounter showing how when we are lost, only a true connection with another human being can bring us back to ourselves.

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Nicola Nicola Walker

Hux Stuart McQuarrie

Shannon Clemmie Hooton

Jamie Johnny Thomas Davies

Mohammed Shiv Grewal

Jenny Amelda Brown

John Carl Prekopp

Alice/Brigita Alice Hart

Ross Harry Myers

Sandra Colleen Prendergast

Woman Susan Jameson

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 n July 2005.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000gf12)

Time For Verse - James Berry 1-2/5

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses the first two of five episodes of Time for Verse featuring James Berry in conversation with George MacBeth about his life and poetry.

Poems: In God's Greatest Country, 1945; On An Afternoon Train From Purley To Victoria, 1955; White Child Meets Black Man.

Producer - Alec Reid

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

James Berry: Time For Verse - ep 2

The second of five programmes in which George MacBeth talks to James Berry about his life and his poetry.

Poems: Travelling As We Are; It's Me Man; Two Black Labourers On A London Building Site; In-a Brixtan Markt

Producer - Alec Reid

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b076bz3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Arthur Koestler - Darkness at Noon (m000gf14)

At the height of the media attention during the Monica Lewinsky scandal, US President Bill Clinton reportedly referred to Arthur Koestler's novel, telling an aide:

"I feel like the character in the novel Darkness at Noon....I am surrounded by an oppressive force that is creating a lie about me and I can't get the truth out."

Clinton was referring to Nicholas Rubashov, the protagonist of Koestler's novel inspired by the Moscow Trials of Stalin's Russia. Rubashov, once a powerful player in the regime, finds the tables turned on him when he is imprisoned and psychologically tortured. His reflections on his previous life and experiences in prison are at the heart of this thought-provoking masterpiece.

Written after Arthur Koestler became disillusioned with Communism, Darkness at Noon is a moving and thought-provoking indictment of totalitarianism.

Simon Scardfield's adaptation draws on Koestler's original manuscript - which had been thought lost for 75 years, after Koestler hurriedly fled Paris before the German occupation in

1940, only to be recently discovered in a Zurich library.

Director: Sasha Yevushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (b0b7dzwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

SUN 20:00 The Peregrine, read by David Attenborough

(Omnibus) (m000gf0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:10 The Listening Project (b06mv2zp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:10 today]

SUN 21:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0952xv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics

(b076bz3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Twenty Players (b06dyddk)

Series 1

Gentleman Jack Perkins

Des Lynam narrates the story of a turn-of-the-century boxing toff who never quite made it to the top - Gentleman Jack Perkins.

Simon Bullivant's album of forgotten sporting heroes in a highly collectable series of six parts.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

SUN 22:45 The Music Teacher (b00s3h48)

Series 1

Episode 1

An aural feast of a musical comedy written by and starring Richie Webb as multi-instrumentalist music teacher Nigel Penny.

Shut away in a windowless practice room in a regional arts centre, music teacher Nigel endures a succession of pupils: the middle-aged bachelor with his homemade Moog; the six year old trombonist who's arms aren't quite long enough; and the female student who's forever in a state of tearful crisis and never gets her oboe out - all these and more enter Nigel's airless little room.

Nigel also has to contend with the panicked manager of Letchington Arts Centre, Belinda, who's continued struggle to keep the Arts Centre a going concern impacts bizarrely on Nigel's world.

Nigel suffers from crippling stage fright. He hasn't performed in public for years and frankly, he's not looking to rectify this. Belinda, however, is. And not because she appreciates his rare talent, but mainly because she always seems to have some act that's cancelled and needs Nigel to fill in.

We are privy to Nigel's thoughts: conversations and musical performances are littered with the 'real' Nigel's asides, which flit from commenting on what is happening to wandering off on a tangent to becoming consumed with the prospect of performing again.

Musically, though, the show sounds like no other: Accordians; singing dogs; death metal guitar - we hear them all. And the entire show takes place in Nigel's tiny, windowless room. The claustrophobia is audible.

This opening episode sees Nigel having to contend with an atonal Barbershop Quartet and a depressed orchestral timpanist - whilst Belinda is desperate to fill the slot vacated by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

Nigel Penny Richie Webb

Belinda Vicki Pepperdine

Other roles: Dave Lamb, Jim North and Jess Robinson.

Producer: Richie Webb

Director: Nick Walker

A Top Dog Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2010.

SUN 23:00 Newsjack (m000g53y)

Series 22

Episode 5

Host Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined this week by Tom

Burgess, Tayo Cousins and Kath Hughes.

Script Editors: Gemma Arrowsmith and Laura Major

Production Coordinator: Mabel Wright

Producers: Leila Navabi and Hayley Sterling

Newsjack is a BBC Studios Production.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b007vjkl)

Series 1

Mother of Shopping

The Big Boss comes calling for the unveiling of a new art work at the Retail Village.

But with a group of anti-capitalists on site, Sonya's big chance to impress takes on Titanic qualities.

Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village starring Sarah Lancashire and Mark Benton.

Mick.....Mark Benton

Sonya.....Sarah Lancashire

Rez.....Emil Marwa

Valerie.....Sarah Hadland

Jeff Birkenfleck.....Neil Warhurst

Chris.....Paul Barnhill

Miranda.....Lindsay Allen

Colin.....Anthony Glennon

Milosh.....John Dougal

Tina/Shaz.....Jasmine Callan

Customer/Man in Car Park...Sam Dale

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

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MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000gf12)

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(b076bz3h)

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MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b013fj19)

A Case for Paul Temple

1. In Which Paul Temple Hears About Valentine

Ten apparent suicides in one single week and all of them drug addicts.

Scotland Yard is desperate for Temple's help.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial,

Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Snooker Riley Jimmy Chisholm

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Joy Lucy Patterson

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

MON 06:30 He Belonged to Glasgow - The Will Fyffe Story

(b00vky75)

Born in Dundee in 1885, Will Fyffe became synonymous with a different city when his song 'I Belong To Glasgow' captured the nation's hearts.

After spending his formative years in touring theatre, Will Fyffe switched to comedy and music hall, and became a headline act throughout Scotland. Along with his contemporary Harry Lauder, his humour transcended the regional stage and appearances all over Britain led to five Royal Variety performances.

A leading film star of the 1930s and 40s, he made one Hollywood film, although this burgeoning career was put on hold as war broke out and he returned to entertain the troops.

An accident in 1947 led to his untimely death, but his body of work lives on through his songs, sketches and films.

In this programme, singer-songwriter and Deacon Blue frontman Ricky Ross looks at Fyffe's life, career and legacy with family, film historians and music hall experts, including Professor Jeffrey Richards, and Will Fyffe's daughter, Eileen.

Producer: Elizabeth Foster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

MON 07:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dydyg)

Series 1

Episode 4

April Prescott is looking for love, Katie is waiting for her baby to finally arrive and Daniel and Lucy are waiting for the day they will all leave them in peace.

David Tennant and Liz Carling star in David Spicer's sitcom.

Modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of a

30-something couple with no kids.

Daniel David Tennant

Lucy Liz Carling

Katie Meera Syal

April Felicity Montague

Peter Rob Harley

Clive Matthew Bell

Andy Tony Gardner

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

MON 07:30 Nature Table (m000g4zz)

Series 1

Episode 5

Nature Table is comedian, broadcaster and writer Sue Perkins' new comedy 'Show & Tell' series celebrating the natural world and all its funny eccentricities.

