SATURDAY 02 MAY 2020

SAT 00:00 The Second Pan Book of Horror Stories (m0000z4v)

The Judge's House by Bram Stoker

A scholar moves into the former home of a judge with an evil reputation. Written by Bram Stoker.

The Pan Book of Horror Stories was a paperback series of short story anthologies first published in 1959. The early editions were known for their lurid cover art and editor Herbert Van Thal's pick of stories by new authors alongside classics of the genre. It was credited with introducing a new generation to the horror tradition – back in the 1960s, volumes were handed round in school playgrounds in the same way that kids trade computer games today.

The Second Pan Book Of Horror Stories, published in 1962,

was considered to be one of the best. Anita Sullivan has selected five from this edition for her own fresh interpretation.

Malcolmson.....Luke Thompson Dempster......Kathryn Drysdale Director: Karen Rose

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2018.

SAT 00:15 Never Trust a Rabbit by Jeremy Dyson (m000hq18)

All in the Telling

Fletcher finds himself in a seedy club, with the urge to tell a

One of five stories from League of Gentleman writer, Jeremy Dyson

Read by Stephen Critchlow. Producer: Lizzie Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076wrz)

Kissing Arse

Dominic Arkwright presents the series featuring new writing and stimulating discussion. Guy Browning, Amanda Mitchison and Wilfred Emmanuel Jones take on the brown-nosers and lickspittles of the corporate world.

SAT 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hq14)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6

7. The Dying Detective

Dr Watson is shocked to find his detective friend gravely ill, seemingly hours from death.

Starring Carleton Hobbs as Sherlock Holmes and Norman

Shelley as Dr Watson

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and adapted by Michael Hardwick.

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs Doctor Watson Norman Shelley Mrs Hudson Barbara Mitchell

Inspector Morton Alan Dudley Staples Arthur Lawrence

Culverton Smith David March

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1967.

SAT 01:30 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

5 Nemesis for Two

Champion jockey Kit Fielding gets wind that Henri de Brescou plans to kill more horses. Kit is determined to put a stop to this needless slaughter.

Conclusion of Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter

Wykeham William Eedle Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Henri John Bull

Greening Jack May

Thomas Steve Hodson

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Dramatised by John Ashe. Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994. SAT **02:00 The 3rd Degree** (**m00075jf**)

University Of Aberdeen

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Aberdeen with specialist subjects including Law, Language and Linguistics and Music and questions ranging from Scottish Gaelic fishing jargon to Scottish Stop and Search Law via mallets, marimbas and a dead

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 Highbro 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

Other Universities featured in this series include Royal Holloway University of London, Plymouth, St Catharine's College Cambridge, Brighton and Oxford Brookes.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:30 1835 (b0129v0m)

Haircut Sir?

Aristocrat Belport and his servant Ned join the police force, and are called upon to solve some murders in the city of London.

But first, to meet police regulations, they must both have hair cut:s - and as luck would have it, there's a barber's on Fleet Street, run by a Mr Sweeney Todd...

Comic saga of an aristocrat and his servant who struggle to find things to do in the mid- 1830s.

Belport Paul Rider

Ned Jason Done

Peel Roy Barraclough

Trollope Simon Greenall Sweeney Todd Jonathan Keeble

Written and directed at BBC Manchester by Jim Poyser.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b06np7nx)

Dodie Smith - I Capture the Castle

Episode 2

Following Simon's marriage proposal, Rose is whisked off to a world of wealth in London and Cassandra finds herself in turmoil, pining for Simon and trying to cope with her father's increasingly bizarre behaviour in their ruined castle.

Conclusion of Dodie Smith's classic rags to riches love story

dramatised by Jane Rogers. Cassandra Holliday Grainger

Rose Scarlett Alice Johnson

Mortmain Toby Jones

Topaz Charlotte Emmerson

Thomas Sam Hattersley

Stephen Harry McEntire

Simon John Macmillan Neil Henry Devas

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hq16)

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

SAT 05:00 Electric Ink (b01k68hg)

Episode 4

Can struggling journalist Maddox make a splash with a tip-off over political corruption that could unseat the coalition?

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories whilst grappling with the demands of a multi platform environment, as circulation figures plummet as the

recession means half the workforce is laid off. Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

Maddox ... John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings

Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame Masha Debbie Chazen

Julie Compton Joanna Monro

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010..

SAT 05:30 Just a Minute (b043wvy3)

Series 69

Episode 1

Just how hard can it be to talk for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation? Paul Merton, Jenny Eclair, Julian Clary and Vanessa Feltz find out. Nicholas Parsons watches the clock and keeps the scores.

SAT 06:00 Eric Pringle - The Voyage of the Swallow (b0662tab)

Published in 1930, the classic adventure novel Swallows and Amazons was written by "the man who hated children". iournalist Arthur Ransome

Eric Pringle 's drama tells the story of the events leading up to publication of the book.

Starring Richard Briers as Arthur Ransome and Susannah York star as his second wife, Evgenia Ransome.

Arthur Ransome Richard Briers Evgenia Susannah York

CP ScottMichael Kilgarriff Dora Altounyan Theresa Streatfield

Molly Adjoa Andoh Tabitha Siriol Jenkins Ted Scott Vincent Brimble Ernest Altounvan Philip Sully

Ivy Ann Davies Trotsky Philip Beckwith Cyril Ransome Max Harvey Young Arthur Nicholas Shelton

Neil Roberts Young Billy Roger Simon Radford Nancy Kate Ryan

... Daisy Heath Titty Annie Roddam

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Music by Steafan Hannigan and Simon Care

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991 SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04g8m0t)

Series 34

Stella Rimington on Dorothy L Sayers

Dame Stella Rimington, former director of MI5 and a celebrated crime writer herself, nominates for a Great Life that of Dorothy L Sayers.

Sayers' first Lord Peter Wimsey novel was published in the 1920s, the Golden Age of crime fiction, and he is still very much with us, appearing often on BBC Radio 4 Extra. She went on to enjoy a huge popularity with her crime novels and then turned to writing Christian essays and plays, most notably the series for the BBC on the life of Christ - which stirred up a great controversy as no-one had before impersonated Jesus on the radio.

Dame Stella tells Matthew Parris why the paradoxes and contradictions in Dorothy Sayers' life fascinate her, and explains how Sayers' writing influences her own. With Seona

Ford, chairman of the Dorothy L Sayers Society. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 08:00 Counterpoint (b00jhg36)

Series 23

2009 Heat 5

From Manchester, chairman Paul Gambaccini hosts the music quiz spanning every era.

With Alan Douglas of Worcestershire, Lesley Ford from Newcastle and John Keir from Kirkaldy in Fife.

Producer Paul Bajoria.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 08:30 The Change (b0076p0i)

Series 3

Episode 2

Ken is surprised to find that he has a new bedmate - but not the one he'd hoped for.

Carol Lynda Bellingham George Philip Jackson Violet Marcia Warren Maureen Maureen Beattie Ken James Vaugnan

Sonia Emma Kennedy Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley Series 3 of the sitcom about a married couple's attempts to smooth over their singularly troubled midlife - 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.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtk4)

The 1960s

Episode 2 Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest

and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC. Six more favourites plucked from the groovy 1960s schedules of the BBC Light Programme:

* Whack-O!

