

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2020

SAT 00:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007w525)

The Exposure
Sunday unmasks one of the anarchists as a Scotland Yard detective, leaving Gabriel Syme in despair.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in March 2005.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076x2p)

It's Not You, It's Me
Victoria Coren on how we avoid uncomfortable moments, with Martin Newell, Dr Cosmo Hallstrom and Susannah Jowett. From February 2006.

SAT 01:00 Agatha Raisin (b011f5km)

Series 1
The Walkers of Dembley
Keen to get closer to James - the sleuth gets embroiled in a saga of murder, lust and Wellington Boots.

Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith

James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe

Deborah Camden Rachel Atkins

Mr Boggle David Holt

Sir Charles Whitaker Philip Fox

Jessica Keller Alice Hart

Kelvin Bertie Carvell

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

SAT 01:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)

The Smithfield Murders

5. A Passion for Hunting Something

With big business involved, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield finds herself trapped with hired killers underneath Smithfield meat market...

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Stephen Temple Gavin Muir

Alex Wild Deborah Berlin

Joey Jones Don McCorkindale

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Sally Jane Whittenshaw

Rachel Jones Jilly Bond

Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead

Henry Sinclair John Turner

Johnson Jonathan Keeble

Gordon Richards David Timson

Voice 1 David Collings

Voice 2 John Hartley

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 02:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007qbm)

Series 9

University of Brighton

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Brighton with specialist subjects including Biomedical Sciences, Marketing and History and Globalization and questions ranging from Chinese state infrastructure to the heraldic name for a squirrel via Trypanosoma and tzatziki.

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 Royal Holloway University of London, Aberdeen, Plymouth, St Catharine's College Cambridge and Oxford Brookes.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pzozitive production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:30 Dry Slopes (b0075178)

Series 2

Emma

Does the fact that Emma is married, has a son and is moving to Mauritius mean that she's no longer interested in Angus - or is she just playing hard to get?

It would be a lot easier to dine out if he could talk to her instead of her answer machine, even though it is a good Listener.

Written by and starring Nick Ball.

Angus Nick Ball

Mum Mum

With Robert Hartley, Wayne Forester and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

SAT 03:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vm0)

Episode 2

Baptised aged ten and now growing up, lonely Edmund is torn between his father and the terrible secret in his heart.

Derek Jacobi stars as Edmund Gosse.

Conclusion of Edmund Gosse's uniquely frank memoir of a Victorian childhood. Tender, comic and lyrical, this is his account of the spiritual struggle between a lonely boy and his charismatic father.

Dramatised by Nick Warburton.

Edmund Gosse Derek Jacobi

Philip Henry Gosse Roger Allam

Young Edmund Steven Williams

Eliza Brightwen Jane Whittenshaw

Ella Smith Mrs Brown

Brother Fawkes Gerard McDermott

Preacher Wayne FoskettJ

Teacher John Cummins

Brethren/Villagers Delroy Brown

Brethren/Villagers Nick Sayce

Brethren/Villagers Sophie Roberts

Brethren/Villagers Ayesha Antoine

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000j9yh)

Super short series, Jacob Hawley, and other new releases

Amanda Litherland and Caroline Crampton recommend super short podcasts. And Jacob Hawley chats about his latest series for BBC Sounds, 'Jacob Hawley's Job Centre'.

Recommended this week

Short series to learn something:

The World According to Sound

50 Things That Changed The Modern Economy

The Story Behind

On This Day In Esoteric Political History

Short fiction/story series:

Listen, Rinse, Repeat

Chompers

The Roommate From Hell

Havisham Kills Time

Sam Walker's Desert Island Diaries

Short thoughtful podcasts:

10 Things That Scare Me

Now For Tomorrow

The Rob Auton Daily Podcast

The Slowdown

New Podcasts:

Jacob Hawley's Job Centre

The Missionary

Swipe Left Swipe Left

You can contact the show by emailing

podcastradiohour@bbc.co.uk

SAT 05:00 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)

Flux

Caroline is running Household Solutions on her own from the student rooms she is renting - just leaflets through doors, offering a family back-up service.

After a chance meeting, Sylvia is sure she could be helpful to the business. Caroline is sure she couldn't.

Sylvia persists and, against her better judgement, Caroline gets drawn in. Can they manage to turn their service into a good business?

Sitcom in four parts by Lesley Bruce.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

Tanya Alison Pettitt

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

SAT 05:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)

Series 1

Abu Dhabi

Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam star in the sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult. Written by John Finnemore, writer for The News Quiz, The Now Show, and That Mitchell & Webb Sound.

In this week's episode, the town of Bristol, a cat and a thermostat combine to present Martin with a career-breaking crisis.

Cast:

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey..... John Finnemore

ATC Fitton..... Ewen

MaIntosh

Written by John Finnemore

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)

"I'm going back to London! And I'm going to marry the first woman I see!"

So cries young Lord Sheringham when his proposal of marriage

is rejected by Isabella, the Incomparable.

True to his word, he takes the even younger Hero Wantage as his bride...

Published in 1944, Georgette Heyer's Regency tale of romance dramatised by John Peacock.

Viscount Anthony Sheringham James Frain

Hero Wantage Elli Garnett

Montagu Revesby Nicholas Boulton

Lady Saltash Mary Wimbush

Ferdy Fakenham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Jasper Tarleton Simon Russell Beale

Lord George Wrotham Ian Hughes

Jason Peter Kenny

Isabella Milborne Annabel Mullion

Gil Paul Panting

Ruth Cathy Sara

Lady Sheringham Susan Sheringham

Jane Bagshot Eva Stuart

Mrs Milborne Tessa Worsley

Lady Jersey Jilly Bond

The Postboy David Antronso

Groombridge David Bannerman

Music by Trevor Allan Davies

Producer: Ned Chaillot.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04tjft0)

Series 35

Arthur Smith on Emil Zátopek

Matthew Parris - himself current holder of the House of Commons marathon record time - meets comedian Arthur Smith, who also turns out to have been a runner when he was younger, and whose choice for a Great Life is an athlete whom he has admired since his childhood.

Emil Zátopek emerged onto the international stage in 1948 when he became a sensation at the Olympics in London, but it was his performance in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics which put him in the record books. Already an established distance runner, he bagged gold in the 5000 and 10000 metres and then, having previously given no hint that he would be a champion marathon runner, he also won that race.

The expert witness is Pat Butcher, writer and ex-runner, who is working on a biography of Zátopek, and he argues that no-one is likely ever to equal Zátopek's achievement in winning gold in three different distance events.

Zátopek retired from competitive running in 1957 and later fell heavily out of favour with the post-Dubcek regime in Czechoslovakia but was rehabilitated after 1989 and remains a much-cherished hero in Czech Republic and among the running community.

Producer Christine Hall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 08:00 Counterpoint (b00jwzxx)

Series 23

2009 Heat 8

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out:

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 08:30 The Change (b0613287)

Series 3

Episode 5

The family learn about Carol's condition - and Sonia finally confronts Dave about his suspicious behaviour.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Philip Jackson

Violet Marcia Warren

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Ken James Vaughan

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Jerry Barnaby Kay

Dave Mark Powley

Nurse Rosie Armstrong

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 December 2004.

