

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2020

SAT 00:00 Planet B (b00pgqf0)

Series 2

Dark Star

In Light City you are either with the police or against them. Whichever side you're on, there are points to be earned. But when an uncompromising vigilante arrives it looks like the rules are changing.

Lioba Tessa Nicholson

Kip Joseph Cohen-Cole

Blend Emerald O'Hanrahan

Fabian Ewan Hooper

Cerberus Chris Pavlo

Voice of Planet B Adjoa Andoh

Other Parts Melissa Advani, Kate Layden, Rhys Jennings

and Piers Wehner

Written by Matthew Broughton.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076tvb)

It's Not What You Know

Matthew Parris, Alexander Waugh, Emma Richler and Susie

Boyt reflect on the pervasive power of nepotism. From

September 2005.

SAT 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hw1vb)

Series 1

The Legacy

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook seems personally affected by a theft from a young woman.

Max, meanwhile, is hauled in by their boss...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS

Dave Brook. His sidekick is 23-year-old 'grammar school boy'

DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach David Daker

Mrs Kendall Jessie Evans

Billie Sellars Roy Holder

Susan Graham Victoria Plucknett

Tommy Johnny Wade

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

SAT 01:30 The Art of the Menu (b04jz3v)

At the family restaurant run by Ben Schott's in-laws just outside Trenton, New Jersey, there is no written menu. Once, during the war, Giacomo Rosati wrote out the dishes and their prices - not to show customers what was being served but to show what was being charged. The practice didn't last. That menu hangs decoratively but redundantly on the wall.

So, back in his New York neighbourhood, Ben learns that every menu tells its own story - quite literally in the curious menu collection of Bernard Freed. For forty odd years, Bernard wrote what he ate and how it tasted on the back of his menu alongside the film he saw after each meal. They're in the New York Public Library.

The menu is a compromise between cooking and commerce.

Using artful language (scrumptious* anyone?) and clever graphics, it is simultaneously about - and not about - the food. Ben meets a chef who writes menus and a menu designer who rarely uses one, discovering the tricks and secrets of that little piece of paper or fancily decorated card.

With The Homestead Inn's Giacomo and Peter Rosati;

Birmingham-born, Manhattan-based chef April Bloomfield;

The New York Public Library's Rebecca Federman who co-

curates What's On The Menu?; graphic designer and menu

supremo Matteo Bologna; Kate Krader, Restaurant Editor at

Food and Wine magazine; and Eisenbergs lunch counter regular

Mark Kirschner.

* Braised lamb breasts, breaded and deep fried with a little mint vinegar sauce on the side.

Reader: Tina Lohmann

Produced by Tamsin Hughes

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

SAT 02:00 Death in the Fifth Position by Gore Vidal

(b06grn50)

Episode 10

With McCarthyism reaching fever pitch in 1950s America, Peter Sargeant - a dashing PR man - is hired by the Grand St Petersburg ballet to fend off rumours that their star choreographer is a communist. But New York's ballet world is shocked when, on the opening night, the lead ballerina plummets to her death from a wire, maintaining her classical pose in the 'fifth position' as she hits the floor.

Gore Vidal's earlier novel The City and the Pillar was published in 1948 when the author was 23 years old. Its central story of a homosexual relationship caused such a scandal that the New York Times book critic refused to review any book by Gore Vidal. Others followed his lead and the author found himself at a loss as to how to continue to earn a living through his pen until a publisher suggested that he turn his hand to writing under a different name. Death In the Fifth Position was published in 1952 - the first of a trio of entertainments featuring Peter Cutler Sargeant II as a publicist turned private eye.

Episode 10:

It would appear that Mr Washburn has decided to let Jane Garden take the fall. He is willing to see her arrested and have

her reputation ruined even when she is found innocent, in order for the ballet company to continue its tour. Peter continues to piece together his theory of what happened, but time is running out. He needs to spend some time with Louis to find out what he knows. It's an evening that involves alcohol and a bathhouse. The music used in the series is (as mentioned in the story)

Bartok's Concerto For Orchestra.

Written by Edgar Box (Gore Vidal)

Read by Jamie Parker

Abridged by Isobel Creed

Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:15 Cosmic Quest (b00bvscm)

The Imperfect Cosmos

Astronomer Heather Couper looks at Tycho Brahe's realisation that the heavens change - that a planet's orbit could be predicted.

SAT 02:30 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (b007jstn)

A Whistling Woman, Part 7/7

Alexander hosts a play to raise cash for repairs and a fire at the farm has dire consequences. Stars Indira Varma.

SAT 02:45 Gavin Francis - Adventures in Human Being (b05x1qd)

Episode 5

Gavin Francis leads us through a cultural map of the body - an adventure in what it means to be human. Drawing on his own experiences as a physician and writer, he blends first-hand case studies with reflections on the way the body has been imagined and portrayed over millennia.

His journey ends at the foot - a marvel of engineering often overlooked by anatomists and medical students.

It's thanks to the arches of our feet that we stepped into our humanity more than two million years ago.

Read by Bill Paterson

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Produced by Hannah Marshall

A Loftus production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 03:00 Jill Paton Walsh - The Wyndham Case (b007jrsd)

The locked library of St Agatha's College in Cambridge houses an invaluable collection of 17th-century volumes. It also contains one dead student. A tragic accident - or is there some more mysterious and deadly circumstance surrounding the death of model student Philip Skellow?

If anyone can find out, it's college nurse and amateur sleuth,

Imogen Quy, and her policeman friend, Mike.

Imogen Quy Carolyn Pickles

Mike Parsons Richard Derrington

Sir William Jeffery Dench

Lady Buckmoat Marlene Sidaway

Fran Bullion Tracey Wyles

Mountnensing Charles Collingwood

Mrs. Skellow Gillian Goodman

Lord Goldhooper Ian Brooker

Nick Tom George

Emily and Tracy Claire Corbett

Catherine and Felicity Jasmine Hyde

Jack Thomas Arnold

Phillip Skellow Alex Trinder

Roger Martyn Read

Written by Jill Paton Walsh and dramatised by Neville Teller.

Directed in Birmingham by Peter Lesley Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b04st61b)

From 19/05/1981

Peter Jones tests the knowledge of three comedy experts: Carry on film star Charles Hawtrey, the comedian famed for his catchphrase 'You lucky people' Tommy Trinder and composer/conductor Ron Goodwin.

Featuring questions about the classic British film comedies, Charles Hawtrey reveals his favourite out of the 24 Carry on films which he appeared in. There are also rounds on music in comedy films and childhood.

Looking at all kinds of comedy, Funny You Should Ask ran for seven series from 1978 to 1982.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1981.

SAT 04:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k1s6)

The Hiking Holiday

John and his best friend Tony find face dodgy hotels and sinister monks, but love is in the air...

Written by John Hegley.

Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnelly, Terry Malloy, Sunny

Ormonde and Andy Hockley.

Original music by Nigel Piper.

Director: Anne Eadyvean.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

SAT 05:00 Electric Ink (b01jrt6d)

Series 2

Episode 2

By Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Maddox refuses to give up a source. Could he really face prison.

Maddox John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Masha Debbie Chazen

Policeman Henry Devas

Warder Adeel Akhtar

Producer Sally Avens

Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson's satire is set in the world of modern newspapers.

A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.

At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley, a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.

SAT 05:30 Just a Minute (b00gvjgg)

Series 54

Episode 5

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game. The panellists are Paul Merton, Liza Tarbuck, Gyles Brandreth and Sue Perkins. Episode first broadcast on 26th January 2009.

SAT 06:00 Morse (b007k4jl)

Last Seen Wearing

Inspector Morse is reluctant to take over an old missing person case from a dead colleague, but murder is Morse's speciality and the case soon has complications.

Stars John Shrapnel as Morse and Robert Glenister as Lewis

First published in 1976. Colin Dexter's second Morse crime

novel dramatised by Guy Meredith.