From 15/03/1962 Crooked headmaster Professor Jimmy Edwards holds auditions for Chiselbury School's charity concert in aid of a retiring

teacher, With Vera Lynn, From March 1962.

* The Men From the Ministry

Series 2 (2/13) Something about a Soldier The bumbling civil servants find a 20-year-old demob letter. Stars Richard Murdoch, Wilfrid Hyde-White, Norma Ronald and Warren Mitchell. From August 1965.

* The Ken Dodd Show

From 19/07/1964 The King of Knotty Ash offers tips for nude photography and the hunt for a Scottish lake-bound monster. With Judith Chalmers, John Laurie and Patricia Hayes. From July 1964.

* Steptoe & Son Series 1 (11/13) The Lead Man Cometh

The rag and bone men get an irresistible offer. Adapted from TV with Wilfrid Brambell, Harry H Corbett and Leonard

Rossiter, From September 1966. * The Embassy Lark

Series 1 (6/13) A Trip to London

The staff of the British Embassy panic over the expiry of their lease in Tratvia. Stars Derek Francis, Frank Thornton and Francis de Wolff. From April 1966

* Round the Horne

Series 4 (12/16)

Kenneth Horne makes Fleet Street headlines, and calls round to Julian and Sandy's 'Bona Private Detective Agency', With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden. From May 1968.

Produced and scripted by Peter Reed

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2003.

SAT 12:00 Whispers (b00n90xf)

Series 3

Episode 1

Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Anthony Holden, Lucy Moore, Penny Junor and Julian Fellowes. From October

SAT 12:30 HR (b00tt4lt)

Series 2

Remodelling

Comedy drama series by Nigel Williams that charts the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his troublemaking colleague.

Sam, fearing the sense of purposelessness that often hits retirees, decides to redecorate his house. But, his housemate Peter worries, has he some darker purpose in mind?

Peter Jonathan Pryce Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Nigel Tony Bell

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 13:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

Bolt

1. Threats and Menaces

Kit Fielding, champion jockey is engaged to Danielle de Brescou the niece of his employer Princess Casilia. The Princess recruits Kit to fend off Henri de Brescou, a dangerous cousin trying to involve her in the armaments business. But Kit also has problems of his own..

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised in five-parts by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Greening Jack May

Dusty Christian Rodska

Thomas Steve Hodson Allardeck Bill Wallis

Roland Simon Carter

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

SAT 13:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)

Bolt

2. Horses Begin to Die

Henri de Brescou, bent upon obtaining authority from the French Government to make plastic guns, threatens Roland,

Princess Casilia's frail and elderly husband. Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Thomas Steve Hodson Allardeck Bill Wallis

Wykeham William Eedle

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

SAT 14:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

Bolt

3. Hostile Intelligence

Danielle de Brescou is followed and terrified by two men in hoods, while two of Princess Casilia's finest racing horses are slaughtered with a bolt gun.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska Wykeham William Eedle

Lord Vaughnley Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

SAT 14:30 Dick Francis (b007jpzb)

Bolt

4. The Killing Game

Prince Litsi faces terror, hanging by his finger tips from the top

of the old stand at Bradbury race-course. Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe

Kit Fielding Eric Allan Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter Dusty Christian Rodska

Wykeham William Eedle

Hodges Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Allardeck Bill Wallis Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

SAT 15:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00qhrx8)

Chris Packham and Stella Duffy
Wildlife TV presenter Chris Packham and author/performer

Stella Duffy join Sue MacGregor to discuss favourite books by

Penelope Fitzgerald, Peter Nichols and JD Salinger.

Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald

Publisher: Fourth Estate

A Voyage For Madmen by Peter Nichols

Publisher:. Profile Books

Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: an Introduction by J. D. Salinger

Publisher: Pengui

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SAT 16:00 Eric Pringle - The Voyage of the Swallow (b0662tqb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04g8m0t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nff)

The Tertiary Phase Fit The Fourteenth

Arthur and Ford have travelled in time and arrive at Lords Cricket Ground, where England are defeating Australia to win The Ashes. It turns out our heroes have arrived 24 hours before the destruction of the planet, but this fact almost pales into insignificance with the appearance of Slartibartfast, the elderly planet designer Arthur first encountered on Magrathea (see Primary Phase).

Slarti is here to avert the disastrous abduction of The Ashes (which have some intergalactic significance we can as yet only guess at) by the villainous and lethal Krikkit Robots. This he utterly fails to do, as they arrive, blow up Lords, and leave with their booty. Slarti, Arthur and Ford give chase in the unlikely Starship Bistromath which is powered by the equally unlikely (though not improbable) Somebody Else's Problem Field. On the swamp planet Squornshellous Zeta, Marvin the Paranoid Android is still helplessly trudging in circles, anchored to one spot by an artificial leg he was fitted with after surviving a near miss with the heart of a blazing star (again, see Primary Phase, and try and keep up for goodness' sake). It is something of a

relief for him to have the leg removed by the same eleven Krikkit Robots who have stolen The Ashes. It is even more of a relief when they decide to remove him as well, leaving his talkative but very boring companion, Zem the Mattress, to

ponder the infinite and globber gently. The Book William Franklyn

Arthur Simon Jones

Ford Prefect Geoff McGivern

Marvin Stephen Moore

Slartibartfast ,,,, Richard Griffiths Wowbagger Toby Longworth

Zem Andy Taylor

Himself Henry Blofeld Himself Fred Trueman

Written by Douglas Adams

Adapted and Directed by Dirk Maggs

An Above the Title Production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in September 2004.

SAT 18:30 The Man in Black (b00gi8t1)

Series 1

Project Purple

Blazing a trail in the field of neuroscience with her groundbreaking work in 'audio therapy', Professor Maggie Shaw tries to revive the victim of a dubious experiment.

Richard Vincent's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister

raconteur, The Man in Black. Maggie Shaw Emily Woof

Tom Heartland Trevor White Dr Oliver Penright Gunnar Cauthery

Sir Max Rencart Jonathan Tafler

Doctor Rhodes Paul Rider

Computer Donna Hughes

corridor of a care home.

1st Official Inam Mirza

2nd Official Robert Lonsdale Horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2009.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00c4cd2)

Toyah Willcox

Toyah Willcox joins the sharp comedian for stand-up, sketches and music. With Angela McHale and Steve Brown. From April 2005

SAT 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007yrwf)

Colourthon

The team attempt their own radio charity fundraiser. Starring Tim de Jongh, William Vandyck and Tim Firth. From January

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mbm3i)

Episode 2

"Make Me a Celebrity Centaur", an exciting new reality show that features cutting edge surgery and some horses Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb, With Sarah Hadland, Olivia Colman and James Bachman.

Producer Gareth Edwards Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009. SAT 23:30 Earls of the Court (b00rbmgt)

Downward Inflection

Johnno's so sick and tired of London that he's even lost his upward inflection. If only Lloydie could make the city more like Australia.

Comedy drama series by Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright about two Australians down on their luck in London.