SAT 09:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)

1980s

Episode 1

Decade by decade, Barry Cryer showcases some of the funniest and finest shows ever broadcast by the BBC.

The original New Romantic brings you six favourite shows plucked from the 1980s schedules of BBC Radio 1 and Radio 4:-

* Radio Active

Series 2 (3/6) Good Day Sport

Get all the sport results you need from your local national radio station. Stars Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Helen Atkinson-Wood, Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

From 1982.

* After Henry

Series 1 (4/8) The Dinner Party

Sarah plays hostess, Mother plays the martyr and daughter Clare

holds a flat-warming party. Stars Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson, Gerry Cowper and Benjamin Whitrow. From 1985.

* Unnatural Acts

Series 1 (2/6) A Death in the Family
As Caroline mourns Monty the gerbil, a séance brings some surprises. Stars Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach and Caroline Leddy. Later series were renamed 'At Home With The Hardys'. From 1987.

* Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful

Series 1 (2/6)

Activist turned advertising copywriter, Ken Handley finds himself assigned to the Conservative Party. Stars Martin Jarvis, Wendy Richard, Michael Jayston and Bill Fraser. From 1982.

* Saturday Night Fry

Series 1 (5/6)

Stephen Fry hosts humorous banter and sketches with his chums Hugh Laurie, Emma Thompson, Jim Broadbent and Phyllida Law. From 1988.

* The Mary Whitehouse Experience

Series 3 (7/12)

The original billing proclaimed it was "The show that dares to ignore the issues that other shows would tackle". Starring David Baddiel, Rob Newman, Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. Series debuted in 1989. Episode from 1990.

Produced and scripted by Peter Reed

First broadcast on BBC 7 in 2003.

SAT 12:00 Whispers (b007k358)

Series 3

Episode 4

Gyles Brandreth chairs the scandals quiz with Lucy Moore, Anthony Holden, Penny Junor and Julian Fellowes. From October 2005.

SAT 12:30 The Goon Show (b007xt2f)

Series 6

The Case of the Missing CD Plates

Mown down and flattened, frustrated Neddie Seagoon falls foul of diplomatic immunity.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1955.

SAT 13:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19k)

The Smithfield Murders

1. Filth and Fat and Blood and Foam

A gruesome murder at London's Smithfield meat market sparks another troubling investigation for Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
Dad Geoffrey Matthews
DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
Sally Jane Whittenshaw
Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead
Joey Jones Don McCorkindale
Miss Sayers Linda Regan
Terence Johns David Bannerman
Rachel Jones Jilly Bond
Micky Matthews John Hollis
Doctor Stephen Thorne

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 13:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19y)

The Smithfield Murders

2. Blue Bummares

Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's father gets on well with his paid carer, but her investigation darkens amidst the 'Blue Bummares' of the market. There's also a surprise flirtation...

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
Dad Geoffrey Matthews
DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
Sally Jane Whittenshaw
Paulo Sean Barrett
Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead
Joey Jones Don McCorkindale
Sadie Stern Linda Regan
Henry Sinclair John Turner

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 14:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1b9)

The Smithfield Murders

3. Chef's Special

There's a fresh dead body down at Clerkenwell, but Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's love affair is hotting up - before she becomes a victim of extreme cold.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
Dad Geoffrey Matthews
Stephen Temple Gavin Muir
Alex Wild Deborah Berlin
DC Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead
Henry Sinclair John Turner

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 14:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1bn)

The Smithfield Murders

4. A Mushroom Diet

The Smithfield community play throws Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield's meaty murder trail into confusion.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
Alex Wild Deborah Berlin
Joey Jones Don McCorkindale
Stephen Temple Gavin Muir
DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead
Henry Sinclair John Turner
Sally Jane Whittenshaw
Johnson Jonathan Keeble
Rachel Jones Jilly Bond
Gordon Richards David Timson
Voice 1 David Collings
Voice 2 John Hartley

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 15:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 World Book Club (m000j7z0)

Tracy Chevalier

Set in 17th century Holland, Tracy Chevalier's novel vividly imagines the story behind the gaze of the model and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.

The American author answers questions from global listeners about *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.

Presented by Harriett Gilbert.

Producer: Karen Holden.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 2004.

SAT 16:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04tjft0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076npz)

The Tertiary Phase

Fit the Seventeenth

As Arthur Dent, Ford Prefect, Trillian and Slartibartfast helplessly watch, the Krikkit Robots open the Wikkit Gate and the planet Krikkit is released from its chronostasis in a mind-hurting instant.

The Book William Franklyn
Arthur Dent Simon Jones
Ford Prefect Geoff McGivern
Marvin Stephen Moore
Trillian Susan Sheridan
Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey
Eddie the Computer Roger Gregg
Slartibartfast Richard Griffiths
Dominic Hawksley : Acting (adult) Krikkit Commander
Dispatcher Bob Golding
Krikkit Man One Michael Fenton Stevens
Krikkit Man Two Philip Pope
Announcer John Marsh
Written by Douglas Adams

Music by Philip Pope and Paul 'Wix' Wickens

Adapted and directed by Dirk Maggs

Producer: Helen Chattwell and Bruce Hyman

An Above the Title production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in October 2004.

SAT 18:30 The Man in Black (b00h73hw)

Series 1

Bombers' Moon by Lucy Kirkwood

Soldiers Jarvis, Carr and Nisbet are stranded in a remote outpost in Afghanistan. They've run out of supplies, trapped by a blizzard, and the man who was going to get help should have been back hours ago.

If that weren't bad enough, they're shut in with Corporal Rashid. They're sure he's a Jonah - pure bad luck. They're a sitting target for the enemy, but there's something worse coming for them through the snowy mountains. Something much, much worse...

Lucy Kirkwood's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Jarvis Gunnar Cauthery
Carr Mark Bonnar
Nisbet Fingal McKiernan
Rashid Inam Mirza
Keefe Robert Lonsdale
Female Voice Manjeet Mann

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 corridor of a care home.

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

The Man In Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SAT 19:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jmg2)

Jazz

Vince can't make the porpoise derby because his band's on New Faces of Pop and Howard can't relax because he's constantly being visited by the spirit of jazz.

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.

The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Award-winning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.

Howard Moon Julian Barratt
Vince Noir Noel Fielding
Bob Fossil Rich Fulcher
With Simon Evans.

After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three series.

Producer: Danny Wallace.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SAT 22:30 And Now in Colour (b0080qg5)

Series 2

Eurospecial

The sketch show team cross the English Channel for a French link-up.

Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vanducky.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1991.

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mr4w3)

Series 4

Episode 5

A date with a slightly disappointing superhero; and the perils of compulsory workplace drinking.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.

Producer Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 23:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b00qps89)

Series 1

1. 'I love a plumber but I'm no boiler'.
'I love a plumber but I'm no boiler'.
Dating outside of your class: would you, should you, could you? 'Help! I love two women at the same time - my mam not included'.

