

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2020

SAT 00:00 Report On The Barnhouse Effect by Kurt Vonnegut (b0085hqx)

Professor Barnhouse discovers a way of channelling his mind to control the forces of nature.

The phenomenon becomes known as the "Barnhouse Effect". The academic sees his skill as a marvellous opportunity to secure world peace. However, the American government has other ideas...

Stuart Milligan reads Kurt Vonnegut's first short story published in 1950.

Abridged and produced by Gemma Jenkins.

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

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0076zh0)

Bitching

Kathy Lette, Kate Figes and Tom Mitchelson join Dominic Arkwright to discuss the motives for bitching. From August 2006.

SAT 01:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00012hc)

4. The Proctor File

Hilary gets things taped, but has to take a jump to get back in the swim of things.

Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure about a woman with exceptional talent starring Angela Pleasance.

Hilary ... Angela Pleasance

Beresford ... Rolf Lefebvre

Jean ... Hilda Kriseman

Mortimer ... Dinsdale Landen

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

SAT 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpmw)

Death on the Nile

Episode 5

Hercule Poirot's holiday has become a hideous nightmare. Can he finally fathom out the murderous events afloat?

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Poirot

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Colonel Race Donald Sinden

Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach

Pennington Stratford Johns

Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke

Simon Doyle Robert Dawes

Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton

Jacqueline de Bellefort Amanda Barton-Chappell

Mrs Otterbourne Shirley Dixon

Rosalie Otterbourne Emma Woodvine

Joanna Southwood Joanna Monro

Monsieur Blondin Sean Baker

Rockford Ed Bishop

Fanthorp Robert May

Miss Van Schuyler Irene Sutcliffe

Dr Bessner Keith Drinkel

Thomas Cook Agent Timothy Alcock

Waiter Chris Pavlo

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

SAT 02:00 The Personality Test (b00m16xm)

Series 1

Greg Dyke

The former BBC Director-General quizzes a panel about himself.

Sue Perkins, Alan Carr and Lucy Porter battle with queries based on Greg's life, whims and interests

Series in which a fresh host every episode quizzes a comedy panel about themselves.

Script by Richard Turner

Devised & produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

SAT 02:30 King of Bath (b049f20z)

The Clockwork Man

Beau Nash turns detective to track down a highwayman, but all the clues point back at him.

Conclusion of the comedy drama series by Arnold Evans

casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.

Beau Nash David Bamber

Daniel Brewster Simon Ludders

Ned Stephen Thorne

Annie Eiry Thomas

Sir Percy Andrew Wincott

Sophia Claire Cage

Composer: John Hardy.

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b083j4z7)

The Hatton Garden Heist

Philip Palmer's drama explores one of the most audacious crimes of the last 30 years, in which a gang of thieves stole jewellery and cash with an estimated value of up to £200M from a secure vault in the heart of London.

The heist was a media sensation for months in 2015. The legend grew up that this was the perfect heist. However the criminals involved are now all in jail. All except one. The man who the press called Mr Ginger. The man who called himself Basil. No one knows who he is.

The story of how he came to be part of this gang may or may

not be true. It's a story that spans 30 years, and involves many of the most notorious characters in the world of organised crime. It's a story of murder, vengeance and gold.

Narrator Tracy-Ann Oberman

Brian Peter Wight

Terry Andy Linden

Basil Paul Hilton

Danny John Bowler

Kenny David Sterne

Carl Nicholas Murchie

Kenneth Zubin Varla

Mike John Dougall

Brenda Clare Perkins

Nurse Keziah Joseph

Written by Philip Palmer.

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000bf1k)

George The Poet Special

Amanda Litherland chats to George The Poet about his audio inspirations. Featuring clips from Have You Heard George's Podcast and his Radio 4 special. From November 2019.

SAT 05:00 Michael Frayn's Matchbox Theatre (b06qms9t)

Episode 2

Michael Frayn - the most comic philosophical writer of our time.

An all-star cast has great fun with Frayn's hilarious view of us all. People talking. To each other, to the world at large, to themselves. Explaining. Heard, overheard, half-heard.