Lloydie Stewart Wright

Johnno Will Adamsdale

Reporter Keely Beresford TV Anchor David Seddon

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 23:45 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d57) Hereford Hop

The duo tell Parky about diversifying into cheese. With Sean Foley, Hamish McColl and Michael Parkinson. From March

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SUN 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076nff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 The Man in Black (b00g i8t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturdav] SUN 01:30 Dick Francis (b007 ipvf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday] SUN 07:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday] SUN 07:30 Dick Francis (b007 ipzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v) [Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday] SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves

(b007jxf5) Jeeves Exerts the Old Cerebellum

What with young Bingo Little in love for the umpteenth time, Aunt Agatha and her plans to marry Bertie off to the formidable Honoria Glossop, and the troublesome twins,

Claude and Eustace - there's just no peace for poor Bertie. Only one man can save the day - the inimitable Jeeves.

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Jeeves Michael Hordern Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Mortimer Little Ronald Fraser Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Mabel Ann Davies Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973. SUN 09:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men on the Bummel

Episode 3 "On the Continent they do sincerely believe that every Englishman is mad. They are as convinced of it as is every

English peasant that Frenchmen live in frogs". Approaching the end of their epic journey by bike, George, Harris and J attempt contemplate the Germans as a nation 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 (b0076221)

Series 2 Avowal

Irene and Moira aren't speaking, Alberto and Ena have fallen out over the minestrone and Agnes has declared World War III on the Minister's trousers. Just how are villagers going to solve their dispute if no one is talking to each other...

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

.... Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert Lewis McLeod Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Bob/Minister Robert Patterson Dougie Matt Costello

Music arranged by Olly Fox. Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09r458w)

Medicine, Science & Engineering

Professor Heinz Wolff

From Marlene Dietrich to Rod Stewart. Scientist Heinz Wolff shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

Professor Heinz Wolff came to public attention when he presented TV's The Great Egg Race, in which he challenged people to conquer engineering problems with a rubber band, a pencil and a pickled onion.

It was his father who encouraged his enthusiasm for invention,

sharing his Sunday afternoons experimenting with his chemistry set, or organising talks from physicists who had to hide their surprise at assessing the ideas of a six-year-old child.

In the 1970s while designing aids for disabled people, Professor Heinz devised the phrase 'Tools for Living' to describe his work. After all, as he points out, we all use tools to cope with our environment, whether as an astronaut, a diver or an elderly

In the 80s, he founded the Institute for Bioengineering at Brunel University. There he continued his inventions devising for example, a box for experimenting in outer space, a voice machine for people who can't speak and a safety system for deep-sea divers.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998. SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002mh6)

Fam

A Bristol couple, married for 45 years, explain why they're determined to stay together following one them undergoing gender reassignment.

Steff Barnett kept her wish to become a woman secret for most of her life, from everyone but Lynne. The couple met aged 16 and have opted to stick together, even though it means no intimate physical contact between them.

Plus a poem defining the slang word "Fam", written and performed by Caleb Femi, former Young People's Laureate for

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

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b2msdr)

Series 3

Things

Radiolab investigates the objects, their power to move us and our desire to acquire. 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 (b0bgpgk1)

Poetry in Translation

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Poetry in Translation' looking at the global poetry scene. Just how do you translate a poem? Daljit Nagra himself explores the different approaches that poets take, and there's more to it than just knowing another language.

The Magazine Modern Poetry in Translation was founded by Ted Hughes and Daniel Weissbort in 1965. It's hard to believe that before this, British poetry had no real access to work beyond its borders. We hear from former editor David Constantine and his replacement Sasha Dugdale about the magazine's history and future.

Daljit speaks to poets Jo Shapcott, Pascale Petit, WN Herbert and Yang Lian, who share the pleasures and pitfalls of their methods of translation.

Producer: Jessica Treen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

SUN 12:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06yfjdy)

Series 5

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 multiaward-winning sketch show, joined as ever by a cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This week features a sketch that couldn't catch a cold in Coventry, if you know what we mean; a train passenger who really doesn't over think things; and, well, since you ask him for a tale of a haunted mansion.

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

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

SUN 13:00 Comedy Greats (b007jtk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 Drama (b074vrpd)

Samuel Beckett - All That Fall

A playful, mysterious journey of words and sounds - one of Samuel Beckett's most naturalistic plays, inspired by memories of his native Foxrock in Ireland.

A tale of about faltering journeys - an old woman sets out to

greet her husband at the station on his birthday, only for events to take a deeply unsettling turn...

Tony Award-winner Brid Brennan leads the cast as the unforgettable Maddy Rooney - crotchety and funny, self pitying and self-important, and defiant in her small, strained act of love. Beckett described his radio plays as "coming out of the dark"

Mrs Rooney Brid Brennan Tommy Killian Burke Miss Fitt Tara Flynn Christie Frank Laverty Mr Rooney Gary Lilburn

Mr Slocumb Ciaran McIntyre Internationally acclaimed director Max Stafford-Clark takes us on a rare radiophonic journey. This production was created for the Happy Days Enniskillen International Beckett Festival and is now brought to radio.

Written by Samuel Becket

Sound Design by Dyfan Jones

Directed by Max Stafford-Clark

An Out of Joint Theatre production and produced for radio by Catherine Bailey.

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bgpgk1) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b06yfjdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Peter Mackie - The Real Mystery of Marie Roget (b06qmcjl)

American writer Edgar Allan Poe was obsessed by the unsolved murder of a woman, Mary Rogers, who he called "Marie Roget" in his fictionalised version of the case.

On his last night on earth, Poe has a visitor with a disturbing solution as to who might have killed her.

Peter Mackie's imaginary drama stars Ed Bishop as Edgar Allan Poe.

Edgar Allan Poe Ed Bishop

Dupin Terry Molloy

Tom White Hu Prvce

Muddy Hedli Niklaus

Mary Rogers Marlena Mackey

Doctor Geoff Serle Nurse Carina Wyeth

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b2msdr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Drama (b074vrpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today] SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09r458w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002mh6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b06yfjdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b00cq188)

Wendy Craig

Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter takes to the airwayes once more from his very own his front room!

Aided by his producer (and sole agent) Ken Worthington, and his hard-to-please wife Mary, the inimitable John Shuttleworth presents celebrity interviews, dodgy keyboard music, and even dodgier jingles

Special guests: Wendy Craig, Simon Munnery and Lorraine

Written and performed by Graham Fellows

Producers: Paul Schlesinger and Martin Willis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998. SUN 23:00 The Secret World (b012ylgm)

Series 2

James Bond star Daniel Craig tries to get car insurance. Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From August

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00dghmv)

Series 2 Episode 3

Will a protest halt the park's Sales and stop Mick going 'Dirty Dancing' with Valerie? Stars Mark Benton. From September

MONDAY 04 MAY 2020

MON 00:00 Peter Mackie - The Real Mystery of Marie Roget (b06qmcjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday] MON 01:00 Comedy Greats (b007itk4) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday] MON 04:00 Drama (b074vrpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday] MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bgpgk1) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b06vfidy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sundav] MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hv58)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6

8. The Second Stain

The Baker Street detective is called to investigate the

disappearance of a very secret letter. Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Dr Watson Norman Shelley

Lord Bellinger Geoffrey Wincott The Right Hon Trelawney Hope Simon Lacs

Mrs Hudson Barbara Mitchell

Lady Hope Hilda Schroder

Inspector Lestrade Humphrey Morton

Constable MacPherson Arthur Lawrence Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Michael Hardwick.