Sarah Millican plays a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts.

Sarah Sarah Millican
Marion Ruth Bratt
Terry Simon Daye
Chris Steve Edge
Jamie Nick Mohammed
Carol Helen Atkinson Wood.

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

SUN 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076npz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 The Man in Black (b00h73hw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j1bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j18w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 World Book Club (m000j7z0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Georgette Heyer - Friday's Child (b007jq09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b04tjft0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007j19y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 07:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 07:30 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 Julie Enfield Investigates (b007jlb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007s5dn)

The Great Sermon Handicap

Can Bertie Wooster beat the odds of disaster in an unusual betting syndicate?

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

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Reverend Heppenstall Maurice Denham

Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Eustace David Jason

Claude Jonathan Lynn

Cynthia Cynthia

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

SUN 09:00 Floggit's (b00ct1wp)

From 09/11/1956

A power cut causes chaos in the village. Gossip galore at sisters Gert and Daisy's general store in Russett Green.

Stars Elsie and Doris Waters as Gert and Daisy.

With Joan Sims, Ron Moody, Ronnie Barker and Hugh Paddick.

Originally popular regulars in 'Worker's Playtime' on the BBC

Home Service during wartime, Gert and Daisy won own series,

Floggit's, when the duo inherited a village general store with a

ragbag of local characters to deal with. It ran for 2 series

between 1956 and 1957.

Scripted by Terry Nation, John Junkin and Dave Freeman.

Producer: Bill Gates

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1956.

SUN 09:30 Millport (b00762cq)

Series 2

The Verdict

The islanders unite to try and save The Cumbræ Bar from closure.

Will Irene stay and fight with them or will she take the last ferry of the day to the mainland to the new life she's always dreamed of?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson as 30-something island barmaid Irene Bruce.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moir/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Ferryman Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Bob/Minister Robert Patterson

Dougie Matt Costello

Music arranged by Oily Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09t27rg)

Medicine, Science & Engineering

Sir Martin Rees

From Edward Elgar to Gabriel Faure. Astrophysicist Sir Martin Rees shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

As well as choosing his eight records, book and luxury,

Astronomer Royal Sir Martin will be discussing his work in

cosmic evolution, or, to put it more simply, how the Earth and

Solar System were formed.

He tells of his belief that it's more difficult to understand a frog than the cosmos.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m00036cz)

Open Road

Marianne and Chris Fisher have swapped their five-bedroom family house in Shropshire, for Trudy the camper van.

This is not a holiday, but a complete change in lifestyle - the

married couple are aiming to step foot in every country in the

world.

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

Bryers.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0b4zkw4)

Series 3

Oliver Sipple

Radiolab explores the impact on one man's life when he saved the life of President Ford. With Jad Abumrad and Robert

Kruglwich.

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 (b0bk1dkw)

The Bards of Somalia

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with

'The Bards of Somalia' featuring the country's news-reporting

poets.

What could Britain learn from Somalia - a country where poetry

is nothing less than the main means of cultural communication?

Portrayed abroad as a land beset by gunmen, pirates and

famine, it is also known by those who live there as a Nation of

Poets. Somalia had no written language until 1972 and poetry

has always been the country's core form of mass

communication - whether the spoken word or, more recently, via

cassettes and radios.

Verse has, in many areas, taken the place of history books,

newspapers and television as the main means of spreading news

and comment. Poets who have real skill - the true bards - have

the power to shape current events and receive both social and

political privileges.

Can we integrate any of these elements into British poetry?

Instead of one Laureate, should we have hundreds of bards

reflecting the diversity of our nation - people we can turn to for

everything from the poetic equivalent of a Times leader to the

latest gossip around the parish pump? Can poetry be integrated

into our daily lives as successfully as in Somalia?

In discussion with presenter Rageh Omaar, poets from the

Somali community in Britain and expert translators wonder if -

through the medium of everything from the spoken word to text

messaging - Somalia's bards might provide the germ of a new

form of information sharing in Britain.

Producer: Neil Cargill

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2010.

SUN 12:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b040zq7)

Series 2

Counter Plot

Richard is alarmed to discover that Ujbaabaan has

commandeered six allotments for some sort of experiment,

while Katrina is more concerned that he's arrested Lucy. But

what kind of plants is he planting inside the building he has

built?

Series two of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien race that's

noticed an all-at-once invasions of Earth never works out that

well. So they've locked the small Buckinghamshire village of

Cresdon Green behind an impenetrable force-field in order to

study human behaviour and decide if Earth is worth invading.

The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new

alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for the

weekend to borrow the money for a deposit for a flat when the

force-field went up.

So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village,

willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she forms The

Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret

and Richard who wish she wouldn't make so much of a fuss

This is also much to the annoyance of Field Commander

Ujbaabaan who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The

Computer (his hyper-intelligent supercomputer), is trying to

actually run the invasion.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Field Commander Ujbaabaan Charles Edwards

The Computer John-Luke Roberts

Ron Dave Lamb

Lawrence Michael Bertenshaw

Written by Eddie Robson

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

SUN 13:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 The Anatomy of Melancholy (b00776pm)

King James I sets out to discover a remedy for melancholy,

aided by his friend Anton.

A cock and bull's story-worth of glorious, life-affirming

digression and surreal silliness.

First published in 1621, Robert Burton's Jacobean tome, very

loosely dramatised by Lavinia Murray.

King James Derek Riddell

Anton Paul Hunter

Robert Mark Chatterton

Ann Carla Henry

Elizabeth Christine Brennen

Fortune teller Ann Rye

Courtier Paul David Gough

Director: Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0bk1dkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b040zq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Prisoner (m000jgvp)

Series 3

1. Free For All

Under constant surveillance, Number 6 can trust no-one. The

regime seems to want 6 to stand as an election candidate to be

Number 2.

But when 2's manifesto seems to be based on the notion of

freedom, what platform will 6 decide to stand upon? And can

there ever be freedom in the Village?

The original 17-episode TV series of The Prisoner created

intrigue and controversy in equal measure when it first aired in

the UK in 1967.

In a taut psychological spy thriller the main character,

dehumanised as 'Number 6', has committed no crime, save for

having resigned from some unspecified branch of the British

Secret Service. His prison was a heavily guarded coastal village.

Number 6 ... Mark Elstob

Number 43 ... Genevieve Gaunt

Number 2 ... Lorelei King

Journalist ... Alicia Bayley

Operations Controller / Village Voice ... Jennifer Healy

Instructor / Technician ... Glen McCready

Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs.

Script Editor: Scott Handcock

Music composed and performed by Jamie Robertson

Producer: Emma Halgh

Based on the classic ITV series.

A Big Finish production.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0b4zkw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 The Anatomy of Melancholy (b00776pm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09t27rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m00036cz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b040zq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b016jx7)

Series 1

January 1st to 5th

Mouth-watering entries from the kitchen diary of cookery

writer, Damien Trench.

In a mixture of narrative, dialogue and recipes, Damien

unflinchingly captures every angle of his day-to-day life, "no

matter how grisly or, indeed, how gristly".

