

SATURDAY 06 JUNE 2020

SAT 00:00 Schalken the Painter by Sheridan Le Fanu (b007sw35)

2. The Deal
The ghoulish Vanderhausen seals his deal with Rose's uncle who is unaware that his pupil Godfrey Schalken is in love with her... Ian McDiarmid concludes the unabridged reading of Sheridan Le Fanu's supernatural tale.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in June 2005.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076x93)

Are We Alone?
Victoria Coren on paranormal beliefs with Charlie Skelton, Nick Pope and Christopher French. From 2006.

SAT 01:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrwm)

3. Destination Danger
After the discovery of a body, the Toff is determined to uncover the secrets growing at Selby Farm. Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honourable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander
Jolly Robert Dornig
Gillian Selby Heather Stoney
Monty Morne Terence Hardiman
Red Brandt Ed Bishop
Inspector Bishop Derek Newark
Smith Reg Lye

Police Sergeant Paul Meier
Other parts played by the cast.
Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

SAT 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jnp6)

At Bertram's Hotel
Episode 5

The police ask Miss Marple to take part in a little experiment. Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger
Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen
Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham

Bess Sedgwick Sian Phillips

Miss Gorringe Jillie Meers
Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles
Bridget Sarah Plowright

Ladislav Malinowski Gavin Muir

Sergeant Waddell Ross Livingstone

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SAT 02:00 Wordaholics (b01c7k6)

Series 1

Episode 1

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words. Gyles Brandreth presides as Stephen Fry, Natalie Haynes, Milton Jones and Lloyd Langford vie for supremacy in the ring. Wordaholics is clever, intelligent, witty and unexpected. There are toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang, Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words. Find out the meaning of words like giff-gaff, knock-knobbler and buckfitches - the difference between French marbles, French velvet and the French ache - hear the glorious poetry of the English language, as practiced from writers varying from William Shakespeare to Vanilla Ice - and spend half an hour laughing and learning with some of the finest Wordaholics in the business.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

SAT 02:30 Dry Slopes (b07113fk)

Series 2

The Domino Effect

Everybody Angus knows seems to be in a relationship these days.

He looks back to a time when all his friends were confirmed bachelors - the golden days of Form 3B.

Written by and starring Nick Ball.

Angus Nick Ball

Mum Mum

With Toby Longworth, Ben Silburn and Julie Gibbs.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

SAT 03:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0121xgr)

Deaths and Entrances

John's political pursuits lead him to Westminster and Welsh valley mines.

Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted by Ken Whitmore.

John Shawcross Ian McKellen

Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler

Lord Lostwithiel of Hereward Castle Jeffrey Wickham

Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan

Anne Artingstall June Barry

Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley

Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson

Pen Muff Vida Paterson

Harry Liskeard Peter Guinness

Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin

Ellen Stansfield Rosalie Williams

Edith Ryerson Ann Rye

Nell Richards Nina Holloway

Marsden Herbert Smith

Carrickfergus James Tomlinson

Evan Vaughan Richard Clay-Jones

Gallery Assistant Rory Scase

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1979.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000jqcn)

Let's Go Outside

Recorded outside in a London park (socially distanced!)

Amanda Litherland and Chrystal Genesis recommend some great podcasts and speak to creators.

Firstly, following on from the Black Lives Matter protests happening across the world, a selection of podcasts to help you learn about the history of race and racism, and actions you can take now. Including Scene On Radio series 2 Seeing White, About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge and NPR's Code Switch. Also suggestions of nature podcasts which discuss environmental activism and encourage positive change.

Including Costing The Earth, Mothers of Invention, Black Nature Narrative, Outrage and Optimism, and So Hot Right Now.

And what is a branded podcast?

More and more companies are not just buying advertising, but commissioning entire podcast series to spread the word about their brand.

We hear from Radio Wolfgang's Holly Aquilina and Elle Scott, the team behind last year's award winning 'Selfridges Hot Air' to find out why companies are investing in this medium, and what goes into creating a successful series.

We also hear the 2020 British Podcast Award nominations for Best Branded podcast: #QueerAF, DeepMind: The Podcast, Meet Me At The Museum, On the Marie Curie Couch, The Penguin Podcast, and The Rough Guide to Everywhere.

You can contact the show at podcastradiohour@bbc.co.uk

SAT 05:00 Miracles R Us (b00sjpjd)

Postcards

A woman engages Caroline to stay in her Sussex cottage to post daily pre-written postcards to her husband at home.

Caroline and Sylvia are dubious but need the cash. They gain her assurance and promise not to draw attention to themselves.

So it's off for a well-paid long weekend away. What could possibly go wrong?

Sitcom by Lesley Bruce.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

Vivi / Mrs Davies Gabrielle Lloyd

Constable Galloway Alex Lowe

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

SAT 05:30 Cabin Pressure (b00chy5c)

Series 1

Cremona

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

Arthur is struck dumb when a film star joins the flight, and Douglas has to disguise 30 knights of Camelot in a hurry.

Carolyn Knapp-Shapley Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shapley John Finnemore

Hester Macaulay Helen Baxendale

Percival Rufus Jones

Gawain Robert Harley

Lancelot Ali Amadi

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

www.pozzitive.co.uk

SAT 06:00 Ben Travers - A Cuckoo in the Nest (m000jvlh)

In 1925 the divorce laws took it for granted that any unmarried couple who spent the night together must be guilty of adultery.

Down Maiden Blotton in the Stag and Hunt, landlady Mrs Spoker, who doesn't allow hanky panky with unmarrieds, mistakenly forces an innocent couple into just such a bed of shameful sin.

From the novel and farce by Ben Travers and starring Joan Hickson.

Mrs Bone Joan Hickson

Major George Bone Freddie Jones

Peter Wykeham Ian Lavender

Margaret Hickett Phoebe Nicholls

Mrs Spoker Margaret Tyzack

Barbara Yvonne Antrobus

Hickett Brett Usher

Reverend Sloley Jones Ellis Dale

George James Kerry

Noony Timothy Bateson

Gladys Alex Marshall

Newsagent Maggie McCarthy

The Garage James Bryce

Pansy the Dog Percy Edwards

Alfred Henry Stamper

Dramatised and directed by Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b04vdzyh)

Series 35

Brian Eno on Lord Young of Dartington

Brian Eno has worked with David Bowie, David Byrne and U2 but his choice of Great Life is not a rock star but the sociologist Lord Young of Dartington.

Michael Young wrote the Labour Party's 1945 election manifesto, researched slum clearance in the East End of London, set up the Consumers' Association, coined the word "meritocracy", co-founded the Open University and planned the colonisation of Mars.

With the help of Michael's son Toby, Brian considers the life and work of one of the architects of post-war Britain.

Producer: Julia Johnson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SAT 08:00 Counterpoint (b00k89pt)

Series 23

2009 Semi-final 1

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 in the first semi-final of the contest:

Alan Douglas from Worcestershire

Brian Haines from London

David Saxon from Northwood in Middlesex.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 08:30 Rent (b04c34yr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Maria and Richard have a happy marriage, no children, but their house is falling down.

It looks like there's only one thing for it - they'll have to start taking in lodgers...

House share comedy about taking in lodgers written by Lucy Flannery.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan

Paul Toby Longworth

Bank Manager Francesca Ryan

Shop Assistant Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

SAT 09:00 Desert Island Discs at 75 (b08cd2fk)

Kirsty Young celebrates 75 years of Desert Island Discs with some of the wonderful voices in the archive and chooses some of her favourite interviews from her 10 years as presenter. From Dustin Hoffman to Maya Angelou, Stephen Hawking to Victoria Wood, we have glimpses into the castaways' lives and times.

Coronation Street stalwart, Betty Driver explains why she chose a song she hates to take with her to the island, Dawn French recalls the infamous 'puddle' scene in the Vicar of Dibley and legendary broadcaster Richard Dimbleby describes his very early days in broadcasting. Cilla Black, interviewed in 1964, describes how her career began, Ian Fleming talks about the early days of James Bond and Louis Armstrong reveals how he first began playing the trumpet.