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1967.

MON 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)

A Murder Is Announced

Episode 1

The villagers of Chipping Cleghorn, including Miss Jane Marple, are agog with curiosity over an ad in the local gazette which reads: 'A murder is announced and will take place on

Friday October 29th at Little Paddocks at 6.30pm' As the time approaches, the crowds gather at Little Paddocks

and then the lights go out. Surely it must be a hoax... Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

From the book first published in 1950 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender

Sir Henry Clithering Graham Crowden Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson

Dora Bunner Judy Cornwell

Patrick Simmons Jamie Glover

Miss Hinchliffe Elizabeth Bell

Colonel Easterbrook Jack Hedley Laura Easterbrook Joanna McCallum

Rev Julian Harmon Ioan Meredith Bunch Harmon Molly Gaisford

Mitzi Jenny Funnell Miss Murgatroyd Alice Arnold

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.

MON 07:00 Says on the Tin (b00h62pp)

Face Cream Comedy by Christopher William Hill.

Eliott and Esther are on the brink of admitting their attraction

when a young actress with a father fixation fixes on Eliott.

Eliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood Pippa Walker Manjeet Mann

Zadie Joannah Tincey Baz Inam Mirza

Max Robert Lonsdale

Rutter Stephen Critchlow

Angelique Donnla Hughes Other parts played by Janice Acquah, Jill Cardo, Jonathan

Tafler and Gunnar Cauthery. MON 07:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000hmnn)

Series 4

Mail

The Cruiseman Milton thinks his luck is in when he unexpectedly wins a luxury cruise. But who would want him out of the way? Apart from

everyone, that is 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

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 (b007k2yc)

Have Been Redecorating HMS Troutbridge needs a facelift preparation for the arrival of a new senior WREN.

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, Ronnie Barker as Commander Bell, Tenniel

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Evans as Uncle 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 Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jrbf)

Series 3

Turkey Dinner

Corporal Jones mistakenly shoots a bird, so the platoon hatch a plan to cook it for the old folk of Walmington-on-Sea.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard

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

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney Mr Blewitt Harold Bennett.

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976. MON 09:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)

Series 3

Episode 2

Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Anthony Holden. Lucy Moore, Richard Herring and Louise Doughty. From October 2005.

MON 09:30 Chambers (b007 ipd0)

Series 2

Conditional Fees

John Fuller-Carp wants victory in a 'no win, no fee' case of a broken thumb - and can of figs. Stars John Bird. From June

MON 10:00 Playing For Time - Three Days In May 1940 (b007k4c7)

Facing defeat in Dunkirk, the War Cabinet challenges Winston Churchill over May bank holiday weekend 1940. Stars Robert Hardy.

Robin Glendinning ... Script Writer

Robert Hardy ... Churchill

Ronald Pickup ... Lord Halifax

Jeremy Child ... Neville Chamberlain Bill Wallis ... Clement Atlee

Geoffrey Whitehead ... Arthur Greenwood

David Leonard ... John Martin

Michael Fenton Stevens ... Signor Bastianini Ronald Oliver ... Paul Reynaud

Mark Buffery ... General Ismay

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hv5c)

Series 7

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design)

Guy Raz explores how - from health care to law - some people are trying to solve humanity's seemingly impossible problems. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2014.

MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2yc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jrbf) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hv58)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 14:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Chambers (b007jpd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Playing For Time - Three Days In May 1940

(b007k4c7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hv5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today] MON 17:00 Says on the Tin (b00h62pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000hmnn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] MON 18:00 MR James (b09sng2y)

MR James Stories

Martin's Close

'What see you in the comer of the court, that you fix your eyes

on it and not on me, your Judge?'
Will the trial of Squire George Martin need help from beyond the grave to convict him of murder?

MR James's ghostly tale adapted by Michael and Mollie

Stars Donald Wolfit as Judge Jeffreys, Frank Partington as Thomas Snell, Barbara Mitchell as Betty Clark, Anthony Hall as George Martin, Rolf Lefebvre as Parson Matthews, Sheila

Grant as Ann Clark, George Hagan as Clerk of the Court, Daphne Heard as Sarah Arscott, Francis Larkin as William

Reddaway, Earle Grey as the Recorder, Godfrey Kenton as the Attorney General and Donald McKillop as the Marshal.

Producer: Charles Lefeaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in 1963.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00qplyl)

India Knight and Richard Hawley

Columnist India Knight and musician Richard Hawley join Sue MacGregor to discuss their favourite paperbacks

BOOKS FEATURED IN THE PROGRAMME:

India's choice: Heartburn by Nora Ephron

Publ. Virago

Richard's choice: Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck

Publ. Penguin

Sue's choice: Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah

Publ. Penguin

Produced by Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010. MON 19:00 The Navy Lark (b007k2yc)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] MON 20:30 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hv5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000hmnn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment

(b0082kbk)

Episode 1 Memoirs of a boy growing up in 1970s Cambridgeshire with his eccentric dad. Written and narrated by Peter Bradshaw. From

MON 22:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts and Fancies (b007jrkw)

A Switch in Time

Tackling time-wasting and greetings cards, the producer, writer and performer presents his own collection of humorous essays. From March 2004.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000hq2j)

Series 102

Episode 3 Angela Barnes hosts series 102, leading a panel of regular News Quiz comics and journalists in rounding up the news stories of the week Toining Angela this week is Michael Deacon, Andy

Zaltzman, Suzi Ruffell and Kiri Pritchard McLean. Produced by Suzy Grant

A BBC Studios Audio Production

MON 23:30 Radio Active (b07mdzmz)

The D-Day Show

A weighty historical analysis of the biggest military operation in the history of big military operations.

Starring Morwenna Banks, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Angus Deayton.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986

THESDAY 05 MAY 2020

TUE 00:00 MR James (b09sng2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00qplyl) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000hv58)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jnj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Whispers (b007k2sf) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Chambers (b007jpd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday] TUE 03:00 Playing For Time - Three Days In May 1940

(b007k4c7) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m000hv5c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday] TUE 05:00 Says on the Tin (b00h62pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday] TUE 05:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000hmnn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007znms)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6

9. The Final Problem The Baker Street sleuth's enemy, Professor Moriarty, pursues

him across Europe - towards the ultimate confrontation Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Dr Watson Norman Shelley Professor Moriarty .. Rolf Lefebyre

Peter Steiler Alan Dudley

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Swiss Boy Gordon Gardner

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and dramatised by Michael Hardwick

Produced by Martyn C. Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1967.

TUE 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jnjp)

Episode 2

The invitation to a murder was not a game. Who wants Letty Blacklock dead? What did Mitzi overhear in the summerhouse?

Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Craddock Ian Lavender Letty Blacklock Sarah Lawson Dora Bunner Judy Cornwell

Mitzi Jenny Funnell

A Murder Is Announced

Julia Simmons Angela Sims

Phillipa Haymes Sarah Rice

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.

TUE 07:00 HR (b00txgsc)

Series 2

Consulting

Comedy drama series by Nigel Williams that charts the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-

making colleague. Having nursed Peter through retirement blues, Sam himself succumbs to the dreaded sense of purposelessness. Then Peter gets an ad looking for experienced consultants. They're made!