Taking the simple format of a 'Show & Tell', each episode Sue is joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history. Each of the natural history guests brings an item linked to the wild world to share with the audience, be it an amazing fact or funny personal anecdote. Each item is a springboard for an enlightening and funny discussion, alongside fun games and challenges revealing more astonishing facts. We also hear from some of the London Zoo audience, a mix of London Zoo staff and members of the public, as they bring us their own natural history 'show and tells' for Sue and the guests to discuss.

Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate and promote the importance of all our planet's wonderfully wild flora and fauna in an fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.

Episode 5

Recorded at London Zoo, this week Sue Perkins is joined by special guests award-winning wildlife cameraman Doug Allan, ant expert Dr. Claire Asher and comedian Sindhu Vee.

Written by: Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler & Jon Hunter

Researcher: Catherine Beazley

Music by Ben Mirin. Additional sounds were provided by The Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Produced by: Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00cm8qz)

Series 2

Episode 4

Ken is trying to relax, but even on a date with Deborah, advertising is on his mind.

Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

Sandy Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Deborah Rosalind Ayres

Ambrose Paul Jesson

Corners Don Henderson

Benny Karl Howman

Lesley Pauline Siddle

With Joss Ackland, James Griffiths, Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, Imelda Staunton and David Tate.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.

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MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007japp)

Series 3

The Royal Train

Captain Mainwaring gets up steam when the Home Guard

platoon receive sealed orders regarding the King.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard

platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Vicar Frank Williams

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b0731bvs)

Series 16

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Jon Richardson, Susan Calman and Jack Dee are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as tattoos, milk, supermarkets and Vladimir Putin.

Devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith, the team behind Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016..

MON 09:30 Control Group Six (b00752hs)

Series 1

Episode 2

In the single bars of the Company dream town, Dr Heaven continues his search for love. And for Frank. Though not simultaneously.

Unless Frank is the girl in yellow

A bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half

psychological thriller.

Control Group Six is a company town, like any other with a high murder-rate. But only one man possesses the experience,

the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist.

Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman.
 With Geraldine Fitzgerald and Mandy Knight.
 Producer: Colin Swash
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
MON 10:00 Ian Rankin - Rebus (b070601z)
 A Question of Blood
 Episode 1
 When a known criminal dies in a house fire the forensic evidence suggests he was murdered before the fire started. Detective Inspector Rebus - the last person to see the victim alive - becomes the main suspect.
 Meanwhile, a fatal shooting at a private school near Edinburgh unexpectedly leads Rebus to an army helicopter crash on Jura in a case involving diamonds and drug smuggling.
 Ron Donachie stars as Rebus in Ian Rankin's thriller.
 Dramatised in two parts by Chris Dolan.
 DI Rebus Ron Donachie
 Siobhan Clarke..... Gayanne Potter
 DI Hogan Brian Ferguson
 DCI Templar Sarah Collier
 Bell Brian Pettifer
 Miss Teri Nicola Roy
 Whiteroad Veronica Roer
 Peacock Gavin Mitchell
 Kate Eilidh McCormick
 Brimson Kenny Blyth
 James Alasdair Hankinson
 Fogg Paul Young
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000gcl1)
 Series 6
 The Hackers
 Guy Raz explores pioneering research looking to 'hack' the brain, and the climate, in the hope of creating a better world. This hour, TED speakers explore the stories we tell with numbers — and whether those stories portray the full picture. A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2013
MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000gcl5)
 Corey Taylor
 Singer-songwriter Corey Taylor chooses Burning Love by Elvis Presley and Safe European Home by The Clash.
MON 12:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00cm8qz)
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MON 13:30 He Belonged to Glasgow - The Will Fyffe Story (b00vky75)
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MON 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068tvl0)
 Episode 1
 The party assemblies.
 Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.
 Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks. Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.
 While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.
 Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.
 Abridged by Sally Marmion
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.
MON 14:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b08kstk5)
 Series 1
 Squirrels
 It's the most celebrated period of British ingenuity, but are our Victorian forebears due a rethink?
 Sci-curious sisters Kat and Helen Arney are on hand with some revisionist revelations that could turn what we think we know completely upside down.
 The Victorians were huge nature lovers but, in their quest to find all manner of exotic flora and fauna across the world and bring them back to Blighty, did they know they were doing more harm than good?
 It was the Victorians who unleashed grey squirrels and a whole lot more besides on the unsuspecting British countryside. In so doing, were they really a bunch of environmental vandals?
 Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics.
 A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.
MON 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsj7)
 The Virgin in the Garden, Part 6/8
 Stephanie and Daniel settle into married life, while Frederica