Extracts from the programmes of all the previous presenters - Roy Plomley, Sue Lawley and Sir Michael Parkinson - include the voices of Baroness Barbara Castle, Alfred Wainwright, Russell Harty, Jacqueline de Pre, Catherine Cookson and Lady Thatcher.

Kirsty's favourite moments include Noel Gallagher remembering being forced to dance at his wedding, Sarah Millican explaining why she chose the Frog Chorus and Sir David Attenborough's choice of disc - the Lyre Bird.

Castaways also explain their choice of luxury, introduce a diverse selection of their choice of discs and describe what they would do to survive on the desert island.

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January 2017.

SAT 12:00 Clare in the Community (b01lphfy)

Series 8

Hot Desk

Social Worker Clare Barker and her colleagues have to move offices and embrace hot desking. All this while Clare has a new student to wet nurse. Brian is struggling to keep control in the classroom.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Megan Nina Conti

Nali Nina Conti

Ray Richard Lumdsden

Helen Liza Tarbuck

Simon Andrew Wincott

Libby Sarah Kendall

Alice Alex Tregear

Abigail Eleanor Crooks

Dexter Will Howard

Bob Robert Blythe

Neighbour Ben Crowe

Terence Ben Crowe

MC Ben Crowe

Simon's girlfriend Bharti Patel

Producer Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

SAT 12:30 Yes Minister (b007j160)

Series 1

Open Government

Newly re-elected, MP Jim Hacker is summoned to the PM's office.

Jim learns from his chauffeur that the new St Edwards Hospital has 300 administrators, cooks and cleaners, but no doctors, nurses or patients. How can he cure it? As usual the Minister doesn't know his ACAS from his NALGO.

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Derek Fowlds

Annie Hacker Diana Hoddinot

Frank Weisel Bill Nighy

Sir Arnold John Nettleton

Chief Whip Edward Jewesbury

Nigel Haydn Wood

Radio Presenter Gordon Clyde

Newsreader Bob Docherty

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

SAT 13:00 Miss Marple (b007jnm7)

At Bertram's Hotel

Episode 1

Deceptively mild amateur sleuth, Jane Marple is being treated to a short holiday in London by her niece. Staying at the dignified, unostentatious Bertram's Hotel, tucked away in a back street of busy Mayfair - here guests can indulge in comforts of a bygone age.

But Miss Marple begins to feel uneasy. Something sinister lurks beneath the polished veneer. Why are so many major crimes associated in some way with the hotel or somehow implicate the eminently respectable people staying there?

Published in 1965, Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Bess Sedgwick Sian Phillips

Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham

Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers

Michael Gorman John Hartley

Mr Humfries Geoffrey Whitehead

Colonel Luscombe Geoffrey Bayldon

Raymond West Andrew Branch

Michael Gorman John Hartley

Lady Selina Hazy Margaret Courtenay

Mrs Carpenter Patience Tomlinson

Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles

Henry Garard Green

Ladislaus Malinowski Gavin Muir

Rose Jane Whittenshaw

Bridget Sarah Plowright

Mr Bollard David Collings

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SAT 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jnmr)

At Bertram's Hotel

Episode 2

An old acquaintance of amateur sleuth, Miss Marple is about to receive a nasty shock...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger

Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham

Bess Sedgwick Sian Phillips

Inspector Campbell David Timson

Archdeacon Simmons Preston Lockwood

Michael Gorman John Hartley

Ladislaus Malinowski Gavin Muir

Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers

Colonel Luscombe Geoffrey Bayldon

Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles

Bridget Sarah Plowright

Mr Bollard David Collings

Miss Mottley Sandra James Young

Egerton Alan Rowe

Mrs McCrea Zulema Dene

Air Terminal Hostess Louisa Seddon

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SAT 14:00 Miss Marple (b007jnn6)

At Bertram's Hotel

Episode 3

The morning paper brings some very alarming news for Miss Marple - and a police investigation.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger

Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham

Inspector Campbell David Timson

Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers

Mr Humfries Geoffrey Whitehead

Henry Garard Green

Rose Jane Whittenshaw

Michael Gorman John Hartley

Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen

Mrs Wheeling Tessa Worsley

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SAT 14:30 Miss Marple (b007jnnq)

At Bertram's Hotel

Episode 4

Just as one mystery is cleared up, Miss Marple becomes involved in another...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger

Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham

Inspector Campbell David Timson

Bess Sedgwick Sian Phillips

Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers

Michael Gorman John Hartley

Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen

Miss McCrea Zulema Dene

Hoffman Freddie Jones

Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles

Sergeant Waddell Ross Livingstone

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

SAT 15:00 Miss Marple (b007jnp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b006613)

Julia Blackburn and Ritula Shah

Sue MacGregor talks to writer Julia Blackburn and BBC The World Tonight presenter Ritula Shah about their favourite books by Kate Clanchy, Michael Ondaatje and Simon Gray.

Antigona and Me by Kate Clanchy

Publisher: Picador

Anil's Ghost by Michael Ondaatje

Publisher: Picador

Coda by Simon Gray

Publisher: Granta

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 16:00 Ben Travers - A Cuckoo in the Nest (m000jvhh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b04vdzyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076rn7)

Quandary Phase

Fit the Nineteenth

With Ford's original Earth entry in the Guide reinstated, he and Arthur make their ways back.

Written by Douglas Adams

The Book William Franklyn

The Book's Update Voice Rula Lenska

Arthur Dent Simon Jones

Ford Prefect Geoffrey McGovern

Rob McKenna Bill Paterson

Fenchurch Jane Horrocks

Barman Arthur Smith

Russell Rupert Degas

Vogon Guard/Alien Teaser Bob Golding

Stewardess Alison Pettitt

Hooker Fiona Carew

Vogon Helmsman Michael Cule

Evil-looking Bird/Canis Pontiff Chris Emmett

Vogon Captain Toby Longworth

Announcer John Marsh

Music by Philip Pope and Paul 'Wix' Wickens

Adapted and Directed by Dirk Maggs

Produced by Helen Chattwell and Bruce Hymen

An Above the Title production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2005.

SAT 18:30 Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre (b007jlpl)

Series 2

The Man Upstairs

A new guest in a boarding house is disliked by the grandson of the lady who runs the house. But why?

The reason soon becomes startlingly clear....

Strange and chilling tales from the award-winning master of thrillers Ray Bradbury, who tops and tails these dramatisations in his own inimitable style.

Douglas Geoffrey Lee

Grandma Mary Riggans

Koberman Finlay Welsh

Grandpa Charles Kearney

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawka.

Producer: Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

SAT 19:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b01c7xqf)

Sir David Attenborough

Kirsty Young chats to broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough, who chooses his eight tracks, book and luxury item for the desert island.

Specially extended show to mark Desert Island Disc's 70th anniversary for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

He has seen more of the world than anyone else who has ever lived - he's visited the north and south poles and witnessed most of the life in-between - from the birds in the canopies of tropical rainforests to giant earthworms in Australia.

But despite his extraordinary travels, there is one part of the globe that's eluded Sir David. As a young man and a keen rock-climber, he yearned to conquer the highest peak in the world.

"I won't make it now - I won't make it to base camp now - but as a teenager, I thought that the only thing a red-blooded Englishman really should do was to climb Everest."

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

SAT 20:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b01m6pk7)

Mary Berry

Kirsty Young chats to one of the UK's best-known and respected cookery writers, Mary Berry.

Specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

More than six million copies of Mary's books have now been sold - not bad for a girl who failed her school certificate in English.

On TV, it was her role as a judge on The Great British Bake-off that brought her to the attention of a new generation.

It was in domestic science lessons that Mary discovered her love of cooking and she is in no doubt of the importance of teaching cookery in school

"When everybody leaves school, whether they are a boy or a girl, what do they have to do in the home? They have to produce a meal. They haven't been taught to do it. I think it should be essential."

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in August 2012.

SAT 21:00 Desert Island Discs: Longplay (b076130h)

Ant and Dec

Kirsty Young chats to the kings of TV prime time, Anthony

McPartlin and Declan Donnelly

Specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

ITV's Saturday Night Takeaway, I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here and Britain's Got Talent stars look back over their careers and firm friendship spanning 20-odd years, from their days as child actors on TV's Byker Grove.