Peter Jonathan Prvce Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Waiter Sam Dale

Director: Peter Kayanagh. TUE 07:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000hmh1)

Comedian Ellie Taylor has some opinions she'd like to get off her chest. In this episode she looks at being married and wonders whether being monogamous is actually all it's cracked up to be. She discusses her views with sketches, and help from the studio audience and her side-kick Robin Morgan. She also welcomes on a special expert guest...a lady who was once in a "throuple".

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

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (m000hwwr) The Lost Emperor Archaeologist Seagoon hunts for the missing treasure of

Genghis Khan. Stars Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From October 1955

TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0bg)

Hollywood and Back The veteran of many parts recalls one of the worst screen performances never seen. Stars Peter Jones. From June 1986.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000hq2j) [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Such Rotten Luck (b0674yzk)

Series 2

Penny-Pinching Publisher Can struggling writer Woodhouse deal with disappointment after his trip to Berlin? Stars Tim Pigott-Smith. From

December 1991.

TUE 10:00 Drama (b072htqt) Sylvia's Lovers by Elizabeth Gaskell

Episode 1 Sylvia Dobson's cousin, Philip, lives for her, he loves her totally but Sylvia is in love with seafaring whaler, Charlie Kinraid. Set in 1790s Yorkshire,- the time of the Napoleonic wars. It

takes place in Monkshaven (ie. Whitby). The Press Gangs were always lurking when the whale boats were returning from Greenland with their cargo. They intercepted the boats, seized the men and pressed them into

service with the Royal Navy to fight the French. Elizabeth Gaskell last (completed) novel dramatised by Ellen

Elizabeth Gaskell Barbara Flynn

Sylvia Jodie Comer Philip Graeme Hawley Charlie Kinraid Chris Connel

Bell Siobhan Finneran Daniel Paul Copley

Kester/Donkin Jonathan Keeble Molly Nichola Burley Mrs. Corney Olwen May

Director: Pauline Harris First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0002zv4) Karine Polwart

An exploration of the art of storytelling in song, with the musician and writer Karine Polwart.

Karine has won six BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, including 2018 Folk Singer of The Year, Her seventh album, Laws Of Motion, was released in October, with songs spanning moments from history and her own life.

One song, which she first performed at Celtic Connections in 2017, addresses Donald Trump from the point of view of the ancient, metamorphic rock lying beneath the Isle Of Lewis. In 2016, Karine wrote, musically directed, and performed in

Wind Resistance, a critically acclaimed theatrical meditation on midwifery, ecology, sanctuary, and solidarity.

Karine's radio work, meanwhile, includes several compositions for the BBC's ground-breaking Radio Ballads series, which marked the centenary of the end of the First World War - as we feature Hospitals broadcast on Radio 2 as part of The Ballad Of The Great War: 1917.

We also revisit an essay Karine delivered on BBC Radio 3, My Life In Music: Craigie Hill, which reflects on family, loss, memory and the power of a good song.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (m000hwwr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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TUE 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jnjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b007jrcc)

Episode 1

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

When it began in January 1988, this show adopted a format with two regular team captains - Fry and Sessions and two guests each week, with Colin Sell at the piano.

In this first edition of the pioneering series, John Sessions, Dawn French, Stephen Fry and Lenny Henry are tasked to improvise by series chairman Clive Anderson

Rounds include ghastly guests at a party and Goldilocks and the Three Bears performed as never before.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson. Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson.

TUE 14:30 Such Rotten Luck (b0674vzk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Drama (b072htqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Telling Tales (m0002zv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 17:00 HR (b00txgsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000hmh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b02x5lyj)

Fire On The Mountain

Ralph, Piggy, Jack and Simon are amongst a group of schoolboys who survive a plane crash and find themselves marooned on a deserted island. With no means of contacting the world beyond, the boys come together in an attempt to initiate rescue and survive the surrounding perils. But as time passes, and memories of home grow faint, tensions mount and their unity and order is sorely tested. First published in 1954, William Golding's classic fable of

mankind's capacity for good and evil is one of the masterpieces of 20th Century literature, so much so that has it long ago reached the status of a cultural referent. Judith Adams' fourpart dramatisation captures the adventure, atmosphere and chilling undertones of Golding's tragic vision.

With Finn Bennett as Ralph, Richard Linnell as Jack, Kasper Hilton Hille as Piggy and Jack Kane as Simon. Ruth Wilson narrates. Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0075zjv)

Series 1

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Despite their hit 1970 anthem of love and support, Simon and Garfunkel struck some wrong notes. With Paul Gambaccini. From 2000

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (m000hwwr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007znms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Miss Marple (b007jnjp) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0002zv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000hmh1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b044w2t8)

Series 3

Coming of Age

Stephen K Amos is joined by comedians Mae Martin, Travis Jay and Dan Antopolski to present a guide to coming of age. Additional material by Christine Rose and Hugh Sington

Produced by Colin Anderson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

TUE 23:00 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076gyj)

Series 1 Dorrigo

Simon Munnery's musings on life in Australia and comedic revelations of his battle with testicular cancer. From 2003. TUE 23:15 The Pin (b07wgj2v)

Series 2

Evolution

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 evolve - which means new features (and new total misunderstandings about how existence works).

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 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

- '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 (b01 ib1xv)

Series 3

Matsons Electronics

The third series of a sitcom about a clueless bunch of management consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up their clients' businesses.

Electrical retailer, Matson's, needs a boost - but are they ready for the sort of kick delivered by this bunch?

Marcus Brigstocke

Robin Ince

Catherine Shepherd

Beth Chalmers

Written by James Carey. Produced by Adam Bromley.

First broadcasts on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

WEDNESDAY 06 MAY 2020

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WED 05:00 HR (b00txgsc)

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WED 05:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000hmh1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hwf6)

A Small Killing in Hollywood

Len Deighton ... Author Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist

Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart

David Garth ... Sydney Ryden

Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein

Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow Clifford Rose ... Willi Kleiber

Colin Starkey ... Reader Bernard Brown ... Prime Minister

Jenny Funnell ... Jennifer

Melinda Walker ... Kitty

Don Fellows ... MacIver Ian Tyler ... Billy Stein

WED 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jnk6) A Murder Is Announced

Episode 3

There is little doubt that the intended murder victim was Miss Blacklock. Will a second attempt be made on her life? Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as the deceptively mild sleuth, Miss Marple. With Ian Lavender as Inspector Craddock, Jenny Funnell as Mitzi, Jamie Glove as Patrick Simmons, Sarah Lawson as Letty Blacklock and Judy Cornwell as Dora Bunner

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

WED 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b0175mdh)

Series 2

They Come to Freeze Our Children

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.

An actress is forced to face her worst fear and work with a child.

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

Cynthia Valentine Rachel Atkins

Fenella Sayers Ania Gordon Director Alex Lamipekun

Angela Anna Bengo

Continuity Simon Treves. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 07:30 Quanderhorn (m000hn5w)

Quanderhorn 2

1. Killdiboos and Universibold Explodibangbang Mercurial genius, Professor Quanderhorn (James Fleet) has

created a time loop, rendering it permanently 1952. His arch nemesis, Churchill (John Sessions) has sent a wave of bagpiping bombers to unleash their payload over the 5th dimensional storage tanks holding the captured time, and reality is about to be destroyed.