continues with her acting.
 The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
 Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
 Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
 Stephanie Helen Longworth
 Daniel Shaun Dooley
 Alexander Adam Kotz
 Crowe Dudley Sutton
 Doctor Gerard McDermott
 All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
 Producer: Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
MON 14:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05plghr)
 Episode 1
 Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area.
 In this opening episode, he recalls happy days at Walnut Tree Farm, Suffolk, home to a famous swimmer of moats and ponds, lakes and rivers.
 Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester
 Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015
MON 15:00 Ian Rankin - Rebus (b070601z)
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MON 17:30 Nature Table (m000g4zz)
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MON 18:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jn65)
 Series 2
 Unto Death - And Beyond
 Stranded on the Golden Planet, the Space Force crew must find a way to return to Mars.
 Conclusion of Charles Chilton's second intergalactic adventure starring Barry Foster.
 Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
 Chipper Barnett Nicky Henson
 Magnus Carter Nigel Stock
 Lodderick Sincere Tony Osoba
 With Wendy Murray, Willoughby Goddard, Bernard Brown and Mia Soteriou.
 Charles Chilton wrote and produced many popular and successful radio programmes for the BBC - including the classic 1950s serial 'Journey into Space' - charting the adventures of Captain Jet Morgan. This fired the imagination of millions, years before the first moon landing. It was the last radio drama to record higher ratings than the new young upstart television!
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1985.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00nfmfs)
 David Edgar and Helen Cross
 Sue MacGregor talks to playwright David Edgar and novelist Helen Cross at the Birmingham Book Festival about their favourite books - titles by Graham Greene, Anthony Trollope and Naomi Wolf.
 Books featured:
 The Warden by Anthony Trollope, Penguin Classics
 The Treehouse by Naomi Wolf, Virago Press
 The End of the Affair by Graham Greene, Vintage Classics
 Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
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MON 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00wlgnn)
 Series 4
 A Life Destroyed Then Repaired and Rehappied
 Pip in the company of Pippa, the Reverend Fecund and Harry Biscuit, now just a brain in a jar, have tracked Mister Benevolent to the heart of the vast Russian Empire. But when they find him, he is at the head of a mighty army. Who will triumph in the final battle between good and evil? Will Harry get a new body? Will Mister Benevolent detonate his infamous cheese bomb? And what is the correct way to spell Czar?
 As fate decides these crucial questions it seems there are a few surprises in store for Pip.
 Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.
 Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen
 Gently Benevolent Anthony Head
 Harry Biscuit James Bachman
 Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead
 Ripely Sarah Hadland
 Pippa Susy Kane
 Reverend Godly Fecund David Mitchell
 Producer Gareth Edwards.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.
MON 22:55 Comedy Club Extra (m000gl3c)
 Jon Holmes Does...
 The Doors Of Perception 1/3
 Jon Holmes attempts to throw open The Doors of Perception with Awareness Explorer, Amir Giles.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000g4gz)
 Series 56
 Episode 2
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches
 Join The Now Show team with their unique take on the week's events. Chris McCausland visits A Quiet Place, Sara Barron is in splendid isolation and Huge Davies washes his hands of it all...
 Additional voices by Gemma Arrowsmith
 Written by the cast, with additional material from Catherine Brinkworth, Jon Hunter, Aidan Fitzmaurice and Simon Alcock
 Producer: Adnan Ahmed
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lmdjr)
 Series 1
 Baghdad
 Charles and Archie jump at the chance of going to Iraq, but the posting turns out not to be as cushy as it first seemed. James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941. Three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut, as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate each other.
 Charles Robert Bathurst
 Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
 Minka Olivia Colman
 Gordon Fergus Craig
 Mrs Best Lill Roughley
 Joshua Alex MacQueen
 Written by James Cary.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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TUE 05:00 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dydyg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Nature Table (m000g4zz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b013q313)
 A Case for Paul Temple
 2. In Which Steve Meets Captain O'Hara
 Temple's investigations lead him to a Limehouse pub for a drink with a very Irish sailor, and then to a chilling discovery in a lonely quarry...
 In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.
 Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.
 Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.
 Paul Temple Crawford Logan
 Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas
Major Peters Greg Powrie
Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood
Snooker Riley Jimmy Chisholm
Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood
Captain O'Hara Robin Laing
Mary Eliza Langland
Sheila Baxter Melody Grove
Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.
TUE 06:30 Jenny Eclair is Listless Today (b092cnpq)
Comedian and writer Jenny Eclair throws away her To Do list. She wants to understand why women write so many lists and what life would be like without them.
Jenny discovers there are to-do lists, to-buy lists, to take-back lists, holiday lists and even secret lists of hidden yearnings. Jenny is in awe of good friend and producer Judith Holder who has a small library of books, each with a different list inside.
Going to her local butcher's - listless - Jenny finds out that men who shop there keep their lists on a mobile phone - but did they write them?
Artist Alice Instone made an exhibition of lists called The Pram in the Hall. She wrote to successful women and asked for their lists - and was amazed at how much these women had to do. Alice tells Jenny she was particularly interested in the lists because they're one of the rare things people still hand write. Jenny also talks to Gena-mour Barrett - who writes articles online made up of lists - about why they are so compelling as she reveals her most successful ever list.
Jenny finally returns to her lists but not without first consulting coach Juliet Landau-Pope about what the perfect list would look like. And she discovers a whole new world of lists just waiting to be completed.
A Penmine production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2017.
TUE 07:00 Ayres on the Air (m000gcr0)
Series 1
The Countryside
Pam Ayres's poetry and sketch show goes all rural.
With poems about grand plans for a garden and being a battery hen.
Plus sketches on the joys of buying a tractor and how the townie views the country life.
Aided and abetted by actors Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
TUE 07:30 Teatime (m000fx1w)
Episode 3
Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving family. Starring Philip Glenister, Samantha Spiro, Aimee-Ffion Edwards, Prasanna Puwanarajah, Katie Redford and Steven Brandon.
In an attempt to prove to Donna - and to himself - that he's got his life back on track, Joe (Glenister) starts a new business venture, working from home as a Wellness Coach. Two problems: one, he knows nothing about wellness. And two, the home he's decided to work from is Vicky and Rav's. Despite their misgivings, Vicky and Rav (Edwards and Puwanarajah), Donna (Spiro) and the rest of the family can't help but be sucked in by Joe's enthusiasm.
Meanwhile Lisa (Redford) is suffering from an acute bout of selective deafness, and Uncle Bob (Brandon) makes a spirited attempt at the world record for number of marshmallows in mouth. 44 to beat.
Teatime was produced by Sam Ward, and is a BBC Studios production.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007swcz)
The Sinking of Westminster Pier
Oyster-loving Neddie Seagoon takes to the River Thames, which is soon draining away.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Peter Eton
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1955.
TUE 08:30 Round the Horne (b00n905p)
Series 3
Episode 17
'What Shall We Do With The Drunken Nunker?' Rambling Syd Rumpo sings - and it's a Horne from home for Kenneth at Julian and Sandy's Bona Guest House.
With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.
Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith
Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer,

Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.
Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000g4gz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Lenin of the Rovers (b007jvds)
Series 2
The Felchester Firm
Crunchthorpe is a place so hard they dump nuclear waste in the town centre.
Can the so-called 'Felchester Firm' protect Ricky and the team? More adventures of communist football club, Felchester Rovers starring Alexei Sayle.
Ricky Lenin Alexei Sayle
Jeff Frankly John Sessions
Frank Lee Brian Kenneth Wolstenholme
Colonel Brace Cartwright Donald Hewlett
Stevie Stalin Andrew McLean
Terry Trotsky Phil Cornwell
Announcer John Wittey
Written by Marcus Berkman.
Producer: Harry Thompson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.
TUE 10:00 Ian Rankin - Rebus (b0713m30)
A Question of Blood
Episode 2
Three pupils are gunned down by an ex-SAS soldier at a private school near Edinburgh. The police are at a loss to explain the motive - until DI Rebus begins to investigate an army helicopter crash on Jura.
Ron Donachie stars as Rebus in the conclusion of Ian Rankin's thriller.
DI Rebus Ron Donachie
Siobhan Clarke Gayanne Potter
DI Hogan Brian Ferguson
DCI Templer Sarah Collier
Bell Brian Pettifer
Whitread Veronica Leer
Brimson Kenny Blyth
James Alasdair Hankinson
Peacock Gavin Mitchell
Rachel Anita Vettesse
DCI Mullen Simon Tait
Steve Holly Ben Clifford
Miss Teri Nicola Roy
Other parts played by the cast.
Dramatised by Chris Dolan.
Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
TUE 11:00 The Hank of Black Hair by Sebastian Barry (b07fihlc)
It's 1922 and in a Dublin park, Matt Kirwan is enjoying his Sunday afternoon painting a landscape when a young woman approaches his easel to watch him work.
He knows from this day forward his life will never be the same.
Liam O'Brien reads Sebastian Barry's short story.
Sebastian Barry is one of Ireland's finest and most celebrated writers. He's twice been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize for his novels A Long Long Way (2005) and The Secret Scripture (2008), the latter of which won the 2008 Costa Book of the Year and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. His 2011 novel On Canaan's Side was longlisted for the Booker. Days Without End was published in 2016.
Producer: Gemma McMullan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.
TUE 11:15 Sarah LeFanu - Thin Woman in a Morris Minor (m000gcr2)
In the summer of 1947, the writer Rose Macaulay was a curiosity: an elderly Englishwoman, driving alone down the coast of Spain, in her ancient Morris Minor.
Haunted by the war, and the loss of loved ones, Rose is unable to write fiction. As she researches a book about the Mediterranean shore, Rose finds herself preoccupied with the past. And the mysterious Senor Simon is just one of the ghosts she meets on her journey.
Written by Sarah LeFanu.
Rose Macaulay Maureen O'Brien
Senor Simon Cornelius Garrett
Mrs Mortimer Claire Marchionne
Director: Felicity Goodall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068xg8g)
Episode 2
The children make a discovery and seeing something she shouldn't, leaves Harriet disturbed.
Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting novel,