Damien and his partner, Anthony, deciding on their New Year's

Resolutions. They start by finally making up their minds to

commit to each other...namely, by signing up a builder, Mr

Mullaney to install a new kitchen which Damien hopes will

eventually become the food and preparation space that he's

always dreamed of.

On top of all this, Anthony decides to get fit and Damien

decides to do a radio programme about the French bean. But

not everything goes according to plan...

Also featuring Damien's easy-to-follow recipes: for a "Super

Simple" Roast Beef, cooking your own pasta, and "Marvellously

Moist Muffins".

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Researcher Alex Tregear

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SUN 23:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b03b0yz2)

Series 2

Fugitive

DS Nick Mohammed is on the trail of a fugitive, assisted by

longsuffering constables Colin and Anna. Written and

performed by Nick Mohammed, with Anna Crilly, Colin Hout,

Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Will Andrews. Script Editor:

Johnny Sweet. Producer: Victoria Lloyd.

SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00dr1rt)

Series 2

Episode 6

Innocent celebrations spark disaster at Edge Falls retail park.

Stars Mark Benton and Frances Barber. From October 2008.

MONDAY 25 MAY 2020**MON 00:00 The Prisoner (m000jgvp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Comedy Greats (b007k1tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 The Anatomy of Melancholy (b00776pm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (b0bk1dkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b040zq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Agatha Raisin (b011j50h)

Series 1

A Marriage of Convenience

Investigating the murder of a militant rambler, Agatha and

James go undercover as a married couple. Stars Penelope Keith.

Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin.

Dramatised by David Semple from MC Beaton's novel.

Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith

James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe

Deborah Camden Rachel Atkins

Mr Boggle David Holt

Sir Charles Whitaker Philip Fox

Kelvin Bertie Carvell

Director: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MON 06:30 Cadfael (b007j1cr)

The Virgin in the Ice

1. Casualties of War

Shrewsbury, Winter in the year 1139: Amid a civil war,

medieval sleuth Brother Cadfael sets out to find a missing boy and his sister.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised in five parts by Bert Coules.

Narrator ... Sir Michael Hordern
 Brother Cadfael ... Philip Madoc
 Hugh Beringar ... Douglas Hodge
 Leonard ... Leonard Fenton
 Olivier ... Raad Rawi
 Ermina ... Moira Buffini

Ives ... Dean Magri

Elyas ... Crispin Letts

Abbot Radulfus ... John Church

Other parts played by Jonathan Tafler, Steve Hodson, Eric Allen, Julian Rhind-Tutt and David Holt.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

MON 07:00 Safety Catch (b017skx3)

Series 2

If a Job's Not Worth Doing

Simon is totally convinced this week that he is in the right job and has a duty not only to stay there, but to do his job sloppily. His reasoning for this is that if he wasn't there doing the job badly then someone else would be doing it well and that would be a much worse scenario.

Then he has the awful, soul shattering realisation, and one which is something every person in Britain would be ashamed to admit, that he actually loves his job. Boris of course is in heaven at the thought of a soul-mate at work, but Simon decides the only way he can go on is to learn to hate again.

Series two of Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality set in the world of arms dealing.

Simon McGrath.....Darren Boyd

Anna Grieg.....Joanna Page

Boris Kemal.....Lewis Macleod

Judith McGrath.....Sarah Smart

Angela McGrath.....Brigit Forsyth

Madeleine Turnbull.....Rachel Atkins

Richard.....Dan Mersh

Julius.....Nyahsa Hatendi

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03j9m1h)

Series 60

Episode 3

The nation's favourite wireless entertainment pays a visit to the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined on the panel by special guest Victoria Wood, with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell provides piano accompaniment.

This programme was originally broadcast in November 2013.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b007k188)

Seeing Red

Can the inept crew of HMS Troutbridge manage to carry Sir Willoughby Todhunter-Brown to a secret rendezvous?

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldico

Russian Minister Heather Chasen

Dorps Ronnie Barker

Sir Willoughby Todhunter Brown Tenniel Evans

Russian Frigate Captain. Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

MON 08:30 Dad's Army (b007jr14)

Series 3

Is There Honey Still for Tea?

Private Godfrey's humble abode, Cherry Tree Cottage, is threatened with demolition to make way for a new aerodrome...

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Cissie Godfrey Joan Cooper

Colonel/Sir Charles Fraser Kerr

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.

MON 09:00 Whispers (b007k3bv)

Series 3

Episode 5

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

MON 09:30 London Calling (b05ps2ns)

Little Willie Saves the Day

Back to the BBC's early wireless days of 1922.

The Daily Sketch says the BBC's programmes are boring. Will DG John Brown finally agree to broadcast some light entertainment, or will his peccadillo with Auntie Phyllis force him over the edge? Either way, Fred "Keep 'Em Laughing" Hicks has got an unusual new act for radio.

Written by Jimmy Perry, the man behind Dad's Army and Hi-De-Hi.

John Brown Graham Crowden

Colonel Beecham Jimmy Perry

Fred "Keep 'em Laughing" Hicks Roy Hudd

Roger Eccles Jeffrey Holland

Sergeant Lucas Bill Pertwee

Miss Nightingale Joanna Munro

Arthur Toby Longworth

Admiral Carpenter Peter Cellier

Jeffrey Stainton Chris Luscombe

Bobby Bright Leonard Kirby

Rex Murray Logan Murray

Isabel Blair Julie Gibbs

Phyllis Godfrey Amanda Bellamy

Producer: Jo Clegg.

First broadcast nightly on BBC Radio 2 in September 1994.

MON 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2ms)

Beginnings

Midway through the war, a disillusioned Captain Charles Ryder finds himself posted to a remote country retreat. It's Brideshead Castle, scene of the happiest years of his young, impressionable life and the beginnings of his friendship with Sebastian Flyte - whose presence will forever haunt him.

Ben Miles and Jamie Bamber star in Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of love, life and a forgotten era.

Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Charles Ryder Ben Miles

Sebastian Flyte Jamie Bamber

Julia Anne-Marie Duff

Cordelia Abby Ford

Brideshead Toby Jones

Boy Mulcaster Tom Smith

Nanny Hawkins Ann Beach

Jasper Martin Hyder

Anthony Blanche Geoffrey Streatfeild

Hooper Andrew Wincott

Collins Scott Brooksbank

Mr Ryder Benjamin Whitrow

Music by Neil Brand

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000jgk6)

Series 7

Screen Time - Part 2

Guy Raz explores why we present a digital version of ourselves online? How do we transform when we interact inside our screens?