The Professor and his rag-tag crew - test pilot Brian Nylon (Ryan Sampson), clockwork-emotioned Dr Gemini Janussen (Cassie Layton), caddish Martian hostage Guuuurk (Kevin Eldon) and Quanderhorn's part-insectoid son Troy (Freddie Fox), along with factotum Jenkins (John Sessions. Again) -

escape by scattering themselves through time. Troy and Guuuurk find themselves in a cave in the Pleistocene Era, with some rather unnerving co-habitan

Brian and the Professor have an unexpected Latin lesson, resulting in Brian being given as a gift to a beautiful Roman noblewoman. He's rather worried to discover what's supposed to happen next.

Dr Janussen and Sergeant "Jenkins" Jenkins are spirited to the mid-seventeenth century, where they encounter a strangely familiar-looking Witchfinder General

Starring

James Fleet as Professor Quanderhorn

Ryan Sampson as Brian Nylon

Cassie Layton as Dr Gemini Janussen

Freddie Fox as Troy Quanderhorn Kevin Eldon as Gumurk

John Sessions as Sergeant 'Jenkins' Jenkins and Churchill

Rachel Atkins as Delores Created and Written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall

Directed by Andrew Marshall

Studio Engineer and Editor: Alisdair McGregor

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

Produced by Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007tdvy)

The Wild Man of the Woods The lad announces that he's rejecting society to go and live a

truly rural life. 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

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1957. WED 08:30 After Henry (b007jnl5)

Series 2

The Kitten Sarah and her mother disagree over tidiness of the house - until a visitor arrives..

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, Michael Hadley as the Policeman and Simon Brett as Percy Bradshaw 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 September 1986.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00jm2np)

Series 23

Paul Gambaccini hosts the wide-ranging music quiz, with contestants from London, Lymington and Lewes, From 2009. WED 09:30 The Change (b0076p3r)

Series 3 Episode 3

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A visit to the doctor sparks a bombshell for the not-so-happy mother-to-be

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 (b0736566)

Sylvia's Lovers by Elizabeth Gaskell

Episode 2

Sylvia marries Philip, believing Charlie to be dead. But chaos descends when Charlie returns, and Sylvia discovers Philip has lied to her.

Set in Yorkshire in the 1790's - the time of the Napoleonic wars, in Monkshaven (ie.Whitby), during the time of the Press Gangs, who intercepted the fishing boats, seized the men and pressed them into service with the Royal Navy to fight the French.

Conclusion of Elizabeth Gaskell last (completed) novel

Elizabeth Gaskell Barbara Flynn

Sylvia Jodie Comer

Philip Graeme Hawley Bell Siobhan Finneran

Daniel Paul Copley

Charlie Chris Connell

Kester/Duncan Jonathan Keeble

Molly Nichola Burley Hester/Mrs Kinraid Verity Henry

Dramatised by Ellen Dryden

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

WED 11:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hwfc)

3: Third Time's A Charm

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-toair 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 Emily Buchanan introducing a blooper reel from 'A World In Your Ear'.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first heard in 2018.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007tdvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 After Henry (b007jnl5) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hwf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jnk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b00jm2np)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 The Change (b0076p3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 15:00 Drama (b0736566)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Steve Penk's Radio Nightmares (m000hwfc) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b0175mdh) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Quanderhorn (m000hn5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b02yl7vs) Painted Faces

By William Golding

Dramatised by Judith Adams

New dramatisation of William Golding's classic fable. The boys' hair has grown long and their clothes have begun to fall apart since they first found themselves marooned on a

deserted island. Ralph has been appointed leader and marshalled the others into maintaining a signal fire. But a faction of boys abandon their responsibilities in favour of hunting and his authority is called into question.

Cast:

Ralph Finn Bennett Jack Richard Linnell Kasper Hilton Hille Simon Jack Kane Maurice Barney Herrin Sam Bradley Shedden Eric Tomi Frv Roger Edward Bracey

Bill Gabriel Brody

Littleun Isaac Andrews

Mother Stephanie Racine

Narrator Ruth Wilson

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

Production co-ordinator: Selina Ream Sound design: Colin Guthrie

Studio manager: Jeni Burnett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b06mfs7k)

Afterlife

How imprisonment revealed an unlikely talent, a musical story of what follows after a dust storm has passed and the

unexpected complications of standing still to watch the seasons change. Josie Long hears stories of what follows after the main

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 The items featured in this programme are:

John Feat. John McAvoy and Darren Davies

Produced by Sophie Black

The Novelist

Feat. Lily Kestecher, Noel Debien, Claudia Taranto and Milan

Produced by Natalie Kestecher

Sound engineer / sound design by Russell Stapleton

The Man Who Couldn't Stop the Wind from Blowing

Produced by Cicely Fell

Original music by Smith & Watson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Quanderhorn (m000hn5w) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Tim Key's Suspended Sentence (b0128pyh)

Truths universally acknowledged. Clocks striking thirteen. Bests and worsts of times. A truly great opening line can make a novel iconic. But what makes these famous first sentences sing

Last year, Perrier award-winning comedian and poet Tim Key chased down the meaning of Nikolai Gogol's enigmatic short story "The Overcoat", in a feature that garnered some of the most prestigious awards in European radio - winning the EBU's Ake Blomstrom Prize, and being nominated for the Prix Italia and Prix Marulic

Now, another chance to hear his first radio 'documentary' (sort of), originally aired in 2011, as he tries to sleuth out what makes a great literary opening line, with the help of author Joe Dunthorne, comedian and novelist Mark Watson, and literary critics Maureen Freely and John Sutherland. You see, Tim's just desperate to write his first novel - it's in him, just waiting waiting to be unleashed. If only he could think of a good beginning...

Fresh from his acclaimed stage show "Masterslut" and regular spots on Charlie Brooker's "Newswipe" and Steve Coogan's "Mid-Morning Matters With Alan Partridge", Tim's on a mission to pen the ultimate opening line: one that will knock your socks off, hook you in, blow you away (he'll sort out the rest later, yeah?).

As he slowly crafts his one-sentence magnum opus, Tim taps into the minds of some of Britain's top literary talents to find out what a first line should and shouldn't do, and the hours of sweat and toil enshrined in those crucial few words. He also tries to galvanise his imagination - taking a spin of one of the world's strangest literary board games.

The pressure's on, as we hear a roll-call of some of the finest and most famous first lines in publishing history - from Dickens to Dostoevsky to uh, Dan Brown. Overwhelmed with information, we also hear a crash course on what not to do - as Tim visits Knebworth House, ancestral pile of a man whose most famous first sentence is legendary for all the wrong reasons: Edward Bulwer-Lytton, author of the infamous "It was

Finally it's time to try out Tim's sentence of the unsuspecting public, as he visits the award-winning Brick Lane Book Club for a focus group...before in the final moments, he unleashes that killer first sentence on the world...(so then Tim: what comes next?)

WED 23:00 A Normal... (b08ktnwk)

a dark and stormy night...