a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.
Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks. Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.
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Abridged by Sally Marmion
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.
TUE 14:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816tqk)
Series 1
Beards
It's the most celebrated period of British ingenuity, but are our Victorian forebears due a rethink?
Sci-curious sisters Kat and Helen Arney are on hand with some revisionist revelations that could turn what we think we know completely upside down.
The current fad for furry face furniture can be traced back to the Victorians. If you think we're at Peak Beard in 2018, think again!
But the growth of facial hair isn't a straightforward story. In 1840 beards were derided and only one MP dared to sport one. Just 50 years later, before the end of the century, nearly every man in the public eye had bearded up. Why did beards explode under Queen Victoria? And is it true that beards can be good for health? Helen and Kat are hunting for the hairy truth.
Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics. A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.
TUE 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsjm)
The Virgin in the Garden, Part 7/8
Marcus and Simmonds' experiments begin to take on a more sinister nature.
The Virgin in the Garden is the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Marcus Carl Prekopp
Simmonds Adam Godley
All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
Producer: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
TUE 14:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05pn3sy)
Episode 2
Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area.
One day he sees a 'quick dark curve' - and recalls a particular bird of prey, made majestic in print by John Alee Baker.
Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester
Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author
Producer: Duncan Minshull
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015
TUE 15:00 Ian Rankin - Rebus (b0713m30)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06zqq9d)
Series 8
Calman, Cooke, Lowe
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah Millican welcome:
* Comedian, Fearer of Raisins and Collector of Thimbles, Susan Calman
* An artist who's made an art out of copying art and claims that he has actually slept with the Mona Lisa, Adam Lowe
* A TV naturalist who admits that when she talks to animals, all they want to talk about is food, fighting and, well, mating, Lucy Cooke.
The Museum's guests discuss what Fifty Shades of Grey has in common with Capt. Kirk and Mr Spock making sweet exoplanetary love: how salt could be the building material of the future if only it didn't rain; and why living on a small island will either turn you into a pygmy or a giant.
Researchers: Aime Miller and Molly Oldfield of QI.
Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2016.
TUE 16:30 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jcc07)
Rovers Return
A celebrity is visiting Butterthwaite. Can Graham get the story? John Gradwell's six-part sitcom about life in Butterthwaite's local newspaper office.
Bert Ball Jeffrey Holland
Graham Carpenter Robert Beck
Brenda Thistlethwaite Frances Jeater
Arnold Beasley David Ryall
Vicky Cox Sue Devaney
Lawrence Stevens Dean Williamson
All other parts played by Rachel Atkins, Mark Gatiss and Peter Serafinowicz.
Producer: Kathy Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

TUE 17:00 Ayres on the Air (m000ger0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Teatime (m000fx1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k2c2)

Hell Screen by Ryunosuke Akutagawa 1/2

When a mighty medieval Japanese Lord clashes with an arrogant painter, rage is sparked. Ryunosuke Akutagawa's chilling horror story read in two-parts by Togo Igawa.

Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.

Tales from Japan, Delhi, Eastern Europe, the Welsh borders and America show how fantasy is at its best when used to explore the preoccupations of everyday life.

Translator: Jay Rubin

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2007.

TUE 18:30 The Tingle Factor (b07d7yr3)

Alan Ayckbourn

Playwright Sir Alan Ayckbourn talks to Robin Ray about the music which stirs his emotions. Recorded in Scarborough.

In between his music choices, Alan remembers his musical father, recounts some of his successes and flops - and how he became the owner of a special cat.

Producer: Andrew Mussett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007swcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Round the Horne (b00n905p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Paul Temple (b013q313)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Jenny Eclair is Listless Today (b092cnpq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 The Hank of Black Hair by Sebastian Barry (b07fhlhc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:15 Sarah LeFanu - Thin Woman in a Morris Minor (m000gr2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 today]

TUE 22:00 Teatime (m000fx1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007jmsj)

Series 1

All Judges Must Be Ex-Convicts

Radical proposals to change our lives for the better, with a drastic legal shake-up.

Written by Mark Steel and Pete Sinclair, who also perform with the help of Maria McErlean.

Give him 30 minutes and Mark will convince you of anything in the series that aims to prove that the ridiculous really is very sensible indeed.

Producer: Turan Ali

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in October 1992.

TUE 22:55 Comedy Club Extra (m000gmxt)

Jon Holmes Does...

The Doors Of Perception 2/3

Jon Holmes attempts to throw open The Doors of Perception with Awareness Explorer, Amir Giles.

TUE 23:00 Beauty of Britain (b00n7zd1)

Series 1

Girl With a Polycotton Tabard

Beauty wonders why so many British men get stuck in the emotional wilderness and find it hard to communicate with each other, as she deals with an elderly gentleman and his son.

Beauty's dreams of becoming a model are given a boost when she applies to be the Face of the Social Services.

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.

Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.

Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien

Mr Clark Geoffrey Palmer

Julian Christopher Douglas

Georgie Emma Fryer

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupta Indira Joshi

Anil Paul Sharma

Race Commentator Christopher Douglas

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

TUE 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b01qfjzm)

Series 1

Mastermind

Mastermind intends to kill the audience, unless a brave challenger from the front row can defeat him.

Character comedy from 2011 Edinburgh Award winner, Adam Riches.

With fast-paced, offbeat sketches, songs (there are no songs) and a generous dollop of audience interaction.

Written by Adam Riches

With Cariad Lloyd and Jim Johnson.

Producers: Simon Mayhew-Archer & Rupert Majendie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020

WED 00:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k2c2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 The Tingle Factor (b07d7yr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068xg8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816tqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b01460dn)

A Case for Paul Temple

3. In Which Sir Gilbert Explains

Steve has ulterior motives when she makes an appointment with Madame de Briac, one of Mayfair's most fashionable hairdressers.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

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Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

WED 06:30 The Mother of the Sea (b04g7rd5)

Every year in Uto, a remote town at the Southern tip of Japan, a festival is held to celebrate a woman known locally as the Mother of the Sea.

She's not a figure from folklore, or an ancient goddess, but a British scientist, who never even visited Japan.

She was Kathleen Drew, and her work studying the lifecycle of edible seaweed on the North Wales coastline in the 1940s revolutionised the Japanese production of nori - that dried edible seaweed you find wrapped around sushi in high-end restaurants and convenience stores around the world.

Her discovery, picked up by chance 6000 miles away from her lab in Manchester, enabled nori farmers in Japan to turn this nutrient rich food stuff from a gambler's harvest to a reliable large scale crop.

Now they gather each year on 14th April at the Drew Monument, inscribed with Kathleen's image, to give thanks to her with Shinto prayers, offerings and specially composed songs. Looking out over the nori fields of the Ariake sea they ask Kathleen, who died not long after publishing her ground breaking study, to watch over them and increase their yields.

Quentin Cooper has been fascinated by Kathleen's remarkable story since he heard about it by chance several years ago. He travels to Uto to celebrate the Drew Festival with the fishermen there and to hear why a scientist all but forgotten in her home country means so much to them.

Producer: Hannah Marshall

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2014.

WED 07:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)

Series 1

The Agony and the Ecstasy

Italian exchange student Gian Paolo meets the Conroy family.

Eddie's trying not to lose his patience - or his fare to Gay Pride.

Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy-drama series following the lives of the Conroys, a family living in Stockport.

Jason Dominic Monaghan

Gian-Paulo Stefan Escreet

Eddie John McArdle

Gran Ann Rye

Father Ryan Chris Pavlo

Maureen Beverley Callard

Michael Jason Done

Debbie Jo-Anne Knowles

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

WED 07:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000g451)

Series 3

Episode Two: Summer

Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed quest to make sense of the human experience. This time, he is aided by the sardonic musical brilliance of Flo and Joan, and by a different comedy friend in each programme. This week, it's Sofie Hagen.