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MON 13:30 Cadfael (b007jler)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Whispers (b007k3bv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 London Calling (b05ps2ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 TED Radio Hour (m000jgk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 17:00 Safety Catch (b017skx3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03j9m1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jvbd)

Unaccountable Conduct of Professor de Worms

Young poet Syme is chased through the London snow from

Soho to St Paul's by the strange figure of the Professor.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13-parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2005.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00r0tvf)

Ken Arnold and Jay Griffiths

Museum curator Ken Arnold and writer Jay Griffiths join Sue

MacGregor to discuss favourite paperbacks by Ben Goldacre,

Edmund Gosse and John Berger

Bad Science by Ben Goldacre

Publisher: Fourth Estate

Father and Son by Edmund Gosse

Publisher: OUP

Hold Everything Dear: Dispatches on Survival and Resistance

by John Berger

Publisher: Verso Books

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000jgk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03j9m1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Peter Bradshaw - For One Horrible Moment (b00890lj)

Episode 4

Memoirs of a boy growing up in the 1970s, a time of electro-convulsive shock therapy. Written and read by Peter Bradshaw.

MON 22:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrm4)

Episode 4

From writing books to environmental damage, Armando Iannucci presents his humorous essays. From January 1998.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000j9kt)

Series 102

Episode 6

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, Darren Harriott, Daniel Finkelstein and Jess Fostekew.

Produced by Suzy Grant

A BBC Studios Audio Production

MON 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvwx)

Series 6

Stop That Crime UK

The phone lines are open - as the radio team create their own, very special reconstructions to help catch criminals.

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

Music by Philip Pope and Angus Deayton.

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

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b03j9m1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9 (b007jpez)

Murder Mansion

It's 1934 and a New York warehouse is ablaze on the Lower East Side. A gang of gun-runners are holed-up until their supply of ammo explodes. Tough-nut hero, Secret Agent X-9 receives a phone call from wealthy industrialist, Tarleton Powers asking for his help.

Stars Stuart Milligan as X-9 and Connie Booth as Grace Powers. With Rachel Power and William Hootkins

The heroic agent's 4-part adventure was adapted for radio by Mark Brisenden, from the comic strip created by Dashiell Hammett and Alex Raymond. Syndicated by King Features, it ran from 1934 to 1996.

Originally agent X-9 had no name, but opted to call himself "Dexter" in the opening tale.

Author Dashiell Hammett is best remembered for his detective novels, The Maltese Falcon and The Thin Man, while cartoonist Alex Raymond famously created sci-fi comic hero Flash Gordon.

Produced by Chris Wallis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in January 1994.

TUE 06:30 Cadfael (b007jld1)

The Virgin in the Ice

2. Danger From All Sides

Amid bitter civil war, detective monk Brother Cadfael makes

headway in his medieval crime hunt, but it's mixed news.

Author - Ellis Peters

Brother Cadfael - Philip Madoc

Narrator - Sir Michael Hordern

Boterel - Andrew Wincott

Leonard - Leonard Fenton

Elyas - Crispin Letts

Ives - Dean Magri

Hugh - Douglas Hodge

Ermina - Moira Buffini

Olivier - Raad Rawi

with Jonathan Tafler, John Fleming, Kate Binchy

This is the second series of the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

TUE 07:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07hj0q6)

Series 1

Episode 1

A new show from the internationally acclaimed master of the one-liner Tim Vine sees Tim interview members of his live audience as he embarks on a quest to hear the life stories of the Great British public while simultaneously showcasing his trademark gleeful wordplay and preposterous songs.

In this first episode of the series Tim talks to a death-defying parachutist, hears about a hair-raising brush with a Royal Protection Officer and tells at least two jokes about chickens.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

TUE 07:30 My Teenage Diary (m000j812)

Series 9

Olly Mann

Rufus Hound talks to the podcaster Olly Mann about his teenage diaries, and finds out about boarding school life, Olly's Bar Mitzvah, and his love of the Australian soap Neighbours.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007yn6x)

Series 6

Rommel's Treasure

Fleeing from Tobruk in 1942, the military leader leaves behind a precious box. Stars Spike Milligan. From October 1955.

TUE 08:30 J Kingstons Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k11m)

An 'Ep' in the Country

The showbiz survivor finds himself the unwitting stooge in some spin for a popular TV soap actress. Stars Peter Jones. From July 1986.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000j9kt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Two Doors Down (b0076gzn)

Series 3

Tuned to Moan FM

Marlborough Road resident Clare needs a babysitter while she lectures in Sligo. Stars Frances Tomelty. From September 2003.

TUE 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited (b007k2nx)

New Vistas

Friendship with the ebullient Sebastian Flyte continues to open up new vistas for Charles. But for Sebastian, the family is closing in.

Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of life, love and a forgotten era.

Starring Ben Miles as Charles Ryder, Jamie Bamber as Sebastian Flyte, Anne-Marie Duff as Julia, Eleanor Bron as Lady Marchmain, William Hope as Rex Mottram, Abby Ford as Cordelia, Edward Petherbridge as Lord Marchmain, Liza Sadovy as Cara, Benjamin Whitrow as Mr Ryder, Thomas Arnold as Mr Samgrass, Toby Jones as Brideshead, Tom Smith as Boy Mulcaster, Ann Beach as Nanny, Emma Woolliams as Death's Head, Laura Doddington as the Sickly Child and Martin Hyder as the Sergeant.

Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Music by Neil Brand

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0002hp2)

Ben Moor

BBC Radio 4 Extra celebrates the very best in storytelling, showcasing different voices, and different genres, from the BBC archives and beyond.

The series will feature captivating drama, narrative comedy, and incredible factual storytelling, which can change the way you look at the world. And we'll hear from writers, performers and producers about the art of telling a good tale.

The first episode features Ben Moor, a writer and actor whose distinctive style of storytelling has been described as "stand up theatre" and "Jackanory for grown-ups."

Ben Moor talks about Coelacanth, which began life as a solo stage show, before he adapted it for Radio 4 in 2006. Named after an elusive fish, this tale is set in a fantastical world of competitive tree climbing. Coelacanth is both funny and poignant and has something to say about love and loneliness.

The full story features in this episode of Telling Tales.

Presented and produced for Radio 4 Extra by Ali Gardiner.

First broadcast in 2019.

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TUE 13:30 Cadfael (b007jidl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008pbnv)

Episode 4

Clive Anderson hosts more ad-lib fun with Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Kate Robbins and Griff Rhys-Jones. From January 1998.

TUE 14:30 Two Doors Down (b0076gzn)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 My Teenage Diary (m000j812)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007jzqp)

The Man in Spectacles

With his new-found ally - the Professor - Gabriel Syme rests up before they both set off to confront Doctor Bull.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2005.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b06g7f8)

Series 1

You'll Never Walk Alone

Carl Davis and Gerry Marsden reflect on the impact of Rodger and Hammerstein's Carousel solo which became an anthem. From 2001.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007yn6x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0002hp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 My Teenage Diary (m000j812)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b099yh8d)

Series 12

The Writer in the Van

Episode 1 : The Writer In The Van

Ed Reardon is back, and after being sent down from University for misappropriation of funds he finds himself temporarily living in a hotel trying to write the first in a new series of novels about his eponymous hero, Inspector Masterson, for which he has high hopes. These are soon dashed by Ed's agent, Ping, who informs him he must write 'grip-lit' with a girl in the title who gets drunk, goes to bed with everyone and then gets chopped up.