Inspector Morse John Shrapnel

Sergeant Lewis Robert Glenister

Donald Philipson Miles Anderson

Sheila Philipson Melinda Walker

Gwen Taylor Frances Jeater

George Taylor Donald Sumpter

Valerie Taylor Tamsin Greig

Reginald Baines Terence Edmond

Chief Supt. Strange John Hartley

Mrs Ainley Auriol Smith

John McGuire Paul Panting

Sergeant Dickson Lyndam Gregory

David Acum David Jarvis

Joe James Taylor

Versatile Vera Emily Woolf

Police Surgeon Don McCorkindale

Sergeant Onslow Michael Onslow

Radio 3 announcer Catriona Young

Theme music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04fz6ky)

Series 34

Tom Shakespeare on Gramsci

Dr Tom Shakespeare is a lecturer at the Medical School in the University of East Anglia and prominent campaigner for the rights of the disabled.

He explains to Matthew Parris why the life and work of the Italian left-wing revolutionary Antonio Gramsci means a great deal to him personally.

They're joined in the studio by Professor Anne Sassoon.

Producer: Christine Hal

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.1

SAT 08:00 Counterpoint (b00j6bbl)

Series 23

2009 Heat 3

From London, Paul Gambaccini host the music quiz with

contestants from Surrey, Middlesex and Lincolnshire. From

2009.

SAT 08:30 Bangers and Mash (b0075hby)

Episode 6

The toffee tin with half the company profits is missing. With only three days to go, can the two-and-a-half grand be collected in time?

Conclusion of the six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.

Stars Roger May as Juan, Catherine Harvey as Martina, Gerard

McDermott as Jimmy, Jane Whittenshaw as Carol and Mark

Straker as Kingsley.

Director: Catherine Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0v0)

The 1950s

Episode 2

Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest

and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

Six more favourite shows plucked from the 1950s schedules of

the BBC Home Service and BBC Light Programme:

* Much Binding in the Marsh:

From 28/8/1953

The Weekly Bind brings you Mr Mulch's gardening and Patience Gush's poetry. Stars Kenneth Horne, Richard Murdoch, Maurice Denham, Dora Bryan and Sam Costa. From August 1953.

* Variety Bandbox:
From 22/01/1950
Comedy and songs with Frankie Howerd, Billy Ternent, Jerry Allen, Barbara Leigh, Peter Sellers, Bill Kerr and Philip Slessor. From January 1950.

* Just Fancy:
From 08/03/51
A grumpy neighbour and a helicopter ride. Gentle sketch show starring Eric Barker and his wife Pearl Hackney. From March 1951.

* Educating Archie:
From 01/03/1959
Brough makes a bet that he and Archie Andrews can travel round the British Isles in eight days. Radio ventriloquism with Dick Emery, Bernard Bresslaw and Warren Mitchell. From March 1959.

* Meet The Huggetts:
Loser Pays
Joe and Fred's attempt to teach their wives a lesson backfires. Stars Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison and Kenneth Connor. From September 1957.

* Hancock's Half Hour:
Series 5 (7/20) Hancock's School
Inspired by Bill and supplied by Sid, the lad turns his home into a centre of learning. Stars Tony Hancock. With Sid James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams. From March 1958. Produced and scripted by Peter Reed
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2003.

SAT 12:00 It's Your Round (b018g279)
Series 2
Episode 1
The first in a new series in which the panellists bring their own round for the other panellists to play.
Angus Deayton presides over a panel of comedians - Miles Jupp, Fred MacAulay, Josie Long and Nick Helm - all trying to beat each other at their own games.
Featured rounds:
Miles Jupp's 'Test Match Specialists', a quiz using the rules and regulations of the 'world's finest sport' (Miles' words)
Fred MacAulay's 'Play Your Various Different Categories Right', like 'Play Your Cards Right', but with other variables such as Scottish landmarks, household accident statistics, Radio 4 presenter's heights and, er, the song 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' by Band Aid.
Josie Long's 'Dream Day Job' in which panellists have to guess an audience member's dream day job by asking yes/no questions.
Nick Helm's 'Cream Crackered' in which panellists have to eat as many cream crackers as they can in a minute...commentated on by Test Match Special's very own, Henry Blofeld.
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
SAT 12:30 Such Rotten Luck (b0648pf9)
Series 2
Kiss My Hand, Iris
Struggling writer Woodhouse continues his fruitless search for literary fame and fortune.
Six further ups and downs in the comic life of a second-class writer.
Comedy drama series written by Ronald Hayman.
Woodhouse Tim Pigott-Smith
Gila Zoe Wanamaker
Seamus Stephen Rea
Wilhelmina Susie Bran
Henrietta Miriam Karlin
McVomitory Bill Wallis
Colonel Benjamin Witrow
Mrs Mellon Sheila Hancock
Mark Geoffrey Whitehead
Penelope Celia Imrie
Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop
Director: Piers Plowright
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1991.
SAT 13:00 The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (Omnibus) (m000hgq5)
Episode 2
George Eliot's novel of grand passions and tormented lives to mark the 140th Anniversary of George Eliot's death this year. The final omnibus of episodes 6-10 adapted by Rhiannon Tise. George Eliot's absorbing tragedy of financial ruin, desire, betrayal and moral conflict.
Four years have passed and Maggie is reunited with a friend from the past and Tom is determined to help his father win back The Mill.
George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin
Maggie Joanna Vanderham
Stephen Jack Farthing
Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi
Tom Will Kirk
Lucy Eil Potter
Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose
Mrs Tulliver Alison Bellin
Mr Wakem John Dougal
Bob Kurtis Lowe
Mrs Moss Heather Craney

Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon
Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell
Written by George Eliot
Adapted by Rhiannon Tise
Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale
SAT 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b088nmw)
Phil Collins
Phil Collins shares 'All My Loving' by The Beatles and Bob Dylan's 'The Times They Are A Changin'.'
SAT 14:15 AS Byatt - The Frederica Quartet (Omnibus) (b07kt2ps)
A Whistling Woman
The conclusion of 'The Whistling Woman' and quartet of novels.
CAST:
Older Frederica Rosemary Leach
Frederica Indira Varma
Leo Leagh Conwell
Jacqueline Alison Pettitt
John Ottaker Richard Coyle
Luk Janek Lesniak
Ruth Jasmine Hyde
William Philip Cross
Gideon Stephen Critchlow
Mary Bethany Hague
Daniel Shaun Dooley
Winifred Barbara Flynn
Bill Geoffrey Whitehead
John Ramsden Ben Thomas
Hodgkiss Gerard McDermott : Acting (adult) Hodgkiss
Marcus Carl Prekopp
Eichenbaum Peter Marinker
Surtees Ben Onwukwe
Tewfel Peter Darney
Wijnobel Ian Masters
Written by A.S. Byatt and dramatised by John Harvey.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00nycc0)
Kate Clanchy and Michael Dixon
Sue MacGregor and her guests - poet, Kate Clanchy and director of the Natural History Museum, Sir Michael Dixon discuss their favourite paperbacks by Neil Astley, Paul Torday and H Rider Haggard.
Kate's choice: Staying Alive by Neil Astley
Publisher: Bloodaxe Books
Michael's choice: Salmon Fishing in the Yemmen by Paul Torday
Publisher: Phoenix
Sue's choice: King Solomon's Mines by H Rider Haggard
Publisher: Penguin Classics
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
SAT 16:00 Morse (b007k4j1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04fz6ky)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm6g)
The Secondary Phase
Fit The Twelfth
Arthur and Zaphod learn some unpalatable home truths, but not before disappointment from the ruler of the universe.
Starring Peter Jones as The Book, Simon Jones as Arthur Dent, Geoffrey McGovern as Ford Prefect, Mark Wing-Davey as Zaphod Beeblebrox, David Tate as Eddie, Stephen Moore as Marvin, Ken Campbell as Pudu, Rula Lenska as the Lintillas and Jonathan Pryce as Zarniwoop.
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.
Radiophonic sound and music by Paddy Kingsland.
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.
SAT 18:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmzq)
Is There Anybody There?
Horror legend Vincent Price introduces a tale set in discrete suburbia - home to medium and clairvoyant, Griselda Thorpe and her older sister Edie. And it is to their genteel house that Henry Jollit comes in search of a preview of eternity...
CAST:
Griselda Thorpe Dilys Laye
Edie Thorpe Sylvia Coleridge
Henry Jollit Norman Bird
Music by Derek Price.
Written by William Ingram.
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.
SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0v0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00bwz3)
Sophie Ellis-Bextor
Sophie Ellis-Bextor joins the quick-fire comic for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale. From March 2005.
SAT 22:30 Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test (b038zf13)
Episode 4
Paul Sinha is proudly British. He also loves a quiz. So you would have thought that the UK Citizenship Test, which newcomers to this country must pass to become citizens, would have been right up his street. But the questions in the 2012 and 2013 Home Office guides seem either bizarrely easy - "Where