This new series examines the four seasons of the year and the seasons of a human life, as Mark - at the halfway point of his expected lifespan - considers what might come next. This week, Mark and his guests look at Summer - the prime of life, the highpoint of the year, and soon to be the only season we'll have! As always, there's a huge number of jokes, some songs, and an awful lot of other stuff crammed into each show as the much-loved comic and his team make their way through life at dizzying speed.

Produced by Lianne Copo.

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007n162)

Series 4

Anna and the King of Siam

The 1956 musical film release of 'The King and I' inspires the lad's own unmusical and argumentative version.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.

Audio recovered in the BBC Archive Treasure Hunt.

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 Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.

WED 08:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k243)

Heart of Skegness

The Honourable Clarence Green becomes more entranced as he listens to a story of a journey into the very darkest part of barbarism.

Starring Jim Broadbent and Matt Frewer.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series set in a very exclusive London club.

Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Curtis Jim Broadbent

Johnson Matt Frewer

Captain White Richard Pearson

Green Royce Mills

Mrs Jeves Sheila Steafel

The Boss Bill Wallis

Bannister Ron Pember

Welch Michael Ripper

Music by Max Harris.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

WED 09:00 Listomania (b055jltt)

Series 1

Episode 5

Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the list - from the magnificent to the mundane - from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...

With Sarah Millican, Andrew O'Neill, Ricky Wilson and Roisin Conaty

Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2015.

WED 09:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gnn)

Episode 2

Kingsley's done a runner, and the catering company is going bust. Now Jimmy needs to find a book-keeping genius.

Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.

Stars Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard McDermott as Jimmy, Roger May as Juan Jose, Marlene Sidaway as Mrs Olney and Jane Whittenshaw as Carol.

Director: Cat Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

WED 10:00 Rachel Joyce - Talking (b08nsl82)

"If I drew my town, I'd do people with no faces. No ears, no eyes and no tongues."

A Sicilian teenager risks ostracism - and worse - when she bravely speaks out against the Cosa Nostra.

Actress Rachel Joyce's first play set in Sicily.

Anna Sarah-Jane Fenton

Michela Jilly Bond

Judge Kenneth Cranham

Isabella Natasha Pyne

Pablo Andrew Branch

Gino Jonathan Keeble

Ma Tessa Worsley
Sergio John Hartley
Mario Joshua Towb
Franco Roger May
Journalist Sandra James-Young
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
WED 11:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gcm3)
2: Fifteen Inches Per Second
Since he was first given a tape recorder in 1967, musician and wildlife sound recordist, Chris Watson, has been fascinated by the possibilities of sound.
In the second of three programmes, he tells the story of the technological advances in radio from the first Outside Broadcast, through the Radiophonic Workshop and to advent of podcasting.
Favourite radio moments include:
* When Iron Speaks' [part of 'Six Pillars' on Resonance FM.]
* Fifteen Inches Per Second' documentary about ¼" tape [BBC R4 2004]
Producer: Jessica Treen
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2018.
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There are few if any more influential inventions on modern life than the automobile but, as revolutionary as cars were in the late 19th century, has the cost to the environment been worth it?
Especially as history could nearly have been very different indeed. Is it true that the Victorians in fact invented the electric car, and a petrol-free society was within reach? Helen and Kat are on the trail.
Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics. A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.
WED 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsjx)
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Conclusion of The Virgin in the Garden - the first of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
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Jenny Hannah Dee
All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
Producer: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
WED 14:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05pntyn)
Episode 3
Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area:
He travels to the Lake District, to meet another collector of words. Beforehand, he reads a folk epic called the Kalevala, which makes some eerie connections with his project.

Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester
Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author
Producer: Duncan Minshull
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015
WED 15:00 Rachel Joyce - Talking (b08nsl82)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 Listomania (b055jtd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075gmn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000g451)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k2m4)
Hell Screen by Ryunosuke Akutagawa 2/2
Arrogant painter, Yoshi-hidday, puts his daughter's life in terrible danger.
Ryunosuke Akutagawa's chilling horror story concluded by Togo Iqawa.
Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.
Translator: Jay Rubin
Director: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.
WED 18:30 The Palace of Laughter (b0076lx3)
Paris
Geoffrey Wheeler visits Paris to tell the story of the famous Folies-Bergeres.
The theatre opened its doors in 1869 and quickly gained an international reputation for quality. Although the Folies-Bergeres has recently revamped its image as a straight theatre, its history as one Of Europe's finest music halls continues to draw visitors from all over the world.
Producer: Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007n162)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k243)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Paul Temple (b01460dn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 The Mother of the Sea (b04g7rd5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gcm3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000g451)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Alice's Wunderland (b03ls16f)
Series 2
Episode 2
A trip to Wunderland (a poundland of magical realms), which is getting awarded the prestigious by-the-sea status.
Sketch show by Alice Lowe.
Also starring Richard Glover, Simon Greenall, Rachel Stubbings, Clare Thompson and Marcia Warren.
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.
WED 22:55 Comedy Club Extra (m000gnkz)
Jon Holmes Does...
The Doors Of Perception 3/3
Jon Holmes attempts to throw open The Doors of Perception with Awareness Explorer, Amir Giles.
WED 23:00 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac (b007wh7j)
Episode 4
Jersey-born comedian Will Smith continues his obsession with 1980s BBC TV detective series Bergerac.
He's using an audio book of his star, John Nettles, reading the Tao, to navigate the minefield of his life, with the help of a special guest.
How Will is wondering how he can defend his machismo when he is scared of his builders.
With Ewan Bailey, John Nettles, Dan Tetsell, Roger Drew and Rachel Bavidge.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.
WED 23:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hxqnm)
And the Hackett March on...
Milford, Parker and Marmite venture to Moran's ruins to try and locate the "ancient finding device", while Raamen Bod summons general Geezer to finish them off once and for all. Continuing the epic and timeless tale of two men and their quest to find "The Sofa of Time", the most magical and powerful item of furniture in the entire universe.
It is said that those who sit on the sofa can be transported to anywhere and anytime.
Fantasy sitcom written by Nick Frost and Matt King.
Milford Matt King.
Parker Nick Frost
Marmite Mark Heap
Raamen Bod Peter Serafinowicz
With Kevin Eldon, Julia Deakin, Janei Anderson, Daisy Jones and Simon Pegg.
Producer: Mario Stylianides
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

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THU 01:30 The Mother of the Sea (b04g7rd5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068xjtq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816twn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsjx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b0146clv)
A Case for Paul Temple
4. In Which Sir Graham Is Surprised
A dead man's watch chain leads Paul and Steve to the San Chow, one of London's leading Chinese restaurants.
In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.
Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.
Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.
Paul Temple Crawford Logan
Steve Gerda Stevenson
Sir Graham Gareth Thomas
Major Peters Greg Powrie
Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood
Sheila Baxter Melody Grove
Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood
Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie
Layland Robin Laing
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.
THU 06:30 Tarzan: Lord of the Jungle (b01cjm50)
In 1912 Edgar Rice Burroughs created the character of Tarzan who quickly became a global sensation.
When the books were first adapted for the big screen in 1918, the resulting film was one of the first ever to take over a million dollars at the box office. Way ahead of his time, Burroughs ignored the advice of business 'experts' who told him not to roll out the character across different formats. By doing so, he was one of the true pioneers of the multi-media franchises that have since become the norm.
Tarzan himself has been as troubling as he has been popular - the different characterisations that have appeared in the hundreds of books, films, radio shows, comic books, cartoons etc., make it very hard to pinpoint one single, authentic character. Some critics have derided him for his affirmation of white, colonial assumptions, while others have championed his eco-warrior credentials.
One thing is for sure - with a range of new books and films appearing, the character of Tarzan has lost little of his original appeal.
John Waite talks with, among others, James Sullos of ERB Inc., Desmond Morris to find out about the plausibility of the notion of a baby being raised by apes, and cultural historian Jeffrey Richards.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
THU 07:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dhm)
Series 1
Ranting and Railings
Miss Black's vision is for all houses to have matching Victorian railings - and hers must be authentic. But her lodger, Victor sparks chaos when he gets the erection dates muddled up.
The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.
Frances Tomelty stars in Annie McCartney's sitcom.
Sally Frances Tomelty
Miss Black Roma Tomelty
Fintan Gerard Murphy
Evie Katy Gleadhill
Victor Alan Mckee