Part two in an occasional series in which Henry Normal uses poetry, storytelling and comedy to explore life's big questions. Last year Henry brought us his acclaimed show - 'A Normal Family', which centred around his son, Johnny, who was diagnosed with "mildly severe" autism. In this profound, funny and moving show, Henry explored what this meant for his

This time Henry brings us his new show, 'A Normal Life'. Drawing on his experiences bringing up a child with autism, Henry investigates where edges are, and how we are connected. As well as his trademark humour, the show tackles the subjects of life, death, loneliness, loss, human frailty and other classic conversation stoppers

Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.

He has published several volumes of poetry, including The Dream Ticket, Nude Modelling for the Afterlife and Staring Directly at the Eclipse. His last Radio 4 series was 1997's Encyclopaedia Poetica.

Written and performed by - Henry Normal

Producer - Carl Cooper

Production Coordinator - Steve Lanham This is a BBC Studios Production.

WED 23:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dtmb8)

Series 1

Kevin Eldon

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 comedian Kevin Eldon.

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 performerKevin Eldon

Producer Julia McKenzie.

THURSDAY 07 MAY 2020

THU 00:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b02vl7vs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday] THU 05:30 Quanderhorn (m000hn5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hx33)

The House in Geneva Len Deighton ... Author

Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist

Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart

David Garth ... Ivan

Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein

Colin Starkey ... Parker Ian Tyler ... Billy Stein

Barry Morse ... Colonel Pitman

Mary Wimbush ... Madame Maurig George Coulouris ... Schmuk

Stuart Milligan ... Kalkhoven

David Sinclair ... Grechko David Leaner ... Hollis

THU 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jnkp)

A Murder Is Announced

Episode 4 Everyone realises that the poison was meant for Miss Blacklock, not Dora Bunner. Suspicion falls on the members of

the group. Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple. With Ian Lavender as Inspector Craddock, Elizabeth Bell as Miss Hinchliffe, Jamie Glove as Patrick Simmons and

Sarah Lawson as Letty Blacklock. Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Envd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)

Series 1 Episode 1

Sheila Hancock heads a stunning cast including Mackenzie Crook, Penelope Wilton, Felicity Montagu and Kevin Eldon, This is a clever, funny and touching series about a small town in the middle of Northamptonshire as it prepares for a talent night It is written by and also stars Katherine Jakeways.

Each week we catch up with Rod the local supermarket manager (Mackenzie Crook) who shares rather more than is usual about his private life over the store's tannoy system.

We get to know recently divorced Jan (Felicity Montagu) who's been trying unsuccessfully to 'find herself' with a trip abroad to an elephant sanctuary. But it is at home in Wadenbrook that she starts to feel happier with herself as her friendship blossoms

with ex-teacher Mary (Penelope Wilton). And, joy of joys, could it be that Jan is going to experience a touch of romance at

last?

We are introduced to driving instructor and forthright selfdefence teacher Esther (Katherine Jakeways) and her gentle and put-upon Jonathan (Kevin Eldon) as they struggle to start a family and we meet possibly the only happy couple in town, Ken and Keith, as they attempt to teach their pet whippets to dance for the town talent night.

Written by Katherine Jakeways

Produced by Claire Jones

In this week's episode Mary starts rehearsals for the town talent night and is shocked by 12 year old Gregory's slide show of Victorian ladies. Meanwhile Esther sends her husband Jonathan out to collect money for the Leicestershire Infertile Males Project but he ends up at The Bricklayer's Arms looking at pictures of elephants with Jan.

THU 07:30 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

Series 2

The Charity Gig

The Evans family are back for another series. Former convict Bob is forced to live with his uptight son Gruff, sympathetic daughter-in-law Alice and granddaughter Carys whilst on parole.

Ex-fraudster Bob gets the opportunity to catch up with a former resident of C Wing, who has written about his time in prison.

Bob - Steve Speirs

Gruff - Elis James

Alice - Katy Wix

Richard Flint - Neil Pearson

Tabitha - Adelayo Adedayo Hakan - Naz Osmanoglu

Pam - Anna Brophy Leon

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Produced by Victoria Lloyd A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hx35)

Series 2

Episode 7

Frankie recalls his Everest expedition and appears as a witness in the High Court.

Ably assisted by June Whitfield, Ray Fell and Kate Binchy, Francis titters and teeters through his eventful life and illustrious career as he writes his memoirs.

Written my David McKellar and David Nobbs

Music from The Bill McGuffie Ouartet.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1973.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tln6g)

Series 4

Episode 11 The team poke fun at TV sitcoms with the launch of 'For Better

and for Worse And Son'. 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 and Bill Oddie.

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 December 1966.

THU 09:00 It's Your Round (b019f6kd)

Series 2

Episode 4

Four more panellists attempt to beat each other at their own games, with host, Angus Deayton.

The rounds this episode include:

Will Smith's "Jersey Quiz", all about the weird and wonderful

world of his Channel Island birthplace. Australian actress and comedian, Celia Pacquola's "Now That's Charity!" in which panellists must all pitch a charity which they would use to acquire enough funds to eradicate their personal bêtes noires, like men in flip-flops, Jennifer Aniston films, or people who constantly check their phones.

Jason Solomon's "Tagline Tease" in which panellists have to guess the tagline to a particular film.

Andrew Maxwell's "Boarder, boarder, boarder or boarder"... in which panellists are given a slang term and they have to guess whether it's from the world of snowboarding, surfboarding, clapper-boarding or boarding school.

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 09:30 Millport (b0076258)

Series 2

Story

Everyone's telling tales and making up stories - while Moira's acting oddly, no-one's listening to Bob, Agnes has discovered the medicinal benefits of alcohol - and for once Irene doesn't know what to do...

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/Doctor, Gabriel Ouigley as Ena/Bunty, Robert Patterson as Bob/Minister and Matt Costello as Dougie.

Music arranged by Olly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b008m3vt)

Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence

Episode 1

Newland Archer is engaged to May Welland, but his life takes an unexpected turn when he meets May's unconventional cousin Countess Ellen Olenska.

Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Dramatised in two parts by Jane Rogers

Newland Archer Ryan McCluskey Ellen Olenska Susan Lynch

May Welland ... Kellie Bright

Augusta Welland Lorelei King

Sillerton Jackson/Riviere Kerry Shale

Julius Beaufort Conrad Nelson Lawrence Martin T Sherman

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09r458w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0002mh6) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hx35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tln6g)

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THU 13:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hx33)

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THU 13:30 Miss Marple (b007 inkp)

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THU 14:00 It's Your Round (b019f6kd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Millport (b0076258)

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THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sp454)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b0331rqn)

Beast From The Air

By William Golding

Dramatised by Judith Adams

New dramatisation of William Golding's classic fable. After their plane crashed onto a deserted island, the surviving schoolboys have strived to build shelters, maintain a signal fire and hunt for food. Until now, they believed the island was uninhabited. But when the twins spy a mysterious shape on the mountaintop, rumours of a beast spread amongst the group. With nowhere to hide, the boys have no other option than to hunt it

Cast: Ralph Finn Bennett Jack Richard Linnell Piggy Kasper Hilton Hille Simon Jack Kane Maurice Barney Herrin Sam Bradlev Shedden

Eric Tomi Fry Roger Edward Bracev Bill Gabriel Brody Littleun Isaac Andrews Mother Stephanie Racine

. . Ruth Wilson Narrator . . Director: Sasha Yevtushenko Production co-ordinator: Selina Ream

Studio manager: Jeni Burnett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04hvv01)

Sound design: Colin Guthrie

Andrew Adonis on Joseph Bazalgette

Matthew Parris hears from Labour peer Lord Adonis why Joseph Bazalgette, the Victorian engineer, has his nomination as a Great Life.