is Welsh most widely spoken?" - or infuriatingly vague - "What happened in the First World War?".
So Paul has created his own test, to better reflect the things that aspiring migrants should understand before they can call themselves British. In this final episode of the four-part series, he looks who and what Britons consider to be "great", and social cohesion - from what you need to know about weddings and marriage to the 2011 summer riots.
The series intertwines the sort of comedy Paul has become known for on The Now Show, The News Quiz, and Fighting Talk, as well as his own Radio 4 shows The Sinha Test and The Sinha Games, and the command of facts and figures he demonstrates on the ITV quiz show The Chase, with a dash of the patriotism that has seen him banned from the bar at the United Nations.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
Producer: Ed Morrish.
SAT 23:00 Buy Me Up TV (b009p9f3)
Episode 4
Another chance to hear the comedy series inspired by every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.
Starring Justin Edwards, Colin Hout, Katherine Jakeways, Ewen MacIntosh, Alex MacQueen, Greg Proops and this week's special guests, Brian Blessed, Aled Jones and Terry Wogan.
SAT 23:30 Earls of the Court (b00r0yt2)
The Eklov Experience
Comedy drama series by Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright about two Australians down on their luck in London.
Now living with his girlfriend, Johnno is steadying himself for a couples' day out. But his sofa-crashing best mate Lloydie has other plans
Lloydie Stewart Wright
Johnno Will Adamsdale
Nadine Keely Beresford
Security Rufus Wright
Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.
SAT 23:45 Foley and McCall: The Interview (b0076cyy)
The Moroccan Striped Pig
The duo tells Parky about their strange first meeting. With Sean Foley, Hamish McCall and Michael Parkinson. From February 2003.

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SUN 08:30 Home to Roost (m000hfn)
Series 2
Mother's Little Pet
William and Olive are surrounded by pets, but can they have one of their own? Stars Deryck Guyler and Mollie Sugden. From 1975.
Mollie Sugden and Deryck Guyler play Olive and William Wheeler. After forty years working for the same company, William has retired and is trying hard to adapt to his new life of leisure. Olive, on the other hand, is trying to adapt to having her husband under her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage.
This second series ran from 1st July to 23rd September 1975.
Mother's Little Pet
with
JOHN BADDELEY as Nev
PATRICIA GREENE as Kath
YVONNE CHURCHMAN as Ange
GRAHAM WESTON as Bob
Home to Roost theme by ALEX WELSH, played by ALEX WELSH AND HIS BAND
Producer TRAFFORD WHITELOCK (Birmingham)
Contributors
Written By: Anne Jones
Deryck Guyler: Mr Wheeler
Mollie Sugden: Mrs Wheeler

Norman Rssington: Jack Bailey

John Baddeley: Nev

Patricia Greene: Kath

Ysanne Churchman: Ange

Graham Weston: Bob

SUN 09:00 Jerome K. Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel (b01d8ny7)

Episode 1

"I have it!" explained Harris, "what say you to a bicycle tour!" George looked doubtful. "There's a lot of uphill about a bicycle tour," said he, "and the wind is against you." "So there is downhill and the wind behind you," said Harris. "I've never noticed it," said George.

After their adventure afloat, George, Harris and J decide to tour Germany by bicycle.

Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas. Music by Jeremy Nicholas. Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

SUN 09:30 Millport (b00761w5)

Series 2

Happy Returns

It's Irene's 33rd birthday - so the island inhabitants have a few surprises in store...

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce, who hankers after a better life on the mainland.

Stars Lynn Ferguson as Irene, Janet Brown as Moira/Agnes, Lewis McLeod as Alberto/Robert/Ferryman/Bob, Gabriel Quigley as Ena/Bunty and Kenneth Bryans as Dougie.

Music arranged by Oly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b0skpz)

Artists

Yoko Ono

From Edith Piaf to John Lennon. Avant-garde artist Yoko Ono shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young. From June 2007.

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002cdc)

Farmer Wink

Join Farmer Wink on his first ever train journey, for a big day out in London.

He shares stories from his rural upbringing and his theory on how he's maintained a strong Lincolnshire accent, with his travelling companion, BBC Radio Lincolnshire presenter William Wright.

Multi Story is a BBC podcast, presented and produced by Becca Bryers.

First broadcast on Radio 4 Extra in 2019.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b0skq1)

Series 3

Blame

Radiolab explores blame - why do we need it and can we push pass it to forgiveness? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

First broadcast on public radio in the USA.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (b0bf49hg)

Adventures in Poetry - The Farmer's Bride

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with Adventures in Poetry - The Farmer's Bride by Charlotte Mew. A poem of unrequited rural longing first published in 1912 which still has powerful echoes today.

Peggy Reynolds explores its background effect and lasting appeal.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

SUN 12:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06vmzdy)

Series 5

Episode 2

John Finnemore - writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts, regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth - returns for a fifth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined as ever by a cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This second episode sees the voice in John's head push him to tipping point; a new approach to the News; and, well, since you ask him for a tale of espionage...

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme won the BBC Audio Drama Award for 'Best Scripted Comedy with Live Audience' in 2015; and a Radio Academy Silver Award for Comedy in 2014.

"One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" - The Guardian

"The best sketch show in years, on television or radio" - The Radio Times

"The inventive sketch show ... continues to deliver the goods" - The Daily Mail

"Superior comedy" - The Observer

Written by and starring ... John Finnemore

Producer: Ed Morrish

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is a BBC Radio Comedy production.

SUN 13:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0v0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 Penny Gold - Three Days That Shook the World (m000hhfq)

Three Days That Shook the World

By Penny Gold

A reconstruction of three of the most dramatic days in Soviet history - the attempted coup against Mikhail Gorbachev in August 1991 - based on Gorbachev's own account. Imprisoned in a Black Sea dacha with all communications severed, Gorbachev and his family negotiate for their lives, while the coup-leaders attempt to win the country's support and reverse the reforms of the previous years.

Cast

Mikhail Gorbachev.....John Shrapnel

Raisa Gorbachev...Frances Jeater

Irina...Frances Grey

Anatoly.....Stephen Perring

Kseniya.... Lavinia Redman

Anuska.....Annie Tricks

Oleg.....Robert Gwilym

Baklanov.....Bill Wallis

Boldin.....Paul Humpoletz

General Verenniko.....Cornelius Garrett

Directed by John Dryden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bf49hg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06vmzdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Algernon Blackwood - Secret Worship (m000hhfs)

One of the John Silence series of stories of the Supernatural and the Uncanny by Algernon Blackwood: adapted for radio by Sheila Hodgson

'Yes, you are right, it has become fashionable to deny the existence of evil. That does not unfortunately mean that evil has ceased to exist or work upon the face of the earth.'

Author: Algernon Blackwood

Adapted by: Sheila Hodgson

Producer: Harry Catlin

Dr John Silence: Malcolm Hayes

Stephen Hubbard: Fraser Kerr

Cabby: Michael Shannon

Porter: Roger Garmland

Waiter: Peter Whitman

Landlord: Michael Wolf

Man in Post Office: John Bull

Priest: Sion Probert

Bruder Pagel: Alan Dudley

Bruder Kalkman: Denis McCarthy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1975.