Saffron Ali White
 Anna Bethan Lloyd
 Simon Patrick Gleadhill
 Trevor Gerard McSorley
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Tanya Nash.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
THU 07:30 The Break (b0b4ztdn)
 Series 2
 Monday on the Beach with George
 Andy helps Jeff track down a vital document. Thanks to a rapacious seagull, the quest ends in a literal cliffhanger. Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Shobna Gulati star.
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 08:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b007jx22)
 Star Parade
 The King of Knotty Ash aims his tickling stick at holidays and DIY.
 This show is from the 'Star Parade' series - one-off shows featuring the biggest stars of TV and radio at the time
 With Judith Chalmers, Cardew Robinson and Harold Berens.
 Music from The Springfields.
 Script co-written with Eddie Braben.
 Producer: Eric Miller.
 First heard on the BBC Light Programme in July 1963.
THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sz54y)
 Series 4
 Episode 4
 Can Tim escape the villains? Will Jo do a love scene with King Harold?
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs and parodies.
 Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
 Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle and Bill Oddie. Plus Andy Smith and Don Currell.
 Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
 Music and songs by Dave Lee and Bill Oddie.
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1966.
THU 09:00 Booked (b0075sqz)
 Series 4
 Episode 3
 Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent writing game.
 Regular panellists Mark Thomas and Dillie Keane are joined by Roger McGough and Miles Kington.
 Producer: Marc Jobst
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.
THU 09:30 Capital Gains (b00shdzt)
 Series 2
 Seed Capital
 Billionaire philanthropist Julius Hutch has never voted, but when his wife leaves home and a compulsory purchase order arrives, he takes action.
 Peter Jones stars as Julius Hutch.
 Written by Collin Johnson.
 Julius Hutch Peter Jones
 Pauline Tone Celestine Randall
 Kate Justine Midda
 Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham
 Sir Gainford Bloumy Stephen Thorne
 Dahlia Sprout Jillie Meers
 Other parts played by Collin Johnson, David Holt and Brian Perkins.
 Producers: Andy Jordan and David Blount
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
THU 10:00 Jean de Coras - The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070stnx)
 Episode 1
 Martin Guerre lived in the Pyrenean village of Artigat and was charged with being an impostor on his return after an absence of eight years.
 But the trial left many questions unanswered.
 Guy Meredith's two-part dramatisation by from the trial notes of the 16th-century French judge, Jean de Coras.
 Starring Sean Bean as Martin Guerre and Lesley Dunlop as his wife Bertrande.
 Jean de Coras... Olivier Pierre
 Sanxi Guerre... Alex Norton
 Pierre Guerre... Andrew Melville
 Andreu de Rols... John Church
 Mme de Rols... Jill Graham
 Priest... John Webb
 Jean de Loze... Jonathan Adams
 Jean d'Escomeboeuf... Keith Drinkel
 Catherine Boeri... Sirlol Jenkins
 Other parts played by John Fleming, Steve Hodson, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Jo Kendall, Federay Holmes, Peter Penry Jones, Eric Allan and Peter Gunn. With Henry Power and Anna Abrahams as the children.
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.
THU 11:00 At the Crucible by Kevin Barry (b07glx7s)
 A tense snooker match plays out on the tele and the bond between a father and son is revisited.
 David Schofield reads a short story by the acclaimed writer Kevin Barry.
 Specially commissioned for broadcast on BBC Radio 4. Kevin

is an award winning writer novelist and short story writer.
 In 2013 his debut novel City of Bohane won the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and in 2015, his novel Beatlebone won the Goldsmith's Prize.
 Producer: Justine Willett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.
THU 11:15 Drama (b060zbpj)
 Nicholas Gleaves - Another Life
 Two strangers bump into each other in the bread aisle of the local supermarket. It's a meeting that will mark both their lives in unexpected places and unexpected ways.
 Both are currently following the map of their lives, Glenn makes marble kitchen tops and is married to Claire, surrounded by the monotonous demands of family life, and Suzanne is married to psychotherapist Guy who is definitely 'on the verge'.
 An encounter with an attractive stranger releases butterflies in your belly. That attractive stranger is now talking to you and you just can't stop yourself from imagining what their life's like - how their life could revitalize yours and how your new life together would be the answer to all your questions.
 It just so happens that this stranger's inventing a version of your life too.
 Fast forward ten years and they are reminded of what could have been in 'Another Life'.
 Nicholas Gleaves' drama stars Stephen Tompkinson and Natasha Little.
 Glenn Stephen Tompkinson
 Suzanne Natasha Little
 Guy Adrian Lukis
 Clare Beth Goddard
 Bridget Sara Markland
 Adrian James Joyce
 Nicholas Richard Atlee
 With Jonathan McGougan, Sky Yang and Charlotte Glennister as the children.
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2015.
THU 12:00 The Ken Dodd Show (b007jx22)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00sz54y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Paul Temple (b014gclv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Tarzan: Lord of the Jungle (b01cjm50)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068xx7)
 Episode 4
 Ivy loses her temper and keeps her secret close and Kasim repays Alice with a joke.
 Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.
 Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks.
 Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.
 While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.
 Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.
 Abridged by Sally Marmion
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.
THU 14:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816tcm)
 Series 1
 Darwinism
 It's the most celebrated period of British ingenuity, but are our Victorian forebears due a rethink?
 Sci-curious sisters Kat and Helen Arney are on hand with some revisionist revelations that could turn what we think we know completely upside down.
 Charles Darwin's discoveries have done more than anything before or since to radically change the way we think about natural history and where we came from. It's one of the most robust and powerful scientific concepts of all time and Darwin applied it across the animal kingdom - but he was always reluctant to be drawn on the role of natural selection in human development. However, his cousin Francis Galton had no such qualms, and used Darwin's ideas to develop a theory of Eugenics.
 Between the good of Darwin and the bad of Galton, whose ideas were the more powerful?
 Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics.
 A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.
THU 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jsk8)
 Still Life, Part 1/7
 The parents are upset when Frederica prepares to leave home and Marcus goes to live with his sister.
 Still Life is the second of four AS Byatt novel adaptations chronicling the lives of the Potter family, set against the social and political landscape of England of 1953-1970.
 Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
 Young Frederica Hannah Watkins
 Wilkie James Callis