They say, "without doubt, the best thing to come out of the last 20 years, the greatest thing we've ever achieved, our biggest success, has been our friendship. And nothing will ever change that."

Back in 2013, Ant and Dec were the first double-act to appear on Desert Island Discs since 1987 - following in the footsteps of legendary duos Morecambe and Wise, Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin, and Peter Brough and Archie Andrews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in May 2014

SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jnhj)

Tundra

Bad-tempered zoo boss Bob Fossil has a couple of assignments for his star zookeepers.

He's sending Vince to Spain to find a friend for the zoo's lonely prawn, and he's sending Howard to the Arctic, just for the sake of it

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

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 November 2001.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b08dn2gq)

Series 12

Sara Cox Interviews Joe Lycett

The return of the hostess chat show as presenter Sara Cox interviews comedian Joe Lycett.

Chain Reaction is the talk show with a twist where one week's interviewee becomes the next week's interviewer. John Cleese was first in the hot seat back in 1991 and since then, a procession of big names from the world of comedy and entertainment including Jennifer Saunders, Jarvis Cocker and Eddie Izzard have helped continue the chain.

Since the early days of The Girlie Show on Channel 4, Sara Cox has gone on to become one of the UK's best loved presenters.

She is perhaps most well-known as a ratings hit in the early morning breakfast chair on BBC Radio 1 and her regular TV and radio appearances since then have included hosting BBC 2's Great Pottery Throw Down, appearing on myriad panel shows and pressing the nation's collective nostalgia button every Friday night on her very own Radio 2 Sounds of the Eighties show.

Sara's interview pick is Joe Lycett because "he makes me happy" and because someone needed to finally chart his much discussed journey "from Birmingham to 10th hottest man in the world". Joe is a stand-up comedian who some know as "the parking fine man" from 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown while others celebrate him for any number of acclaimed live tours and festival shows that have delighted the British comedy viewing public in recent years. This programme not only confirms that Joe is a man who can famously write a show title - "That's the Way A Ha A Ha, Joe Lycett" and "If Joe Lycett Then You Should Have Put a Ring On It" to name just two - but also hints at a addictive fondness for baths.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

SAT 23:00 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica (b0bqw7f5)
Volume 1

Henry Normal presents a mixed salad of satirical poetry.

First of four excursions through Henry's alphabet of stand-up poetry from A to C, to Zzz to Zzz.

With guests Su Andi and Attila the Stockbroker.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.

SAT 23:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b00r2cy5)
Series 1

3. 'I'm a clown with a secret'.

'I'm a clown with a secret'

'Do age-gap relationships work?'

'Is 65 in slippers the new 30 in a suit?'

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

Judith Susie Blake

Malcolm Mark Heap

Helen Debra Stevenson.

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

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SUN 07:00 Miss Marple (b007jnn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 07:30 Miss Marple (b007jnnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 Miss Marple (b007jnp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse - The Inimitable Jeeves (b007tdnm)

The Metropolitan Touch

Bingo's in love again, so Bertie and his valet are summoned to help.

PG Wodehouse romp dramatised by Chris Miller from the book.

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

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Steggles Edwin Apps

Kid Denise Bryer

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

SUN 09:00 Take It From Here (b01dtg79)

From 04/12/1958

Napoleonic double-dooms, while Ron's latest news shocks broody Eth in 'The Glums'.

Starring Professor Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley and June Whitfield.

Announcer: Brian Matthew

Music from Wallace Eaton and the Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Scripted by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1958.

SUN 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008qs53)

Series 3

Episode 3

A woman struggles to take off her shoe - and the perils of drinking different types of alcohol.

Richard Ingrams John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims amd Patricia Routledge recreate the world of JB Morton.

With Brian Bowles, Simon Greenall, Henrietta Gooden and featuring June Whitfield.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour - thanks to characters he created between the wars.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins.

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b00tcz90)

Kathy Burke

From Lady Gaga to The Specials. Actor and director Kathy Burke shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

She became a household name for her comedy performances, working with Harry Enfield to create the characters Kevin and Perry. She won critical acclaim for serious roles and picked up the Best Actress award at Cannes for her portrayal of an abused wife in the film 'Nil By Mouth'.

Kathy's early life had been tumultuous - her mother died before she was two and her father was often drunk, leaving her older brother to run the family home. She was a teenager when she discovered acting and, she says, it was the saving of her.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xj)

Lost Property

The surprising items that turn up at the Transport for London's lost property office - and the man who has a passion for reuniting them with their owners.

BBC Radio London's Rob Oxley discovers how the system works - from paper labelling to Sherlock Holmes skills.

This story originally appeared on the BBC podcast Multi Story, presented and produced by Becca Bryers.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000j7k)

Series 10

DNA Doesn't Lie

True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces tales from the digital space where our boundaries are changing.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and years to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room,

The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

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

First broadcast in the USA in 2019.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000j7p)

Poetry Societies - Thomas Lovell Beddoes

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses Poetry Societies - Thomas Lovell Beddoes Society.

As part of a series looking at groups up and down the country that meet to celebrate their love of poetry, Judith Palmer spends an evening with the Beddoes Society at the Dead Poets Pub in Belper, Derbyshire, where the poet's family, together with their friends, gather to raise a glass to their brilliant but flawed ancestor.

Producer Viv Beebey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 12:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

Series 2

Questioning Loyalties

Field Commander Uljabaan's loyalty cards, rewarding villagers for their collaboration, are not only ruining Katrina's plans but also Richard's chances in the weekly pub quiz. They turn to

Ron, the landlord of the Rose & Crown for help in scuppering the scheme.

Series two of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien race that have noticed that those all-at-once invasions of Earth never work 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, and much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljabaan 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 Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Ron Dave Lamb

Lawrence Michael Bertenshaw

Written by Eddie Robson

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews

Original music written and performed by Grace Petrie

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

SUN 13:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b011ttxx)

Victoria Wood

From The Doobie Brothers to Tom Waits. Comedy star

Victoria Wood CBE shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young

For decades Victoria has been one of our best-loved writers and performers. Her TV highlights - Acorn Antiques, Dinnerladies and Housewife 49 - have won her a devoted following as well as stacks of awards.

But, in a moving and open interview, she describes how, as a teenager, she felt she was a misfit - she had few friends, she struggled with her weight and at school she used to steal other people's homework. She joined a youth theatre and it was, she says, the saving of her. She found like-minded people and a sense that she had something to offer.

Victoria is very careful about how much of her own life she puts into her work. She doesn't mind saying she cuts her pubic hair with nail-scissors, but rarely discusses her children on the stage.

Victoria reveals her favourite tracks, book and luxury.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SUN 13:45 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08454qp)

Americans

Tom Hanks

From the Beatles to Richard Strauss. Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young

From 'Big' to 'Sleepless in Seattle', 'Captain Phillips' to 'Apollo 13', Tom's long and distinguished film-making career has brought him multiple awards and many plaudits. He's the recipient of eight Emmys, one Bafta and four Golden Globes and was the youngest ever actor to be given a lifetime achievement award by the American Film Institute. The voice of Woody in the 'Toy Story' films, he won the first of his two Oscars in 1993 for Philadelphia and again the following year for Forrest Gump.

His parents split up when he was 5 and he went to live with his father. By the age of 10 he'd lived in ten different houses in five different cities. Tom loved school and developed a passion for history which is reflected in the film he made with Steven Spielberg, 'Saving Private Ryan' and the TV mini-series 'Band of Brothers' and 'The Pacific' which he also produced.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

SUN 14:30 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0512j5y)

Maya Angelou

From Mahalia Jackson to Ray Charles. Author and poet Maya Angelou shares her castaway choices with Michael Parkinson.

Maya Angelou inherited her love of music from her grandmother, who used to sing to her as a child at the family home in the southern United States.

The first volume of her autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, was a bestseller, describing her life as singer, actress, stripper, dancer and writer.