SUN 18:45 HG Wells - The Magic Shop (m000hhfv)

4 Extra Debut. Gip comes across a magic shop with his father - but the experience is all rather curious. Read by Leigh Crutchley.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b0skq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Penny Gold - Three Days That Shook the World (m000hhfq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b0skpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002cdc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06vmzdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Twenty Players (b007511f)

Series 1

Hugo De Vries

Forgotten sporting heroes. Steve Rider tells the story of the reckless but exciting racing driver. From June 1995.

SUN 22:45 The Music Teacher (b00smrlt)

Series 1

Episode 6

Written by Richie Webb.

Shut away in a tiny practice room in the bowels of Letchington Arts Centre Nigel endures a steady stream of challenging pupils: a tone deaf Priest struggling to sing mass, a highly-strung harpist with a over-strung harp and the world's most flutulent tuba player rank among the most trying.

Particularly as Nigel is in the middle of an OFSTED inspection - the impending results of which prey heavily on his mind. Almost as heavily as the prospect of the closure of Arts Centre, which Belinda is convinced is on the cards. So much so that she has started a 'Save Letchington Arts Centre' campaign - and she wants Nigel to front a protest song live on the local TV news.

Cast:

Nigel Penny Richie Webb

Belinda Vicki Pepperdine

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

Directed by Nick Walker

Produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog Production for BBC Radio 4

SUN 23:00 The Secret World (b012mzmv)

Series 2

Episode 4

Alan Titchmarsh reveals a dark side when his career is at risk.

Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (m000hhfy)

Series 2

Episode 1

20% off for coming out. It's Pink Thursday for gay customers at the retail park. Stars Mark Benton. From September 2008.

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2020

MON 00:00 Algernon Blackwood - Secret Worship (m000hhfs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 HG Wells - The Magic Shop (m000hhfv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Comedy Greats (b007k0v0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 Penny Gold - Three Days That Shook the World (m000hhfq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bf49hg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06vmzdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hws84)

Series 1

Time on Their Hands

Teamwork with DS 'Morgan the Mighty' means a chance for DS Dave Brook to score a personal victory on a night job.

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr. Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook. His sidekick is 23-year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison ... Peter Cleall

Meg Norma Ronald

Keller David Kelly

DS Morgan Godfrey Morgan

Paddy Vass Anderson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

MON 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvp9)

Lord Edgware Dies

Episode 1

At a nightclub, Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings meet the elegant Lady Edgware who has a surprising personal request...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

From the book first published in 1933 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hastings Simon Williams

Jane Wilkinson / Carlotta Adams Nicola Pagett

Lord Edgware James Greene

Inspector Japp Norman Jones

Bryan Martin Brett Usher

Jules/ Butler Clarence Smith

Housekeeper Jean Reeve

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

MON 07:00 Says on the Tin (b00g50p)

Schokolade

Comedy by Christopher William Hill.

Elliott finds nothing to laugh about while promoting a German chocolate called Laughing.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Zadie Joannah Tincey

Baz Inam Mirza

Mandelbrot Malcolm Tierney

Interpreter Gunnar Cautionary

Other Parts played by Dan Starkey, Janice Acquah and Jonathan Tafler.

MON 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h8h0)

Series 4

Milton Jones - Eco Worrier

Milton goes under the sea to save the earth and stumbles across a mysterious Great Aunt at the same time. Meanwhile, Anton gets his fingers burnt by an old flame.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!". Each week, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian.

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - The Daily Mail

Written by Milton with James Cary (Bluestone 42, Miranda), and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show House Of Rooms), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.

The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill (Spamalot, Mr. Selfridge) as the ever-faithful Anton, Josie Lawrence and Dan Tetsell (Peep Show, Upstart Crow).

With music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2xj)

Doing a Disastrical

Will Phillips' pursuit of the new WREN in Captain Povey's office end happily ever after?

Stars Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Number One, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Second Officer McCluty, Tenniel Evans as Taffy Goldstein and Michael Bates as the Padre.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnstone.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jr4t)

Series 3

The Cricket Match

Captain Mainwaring goes into bat when the Home Guard platoon are challenged to play a match against the wardens.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private Pike, Bill Pertwee as Hodges, Frank Williams as the Vicar, Edward Sinclair as the Verger and Larry Martyn as Private Walker.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1976.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b079nggy)

Series 16

Episode 6

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.

Elis James, Reginald D Hunter, Maeve Higgins and David O'Doherty are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as gifts, women, fashion and songs.

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

Produced by Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

MON 09:30 Chambers (b007jp6n)

Series 2

The Phantom Barrister

A new worker puzzles John Fuller-Carp, and Ruth's mum visits.

Stars John Bird, Sue Johnston and Robert Bathurst. From May 1998.

MON 10:00 RK Narayan - The Guide (b007jyp4)

Railway Raju is famous for helping tourists above and beyond the call of duty – until Rosie arrives. Stars Nitin Ganatra.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hhdv)

Series 7

Keeping Secrets

Guy Raz explores who should get to keep secrets, and who should demand to know them?

In this hour, TED speakers talk about the damage secrets can do, and the shifting roles we play when we keep, or share them.

First broadcast on NPR in the USA in 2015.

MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jr4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hws84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b079nggy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Chambers (b007jp6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 RK Narayan - The Guide (b007jyp4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hhdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 17:00 Says on the Tin (b00gl50p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h8h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Haunted (b01qkqpr)

Little Girl Lost by Rosemary Timperley

Her daughter-in-law is worried. Can Mrs Grove really talk with her husband beyond the grave?

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Rosemary Timperley's tale dramatised by Derek Hoddinot.

Stars Ruth Dunning as Mrs Grove, Jenny Linden as Sally, John Carson as Herbert, Bernadette Windsor as Janet and Adrian Egan as the Doctor / John Grove.

Director: Derek Hoddinot

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00p2hfy)

David Rowntree and Kanya King

Sue MacGregor is joined by two very different figures from the world of contemporary British music. Drummer with Blur, Dave Rowntree chooses John Fowles' classic first novel, whilst Kanya King, founder of the prestigious MOBO Awards is the first person to select a new age self-help book on the series.

Books featured in the programme:

Dave's choice: The Collector by John Fowles

Publ: Vintage Classics

Kanya's choice: Synchrodestiny by Deepak Chopra

Publ: Ebury

Sue's choice: An Education by Lynn Barber

Publ: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Dad's Army (b007jr4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hws84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hhdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h8h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00gsb87)

Series 2

Lenny Henry interviews Bill Bailey

One comedian grills another in the tag talk show, where the guest is next week's interviewer.

Based on the original BBC Radio 5 programme of the same name, Chain Reaction is a simple idea of big name stars from the world of entertainment interviewing others whose work they appreciate and admire.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000h94h)

Series 102

Episode 1

First in the series.

Angela Barnes hosts series 102, leading a panel of regular News Quiz comics and journalists in rounding up the news stories of the week. Joining Angela this week is Helen Lewis, Mark Steel, Desiree Burch and Kerry Godliman.

Produced by Suzy Grant

A BBC Studios Audio Production

MON 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvv0)

Series 6

The Fit and Fat Show

Anna Dapton presents her very personal radio guide to staying fit and healthy.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020

TUE 00:00 Haunted (b01qkqpr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00p2hfy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hws84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b079nggy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Chambers (b007jp6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 RK Narayan - The Guide (b007jyp4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hhdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Says on the Tin (b00gl50p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h8h0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hws84)

Series 1

The Pin-Up Murder, part 1/2

Chief Inspector Marnock returns to co-opt DS Dave Brook into keeping a stripper safe from harm.