Ping also palms Ed and Jaz Milvain off with her new assistant, Maggie, a jam-making, sock knitting 'older' lady (who also designs draft excluders) whilst she goes 'oop North' to trawl the universities for the next generation of stand-ups. Whilst Jaz is furious with being "tossed on the scrapheap" Ed decides to give Maggie a chance and is soon rewarded when she gets him a writing gig on "Your Motorhome Magazine". This turn of events not only furnishes him with a small but steady income, but also a new home with floral upholstery, carpet on the ceiling and the advantage of letting him and his companion, Elgar, celebrate the freedom of the open road

The regular cast this series are joined by guests Monica Dolan, Vicki Pepperdine, Don Gilet, Karl Theobald and Tyger Drew-Honey.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

BBC Studios Production.

TUE 23:00 Nurse (b077gtw3)

Series 2

Episode 3

A bittersweet comedy drama about a community mental health nurse created by Paul Whitehouse and David Cummings.

Liz (played by Esther Coles), the community psychiatric nurse of the title makes her rounds to visit "service users" in their homes. Most of those patients are played by comedy chameleon Paul Whitehouse himself - with supporting roles for Rosie Cavaliero, Vilma Hollingbery and Cecilia Noble.

Whitehouse brings us an obese bed-bound mummy's boy, an agoraphobic ex-con, a manic ex-glam rock star, ageing rake Herbert who hoards his house with possessions and memories, a Jewish chatterbox in unrequited love with his Jamaican

neighbour, and a long-suffering carer and his Alzheimer's-afflicted mother.

There are new characters too in the guise of a self-proclaimed DJ and a Geordie struggling with his wife's job in the world's oldest profession.

We follow their humorous, sometimes sad and occasionally moving interactions with Liz, whose job is to assess their progress, dispense medication and offer support. Nurse gives a sympathetic insight into the world of some of society's more marginalised people in a heartfelt and considered way.

Written by David Cummings and Paul Whitehouse, with additional material by Esther Coles.

Cast:

Paul Whitehouse

Esther Coles

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Rosie Cavaliero

Sue Elliott-Nichols

Charlie Higgs

Vilma Hollingbery

Jason Maza

Cecilia Noble

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 23:15 The In Crowd (b007jpmk)

Series 2

Episode 3

Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store with Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward. From March 2002.

TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b008m4f8)

Series 1

Introduction

Fed up with eternity, Satan decides Hell needs some new guests.

Stars Andy Hamilton and Jimmy Mulville. From November 1995.

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2020

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WED 06:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9 (b007jpzc)

Carnage at Sea

The 1930s heroic agent takes on the law to pursue his arch enemy in the heart of New York.

Stars Stuart Milligan as X-9 and Connie Booth as Grace Powers. With Rachel Power and William Hootkins

Adapted for radio by Mark Brisenden, from the comic strip created by Dashiell Hammett and Alex Raymond. Syndicated by King Features, it ran from 1934 to 1996.

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Produced by Chris Wallis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in January 1994.

WED 06:30 Cadfael (b007jidd)

The Virgin in the Ice

3. Found and Lost

As English civil war rages in Shropshire, monk-cum-sleuth,

Brother Cadfael's brave search for Ermina leads him to the isolated medieval manor of Ledditch.

Brother Cadfael - Philip Madoc

Narrator - Sir Michael Hordern

Boteral - Andrew Wincott

Ives - Dean Magri

Porter - Steve Hodson

Elyas - Crispin Letts

Leonard - Leonard Fenton

Hugh - Douglas Hodge

Ermina - Moira Buffini

Dutton - Eric Allan

This is the second series of the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 07:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srrs)

Series 2

Taffy Jones - Protector of the Universe

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.

6/6. Taffy Jones, Protector of the Universe.

With war imminent, the production relocates to Wales, but is it safer?

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

Mr Thomas Ben Crowe

Tannoy Laura Molyneux

Porter Peter Marinker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

WED 07:30 Quanderhorn (m000j95b)

Quanderhorn 2

4. I Didn't Say it was Well Cloaked

Brian (Ryan Sampson) and Gemma (Cassie Layton) are trained to pass themselves off as convincing Martians, without much success in Brian's case. Meanwhile, Jenkins (John Sessions) and Troy (Freddie Fox) have all the water removed from their bodies by the pig dehydration device, and hide in Guuuurk's (Kevin Eldon) pocket.

The crew infiltrate the Martian Invasion Vessel, but Guuuurk hasn't counted on meeting an old friend aboard, who may not be as trustworthy as he seems. And isn't

Back in the Lab, the Professor (James Fleet) works on the bomb-melting ray, with a little help from half a brain in a diving suit (Rachel Atkins).

The plan is on target, up until the moment Gemma steps into the Martian Deep-Memory-Guilt-Testing ray, and is rendered frozen by a terrible, long-buried secret.

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 Guuuurk

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

Special Thanks to Edward Rowett

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 (b007w3y4)

Series 4

The Emigrant

Hancock is keen to emigrate, but is met with refusals from other countries including Australia and Canada. Can Sid help him to leave Britain?

Stars Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie

Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Denis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.

WED 08:30 After Henry (b007jnzv)

Series 2

The Teapot

Eleanor wants a video player but how can she raise the cash?.

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 and

Nicholas Le Prevost as the Valuer.

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 October 1986.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00k3vkk)

Series 23

2009 Heat 9

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out:

Ian Bayley from Headington, Oxford

David Saxon from Northwood, Middlesex

Gary Williams from Weston-super-Mare

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

WED 09:30 The Change (b0076pdx)

Series 3

Episode 6

Tensions mount as Carol approaches full term and she and George appear on Radio 4's Woman's Hour.

Starring Lynda Bellingham as Carol, Philip Jackson as George, Maureen Beattie as Maureen, Marcia Warren as Violet, Emma Kennedy as Sonia and Jenni Murray as herself.

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 December 2004.

WED 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited

(b007k2q1)

Strains

With their friendship strained, Sebastian continues his drinking and Charles is lured by Paris and art.

Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of life, love and a forgotten era.

Starring Ben Miles as Charles Ryder, Jamie Bamber as Sebastian Flyte, Benjamin Whitrow as Mr Ryder, Eleanor Bron as Lady Marchmain, William Hope as Rex Mottram, Anne-Marie Duff as Julia, Abby Ford as Cordelia, Thomas Arnold as Mr Samgrass, Toby Jones as Brideshead, Eve Best as Celia,

Geoffrey Streatfeild as Anthony Blanche, Tom Smith as Boy

Mulcaster, Carl Prekopp as Kurt, Jemma Churchill as the

Nurse, Andrew Wincott as Wilcox and Martin Hyder as the

Monk.

Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Music composed by Neil Brand

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

WED 11:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000jh1k)

3. Scandal with Twist of Lime

Best remembered today as the notorious producer of over a hundred cheaply made exploitation movies, Harry Alan Towers began his long career in radio, a medium in which he created dozens of high quality classic shows including, most famously,

'The Lives of Harry Lime', starring Orson Welles.