Alexander Adam Kotz
 Daniel Shaun Dooley
 Stephanie Helen Longworth
 Francis Owen Hannah Dee
 Young Doctor Peter Darney
 All four novels dramatised in 30 parts by John Harvey.
 Producer: Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
THU 14:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05pqsqb)
 Episode 4
 Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area:
 He recalls the Victorian author Richard Jeffries, inhabitant and walker of Surbiton, which made him an early 'edgeland'.
 Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester
 Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author
 Producer Duncan Minshull
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THU 17:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dgm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 The Break (b0b4ztdn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k2ty)
 Alarm Clock On The Night Table by Zoran Zivkovic
 An unusual chain of events forces an elderly woman to confront a tragedy from her past.
 Zoran Zivkovic gripping story is read by Anna Massey.
 Fantastic Tales is a collection of weird and wonderful stories from around the world.
 Translated from the Serbian by Alice Cople-Tosic.
 Director: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b044dn8b)
 Series 34
 Jazzie B on James Brown
 Soul II Soul's Jazzie B tells Matthew Parris why he nominates James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul", for this series.
 Jazzie B, who was awarded a CBE for services to black British music, spent time latterly with James Brown and he became "like a big brother."
 He shares personal reflections on Mr Brown's life and legacy, with help from the music journalist Charles Shaar Murray.
 Producer: Maggie Ayre
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Newsjack (m000gc7c)
 Series 22
 Episode 6
 The week's news stories lovingly moulded into sketches and one-liners by the public
THU 23:00 Elvenquest (b00kjjyy)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 The Quest continues. Sam has his death foretold by the Oracle of Fenrog. Lord Darkness books himself in for a retox and Kreech unwittingly releases the dreaded Night Demon, whose intentions for the future of the universe, as his name suggests, aren't good.
 More comic adventures set in lower Earth where fantasy writer Sam has been coerced into joining a band of intrepid heroes as they battle the dread forces of evil in search of the legendary sword of Asnagar!
 Fantasy sitcom written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
 Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb
 Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd
 Dean The Dwarf Kevin Eldon
 Sam Stephen Mangan
 Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
 Amazon Princess, Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman
 Producers: Anil Gupta & Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
THU 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00fr1vh)
 C'est la Legion
 It's very important to remember that the French Foreign Legion is a ruthless and violent fighting unit, so if Brian, Derek and Sue find themselves fighting the Tuareg in a fort in Africa then they deserve our admiration.
 And anyway, they only joined by mistake.
 More surreal escapades of a trio of 'posties' written by and

starring Ben Miller. With John Thompson and Felicity Montagu.

Brian Ben Miller
Derek John Thomson
Sue Felicity Montagu
Mr Tippett Alastair McGowan
Mr Tilbury Jim Barclay
Tony Hadley Vinnie Jones
Music by Murray Gold
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05pqsckb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 on Thursday]

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FRI 05:00 Two Doors Down (b0086dhm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 The Break (b0b4ztdn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b014qncy)

A Case for Paul Temple

In Which Mr Layland Tells the Truth

Episode 5 of a new production of a vintage serial from 1946. From 1938 to 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and his glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. Sadly, only half of Temple's adventures survive in the archives.

In 2006 BBC Radio 4 brought one of the lost serials back to life with Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson as Paul and Steve. Using the original scripts and incidental music, and recorded using vintage microphones and sound effects, the production of Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery aimed to sound as much as possible like the 1947 original might have done if its recording had survived. The serial proved so popular that it was soon followed with equal success by two more revivals, Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery and Paul Temple and Steve. Now, from 1946, it's the turn of A Case for Paul Temple, in which Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as "Valentine"...

Episode 5: In Which Mr Layland Tells the Truth

Hot on the heels of the Valentine gang, Paul and Steve set out on a high speed midnight drive to the coast.

Paul Temple CRAWFORD LOGAN

Steve GERDA STEVENSON

Sir Graham GARETH THOMAS

Major Peters GREG POWRIE

Supt. Wetherby RICHARD GREENWOOD

Sheila Baxter MELODY GROVE

Mary ELIZA LANGLAND

Charles Kelvin NICK UNDERWOOD

Sir Gilbert Dryden MICHAEL MACKENZIE

Layland ROBIN LAING

Producer Patrick Rayner

Francis Durbridge, the creator of Paul Temple, was born in Hull in 1912 and died in 1998. He one of the most successful novelists, playwrights and scriptwriters of his day.

FRI 06:30 Vines on the Front Line (b00x97hw)

"The message from a glass of Lebanese wine should be tolerance and openness between civilizations. It's more than fermented grape juice." Ramzi Ghosn, Massaya Wines. For Radio 4, the BBC's Middle East Editor, Jeremy Bowen, takes time out from reporting conflicts to give vinophiles a new perspective on an ancient story. Lebanon is not a place you naturally associate with winemaking.

It is a Middle Eastern country nestled between Arab neighbours whose religion forbids them to drink alcohol. It is also a country that has been scarred by war, from the 15-year civil war from 1975-1990, to the recent Israeli-Lebanon conflict in 2006.

But Lebanon is also an ancient civilisation, a country of merchants and traders - its history dating back to Noah, the first winemaker in the Bible. Fittingly the Temple of Bacchus, an impressive tribute to the God of wine, is situated amongst the ruins of Balbek, in the Bekaa Valley, a region these days better known for Hezbollah than hedonism. But the temple, like

Lebanese wine, has survived centuries of war and the winemakers of the Bekka are optimistic wine will outlive war.

Sharing stories with the wine makers who, in defiance and dedication to their craft, continue to grow their vines so close to the frontline, Jeremy delves into the cultural and ethnic mosaic of this unstable but extraordinary country.

Producer: Gemma Newby

An All Out production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

FRI 07:00 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

Series 1

Mount Kilimanjaro

After treatment for Ovarian and breast cancer Chippy is mad, Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles. In Bad Salsa, two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!

Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression, the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death. Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past twenty years. For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. The characters in the series have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." As in the real world, the challenges of everyday life go on for our characters; like us they have boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents, but unlike us their brush with mortality has given them a new perspective. The fun and excitement of the series is in watching them decide to preserve the pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"

The series follows the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.

Writer Kay Stonham

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

FRI 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000t4z)

Series 3

Because She's Worth It

Work at Hardacre's advertising agency is brought to a standstill when Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) becomes obsessed with a series of literary thrillers – the continuing adventures of John Soldier in titles such as Kill And Let Die and The Deathman Cometh. Soon he has Joe (Mathew Baynton) and Amanda (Josie Lawrence) hooked on them as well, and all work is put on hold as the team obsess over the most exciting books they've ever read.

Meanwhile, Hardacre (Nigel Havers) receives a visit from an old flame (guest star Frances Barber), and finds himself caught in a battle for her affections with a wholly unexpected opponent.

Cast:

Hardacre.....Nigel Havers

Joe.....Mathew Baynton

Amanda.....Josie Lawrence

Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker

Laura.....Olivia Nixon

Laurie Patterson.....Frances Barber

Book Launch Host.....Edward Rowett

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)

The Great Footwear Scandal

The bumbling civil servants must find 5000 boots, fast. Stars Wilfrid Hyde-White and Richard Murdoch. From October 1962.

FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0084hrz)

Series 2

Episode 5

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel tries to bamboozle a millionaire.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Starring Michael Roberts as Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel and Frank Lazarus as Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli

With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.

Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1991.

FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b5wylf)

From 10/02/1981

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Ben Travers, Ray Cooney and Leslie Phillips

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pinton.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1981.

FRI 09:30 Molesworth (m000gccc)

The Arts

School terror Nigel Molesworth has grown up and offers his guide to modern life.

FRI 10:00 Jean de Coras - The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070wmg2)

Episode 2

Martin Guerre's wife, Bertrande, has accepted him on his return after eight years' absence and borne him two further children. But then she accuses him of being an impostor...