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook. His sidekick is 23-year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

DI Marnock Maurice Colbourne

Cindy Carol Hawkins

Kate Ryan Liz Gebhardt

Doctor David Strong

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

TUE 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvp9)

Lord Edgware Dies

Episode 2

Lord Edgware has been murdered at his house in Regent Gate and Inspector Japp suspects Lady Edgware of the crime.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

From the book first published in 1933 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hastings Simon Williams

Jane Wilkinson Nicola Pagett

Bryan Martin Brett Usher

Inspector Japp Norman Jones

Edgware's Butler Clarence Smith

Ellis Paula Jacobs

Miss Carroll Eva Stuart

Alice Auriol Smith

Jenny Driver Adjoa Andoh

Doctor Heath Timothy Carlton

Director: Eynud Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

TUE 07:00 HR (b00tppbm)

Series 2

Surfing

Comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Sam and Peter occupy their retirement time surfing the net.

Peter has created a flattering but deeply inaccurate online profile for himself and now has a date. Sam is determined to go along.

CAST:

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Janice Christine Kavanagh

Drab Woman Sally Orrock

Madwoman Helen Belbin

Man Tony Bell

Written by Nigel Williams.

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

TUE 07:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h8gq)

Masculinity

Comedian Ellie Taylor has some opinions she'd like to get off her chest. In this episode she looks at all aspects of masculinity and whether it's had an unfairly poor press recently. She discusses her views with help from the studio audience and her side-kick Robin Morgan, who bravely goes on to the streets of Britain to ask members of the public about their attitudes to men being men. She also welcomes on a special expert guest, a man who knows all about how best to behave, Rupert Wesson from etiquette guide Debre'tts.

It is produced by Sam Michell and is a BBC Studios Production.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00qygd7)

The Man Who Won the War (Seagoon MCC)

How Neddie 'invented' the barrage balloon and other wartime (mis)adventures. Stars Spike Milligan. From September 1955.

TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jztn)

The TV Spectacular - A Contradiction in Terms

The veteran of many parts recounts the woeful tale of a 'Gala Night in Venice'. Stars Peter Jones. From June 1986.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000h94h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065cbv)

Series 2

Meet My New Agent

Will struggling writer Woodhouse get a break when he is taken on by a new agent? Stars Tim Pigott-Smith. From December 1991.

TUE 10:00 Drama (b07x1rct)

Graham Greene - The Confidential Agent

Episode 1

Dramatised by Nick Perry

Edgar Dominguez Alun Raglan

Rose Cullen Flora Spencer-Longhurst

Captain Currie John Dougall

Victor Lazaro Jot Davies

Ronald Kaye John Bowler

Elsie Kezia Joseph

Mrs Mendrill Karen Bartke

Bertie Forbes Nick Murchie

Spanish Diplomat Stefano Braschi

Lord Benditch David Sterne

Secretary Natasha Cowley

Begging Man Luke MacGregor

Directed by Sally Avens

Graham Greene's masterful tale of suspense. When Edgar Dominguez is sent to England on a mission to arrange a supply of coal for the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War it seems a

straightforward business negotiation; but no sooner does he set foot on English soil than he finds himself a hunted man, with seemingly no one he can trust and implicated in murder.

Greene wrote *The Confidential Agent* at the same time as his masterpiece *The Power and The Glory*. It was written in six weeks in 1938 as England stood on the brink of war, and the story is suffused with paranoia, distrust and urgency. He wrote it as an 'Entertainment' with the hope of getting a film made of the book and therefore providing much needed income for his family, in which he succeeded. A tense thriller where the hero must avoid trap after trap that is set for him haunted by the memory of his dead wife and his own time in prison awaiting execution.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0003114)
The Moth

A look at live storytelling, with Catherine Burns and Meg Bowles of The Moth.
The Moth Radio Hour is a weekly series which launched in 2009. It features true stories told live on stage without scripts, notes, props, or accompaniment.
Some of the storytellers that step up to the mic are writers by trade. But many aren't and Catherine and Meg are practised in the art of helping bring these voices and stories to a wider audience.

The pair share insights into the art of telling a good story well, with some highlights from The Moth archives performed by David Montgomery, Hasan Manhaj and Dawn Ross.
We also heard backstage, at the Moth's latest event in London, to meet the poet and journalist Bridget Minamore, one of the storytellers brave enough to take to the stage and deliver a tale. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2019.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b00gyqd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jztn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hx6tw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Jest a Minute (b017ptbk)

Series 2

Episode 5

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff. With Greg Davies, Eggsy, Lloyd Langford and Chris Corcoran. Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2009.

TUE 14:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065cbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Drama (b07x1rct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Telling Tales (m0003114)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 17:00 HR (b00tppbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h8gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Haunted (b01qkt50)

Walk on the Water by Rosemary Timperley

A salutary lesson about talking to strangers, as a young girl finds her whole life blighted by one encounter.

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Rosemary Timperley's tale dramatised by Derek Hoddinott.

Stars Anna Cooper as Rachel, Ursula Howells as Mother, Jack May as Father, David Ashford as Peter and Brian Hewlett as the Man. With Brian Haines, Trevor Cooper and Leonard Fenton. Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0075z8x)

Series 1

Elgar's Cello Concerto

4 Extra Debut. Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber, Michael Kennedy and Tim Dinsley reflect on the special impact of Elgar's piece of music. From November 2000.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b00gyqd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007jztn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hx6tw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0003114)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h8gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b043xdf0)

Series 3

Breaking Up

Stephen K Amos is joined by comedians Susan Murray, Tom Craine and Josie Long to present a guide to breaking up.

TUE 23:00 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076gqv)

Series 1

Blakey 'Blake' Blakeson

Simon Munnelly debunks the image of one of England's forgotten folk heroes. From August 2003.

TUE 23:15 The Pin (b07v2ncp)

Series 2

Shoestring

Following a hugely successful first series, which drew praise from the likes of David Walliams and Ben Stiller, Alex and Ben are back with their weird twist on the double-act sketch show. Strap in for a 15-minute delve in to a world of oddness performed in front of a live studio audience.

This week, The Pin are out to prove their accountant wrong, and make a great show on a budget.

About The Pin

The Pin are an award-winning comedy duo, and legends of Edinburgh festival. They deconstruct the sketch form, in a show that exists somewhere between razor-sharp smartness and utterly joyous silliness.

After a sold-out run in Edinburgh, and a string of hilarious performances across BBC Radio 4 Extra, BBC 3, Channel 4, and Comedy Central, this is The Pin's debut solo show for Radio 4. Join them as they celebrate, make, collapse and rebuild their jokes, each other, and probably the radio too.

For fans of Adam and Joe, Vic and Bob, and Fist of Fun - a show of absurd offerings from two loveable idiots.

- 'The Pin prove it's still possible to play with the conventions of the medium of sketch comedy.' - The Guardian

- 'Knowing and inventive: a 15 minute blast.' - The Times

- 'The sketches are funny, and made special by Ben Ashenden and Alexander Owen also examining, subverting and reversing familiar tropes. The material is excellent.' - Radio Times

- 'Eviscerating their chosen form completely.' - The Sunday Times

- 'A very classy, very funny show indeed.' - The Telegraph

Producer: Sam Bryant

A BBC Studios Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01hpf1m)

Series 3

The Post Office

Ryan and the management consultants try to overhaul the Post Office. Stars Marcus Brigstocke and David Mitchell. From July 2004.

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020

WED 00:00 Haunted (b01qkt50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b0075z8x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hx6tw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Jest a Minute (b017ptbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Such Rotten Luck (b065cbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Drama (b07x1rct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Telling Tales (m0003114)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 HR (b00tppbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h8gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hxq62)

Series 1

The Pin-Up Murder, part 2/2

DS Dave Brook stands to lose Judie's respect if he can't make their anniversary, but duty is calling him.

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook. His sidekick is 23-year-old 'grammar school boy' DC Blair Maxton, played by Christopher Blake.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DI Mannock Maurice Colbourne

Frank Catling Keith Buckley

George Catling Keith Buckley

Judie Jacqueline Tong

Bill John Hollis

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpl)

Lord Edgware Dies

Episode 3

A second victim of murder is revealed - but were they really involved in the death of Lord Edgware?