Bazalgette, the grandson of a French immigrant who made a fortune lending money to the Hanoverian royal family, is one of the most important of the great Victorian engineers. He not only built a sewage system for London which wiped out cholera in the city, he also built the famous Embankments, laid out several of the main thoroughfares and built or improved many of the city's landmark bridges. Yet he is far less well-known than his flamboyant contemporary Brunel and less celebrated than the creators of the railways. With the help of Joseph Bazalgette's great-great-grandson Sir Peter Bazalgette, the man responsible for Ready Steady Cook and Big Brother and now Chairman of the Arts Council, Matthew pieces together the story of Sir Joseph Bazalgette, "The Sewer King,"

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014. THU 19:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hx35)

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THU 22:00 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] THU 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jps7)

Beware the Ides of Masterson

Ancient Rome witnesses terror, tyrants and togas. Improvised family saga with Paul Merton and Josie Lawrence. From June 1994.

THU 23:00 The Skivers (b00805wv)

Series 2

Jon Pertwee

Doctor Who meets Worzel Gummidge, as Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh welcome guest Jon Pertwee. From February 1995.

THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b00768v0)

Dr Jekyll's telling off, and Radio 4's new quiz for pedants. Sketch show with Robert Webb and Olivia Colman. From

FRIDAY 08 MAY 2020

FRI 00:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b0331rqn)

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FRI 05:30 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

FRI 06:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hwpg)

An Egg Farm in Norfolk

Bernard Hepton ... Max Breslow

Carl Duering ... Wever

Alan Thompson ... Case Officer Mary Wimbush ... Mrs Breslow

Anne Jameson ... Mrs Wever

FRI 06:30 Miss Marple (b007 inl4)

A Murder Is Announced

A further murder has been committed, but just as Miss Marple

is piecing her thoughts together - she disappears... Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Jane Marple. With Ian Lavender as Inspector Craddock, Jack Hedley

Sarah Rice as Phillipa Haymes, Jenny Funnell as Mitzi and Sarah Lawson as Letty Blacklock.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

FRI 07:00 Electric Ink (b01k9wdn)

Episode 5

John Sessions

Oliver Alex Jennings Freddy Stephen Wight

Carol Polly Frame

Series 1

Episode 1

August 2002.

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b04hvv0l)

FRI 01:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hx33)

FRI 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jnkp)

[Reneat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday] FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b008m3vt)

FRI 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09r458w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

Len Deighton ... Author

Michael Bakewell ... Dramatist

Trevor Nichols ... Boyd Stuart David Garth ... Psychiatrist

Bruce Boa ... Charles Stein

Colin Starkey ... Reader

David Sinclair Hitler

Episode 5

as Colonel Easterbrook, Jamie Glove as Patrick Simmons

Director: Enyd Williams

Series 2

by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

A comic satire set in the struggling world of newspapers. Freddy punctures Maddox's literary pretensions and uncovers a

Maddox .

Masha Debbie Chazen

Miles Deanbrook Sean Baker

Producer Sally Avens

Waiter Adeel Akhtar

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

FRI 07:30 Just a Minute (b05nt9bf)

Series 71

Episode 8

After an incredibly successful debut earlier in this series, David Tennant is back on the show, joining Julian Clary, Stephen Fry and Paul Merton.

But will he manage to speak for an entire minute this time..? Subjects include "To Be or Not to Be" and "My Dog's Got No

Nicholas Parsons rules over BBC Radio 4's classic panel game in which the contestants are challenged to speak on a given subject for a minute without hesitation, repetition or deviation. FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm59)

A Slight Case of Demolition The bumbling civil servants tackle traffic trouble and town

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler

With Norma Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and John Graham. Written by Edward Taylor, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer. 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Dervck 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 March 1967. FRI 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008hzh9)

Series 3

Episode 6

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel is collecting for 'charity' in a seasonal scam

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

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 (m0007bk0)

Series 9

University of Plymouth

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Plymouth with specialist subjects including History, Geology and Human Biosciences and questions ranging from deadly jellyfish to glowing jellyfish via Jack Straw, Krishna and Planck's Constant.

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

Other Universities featured in this series include Royal Holloway University of London, Aberdeen, 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 (b012gpr4)

The Reluctant Aristocrat

Belport tries to prove he is not a toff but instead starts the world's first rail strike. Stars Paul Rider. From June 2004.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b008ncs3)

Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence

Episode 2

Despite Newland Archer's marriage to May, he is still obsessed

with thoughts of Ellen Olenska.

Conclusion of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Newland Archer Ryan McCluskey

Ellen Olenska Susan Lynch May Welland ... Kellie Bright

Augusta Welland Lorelei King

Sillerton Jackson/Riviere Kerry Shale Julius Beaufort Conrad Nelson

Lawrence Martin T Sherman

Dramatised by Jane Rogers

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)

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

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm59)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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

Flywheel (b008hzh9)

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FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007bk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 1835 (b012gpr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Classic Serial (b008ncs3) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Electric Ink (b01k9wdn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Just a Minute (b05nt9bf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 William Golding - Lord of the Flies (b036j238)

Gift For Darkness By William Golding

Dramatised by Judith Adams

New dramatisation of William Golding's classic fable. Since their plane crashed into a deserted island, the group of surviving schoolboys have awaited rescue by mainting a signal fire. But as tensions rose amongst the group factions have emerged causing a split. Jack and his hunters have set up camp at a rocky outcrop they call Castle Rock while Ralph, Piggy, Simon and a few straglers have remained at the shelters with the

signal fire. And it's the fire that the hunters so desperately crave.

Ralph Finn Bennett Jack Richard Linnell

Piggy Kasper Hilton Hille Simon Jack Kane

Maurice Barnev Herrin Sam Bradley Shedden Eric Tomi Fry Roger Edward Bracey

Bill Gabriel Brody Littleun Isaac Andrews Mother Stephanie Racine

. . . . Adam Nagaitis . . . Ruth Wilson Narrator . . Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

Conch player: Eilon Morris Sound design and choral arrangement: Colin Guthrie

Studio manager: Jeni Burnett Production co-ordinator: Selina Ream

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076ww3) Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Dominic Arkwright and guests Mary Loudon, Morag Joss and Pip Utton discuss brothers, sisters and sibling rivalry. From

FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm59)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008hzh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Len Deighton - XPD (m000hwpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Miss Marple (b007 inl4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Just a Minute (b05nt9bf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 22:30 Paperback Hell (m000hwpn)

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Starring Michael Fenton Stevens, Rebecca Front, Mel Hudson, Alex Lowe and Dan Tetsell,

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

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FRI 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00807sc)

Series 1

The cartoonist unearths an alien conspiracy to turn the world into a kids' holiday camp. Stars Paul McCrink. From August

FRI 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00hlf5j)

Episode 1

Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.

Alan realises he must have done something wrong to annoy Jane, but cannot remember what it is

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock,

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007ncns)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 1

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