Maya looks back on a remarkable career and chooses eight records she would take to the mythical island.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1987.

SUN 15:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0001rf1)

Ken Dodd

From Nat King Cole to Ruggero Leoncavallo.

Legendary stand-up comedian Ken Dodd shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

Then aged 62, the funny man looks back to his early years in Knotty Ash, and his continued attachment to the Liverpudlian suburb where people are "supreme optimists".

He also recalls his interest in ventriloquism, itching powder and reveals the inspiration behind his famous tickling stick.

Producer: Olivia Seligman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

SUN 16:00 Drama (b091s20g)

Sean Grundy - Tolkien in Love

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien and Edith Mary Bratt first met in 1908. They were both orphans living in a boarding house in Birmingham. Despite the difference in their ages and religions - she was 19 and Protestant, he was 16 and Catholic - they fell in love.

When Ronald's guardian, Father Francis Xavier Morgan, found out, he forbade him to see Edith again until he came of age at 21. Ronald reluctantly obeyed and later left the city after winning an exhibition to Oxford. Edith went to live in Cheltenham. At midnight on the night he turned 21, Ronald wrote to Edith declaring his undying feelings. Unfortunately, in the intervening years, she had got engaged to someone else. He raced to her in Cheltenham, they walked through the countryside and Ronald had one chance to win Edith's heart. Their love was the inspiration for the Beren and Luthien story at the heart of Tolkien's novel *The Silmarillion*.

Based on real events and written by Sean Grundy. Starring Will Merrick (*Skins*, *The Rack Pack*) as Ronald and Claudia Jessie (*Line Of Duty*, *Their Finest*) as Edith.

Ronald Will Merrick

Edith Claudia Jessie

Father Francis John Duttine

Mrs Faulkner Sally Grace

George Paul Panting

Hilary Ben Wilby

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2017.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000jt7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 The Prisoner (m000jt7v)

Series 3

The Seltzman Connection

Number 6 meets a sinister scientist, and is obliged to relive events with his fiancé, Janet.

Based on the 1960s TV series of *The Prisoner* which created intrigue and controversy in equal measure when it first aired in the UK in 1967.

Number 6 Mark Elstob

Potter/Number 398 Glen McCready

Control Jim Barclay

Danvers/Marcus Gray Barnaby Edwards

Professor Jacob Seltzman Richard Dixon

Sarah Mowat Janet

Kate Butterworth/Number 2 Lucy Briggs-Owen

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Script Writer: Nicholas Briggs

Script Editor: Scott Handcock

Music composed and performed by Jamie Robertson

Director: Nicholas Briggs

Producer: Emma Halgh

A Big Finish production.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000jt7k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Drama (b091s20g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b00tcz90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017551m)

Series 1

July 15th to 19th

Damien and his partner, Anthony, setting off for the warm embrace of the Italian countryside so that Damien can do some writing for a new book, and their builder Mr Mullaney can have space to properly fit the granite worktops that Damien's been dreaming of "from what seems like the beginning of the Jurassic era".

But there's trouble in paradise when Damien receives a call to tell him their Umbrian villa has collapsed and they will have to go somewhere else. Luckily, Damien's agent, Ian, is quick to the rescue...

More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly".

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for:

- a perfect pasta puttanesca

- comforting Cornish Pasties

and

- something for the more experimental, "pilchards al limone".

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

BA Lady/Helpful Student Alex Tregear

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SUN 23:00 Seekers (b03bs3tf)

Series 1

The New Seeker

Made redundant by an Essex job centre, Stuart must return to his former workplace.

He's convinced he did a better job than his ex-colleagues who are still there. But he was content to work there, especially because of Senior Job Seeker Advisor, Nicola who he had a one night stand with during half time of the England- Portugal game in 2006. He still holds out for a relationship to blossom even though seven years have gone by.

Now stuck on the other side of the desk with the unemployed, Stuart is reunited with Joe and Terry two old school friends that Stuart outgrew eons ago.

Steven Burge's comedy about the characters who frequent a Job Centre in the Essex town of Rayleigh.

Starring Matthew Horne and Daniel Mays.

Stuart Mathew Horne

Joe Daniel Mays

Terry Tony Way

Nicola Zahra Ahmadi

Dave Manager Alex Lowe

Mr Dibble Alex Lowe

Mr Manford Alex Lowe

Mr Everett Alex Lowe

Mr Gleason Michael Bertenshaw

Mrs Wilcox Philippa Stanton

Mrs Rahman Bharti Patel

Gary Probert Steve Oram

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

SUN 23:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p0fz3)

Series 5

A Re-Excited Life Made Distinctly Dangerous

The Victorian comedy adventure sees Pip and his friends travel to India in their quest to thwart the evil machinations of smooth but sinister genius Mr Gently Benevolent.

Gasp as our heroes struggle with super-intelligent tigers, giant snakes, and secret gin!

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Halland

Pippa Susy Kane

Viceroy Roy Weiss Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in Novmeber 2012.

MONDAY 08 JUNE 2020

MON 00:00 The Prisoner (m000jt7v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b011ttxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b08454qp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0512j5y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:15 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0001rf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:15 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Drama (b091s20g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000jt7p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)

4. Cause For Alarm

Farm owner Gillian Selby reveals that she no longer requires any assistance from the Toff. Stars Terence Alexander.

Rural intrigue stalks amateur sleuth - the Honorable Richard Rollison

John Creasey's thriller starring Terence Alexander.

The Toff Terence Alexander

Jolly Robert Dorning

Gillian Selby Heather Stoney

Monty Morne Terence Hardiman

Superintendent Grice Duncan Lamont

Red Brandt Ed Bishop

Lola Bridge Liz Gebardt

Alan Selby Alaric Cotter

Other parts played by the cast.

Dramatised by Roy Lomax

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1977.

MON 06:30 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)

Outbreak of Fear

1. The Body on the Beach

Until PC Beaumont came to Polford, fresh from Police

Training College, he'd never seen a dead body.

But despite the location of this sleepy fishing village in the

West Country, he's set to complete his education...

RD Wingfield's five-part thriller stars Leslie Sands.

Sergeant Fowler Leslie Sands

PC Beaumont Nick Orchard

Dave Clark Cornelius Garret

The Doctor Paul Nicholson

Pete Carter Derek Graham

Mitchell Conrad Phillips

Rose Gillie Graham

Fred Dickey Fred Bryant

Albert Douglas Leach

Kim Deborah Paige

Mrs Trevor Patricia Gibson

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1982.

MON 07:00 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)

Honeytrap Hotel

Comedy by Harry Venning and Neil Brand about a team of inept, backstabbing surveillance operatives.

Beagle Team infringe every civil liberty in the book in the name of national security.

Bill Richard Lumsden

Sharla Nina Conti

Mark Daniel Kaluuya

Tony Savage Kevin Eldon

Geoff John Biggins

Ted Shaban Arifi

Nanny/Milij Alex Tregear

Mr Smith Nigel Hastings

Mrs Smith Kate Layden

Bishop Ewan Hooper

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0006sh7)

Series 71

Episode 4

The 71st series of the multi award-winning comedy panel game chaired by Jack Dee

MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b03ph1bs)

Frustrating the Spark of Invention

Can Able Seaman Johnson win a 'man-powered flight' competition, despite the assistance of Pertwee?

Ronnie Barker as Able Seaman Johnson, Tenniel Evans as

Taffy Goldstein and Michael Bates as the Padre.

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 Caldicot

Heather Heather Chasen

Able Seaman Johnson Ronnie Barker

Taffy Goldstein Tenniel Evans

The Padre Michael Bates

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1967.

MON 08:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jpd9)

Pilot - Loyal Support

Originally un-broadcast pilot episode of the seaside saga of pier perpetuation, with Arthur Lowe's only appearance due to his subsequent death.

This sequel to 'Dad's Army' begins in 1948. Life post-Home Guard, sees Arthur Wilson now managing a bank and his

former Captain and boss, George Mainwaring arrives in need of a loan...

Starring Arthur Lowe as Mainwaring and John Le Mesurier as Wilson.

Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

George Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier

Miss Baines Josephine Tewson

Guthrie Timothy Alcock

Hunter Anthony Sharpe

Rawlins Dougie Brown

Man Haydn Wood

To replace Arthur Lowe, the following full series was revamped to feature Dad's Army characters Hodges and Pike, played by

Bill Pertwee and Ian Lavender, instead. The series was later adapted for ITV by Yorkshire TV.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1981.

MON 09:00 Foul Play (b00jh5hn)

Series 3

Death By a Short Head

Crime writers Lady Antonia Fraser and Anthony Price try to solve the mystery death of a top jockey.

With the help of witnesses played by Maria McErlane and Lee Simpson.

Murder mystery panel game devised, written and chaired by Simon Brett.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

MON 09:30 Chambers (b007jppy)

Series 3

Rent Arrears

John Fuller-Carp, head of chambers, enjoys conning students.

Ruth tries to avoid the question, and Vince acts Jewish. All in a

day's work for the barristers of Forecourt Buildings.
Series 3 of Clive Coleman's sitcom set in perhaps the country's least spectacular set of chambers.
John Fuller Carp John Bird
Hilary Tripping James Fleet
Ruth Quirke Sarah Lancashire
Vince Jonathan Kydd
With Rebecca Front and Ben Crowe.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.
MON 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0125g87)
Hamer's Women
Social reformer John is tempted by Lady Lettice, as his wife fights for the suffragettes.
Ian McKellen stars in the story of John Hamer Shawcross - set against the wider current of events in England in the early 19th century.
Howard Spring's novel freely adapted by Ken Whitmore.
John Shawcross Ian McKellen
Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler
Anne Artingstall June Barry
Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley
Lady Lettice Helen Ryan
Arnold Ryerson Andrew Jackson
Pen Ryerson Vida Paterson
Harry Liskeard Peter Guinness
Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin
Ellen Stansfield Rosalie Williams
Charles Shawcross aged 8 David Boardman
Hawley Artingstall Graham Tennant
Organ grinder Colin Bean
Prison wardens Joan Anstey/ Delia Corrie
Prison doctor Roger Grainger
Director: Trevor Hill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1979.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000jwqh)
Series 7
Rethinking Death
Guy Raz explores the hard fact that everyone eventually dies. How can we better understand death as a part of life?
In this episode, TED speakers contemplate the end of life with wisdom and humor.
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2016.
MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b03ph1bs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jpd9)
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MON 13:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007jrzd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 RD Wingfield (b0082c6v)
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MON 14:00 Foul Play (b00jh5hn)
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MON 17:00 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0006sh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b1p28)
Small Gods
Episode 1
Set in a complex state of beliefs, Great God Om appears before a novice monk - and is soon coming out of his shell...
There are gods everywhere on Discworld - you can't swing a simian librarian without hitting one - except, of course, only a few people can see them. Each small god lies in wait, desperately seeking to make someone believe in him. On Discworld, gods need people more than people need gods, for belief is the food of the gods.
Terry Pratchett's four-part comic fantasy starring Carl Prekopp, Patrick Barlow and Alex Jennings. With Anton Lesser as the Narrator.
Narrator Anton Lesser
Om Patrick Barlow
Brutha Carl Prekopp
Vorbis lex Jennings
Nhumrod Geoffrey Bevers
Sasho Philip Fox
General Fri't Sean Barrett
Quisitor Gerard McDermott
Dramatised by Robin Brooks.
Producer: Claire Grove
Director: Gordon House
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b00rbky9)
John Oxford and Dorothy Crawford
Sue MacGregor is joined by two leading virus experts, John Oxford and Dorothy Crawford to discuss favourite paperbacks by Ken Kesey, Daniel Defoe and Simon Armitage.
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

Publisher: Penguin Modern Classics
A Journal of the Plague Year by Daniel Defoe
Publisher: Penguin Classics
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Simon Armitage
Publisher: Faber and Faber
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.
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MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m0006sh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007jzt2)
Series 2
Unemployment
Another radical proposal as the comedian tackles the stresses and strains of the traditional job. From July 1994.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000jpyh)
Series 102
Episode 8
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 we have Jen Brister, Sophie Duker, Lucy Porter and Hugo Rifkind.
Produced by Suzy Grant
A BBC Studios Audio Production
MON 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvz8)
Series 6
Backchat
The station's most popular programme - the forum for listeners' complaints.
Starring Morwenna Banks, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Producer: David Tyler
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

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TUE 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js1v)
5. A Step In The Dark
John Creasey - Author
Roy Lomax - Dramatist
The Toff - Terence Alexander
Jolly - Robert Dorning
Gillian Selby - Heather Stoney
Vicar (Fred/Lodwin) - Jeffrey Segal
Monty Mome - Terrence Hardiman
Bert (Man) - Frank Jarvis
Mr Brandt - Ed Bishop
TUE 06:30 RD Wingfield (b0082f1k)
Outbreak of Fear
2. The Second Body
Sergeant Fowler's boss, Superintendent Chadwick, arrives from New Scotland Yard and makes a discovery.
CAST:
Sergeant Fowler Leslie Sands
PC Beaumont Nick Orchard
Dave Clark Cornelius Garrett
The Doctor Paul Nicholson
Pete Carter Derek Graham
Chadwick Nicholas Courtney
Joe Hardy John Gabriel
Radio DJ Jim Reid
Miss Reed Ann Morrish
Vicar Ronald Russell
Written by R.D. Wingfield
Director: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

TUE 07:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b07k08xb)
Series 1
Episode 3
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.
This week, a job interview for Tim and an encounter with an anaconda.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
TUE 07:30 My Teenage Diary (m000jmtm)
Series 9
Julie Myerson
Rufus Hound returns for another series of honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.
Guests this series are Woman's Hour host Dame Jenni Murray, former Goodie Bill Oddie, comedian Shazia Mirza, impressionist Jan Ravens, podcaster Olly Mann and writer Julie Myerson.
Producer: Harriet Jaine
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)
Series 6
Shangri-La Again
Neddie Seagoon escapes an invasion and finds Utopia. Fantasy novel spoof with Spike Milligan and Harry Secombe. From November 1955.
TUE 08:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007kLjm)
My Stag Movie, pt 2/2
The veteran auditionee exposes more of his film-making exploits. Did he ever hit the big screen? Stars Peter Jones. From August 1986.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000jpyh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Two Doors Down (b0076h5s)
Series 3
All You Need Is Love
Saffron is worried because Trevor is staying out after work more frequently. Stars Frances Tomelty. From October 2003.
TUE 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0125lky)
Nothing But the Truth, Almost!
The Great War dominates politics as leaders ask people to unite. Hamer's son enlists. Stars Sir Ian McKellen.
CAST:
John Hamer Shawcross Sir Ian McKellen
Anne Artingstall June Barry
Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley
Arnold Tyerson Andrew Jackson
Pen Ryerson Vida Paterson
Alice Ryerson Valerie Georgeson
Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler
Lady Hannaway Romy Baskerville
Mrs Ambeley-Rosewater Cynthia Michaelis
Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin
Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan
The Election Official Peter Ellis
Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in eight episodes by Ken Whitmore.
Director: Trevor Hill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.
TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0003tjw)
Jessica Hynes
Jessica Hynes joins us to talk writing, deadlines and her big screen directorial debut.
The BAFTA Award winning actor is known for her comic roles in The Royle Family and W1A, as well as films like Shaun Of The Dead, Son Of Rambow and Paddington 2.
She is also a writer, who co-wrote Spaced with Simon Pegg; and is adding director to her CV with The Fight.
Jessica talks about the box fit class which inspired her tale of triumph, over everyday adversity.
We also revisit a drama that Jessica wrote for Spike Milligan's birth centenary, and which she performed onstage in Hull, as part of the BBC's Contains Strong Language Festival.
Titled Deadline, Jessica's story colourfully conjures the stress of an unfinished and overdue script, something she has experienced first-hand. It first broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2018.
Produced and presented by Ali Gardiner for BBC Radio 4 Extra.
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Episode 6
Clive Anderson referees the improvisations of Stephen Fry, John Sessions, Rory Bremner and Jon Glover. From February

1988.