Questions galore for the Belgian sleuth...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

From the book first published in 1933 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hastings Simon Williams

Jane Wilkinson Nicola Pagett

Bryan Martin Brett Usher

Inspector Japp Norman Jones

Ellis Paula Jacobs

Miss Carroll Eva Stuart

Ronald Marsh Charles Millham

Poirot's Housekeeper Jean Reeve

Geraldine Marsh Joanna Myers

Sir Montagu Corner Garard Green

Mr Widburn Susan Wincott

Mrs Widburn Susan Sheridan

Ross Terence Edmond

Duke of Merton Eric Allan

Jenkins Fraser Kerr

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

WED 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b016r51y)

Series 2

Dr Chaotica and the Rise of the Atomic Man-Bees

Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1962.

A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.

Suspicious deaths provoke mixed reactions.

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles

Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell

Godfrey Winnard John Fortune

Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn

Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska

Douglas Bennings Jon Glover

Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon

Mrs Tinkler Rachel Atkins

Graham Tinkler Lloyd Thomas

Delivery Boy Alex Lamipekun.

WED 07:30 The Wilsons Save the World (b09gk3y)

Series 1

Food

A brand new sitcom for BBC Radio 4 written by Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan and starring Marcus Brigstocke as Mike and Kerry Godliman as his wife Max.

Michael and Maxine Wilson and their teenage daughters, Lola and Cat (plus their bearded dragon Chomsky, and about 150,000 bees) have resolved to live a cleaner, greener, serener life. This is a show about living ethically... whatever that means.

Millions of people try every day to make 'good' choices and do the 'right thing', be ethical, charitable and community minded. It's hard. Most of us live with hypocrisy and failure all the time but keep on trying. The Wilsons, good folk that they are, are trying about 20% harder and learning to live with about 19% more failure. They are not giving up.

In this episode a mealtime fraught with anxiety and multiple dietary preferences shows that maybe they all worry a little bit TOO much about food, and have forgotten how to enjoy it. Max and Mike decide to use their time away in Cornwall to leave Jennifer and Phillip in charge of mealtimes and see if the common-sense approach pays off.

Producer...Julia McKenzie

Production Coordinator...Tamara Shilham

A BBC Studios Production.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007s5g6)

Series 4

Almost a Gentleman

Overlooked in the New Year's Honours, the lad brushes up on his social etiquette skills.

Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.

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 January 1957.

WED 08:30 After Henry (b007k280)

Series 2

Memory Games

Daughter Clare's trivia quiz helps Sarah with all the memories of late husband Henry.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell, Gerry Cowper as Clare, David Quilter as Miles and Graham Blockey as the Quizmaster.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00jcgx9)

Series 23

2009 Heat 4

From London, Paul Gambaccini hosts the music quiz with contestants Kent, Surrey and the Isle of Wight. From 2009.

WED 09:30 The Change (b0076nxd)

Series 3

Episode 1

Convinced that his wife's having an affair with transvestite George, Ken targets Carol.

Starring Lynda Bellingham as Carol, Philip Jackson as George, Maureen Beattie as Maureen and James Vaughan as Ken.

Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife funk - Carol is hormonal and 15-stone George is a transvestite. Onlookers can't quite agree on the nature of their dynamic.

Written by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.
WED 10:00 Drama (b07z3hpp)
 Graham Greene - The Confidential Agent
 Episode 2
 Dramatised by Nick Perry
 Edgar Dominguez Alun Raglan
 Rose Cullen Flora Spencer-Longhurst
 Spanish Diplomat Stefano Braschi
 Inspector Collis Stephen Critchlow
 Ronald Kaye John Bowler
 Jim Barton Ian Coningham
 Secretary Natasha Cowley
 Woman in Benditch Karen Bartke
 Bertie Forbes Nick Murchie
 Captain Currie John Dougal
 Freddy Luke MacGregor
 Policeman in Benditch David Sterne
 Policeman in London Gavi Singh Chera
 Directed by Sally Avens
 Graham Greene's masterful tale of suspense. When Edgar Dominguez is sent to England on a mission to arrange a supply of coal for the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War it seems a straightforward business negotiation; but no sooner does he set foot on English soil he finds himself a hunted man, with seemingly no one he can trust and implicated in the murder of a young girl. Determined to avenge her murder and complete his deal Dominguez turns from the hunted to the hunter.
 Greene wrote The Confidential Agent at the same time as his masterpiece The Power and The Glory. It was written in six weeks in 1938 as England stood on the brink of war, and the story is suffused with paranoia, distrust and urgency. He wrote it as an 'Entertainment' with the hope of getting a film made of the book and therefore providing much needed income for his family, in which he succeeded. A tense thriller where the hero must avoid trap after trap that is set for him haunted by the memory of his dead wife and his own time in prison awaiting execution.
WED 11:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hfzq)
 1: Can I Take That Again?
 Broadcaster Steve Penk digs out some of the funniest clips of live radio mistakes and provides listeners with exclusive access to his own collection of audio material from around the world. Radio bloopers have been around for as long as radio itself. They're mainly endearing and add a humanising element to the radio and to the presenters on it. A blooper is defined as an embarrassing public blunder, but as long as it's someone else's mistake, most of us are quite capable of getting past the embarrassment to enjoy the humour. The immediacy of live-to-air radio is part of its strength, but also very exposing. If there's a slip of the tongue, it's broadcast into the ether moments later, especially in the early days of broadcast radio when almost everything was done live on the air. There have been some celebrated 'bloopers' over the years - from 'colourful' language, to laughing fits, technical glitches to amusing mispronunciations.
 Includes an episode of Jonathan Hewat's 'Can I Take That Again'.
 Producer: Stephen Garner
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first heard in 2018.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007s5g6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 After Henry (b007k280)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hxq62)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b00jcgx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 14:30 The Change (b0076nxd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 15:00 Drama (b07z3hpp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hfzq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b016r51y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Wilsons Save the World (b09gkk3y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Haunted (b01qlc1c)
 The Dream Woman by Wilkie Collins
 Isaac lives in constant fear of a knife-wielding female. But is she of this Earth - or from beyond the grave?
 A series of stories of the Supernatural. Wilkie Collins's tale dramatised by Derek Hoddinott.
 Stars Charles Kay as Isaac, Maureen O'Brien as Rebecca, Richard Bebb as The Doctor, Douglas Blackwell as The Landlord and Katherine Parr as Mrs Stratchard. With David Timson and Danny Schiller.
 Director: Derek Hoddinott
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.
WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b06gr4b7)
 Series 8
 The Other
 From the other woman to the other Michael Jackson, Josie Long hears stories from 'others'.
 John Osborne explores how your identity can become inextricably linked with someone you've never met, two