From his first successful attempts to get his programmes on air in the late 1930s, via some unwanted attention from American law-enforcement authorities, through to his star-studded productions of the '50s, 'The Lives of Harry Towers' is the story of that pioneering and globe-trotter's radio career.

In this episode, Adam is joined by radio historian Professor Sean Street, biographer Ian Dickerson and researcher Brooke Darnell,

Featured programmes:

Extract of 'London Playhouse: This Happy Breed'

'The Lives of Harry Lime: Suzie's Cue'

Presenter: Adam Roche

Producer: Dominic Delargy

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and fist broadcast in January

2019.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007w3y4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 After Henry (b007jnzv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9

(b007jpzt)

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WED 13:30 Cadfael (b007jidd)

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(b007k2q1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Lives of Harry Towers (m000jh1k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 17:00 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srrs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Quanderhorn (m000j95b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK

Chesterton (b007jzrz)

The Duel

The three men travel to France where Gabriel Syme challenges the Marquis to a deadly combat...

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read

in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2005.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b08ffv86)

Series 11

Hope Dies Last

Josie Long hears stories of hope found amidst the darkness -

tales of love letters, hope on the water and the man who has steered 28,000 people safely to shore across treacherous waters from the end of a phone line.

"I must admit I'm deeply impressed by people who step out and do something and say something... whatever dreaming they

would do it. A Mexican farm worker Jessie De La Cruz said, 'we have a saying in Spanish, when things look bleak,

esperanzas mueren al ultimo. Hope dies last.'" - Studs Terkel

The features in this programme are:

Dear John

Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft

Bird in the Breath and Other Hopeful Cargo

Produced by Stephanie Rowden and Jennifer Metsker

Send Me Your Location

Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2017.

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WED 22:00 Quanderhorn (m000j95b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 What's Funny About ... (m000jh1m)

Absolutely Fabulous

TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers, and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.

In this episode, Peter and Jon talk to Jennifer Saunders about her BAFTA and Emmy award winning hit Absolutely Fabulous.

They discuss the inspiration for Edina Monsoon, why

recordings of the show were always finished by 930pm (clue:

the BBC bar closed at 10), and what might charitably be

described as Jennifer's "last minute" approach to script

delivery!

With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how our guests went about making a great bit of TV comedy? Who came up with it? How did it get written? We'll talk about the commissioning, the casting, and the reception the show received when it first aired.

We'll do our very best to winkle out some backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, as we hear the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put these iconic shows on the telly.

Original Absolutely Fabulous clips written by:

Jennifer Saunders

Based on an original idea by: Dawn French and Jennifer

Saunders

Producer: Owen Braben

An Expectation production made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

WED 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)

Series 3

Episode 3

Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, with stand-up comedy from Sean Lock in the living room, Annette Fagon on the landing and music from Squeeze in the kitchen.

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2020

THU 00:00

The Man Who Was Thursday by GK

Chesterton (b007jzrz)

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THU 05:30 Quanderhorn (m000j95b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9

(b007jq0q)

The Powers That Be

The all-American hero battles to save gold bullion and solve

Evelyn's disappearance.

Stars Stuart Milligan as X-9 and Connie Booth as Grace

Powers. With Rachel Power and William Hootkins

The heroic agent's 4-part adventure was adapted for radio by

Mark Brisenden, from the comic strip created by Dashiell

Hammett and Alex Raymond. Syndicated by King Features, it

ran from 1934 to 1996.

Originally agent X-9 had no name, but opted to call himself "Dexter" in the opening tale.

Author Dashiell Hammett is best remembered for his detective novels, The Maltese Falcon and The Thin Man, while cartoonist Alex Raymond famously created sci-fi comic hero Flash Gordon.

Produced by Chris Wallis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in January 1994.

THU 06:30 Cadfael (b007jldr)

The Virgin in the Ice

4. The Wolves' Nest

Brother Cadfael searches for Ives Hugonin and Brother Elyas who are missing in a blizzard.

Author - Ellis Peters

Brother Cadfael - Philip Madoc

Narrator - Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina - Moira Buffini

Leonard - Leonard Fenton

Hugh - Douglas Hodge

with Jonathan Tafler, Jonathan Adams, Steve Hodson

Le Gaucher - Peter Laird

Ives - Dean Magri

Olivier - Raad Rawi

This is the second series of the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b00sxj24)

Series 1

Episode 4

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.

It's Town Talent Night at last and Ken and Keith are busy fine-

tuning their pet whippets' dance routine.

Everyone nervously awaits the arrival of the celebrity judge

Lady Ballantyne who is unfortunately in the spotlight for being

the most recent Royal racist.

Jan does her last minute preparations for her trip to Australia.

Will she be going alone or could she possibly dare to dream that

Jonathan might join her at the last minute?

And finally supermarket manager Rod (Mackenzie Crook) gets

to take Tanya from till 4 on a date. The true measure of success

will be how many packets of scampi fries they consume. Will it

be just the one? Or perhaps too many to count?

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

Produced by Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.

THU 07:30 Ankle Tag (m000179x)

Series 2

The All-nighter

An attempt to get a good night's sleep results in a visit from the

police.

Bob - Steve Speirs

Gruff - Elis James

Alice - Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Graham - Ben Willbond

Sara - Vivienne Acheampong

Rashid - Phaldut Sharma

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00p33gb)

Series 4

Episode 3

Monstrous goings on for Kenneth Horne with Frankenstein,

more from wonderful Radio Balls Pond Road, while Julian and

Sandy hit the bona ski slopes.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street,

London. Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio

comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric

Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer,

Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the

scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and

1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters,

catchphrases and double-entendres.

For series 4, Marty Feldman was replaced by Brian Cooke &

Johnnie Mortimer and Donald Webster

Music by the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

THU 08:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00tv7wx)

Series 4

Episode 14

To mark the end of series 4, it's panto time with Jack and the

Beanstalk!

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 Eric Idle 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 Light Programme in January 1967.

THU 09:00 Booked (b0816zhj)

Series 5

Episode 1

Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Dillie Keane, Roger

McGough, David Stafford and Arthur Smith. From November

1998.

THU 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008m24j)

Series 3

Episode 1

JB Morton's whimsies as performed by Richard Ingrams, John

Wells, June Whitfield and Joan Sims. From November 1994.

THU 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - Brideshead Revisited

(b007k2r7)

Stormy Waters

Charles is overwhelmed by meeting Julia again on board ship,

but will his relationship with the Marchmain family still prove

to be jinxed?

Conclusion of Evelyn Waugh's most famous novel of life, love

and a forgotten era.

Starring Ben Miles as Charles Ryder, Jamie Bamber as

Sebastian Flyte, Benjamin Whitrow as Mr Ryder, Eleanor Bron

as Lady Marchmain, William Hope as Rex Mottram, Anne-

Marie Duff as Julia, Abby Ford as Cordelia, Thomas Arnold as

Mr Samgrass, Toby Jones as Brideshead, Eve Best as Celia,

Geoffrey Streatfeild as Anthony Blanche, Tom Smith as Boy

Mulcaster, Andrew Wincot as Wilcox, Liza Sadovy as Cara,

Ann Beach as Nanny Hawkins, Edward Petherbridge as Lord

Marchmain, Sean Baker as the Doctor and Jonathan Keeble as

Father MacKay.

Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Music composed by Neil Brand

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09t27rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m00036cz)

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THU 17:30 Ankle Tag (m000179x)

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THU 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK

Chesterton (b007wpnm)

The Criminals Chase the Police

As Gabriel Syme engages his opponent in a duel, there's a

revelation from the Marquis.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read

in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2005.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04v382p)

Series 35

Laura Bates on Louisa May Alcott

Laura Bates, journalist and curator of the Everyday Sexism

Project, explains to Matthew Parris why the 19th century

children's author Louisa May Alcott has her vote for a Great

Life. They are joined by Sarah Churchwell, Professor of

American Literature at the University of East Anglia.

Louisa May Alcott is best known as the writer of "Little

Women", the story of four sisters growing up during the Civil

War in America. Generations of girls have read the book, which

at first sight seems to be an improving tract on growing up and

becoming a good Christian wife.

Both Laura and Sarah have a very different reading of the book

and believe Louisa May Alcott to have been a remarkable

woman and a dedicated feminist.

Producer Christine Hall

First heard on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

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THU 22:00 Ankle Tag (m000179x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jq14)

Series 2

The Jousting Mastersons

The 15th century family struggles to survive in an overcrowded

castle. Improvised saga with Paul Merton. From July 1994.

THU 23:00 Listen Against (b00f10gk)

Series 2

Episode 2

Time runs away in preparations for the switch-on of the BBC

Collider. Radio rearranged by Jon Holmes. From November

2008.

THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jvx)

Series 1

Episode 4

King Midas is not sure whether life is as good as gold. Sketch

show with Robert Webb and Olivia Colman. From September

2002.

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FRI 06:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9 (b007jq13)

You're the Top

The 1930s action hero finally confronts his nemesis at the top

of a New York landmark.

Stars Stuart Milligan as X-9 and Connie Booth as Grace

Powers. With Rachel Power and William Hootkins

Sylvia supposes, but a potential client. He has inadvertently encouraged a middle-aged American academic, in whom he has no romantic interest, to have hopes of a shared future. She is arriving next week. Can MiraclesRus help?
 Caroline.....Deborah Findlay
 Sylvia.....Anna Massey
 James LinnetDavid Horovitch
 Mary Beth Haldeman..... Laura Shavin
 Pianist.....Jeremy Limb
 Written by Lesley Bruce
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 Music and stings from the music of Nick Drake. Theme: "When the Day is Done" and stings: "Time of No Reply" and "Cello Song".

FRI 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cdsj8)

Series 1

Boston

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

A routine flight to Boston is disrupted by a routine fire, a routine lawsuit and a routine corpse.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

First Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

ATC Fitton Ewen MacIntosh

Hamilton Leeman Kerry Shale

Paramedic Matilda Ziegler

Written by John Finnemore.

FRI 08:00 Something to Shout About (m000jhm5)

Series 3

Episode 10

With executive Michael Lightfoot away, can the advertising team rise to the challenge?

"A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!" Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.

Janet Harris Fenella Fielding

Maggie Tufnell Eleanor Summerfield

Mavis Willis ... Joan Sims

Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps

Mr Blythe/Various Warren Mitchell

Series three written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.

Producer: John Simmonds.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1961.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b007jvh3)

Series 1

Found and Lost

Bill and Faith are late in love but new to each other - and Bill has already got himself into Faith's bad books...

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Series one of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran four series, with a spin-off series Faith in the Future.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Belinda Lang as Liza, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Moir Leslie as Grace, John Samson as Alex, Nicholas Courtney as Ray and Norman Bird as Ted.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007xpl)

Series 9

Oxford Brookes University

A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from Oxford Brookes University with specialist subjects including Anthropology, Motorsport Engineering and Human Biology and Biological Sciences and questions ranging from myelinated axons to the Neolithic Revolution via Wendy Houses and Sabrina The Teenage Witch.

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 Royal Holloway University of London, Aberdeen, Plymouth, St Catharine's College Cambridge and Brighton.

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 09:30 Dry Slopes (b070ws38)

Series 2

Tick Tock

Angus is nearly 30 but hasn't achieved any of his ambitions. Not even the one about moving to Lowestoft.

What terrible end will be revealed by the Ghost of Birthdays Yet to Come?

And even more worrying, has his mother really forgotten to buy him a present?

Written by and starring Nick Ball. With Louisa Rix as Mum, Robert Hartley, Wayne Forester and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

FRI 10:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007jx5l)

The House Swap

Peter Tinniswood ... Script Writer

Penelope Wilton ... Alma

William Hootkins ... Sid

Peter Vaughan ... Ferns

John Hartley ... Edgar

Nigel Carrington ... Henry

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000jhm8)

Podcasting in the pandemic - with The Archers, Deborah

Frances-White and more

How have podcasts changed under current circumstances?

Amanda Litherland speaks to cast and crew from The Archers about their new format - we hear from Sunny Ormonde (Lilian Bellamy) and producer Jess Bunch.

Deborah Frances-White discusses how The Guilty Feminist has adapted and continued despite live audience recordings being impossible for the time being, launching a new one on one interview series The Guilty Feminist - The New Normal.

And a variety of Podcast Radio Hour listeners reveal how the situation has affected their podcast production, both positively and negatively.

FRI 12:00 Something to Shout About (m000jhm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b007jvh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9 (b007jq13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0007xpl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Dry Slopes (b070ws38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007jx5l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000jhm8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Miracles R Us (b00sg1hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cdsj8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Man Who Was Thursday by GK Chesterton (b007wqf0)

The Earth in Anarchy

The allies head for the coastal town using horses, then motor cars to outrun their masked pursuers.

Published in 1908, GK Chesterton's most famous novel is read in 13 parts by Geoffrey Palmer.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in 2005.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076x5w)

Money

Victoria Coren discusses filthy lucre with the aptly named William Cash, Anna Raeburn and actor Jay Benedict. From 2006.

FRI 19:00 Something to Shout About (m000jhm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b007jvh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Dashiell Hammett - Secret Agent X-9 (b007jq13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000jhm8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cdsj8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Paperback Hell (m000jhm8)

Series 2

How Not To Live

Celebrity lifestyle gurus Gilly Haberdasher and Dr Graham Golden read from their tie-in book to the strangely popular TV programme, How Not To Live.

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

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

FRI 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jqpw)

Series 1

The Normal Mind

As the cartoonist faces surgery, his feminine side explores his brain's inner workings. Stars Paul McCrink. From August 2001.

FRI 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)

Episode 4

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 leaves home.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock. Written by Alan Francis, Richard Turner and Anthony Neilson with

additional material by Julian Dutton and Barnaby Power.

Producer...Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

FRI 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007r4mh)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 4

The sporting legend tries to gauge the English team's success in his own murky way. Stars Christopher Douglas. From June 2001.