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TUE 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b50xj)

Small Gods

Episode 2

Novice priest Brutha has been selected by Deacon Vorbis to go on a secret mission to the infidel city of Ephebe.

The Great God Om, who is stuck in the body of a small tortoise, is going with him in a little wicker basket.

Terry Pratchett's comic fantasy stars Anton Lesser as the Narrator, Patrick Barlow as Om, Carl Prekopp as Brutha, Alex Jennings as Vorbis, Philip Fox as Aktor, Sean Barrett as Xeno, Gerard McDermott as the Captain and John Cummins as the Sergeant.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00763ln)

Series 2

The Lark Ascending

Tasmin Little, Iona Brown and Allan Stephenson reflect on the impact of Ralph Vaughan Williams's most English of works. From August 2001.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jmrj)

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TUE 22:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b09cz3mk)

Series 12

The Legacy

Episode 3: The Legacy

It came as no great surprise to Ed that when his father, Sidney, died he made sure that no one got a mention in his will by not leaving one. Ed's son Jake, never one to miss an opportunity to make some money, introduces Ed to his old school friend Dozzer who it transpires is a qualified heir hunter who has discovered that the late Sidney Reardon had a property which Ed could inherit. All he needs to do is prove his identity and keep his children away from it.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

It was a BBC Studios Production.

TUE 23:00 Nurse (b078zcc4)

Series 2

Episode 5

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.

Cast:

Paul Whitehouse

Esther Coles

Margaret Cabour-Smith

Rosie Cavaliero

Sue Elliott-Nichols

Charlie Higson

Vilma Hollingbery

Jason Maza

Cecilia Noble

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

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 23:15 The In Crowd (b008p84t)

Series 2

Episode 5

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

TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b008qs2s)

Series 1

Hero Worship

When Satan argues with the professor, he's introduced to a miserable Leonardo Da Vinci. Stars Andy Hamilton. From December 1995.

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2020

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WED 06:00 John Creasey - The Toff on the Farm (b007js4c)

6. The Mystery of Selby Farm

John Creasey - Author

Roy Lomax - Dramatist

The Toff - Terence Alexander

Jolly - Robert Dornig

Gillian Selby - Heather Stoney

Vicar (Fred/Lodwin) - Jeffrey Segal

Monty Morne - Terrence Hardiman

Bert (Man) - Frank Jarvis

Mr Brandt - Ed Bishop

WED 06:30 RD Wingfield (b0082h1n)

Outbreak of Fear

3. Triple Murder

With an unscrupulous serial killer on Sergeant Fowler's hands, police radios pick up mysterious signals.

CAST:

Sergeant Fowler Leslie Sands

PC Beaumont Nick Orchard

Dave Clark Cornelius Garrett

The Doctor Paul Nicholson

Pete Carter Derek Graham

Chadwick Nicholas Courtney

Joe Hardy John Gabriel

Mitchell Conrad Phillips

Eric Farrow Malcolm Young

Mrs Farrow Rosemary Sigel

Written by R.D. Wingfield

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

WED 07:00 Clare in the Community (b01pp88x)

Series 8

On Expenses

Episode 2 - On Expenses

With society collapsing all around us Social Worker Clare Barker is appalled to be stuck indoors bean counting. But as Clare discovers anomalies in the Sparrowhawk Family Centre's expense claims will friendship and loyalty win over professional integrity?

Clare in the Community returns with Sally Phillips as Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In her private life Clare is struggling to come to terms with Brian's infidelity. Will their relationship survive?

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

WED 07:30 Quanderhorn (m000jmn)

Quanderhorn 2

6. I Heregy Think You Guilty

Quanderhorn (James Fleet) is tried for treason by Churchill

(John Sessions), and sentenced to death.

Guuuurk (Kevin Eldon) rejoins the team, and they race to the rescue in a hijacked Martian tripod.

But too late. They arrive just in time to witness the Professor's execution.

Rudderless without Quanderhorn, the team – Brian (Ryan Sampson), Gemma (Cassie Layton), Jenkins (John Sessions) and Troy (Freddie Fox) along with Guuuuurk and Diving Suit Dolores (Rachel Atkins) – flee aimlessly.

But in the very pit of their despair, hope arrives in an unexpected package – a dormobile full of ravenous trained monkeys.

Meanwhile, the Imperial Martian Opera is mopping up the blood on the stage from Act One of Cozi Tanned Floozie, blissfully unaware that an unexpectedly spectacular Act Two is about to follow – and it's nothing to do with the giant exploding banana.

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 Guuuuurk

John Sessions as Sergeant Jenkins' Jenkins and Churchill

Rachel Atkins as Dolores

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 (b007x041)

Series 5

The New Radio Series

Big-headed from TV success, the lad's had enough of radio and is set to retire - until he discovers the plan for his replacement. 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: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1958.

WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b007wpnk)

Series 1

Tangled Webs

The complex life and loves of Izzy Comyn, with her propensity for telling lies.

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. Adapted by Sue Limb from her 1984 novel into 3 radio series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With Marty Cruickshank as

Maria, Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael and Mike Grady as Dick

With Sarah Doyle, Kerryn White, Sam Smart and Mark

Monero as Class 4C

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b00kdp26)

Series 23

2009 Semi-final 2

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 in the second semi-final:

Paul Grayson from Ripon

Peter Whitehead from Bromley

Tim Wise from Wallington in Surrey

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

WED 09:30 Rent (b04crvzb)

Series 1

Episode 2

Now they've got students Paul and Ruby as lodgers, Maria and Richard are finding out they're not as young and groovy as they'd thought...

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Diane

Louise-Jordan as Ruby, Toby Longworth as Paul and Linda

Polan as Amy.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

WED 10:00 Howard Spring - Fame is the Spur (b0125kcb)

Perish By the Sword

Labour briefly tastes of power, and fortunes are made and lost as Hamer Shawcross concludes his memoirs.

CAST:

John Hamer Shawcross Sir Ian McKellen

Jimmy Newbould John Baldwin

Lady Lettice Melland Helen Ryan

Lady Hannaway Romy Baskerville

Arnold Tyerson Andrew Jackson

Pen Ryerson Vida Paterson

Lizzie Lightowler Rosalie Crutchley

Tom Hannaway Geoffrey Wheeler

Alice Ryerson Valerie Georgeson

Charles Shawcross Richard Durden

Pendleton Rory Scase

Howard Spring's novel freely adapted for radio in eight episodes by Ken Whitmore.

Director: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

WED 11:00 Rik Mayall on Radio (m000jvtd)

2. The Reunion and Bedside Tales

Broadcaster and Producer John Lloyd explores the fascinating radio contributions of the actor and comedian Rik Mayall to reveal a remarkable and eclectic mix of programmes and archives.

Rik Mayall, was one of the first and foremost alternative comedians in the UK, best known for his work on TV's The Young Ones, Bottom and The New Statesmen which all had tremendous impact on British situation comedy. However whilst enjoying tremendous success on television Mayall made many captivating contributions to radio which are often overlooked. In this special 2018 tribute, the year Mayall would have celebrated his 60th birthday, John Lloyd is joined by Steven Canny, the producer of 'Rik Mayall's Bedside Tales'.

Featured programme:

'The Reunion' [BBC Radio 4 29/04/2018]

'Rik Mayall's Bedside Tales: 22nd May' [BBC Radio 4 21/10/2009]

Producer: Stephen Garner

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

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WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)

Small Gods

Episode 3

Ephesian philosophers argue violently among themselves but they're no match for Deacon Vorbis. However one philosopher, Didactylos, is prepared to stand up to him.

Terry Pratchett's comic fantasy stars Anton Lesser as the Narrator, Patrick Barlow as Om, Carl Prekopp as Brutha, Alex Jennings as Vorbis, Gerard McDermott as Didactylos, John Cummins as Urn, Geoffrey Beever as the Guard and Nick Sayce as Sergeant Simony.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b08gxx75)

Series 11

Out of Time

Josie Long presents documentaries about time and timing. From losing your grasp on the passing hours to a childhood fear of Sundays - how our experience of time gets under our skin.