academics discover how a piece of theatre can push you outside of society and a homicide detective talks about how you communicate with someone whose actions are outside of your understanding.
 Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
 A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4
 The items featured in the programme are:
 A Boy Called Michael Jackson
 Feat. John Osborne
 Flopsy
 Feat. Chris Knight and Camilla Power
 The Conversation
 Feat. Asbjorn Rachlew
 Produced by Ronan Kelly
 Originally featured in Curious Ear
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/2013/0529/647430-radio-do-cumetary-podcast-exam-asbjorn-rachlew-anders-brevik-norway/>
 The Other Woman
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007s5g6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 After Henry (b007k280)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hxq62)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hfzq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 The Wilsons Save the World (b09gkk3y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Warhorses of Letters (b03s6jv7)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Comedy by Robbie Hudson and Marie Phillips
 Stephen Fry and Daniel Rigby star as Napoleon's horse Marengo and Wellington's horse Copenhagen in the moving epistolary tale of two horses deeply in love but sundered by history. With an introduction by Tamsin Greig.
 This week artistic differences threaten to destroy our heroes' love for each-other as both attempt to find fame as writers. But is the literary horse public ready for Marengo's experimental, Proustian and incredibly long exploration of what it is to be a horse? Or is there more of a market for Copenhagen's rather racier "Fifty Shades of Hay"?
 Produced by Gareth Edwards.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
WED 22:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076n25)
 Series 2
 How to Pack
 Start naked and pretend to get dressed - bad luck if the taxi comes early. The writer shares travel tips. From September 2004.
WED 23:00 Clare in the Community (b015zswt)
 Series 7
 Heroes
 In Episode Five - 'Heroes', Clare encounters Bradley Bigg - Pop's tub-thumping troubadour and Blue Collar balladeer whose music influenced and shaped her as a teenager. Meanwhile, Brian has to break some bad news to Nali and Helen takes on the role of Health and Safety Officer with uncharacteristic vigour.
 Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
 A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
 Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life
 In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Episode Five - Heroes
 Clare: SALLY PHILLIPS
 Brian: ALEX LOWE
 Megan/Nali: NINA CONTI
 Ray/Mr Trueman: RICHARD LUMSDEN
 Helen: LIZA TARBUCK
 Simon/Bradley: ANDREW WINCOTT
 Libby: SARAH KENDALL
 Chelsy: VICTORIA INEZ HARDY
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
 Producer Katie Tyrrell.
WED 23:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dgh8t)
 Series 1
 Nick Helm
 Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for a brand new series of music and comedy. The band will be joined by Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee guest Nick Helm, and explore the relationship between man and dog and dinosaurs and puns.
 Host Alex Horne
 Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
 Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown
 Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
 Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
 Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe
 Guest performerNick Helm

Producer Julia McKenzie.

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

THU 00:00 Haunted (b01qlc1c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 Short Cuts (b06gr4b7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Robert Barr - Detective (b03hxq62)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Counterpoint (b00jcgx9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 The Change (b0076nxd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Drama (b07z3hpp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hfzq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b016r51y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 The Wilsons Save the World (b09gkk3y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hglt)
 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6
 A Scandal in Bohemia
 Holmes investigates when previous liaison comes back to haunt European royalty.
 CAST:
 Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
 Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
 King of Bohemia Rolf Lefebvrs
 Godfrey Norton Leroy Lingwood
 Irene Adler Gudrun Urs
 Housekeeper Noel Hood
 Other parts played by Antony Vaccars, Jonathan Scott and Kim Grant.sc
 Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Michael Hardwick.
 Producer: Martyn C. Webster.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1966.
THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpy)
 Lord Edgware Dies
 Episode 4
 Inspector Japp has tracked down the taxi driver who drove two very unlikely passengers to Regent Gate on the night of Lord Edgware's murder...
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.
 From the book first published in 1933 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Captain Hastings Simon Williams
 Inspector Japp Norman Jones
 Ronald Marsh Charles Millham
 Ross Terence Edmond
 Jenny Adjoa Andoh
 Taxi Driver/Waiter Neil Roberts
 Director: Eynud Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.
THU 07:00 The Architects (b03yqz5)
 Series 1
 Mad Hélène
 Comedy by Jim Poyser and Neil Griffiths. Sir Lucien's blossoming romance with a French serial divorcee was worrying already. Then the 'men in black' arrive to assess his assets and more besides.
 Directed by Toby Swift.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
THU 07:30 Ability (b0b2knmp)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad. Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.
 Now Matt's left home for the first time and moved in to share a flat with his best mate, Jess. But when Bob (Allan Mustafá) shows up as the new carer, the fun really starts. Bob is new to the job and, although willing, domestic duties are not really his forte. He's better at selling weed and dealing in knocked off iPads.
 But he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. So, as far as Matt is concerned, Bob is here to stay.
 Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy. Like his sitcom creation, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. Lost Voice Guy is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid. He won the BBC New Comedy Award in 2014, has done three full Edinburgh shows and been tour support for Ross Noble, Patrick Kielty and Jason Cook. Lee has previously worked for Sunderland City Council's communications team, and the BBC in Newcastle and London as well, as various local newspapers.

Katherine Jakeways is the co-creator and co-writer of *Ability*. Katherine is a multi-award nominated writer. She has written North by Northamptonshire, Guit Trip and All Those Women for BBC Radio 4 as well as numerous radio plays. She has also written for Cracker and The Tracey Ullman Show for TV along with a BBC 1 pilot, Carol and Vinney. A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 08:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hglx)
Series 2
Episode 5
Frankie borrows a little black book and works with a forgetful actress.
Aby assisted by June Whitfield and Ray Fell, Francis titters and teeters through his eventful life and illustrious career as he writes his memoirs.
Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.
Music from the Bill McGuffie Quartet.
Producer: David Hatch.
First broadcast in BBC Radio 2 in July 1973.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)
Series 4
Episode 9
Radio awards time - and John and Mary's intruder.
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 Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden, Eric Idle and Graham Chapman.
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 November 1966.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b018wb95)
Series 2
Episode 2
Angus Deayton presides over another episode of the show conceived not for the panellists but by them. This time, Sandi Toksvig, Clive Anderson, Humphrey Ker and Milton Jones have each brought their own rounds for them all to play.
The rounds this episode include:
Clive Anderson's "I Fought The Law", a selection of questions based around the idiosyncrasies of British Law.
Sandi Toksvig's "Lost for Words", in which panellists must guess the meaning of various foreign words that have no direct translation in English.
Humphrey Ker's "Pet, Lunch or Hat", a variation on "Snog, Marry, Avoid".
And Milton Jones' "Joke Jeopardy" in which panellists are given punlines to cracker jokes and the panellists must guess the set-ups.
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 09:30 Millport (b00761z4)
Series 2
Dark Secrets
Irene enlists Bob's help when strange events send the tiny Scottish island into disarray. Stars Lynn Ferguson. From May 2001.

THU 10:00 Gunter Grass - The Tin Drum (b007jls2)
Episode 1
It's 1930 and Hitler's rise to power has begun. Three year old Oskar decides to stop growing and stop talking. Instead he plays his tin drum.
Phil Daniels stars as Oskar alongside Kenneth Cranham and Lesley Manville in this two-part dramatisation of Gunter Grass' dark and intriguing story.
Written in 1959, *The Tin Drum* is a modern classic of post-Second World War literature, telling the story of the Third Reich's decline and fall from a most particular perspective - that of a dwarf.
The *Tin Drum* was published at a time when a generation of Germans was seeking to understand the war for the first time. Gunter Grass was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1999 and the Swedish Academy praised him as a writer 'whose frolicsome black fables portray the forgotten face of history'. Mike Walker's efforts won him the Writer's Award for Best Dramatisation.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b0skpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002cdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hglx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hglx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 It's Your Round (b018wb95)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Millport (b00761z4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Gunter Grass - The Tin Drum (b007jls2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b0skpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002cdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 17:00 The Architects (b03yqyz5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Ability (b0b2knmp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Haunted (b01qldf)
Listen to the Silence by Rosemary Timperley
Mary must face her fears. Can she refuse the offer made by a strange voice claiming to be her grandfather? Stars Gwen Watford.
A series of stories of the Supernatural. Rosemary Timperley's tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.
Stars Gwen Watford as Mary, George Pravda as the Captain, Patsy Rowlands as Mrs Maple, David Ashford as the Doctor. With Heather Bell and Alexander John.
Director: Derek Hodinott
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04g8jh3)
Series 34
Labi Siffre on Arthur Ransome
Singer-songwriter Labi Siffre discusses the life and work of Arthur Ransome.
Siffre says that the Swallows and Amazons books taught him responsibility for his own actions and also a morality that has influenced and shaped him throughout his life.
Series in which Matthew Parris invites his guests to nominate the person who they feel is a great life.
Producer: Maggie Ayre
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

THU 19:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hglx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00b2kh3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hglx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b0skpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002cdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Ability (b0b2knmp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00cqdp9)
Episode 3
Ivor Cutler and his friends present dark tales, offbeat songs and some tips for aspiring poets. From June 1994.