Conclusion of a two-part dramatisation by Guy Meredith from the trial notes of the 16th-century French judge, Jean de Coras. Starring Sean Bean as Martin Guerre and Lesley Dunlop as Bertrande.

Jean de Coras..... Olivier Pierre

Bertrande's Mother... Jill Graham

Pierre Guerre.... Andrew Melville

Sanglas.... Steve Hodson

Mme Sanglas.... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Francoise.... Jo Kendall

Carbon Barrau.... Peter Gunn

Guillem.... Eric Allan

Shepherd / Dominique Pujol... John Fleming

Magistrate Peter Penry Jones

Other parts played by Federay Holmes, John Church, Keith

Drinkel, Jonathan Adams, John Webb and Sirlol Jenkins.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000gccc)

Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0084hrz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Paul Temple (b014qncy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Vines on the Front Line (b00x97hw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Tessa Hadley - The Past (b068yhql)

Episode 5

Today: The children observe more strange adult behaviour and Harriet experiences something new.

Sian Thomas reads Tessa Hadley's powerful and haunting new novel, a beautifully observed portrait of a family and the change wrought by time across the generations.

Three middle-aged sisters and a brother meet up in their grandparents' old house for three long, hot summer weeks.

Under the idyllic surface, there are immediate tensions. Secrets, misunderstandings and passion play out as the characters shift and reappraise and a way of life - bourgeois, literate, ritualised - winds down to its inevitable end.

While the siblings circle each other, and the adolescents approach each other, the children watch and come to their own conclusions.

Tessa Hadley is one of Britain's finest writers, an acute observer of character, time and place and the most published short story writer in the New Yorker in recent years.

The reader is Sian Thomas

The abridger is Sally Marmion

The producer is Di Speirs

FRI 14:15 Did the Victorians Ruin the World? (b0816tp3)

Series 1

Toilets

It's the most celebrated period of British ingenuity, but are our Victorian forebears due a rethink? Sci-curious sisters Kat and Helen Arney are on hand with some revisionist revelations that could turn what we think we know completely upside down.

Was the water-based toilet the pinnacle of 19th century hygienic invention, or did the Victorians literally flush away our most precious resource? Why did they choose the water closet over the alternatives that were available to them - the Earth Closet and the Air Closet? And was there a Fire Closet too (or was that just the result of that other great Victorian import, the curry?)

Helen Arney is a presenter and comedian, and Dr Kat Arney is a writer and broadcaster who has published a book on genetics.

A Hat Trick production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

FRI 14:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jskj)

Still Life, Part 2/7

Frederica leaves for the south of France, while Stephanie and Daniel are celebrating. Stars Hannah Watkins and Shaun Dooley.

FRI 14:45 Landmarks, by Robert Macfarlane (b05pr507)

Episode 5

Robert Macfarlane visits some inspiring places, to meet the people and 'collect' the words that evoke the area:

5. Children, he reckons, are uniquely imaginative on their nature rambles, often inventing a language to express their little adventures.

Abridged for radio by Penny Leicester

Readers: Tobias Menzies and the author

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015

FRI 15:00 Jean de Coras - The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070wmg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b5wylf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Molesworth (m000gccq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000t4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Fantastic Tales (b007k30x)

Arthur Machen - The White People

Exploring the nature of good and evil - and sin's origins - via a teenager's diary. Read by Ioan Meredith and Louise Collins.

FANTASTIC TALES

A season of five tales from around the world exploring the weird and the wonderful.

The featured stories provide insights into the different literary traditions of the selected countries and also show how fantasy is at its best when used to explore the preoccupations of everyday life.

The season takes us to Japan, Delhi, Eastern Europe, the Welsh borders and America, profiling new, classic and cult authors.

Third in the season is "The White People" by Arthur Machen
Transmission details: 18th March at 1830 (repeated at midnight-thirty)

The nature of good and evil and the origins of sin are explored in this intriguing story.

Two learned gentlemen are in the middle of a heated theological debate. One poses the controversial theory that someone can be a great sinner without actually committing a sin. The other demands evidence of how this can be the case. His opponent produces a diary written by a teenage girl that he claims will provide irrefutable proof. The young girl now picks up the story. In a sequence of diary entries, she tells of her relationship with "the white people" who she goes to meet in the local forest. It is never completely revealed who these people are. With each encounter, she is given tantalising clues on how to reclaim Paradise. She is on the point of making a dramatic discovery when her account comes to an abrupt end. It is left to the now owner of the diary to bring her story to its chilling conclusion.

Read by Ioan Meredith and Louise Collins.

A contemporary of Robert Louis Stevenson and Arthur Conan Doyle, Arthur Machen was a leading Welsh author of the late 19th Century. He is cited by many contemporary writers as a major influence. His love for the Gwent landscape and its associations with Celtic and Roman history lies at the heart of his work.

(Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins)

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076tdr)

The Road to Hell

Matthew Parris asks Helen Walsh, Jay Benedict and poet Attila the Stockbroker about the sulphurous road to hell. From August 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00xj4lb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0084hzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Paul Temple (b014qncy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Vines on the Front Line (b00x97hw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000gccc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000t4z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b062kx4n)

Series 2

Coffee

Comedian Simon Evans returns with a new series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - we are addicted to. If you crave your daily coffee, can't get by without a cigarette, feel that mid-afternoon slump without your sugar-fix, or can't face an evening without a glass of wine, you are definitely not alone. But have you ever thought about the economics that has made your addiction possible? Who does it profit? And would you want to make some canny investments that take advantage of our human weaknesses?

In this series, Simon Evans looks at the economics, history and health issues behind these oh-so-addictive commodities.

This week it's coffee. How much are we now drinking as a nation? And how much of the price of a cup of coffee is actually the coffee beans? Are we giving coffee growers the best deal when we buy Fairtrade coffee or should we be seeking out Direct trade coffee? And could this be the least harmful of all addictions? Perhaps even a positive addiction, with the coffee shop being, as Steven Johnson said (in his recent 'Where good ideas come from' TED talk), 'a place where ideas can have sex'?

Simon speaks to specialist coffee experts Onny Loisel and Michael Cleland. He is also joined by economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset-Webb, as he walks us around the economics of this very familiar commodity and pokes fun at our relationship with it.

Presented by Simon Evans, with Onny Loisel and Michael Cleland, Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset Webb.

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.

Produced by Claire Jones.

FRI 23:00 Love in Recovery (b076hsdd)

Series 2

Parents

Second series of the award-nominated comedy drama set in Alcoholics Anonymous, written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery. Stars Sue Johnston, John Hannah, Eddie Marsan, Rebecca Front, Paul Kaye and Julia Deakin. Love in Recovery follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Taking place entirely at their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and - most importantly - tell their stories.

In this fifth episode, Simon's son Joe (Alex Lawther) is grounded, so Simon (John Hannah) has dragged him along to the meeting. He's in trouble, he's worried, he's out of his depth. And that's just Simon. Will Julie (Sue Johnston) have the answers he's looking for?

Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found support from the unlikeliest group of disparate souls - with one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.

There are lots of different kinds of AA meetings. Love in Recovery is about meetings where people tell their stories. There are funny stories, sad stories, stories of small victories and milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and those stories that you really shouldn't laugh at - but still do, along with the storyteller.

Written and created by Pete Jackson

Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield

A Lucky Giant production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007jz8b)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 4

After meeting Rory McGrath on TV, the legendary player is called to Buckingham Palace. Stars Chris Douglas. From May 2004.