The features in this programme are:

Tick Tick Tick

Produced by Steve Urquhart

Escaping the Present

Featuring Sarah Shourd

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft

The Cymbal Crash

Featuring Jim Gordon

Produced by Maartje Duin

Sundays

Produced by Shanida Scotland

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

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WED 22:30 What's Funny About ... (m000jvtg)

Goodness Gracious Me

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 Meera Syal and Anil Gupta about their ground breaking sketch show Goodness Gracious

Me.

They discuss the impact the show had on popular culture and how they feel they were treated by the BBC, the broken video camera at their first ever showcase that meant that Goodness Gracious Me very nearly never happened, and what sort of show Meera thinks the GGM team should get back together and make.

With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how they 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 Goodness Gracious Me clips written by:

Meera Syal

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Nina Wadia

Producer: Owen Braben

An Expectation production made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

WED 23:30 Cowards (b00776sr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Talking coins and cows in the bizarre world of Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf. From April 2007.

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THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jwcn)

Murder Must Advertise

1. Death Comes to Pym's Publicity

Lord Peter Wimsey goes undercover at a highly respectable advertising agency, to take up the post of junior copywriter. His late predecessor could have died either from a broken neck after falling down the stairs, or by a wound to his temple. He had made no attempt to save himself as he fell and had left an unfinished letter to the firm's proprietor, stating that something 'undesirable' had been going on in the office.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Chief Inspector Parker Allan Cuthbertson

Mr Ingleby John Quentin

Mr Willis Richard O'Callaghan

Miss Meteyard Frances Jeater

Mr Hankin Frank Williams

Miss Rossiter Joanna Wake

Written by Dorothy L. Sayers, published in 1933.

Adapted by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

THU 06:30 RD Wingfield (b0082htz)

Outbreak of Fear

4. The Vault

With boats wrecked and Polford's telephone lines down,

Sergeant Fowler makes an important discovery.

CAST:

Sergeant Fowler Leslie Sands

PC Beaumont Nick Orchard

Dave Clark Cornelius Garrett

The Doctor Paul Nicholson

Chadwick Nicholas Courtney

Joe Hardy John Gabriel

Mitchell Conrad Phillips

Rose Gillie Gratham

Fred Dickey Fred Bryant

Albert Douglas Leach

Operator Brian Gear

Written by R.D. Wingfield

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

THU 07:00 HR (b01bm0p7)

Series 3

Disabled

In the return of Nigel Williams' much-praised comedy series

the two 60-something chums have just lost their pensions. Sam (Nicholas le Prevost) balks at Peter's (Jonathan Pryce) outrageous survival measures. But will he become embroiled?

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas le Prevost

Doctor Paul Moriarty

Director...Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 07:30 Ankle Tag (m000jnb3)

Series 3

Housesitting

Alice catches up with some old friends and the entire family do a spot of housesitting...

Cast

Alice - Katy Wix

Gruff - Elis James

Bob - Steve Speirs

Joanna - Emily Lloyd-Saini

Zara - Chiara Goldsmith

Simon - Jordan Brookes

Bailiff - Sanjeev Kohli

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Production Co-Ordinator: Gwyn Davies

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00srqjv)

Series 4

Episode 5

Announcer Douglas Smith is taken for a spin in 'Relatively Grand Prix' - and at the Bona Male Model Agency, Julian and Sandy sign up some brand new talent.

Stars Kenneth Horne, 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 Yes Minister (b007j89)

Series 1

Big Brother

MP Jim Hacker crosses swords with Sir Humphrey over civil liberties

Starring Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker, Nigel Hawthorne as Sir Humphrey Appleby and Derek Fowldes as Bernard.

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn satirical sitcom ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984. Yes Minister is centred around the hapless Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1984.

THU 09:00 Booked (b08mkkxr)

Series 5

Episode 3

Ian McMillan chairs the literary quiz with Helen Lederer, Roger McGough, Miles Kington and David Stafford. From December 1998.

THU 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008tx2z)

Series 3

Episode 4

JB Morton's whimsies as performed by Richard Ingrams, John Sessions, Joan Sims and June Whitfield. From November 1994.

THU 10:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Spy (b019rgnv)

Episode 1

By James Fenimore Cooper, dramatised by DJ Britton.

Episode One

New York State, 1778. Henry Wharton, a young soldier for the British in the American War of Independence, creeps into no-man's land to spend an evening with his family. But the happy reunion is cut short when American troops surround the house.

Can the mysterious peddler Harvey Birch provide Henry with a means of escape?

Cast:

Harvey Birch Burn Gorman

Frances Rose Leslie

Henry Alex Waldmann

Mr Wharton James Lailey

Sarah Francine Chamberlain

Mr Harper Timothy Watson

Caesar Richard Pepple

Peyton Dunwoodie Simon Bubb

Captain Lawton Gerard McDermott

Colonel Wellmere Adam Billington

Isabella Singleton Victoria Inez Hardy

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

Team:

Studio managers: Anne Bunting, Jenni Burnett, Alison Craig.

Editor: Anne Bunting

Production Co-ordinator: Beverly Tagg

Published in 1821, *The Spy* was the first commercially successful American work of popular fiction. On top of that, it is also generally regarded as the world's first espionage novel. Until Fenimore Cooper, spies in fiction had been villains, the lowest of the low. But in creating Harvey Birch (played here by Burn Gorman), a double agent during the American War of Independence, Cooper began the tradition of spy-as-hero, leading to the great genre novels of the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Set in Westchester County, New York State, in 1778, we meet Harvey Birch, a mysterious pedlar, when he turns up unexpectedly at The Locusts, a house in no-man's-land between British and American forces, owned by the wealthy Wharton family. The Whartons are a family of divided loyalties: one of the daughters, Frances, is engaged to an American officer. The other, Sarah, is a romantic royalist. Birch who, with his father, lives in a small house nearby is, it is rumoured, a double agent and both sides have put a price on his head. His house has been attacked by British forces, and Birch has been forced to take to the dangerous road...

Travelling on foot with his salesman's pack on his back, Birch appears to steer clear of political or military allegiances, trading with both sides. Yet whenever the honour and the safety of decent people is in danger, Birch is at hand. He suffers appalling indignities, is robbed, burnt out of his home by the terrifying Skinners - American outlaws posing as Patriot irregulars - and is sentenced to death by the American forces. He never uses his privileged position to save his own skin, for, only at the very end of the story is it revealed, that he has a personal commission - from George Washington himself.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b00tcz90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Ankle Tag (m000jnb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b00bdjq2)

Small Gods

Episode 4

Deacon Vorbis has returned triumphantly to Omnia. He proclaims himself the One True Prophet.

But Brutha knows what really happened in the desert and the Great God Om is still out there, stuck in the body of a tortoise.

Terry Pratchett's comic fantasy stars Anton Lesser as the Narrator, Patrick Barlow as Om, Carl Prekopp as Brutha, Alex Jennings as Vorbis, Gerard McDermott as Didactylus, John Cummins as Urn, Geoffrey Beavers as Nhumrod., Nick Sayce as Sergeant Simony and Michael Kilgarriff as Death.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Claire Grove

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b04vk1v)

Series 35

Tom Solomon on Roald Dahl

Writer Roald Dahl is well known as the author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *The BFG*, but he was also fascinated by medical science. Professor Tom Solomon, who looked after him during his last illness, spent hours discussing medicine with Dahl.

Tom talks to Matthew Parris about Dahl's life and work, through the prism of his forensic interest in the workings of the human body. With them is Donald Sturrock, Dahl's biographer.

Producer Christine Hall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

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THU 20:00 Wimsey (b007jwcn)

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THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b00tcz90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Ankle Tag (m000jnb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jq63)

Series 2

The Mastersons Go Down

Murder, intrigue and a fast-talking parrot aboard a luxury cruiser. Improvised family saga with Paul Merton. From July 1994.

THU 23:00 Listen Against (b00f13nq)

Series 2

Episode 4

Martin Jarvis reads from a Haynes manual - more wireless weirdness hosted by Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes. From December 2008.

THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076k1x)

Series 1

Episode 6

Email problems in ancient Rome, in this sketch comedy starring Robert Webb, Olivia Colman and Sally Hawkins. From September 2002.

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FRI 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b00bdjq2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b04vk1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b007jwcn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 RD Wingfield (b0082htz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Booked (b08mkkxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b008tx2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Spy (b019rgnv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b00tcz90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

FRI 04:45 Multi Story Shorts (m0008xqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

FRI 05:00 HR (b01bm0p7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Ankle Tag (m000jnb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jwcn)

Murder Must Advertise

2. Singular Spotlessness of a Lethal Weapon

Lord Peter Wimsey goes undercover at a highly respectable advertising agency, to take up the post of junior copywriter. His late predecessor could have died either from a broken neck after falling down the stairs, or by a wound to his temple. He had made no attempt to save himself as he fell and had left an unfinished letter to the firm's proprietor, stating that something 'undesirable' had been going on in the office.

Wimsey sees someone get a pasting meant for him.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Chief Inspector Parker Allan Cuthbertson

Mr Ingleby John Quentin

Mr Willis Richard O'Callaghan

Miss Meteyard Frances Jeater

Mr Hankin Frank Williams

Miss Rossiter Joanna Wake

Pamela Dean Amanda Murray

Ginger Joe Greg Mandell

Written by Dorothy L. Sayers, published in 1933.

Adapted by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

FRI 06:30 RD Wingfield (b0082k48)

Outbreak of Fear

5. The Killer

Sergeant Fowler takes steps as his suspicions grow over his boss Chadwick's conclusions on the murders.

CAST:

Sergeant Fowler Leslie Sands

PC Beaumont Nick Orchard

Dave Clark Cornelius Garrett

The Doctor Paul Nicholson

Chadwick Nicholas Courtney

Mitchell Conrad Phillips

Rose Gillie Gratham

Operator Brian Gear

Radio DJ Jim Reid

Jackson Roger Leach

Written by R.D. Wingfield

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

FRI 07:00 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tq)

Lot 243

Caroline's car gives up the ghost. It will cost more to have it mended than the business can afford.

They have been asked to attend an auction at a country house to bid for a Lot for a client and Sylvia will drive them there in her car - a car Caroline knew nothing about. They turn left all the way. They find the client's item, but, also find Caroline's grandmother's silver dressing table set, sold with everything else when her husband's fraud brought their lives crashing down.

Whilst Caroline reflects with a cigarette outside she bumps into

Lauren, soon to be ex-wife of the pop star who owns the house and all the contents that are being auctioned. The women, united by events, strike up a friendship. Meanwhile, Sylvia meets Lambourn the Gardener and they realise they are kindred spirits.

Caroline.....Deborah Findlay

Sylvia.....Anna Massey

Lauren.....Madeleine Bowyer

Lambourn.....Trevor Peacock

Carl Bailey.....Nigel Hastings

Auctioneer.....Michael Shelford

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 (b00cm9p6)

Series 1

Douz

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult. Carolyn finds she's taken more on board than she meant to when the Scottish Cricket Team, a Frenchman and the Sahara Desert all run out of petrol...

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

Ist Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Yves Jutteau John Sessions

Habib Ali Amadi.

Captain Jessop Rufus Jones

Lachlan Robert Harley

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

www.pozzitive.co.uk

FRI 08:00 Something to Shout About (m000jx3v)

Series 3

Episode 15

The ad agency colleagues are all treated to a night out at a London West End theatre.

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

Michael Lightfoot Michael Medwin

Janet Harris Fenella Fielding

Maggie Tufnell Eleanor Summerfield

Mavis Willis Joan Sims

Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps

Various Warren Mitchell

Written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.

Producer: John Simmonds.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1962.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b008s4fp)

Series 1

Night Moves

Bill and Faith's romantic plans are thwarted by Bert the dog. 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.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe and Moir Leslie as Jill.

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 for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

FRI 09:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

Series 1

Episode 2

Wordaholics is Radio 4's comedy panel game all about words. Gyles Brandreth presides as linguistic brainboxes and comedians including the legendary Stephen Fry, Fresh Meat star Jack Whitehall, Radio 4 regular Milton Jones and Countdown stalwart Susie Dent vie for supremacy in the ring.

This week linguistic brainbox Natalie Haynes and poet Michael Rosen vie for wordy supremacy with comedians Arthur Smith and Paul Sinha.

Gyles is the longest-serving wordsmith in Countdown's Dictionary Corner and the author of numerous wordplay books. But now it's time for him to encourage other people to show off their knowledge of words and playfulness with language.

Wordaholics is clever, intelligent, witty and unexpected. There are toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang, Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words: the whole world of words in twenty-eight minutes.

Find out the meaning of words like giff-gaff, knock-knobbler and buckfitches - the difference between French marbles, French velvet and the French ache - hear the glorious poetry of the English language, as practiced from writers varying from William Shakespeare to Vanilla Ice - and spend half an hour laughing and learning with some of the finest Wordaholics in the business.

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

FRI 09:30 Dry Slopes (b0729jgv)

Series 2

The Invisible Man

Nobody seems to pay Angus much attention these days.

He tries telling his problems to a psychiatrist, but has trouble making himself heard.

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

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

FRI 10:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Spy (b01b8yyb)

Episode 2

By James Fenimore Cooper, dramatised by DJ Britton.

Episode Two

New York State, 1778. Henry Wharton, a young soldier for the British, has been captured by American forces while wearing a disguise in no-man's land. He must stand trial as a spy, and if found guilty, he will hang. Can General Washington be found in time to issue a pardon?

Cast:

Harvey Birch Burn Gorman

Frances Rose Leslie

Henry Alex Waldmann

Mr Wharton James Lailey

Sarah Francine Chamberlain

Mr Harper Timothy Watson

Caesar Richard Pepple

Peyton Dunwoodie Simon Bubb

Captain Lawton Gerard McDermott

Skinner Adam Billington

Isabella Singleton Victoria Inez Hardy

Colonel Martin Paul Moriarty

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

FRI 12:00 Something to Shout About (m000jx3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b008s4fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b007jwct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 RD Wingfield (b0082k48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Dry Slopes (b0729jgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 James Fenimore Cooper - The Spy (b01b8yyb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cm9p6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Paradise Lost in Cyberspace (b007jpdh)

Episode 1

In 22nd-century Britain, the collapse of the pensions system means compulsory euthanasia for all 70-year-olds. But a clerical error sparks implications for George... Smith...

Colin Swash's dystopian comedy stars Stephen Moore as

George, Patsy Byrne as Doris, Geoffrey McGivern as O'Connell

and Lorelei King as Andrea Sunbeam. Other parts by Melanie

Hudson, Christopher Douglas and Lewis MacLeod.

Producer: Richard Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0076xh3)

All By Myself

Dominic Arkwright asks Lucy Mangan, Lance Workman and

David Blandy to consider the joys of the solitary life. From

March 2006.

FRI 19:00 Something to Shout About (m000jx3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b008s4fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b007jwct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 RD Wingfield (b0082k48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 22:00 Cabin Pressure (b00cm9p6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03jdw6r)

Series 1

Who Am I?

The first in a new series of Stephen K Amos' sitcom about his own teenage years, growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Produced by Colin Anderson.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00rbkyc)

Series 3

Jon Culshaw

Marcus Brigstocke invites his guest Jon Culshaw to try five

things he's never done before including visiting a casino.

Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is

about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones.

The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and

creator Bill Dare had never seen Star Wars.

Host: Marcus Brigstocke

Guest: Jon Culshaw

Producer: Bill Dare.

FRI 23:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0076f55)

Series 3

Looking for Love

With the onset of the warm weather, Mel and Vicki find that

romance and dating are the order of the day.

However, they discover carefully following the rules doesn't

necessarily guarantee success...

Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine with Martin Hyder,

Lewis MacLeod and Jim North.

Written by the cast with Danny Robins, Dan Tetsell and and

Richie Devlin - and script edited by Graeme Garden.

Music by Richie Webb.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.