THU 22:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b0081rfw)
Love and Marriage
The salon is offering special two-for-one cuts. Brides and grooms are queuing up for days in the hope of getting an appointment. A childhood sweetheart of Rene's appears unexpectedly, hoping to rekindle their love.
Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimp their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon. Six-part comedy written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maie. With Stephen Greif and Catherine Tate.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

THU 23:00 The Skivers (b007yt85)
Series 2
Adam Ant
Des Lynham and Sue Cook's secrets are revealed, plus Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh welcome special guest Adam Ant. From February 1995.

THU 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b007k2xv)
Series 1
Episode 3
Alex is prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice when his mum thinks she is pregnant. Stars Gerard Foster. From July 2001.

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2020

FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hhq0)
Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6
The Five Orange Pips
The detective investigates murders presaged by the victims receiving dried orange pips in the mail.
CAST:
Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
John Openshaw William Eedle
Elias Openshaw Bruce Beely
Joseph Openshaw James Thomason
Shipping Clerk Jonathan Scott
Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Michael Hardwicke.
Producer: Martyn C. Webster
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1966.

FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpp)
Lord Edgware Dies
Episode 5
Ross has had to abandon a telephone conversation with Hercule Poirot to answer the doorbell. When he doesn't return, the panic-stricken Belgian sleuth and Captain Hastings hurry round to his apartment.
Will the murderer finally be unmasked?
Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.
From the book first published in 1933 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Captain Hastings Simon Williams
Inspector Japp Norman Jones
Jane Wilkinson Nicola Pagett
Jenny Adjoja Andoh
Bryan Martin Brett Usher
Ellis Paula Jacobs
Director: Eynyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

FRI 07:00 Electric Ink (b01jyq9c)
Series 2
Episode 3
A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Maddox takes a moral stance with disastrous results.
Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.
A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.
At the heart of the comedy is the relationship between Maddox Bradley (John Sessions), a journalist who mourns the day of proper investigative journalism, and Freddy, the online editor who will regurgitate a press release quite happily and call it a story. But they have a grudging respect for the each other as Freddy helps Maddox stay afloat in the world of Twitter, Facebook and podcasting and Maddox shows Freddy how to sniff out the real story. Both are at the mercy of Oliver, the pragmatic Editor more concerned with keeping his job, and Carol, the news editor who believes that circulation will increase if they run pieces on Big Mac eating orang-utans and 'intelligent' skunks rather than Maddox's moral crusading diatribes. And only Masha, the Russian head of online communities, who wants to give away all their content because that is true democracy, knows Freddy's secret; that he's a posh boy from Eton rather than a hypercool kid from the street; well that's what Freddy thinks anyway.
Maddox John Sessions
Oliver Alex Jennings
Freddy Stephen Wight
Carol Polly Frame
Masha Debbie Chazen
With Joanna Monro, Sean Baker
Adeel Akhtar, Henry Devas
and Sam Dale
Producer Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 07:30 Just a Minute (m000hfx0)
Series 63
Episode 4
Just how hard can it be to talk for 60 seconds with no hesitation, repetition & deviation? Regulars Jenny Eclair and Tony Hawks welcome relative newcomers Richard Herring and Paul Sinha to try. As ever, Nicholas Parsons chairs this popular comedy panel show.

FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm1x)
Something About a Soldier
The bumbling civil servants find a demob letter written 20 years before.
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Wilfrid Hyde White and Richard Murdoch.
With Norma Ronald, Warren Mitchell, David Nettheim and David Graham.
Written by Edward Taylor, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer.
The Men from the Ministry ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Producer: Edward Taylor,
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1965.
FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

Series 3

Episode 4

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel edits a newspaper in Chicago.

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 August 1992.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m0006zx9)

Series 9

Royal Holloway, University of London

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from Royal Holloway, University of London, with specialist subjects including Criminology, English and Law and questions ranging from Louis XIV to Lego via yowling and yodelling.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Ed Sheeran. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.

Other Universities featured in this series include Aberdeen, Plymouth, St Catharine's College Cambridge, Brighton and Oxford Brookes.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019

FRI 09:30 1835 (b0125lg)

All at Sea

Aristocrat Belpont and servant Ned are called up to serve on the unfortunate HMS Fortunate. Stars Paul Rider. From June 2004.

FRI 10:00 Gunter Grass - The Tin Drum (b007jvd)

Episode 2

As the war rages, Oskar discovers sex, jazz and the black market. Will his mad drumming make him a star?

Phil Daniels stars as Oskar alongside Kenneth Cranham and Lesley Manville in this two-part dramatisation of Gunter Grass' dark and intriguing story.

Written in 1959, The Tin Drum is a modern classic of post-Second World War literature, telling the story of the Third Reich's decline and fall from a most particular perspective - that of a dwarf.

The Tin Drum was published at a time when a generation of Germans was seeking to understand the war for the first time. Gunter Grass was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1999 and the Swedish Academy praised him as a writer 'whose frolicsome black fables portray the forgotten face of history'. Mike Walker's efforts won him the Writer's Award for Best Dramatisation.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hhq3)

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

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm1x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hhq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0006zx9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 1835 (b0125lg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Gunter Grass - The Tin Drum (b007jvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hhq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Electric Ink (b01jyq9e)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Just a Minute (m000hfx0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Haunted (b01qlg49)

The Judge's House by Bram Stoker

Malcolm Malcolmson discovers the truth of 'absurd prejudices'

which have accrued around an empty property.

A series of stories of the Supernatural. Bram Stoker's tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Stars Nigel Havers as Malcolmson, Nancy Nevinson as Mrs Dempster and Jane Thompson as Mrs Witham. With David Timson and Alexander John.

Director: Derek Hodinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1979.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076tyk)

Living on the Edge

Matthew Parris considers a life lived on the margins, with Marjorie Wallace, Bernie Hare and Dermot Healy. From September 2005.

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm1x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hhq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jvpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hhq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Just a Minute (m000hfx0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Bird Island (b01kjbjd)

Series 1

Episode 4

On one hand, Ben is on the trip of a lifetime to Sub-Antarctica.

On the other, he's trapped in an icy hell with one other person, a dodgy internet connection and a dictaphone. Loneliness is something of a problem. His fellow travelling scientist Graham should alleviate this, but the tragicomic fact is, they are nerdy blokes, so they can only stumble through yet another awkward exchange. Ben experiences all the highs and lows that this beautiful, but lonely place has to offer but fails miserably to communicate this to Graham. So, Ben shares his thoughts with us in the form of an audio 'log'.

Apart from his research studying the Albatross on the Island, Ben attempts to continue normal life with an earnestness and enthusiasm which is ultimately very endearing. We're with him as chats awkwardly with Graham, telephones his mother and as he tries to form a long distance relationship with a woman through Chemistry.com. In fact, we follow Ben as everything occurs to him. We also hear the pings and whirrs of machinery, the Squawks and screeches of the birds and the vast expanse outside. Oh, and ice. Lots of ice.

EPISODE FOUR:

Bird Island is the story of Ben, a young scientist working in Antarctica, trying to socially adapt to the loneliness by keeping a cheery audio diary on his Dictaphone. An atmospheric 15 minute non audience comedy.

In this final episode Graham gives the shock news that a new member of the team is joining them.

Written by Katy Wix

Produced by Tilusha Ghelani.

FRI 22:45 Paperback Hell (b0076cp2)

Series 1

Ensign Mandalay's Hat

Can male pattern baldness be cured? Another spoof chapter of a bestseller. With Dan Tetsell and Alex Lowe. From June 2003.

FRI 23:00 Little Britain (b008jdxn)

Series 1

Episode 4

Back where it started out, Matt Lucas and David Walliams' oddball TV smash hit - without the cameras.

FRI 23:30 The Malthby Collection (b00xmwb)

Series 2

Episode 5

The museum staff pitch their ideas for a special exhibition.

Stars Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt. From June 2008.