In this episode, we eavesdrop on two strangers in a café.

Patricia Hodge is the woman who can't get names right. Joanna Lumley, listening in at the next table, longs to correct her.

Adam Godley becomes increasingly obsessive in a doctor's surgery. Matthew Wolf, attending a lecture on words, doesn't care for the phrase 'if you like'. Sophie Winkleman and Charles Edwards, trying to find their destination, have 'WIC' - that's 'Words in Car'.

Stephen Fry is a politician who believes he has mastered the intricacies of his mobile phone. Tom Hollander and Nigel Anthony share confidences in their own mathematically precise language. And Julian Sands suffers at the hands of Martin Jarvis' Pinteresque writer-tormentor.

This four-part series is Theatre in miniature. Short entertainments based on Frayn's recently acclaimed book, Matchbox Theatre. His brand new collection, now on the radio - the theatre of the listener's imagination. Set design, ice-cream sales, packet of nuts, where to sit - it's up to you. Just sit back and enjoy.

With

Patricia Hodge

Joanna Lumley

Adam Godley

Matthew Wolf

Sophie Winkleman

Charles Edwards

Stephen Fry

Tom Hollander

Nigel Anthony

Julian Sands

Martin Jarvis.

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2015..

SAT 05:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lt16c)

Series 2

Ipswich

When the crew have to go on a refresher Safety & Emergency Procedures course, it spells trouble for Douglas's inner dog and Martin's inner ear. Plus Arthur gets a chance to show off his exceptional eating skills.

With special guests Phil Davis ('Vera Drake') and Alex MacQueen ('The Thick Of It').

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole

1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam

Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey John Finnemore

Mr Sargent Phil Davis

Dr Peter Duncan Alex MacQueen

Written by John Finnemore.

Produced & Directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Pacific Dreams (b01pknt0)

A young man's quest for a new life takes him from the granite streets of Glasgow, through the open skies of America to the azure oceans of faraway Hawaii.

Ancient island goddesses, native Hawaiian culture and the soft rain of the tropics bring the heartbeat of the Islands to life.

Godfrey Hamilton's road movie of epic proportions.

Hugh Mark Bonnar

Katie Katy Murphy

Doug Anthony Ofoegbu

Myra Kate Harper

The Miracle Worker Devon Scott

Dharma Kathryn Howden

Billy Chris Pavlo

Joe Mark Pinkosh

Cabbie Ioan Meredith

Cabin Attendant Janet Maw

Adonis Alex Lowe

Director: Cathryn Horn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b05qgch9)

Series 36

Rachel Johnson on Ottoline Morrell

Rachel Johnson author and journalist champions the life of Ottoline Morrell. The Bloomsbury hostess, a mistress, a dominant figure in the arts without being an artist herself was often mocked and ridiculed. Rachel tells Matthew Parris why her extraordinary life was a great life. They are also joined by author and one of Lady Ottoline's biographers Miranda Seymour.

Producer : Perminder Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 08:00 Dilemma (b017vkpr)

Series 1

Episode 4

Sue Perkins puts Susan Calman, Greg Proops, Simon Evans and Louise Wener through the moral and ethical wringer in the show where there are no "right" answers - but some deeply damning ones...

Guests offer their own dilemmas - from Louise being offered a record deal if she sacked half the band - to Greg's choice between paying his rent or eating.

And what would they do if reporting a crime got them into trouble? - and is cheating on your partner ever acceptable?

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

SAT 08:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b01pigt3)

Series 3

Prat On A Hot Tin Roof

Colours nailed to the mast, Robert Wilson gets his party politicals in a pickle.

Farcical sitcom about the trials and tribulations of a young actor desperately seeking work.

John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.

Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair

Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn

Sue Gina McKee

With:

Sally Grace

Toby Longworth

Ainsley Foster

Ian Angus Wilkie

Christopher Roe

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.

SAT 09:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (b0bntd2l)

Laura Barton takes to the open road for an audio adventure across the USA. Using the BBC archives to travel from the bright lights of New York to the pacific breeze of California.

SAT 12:00 Plum House (b07fg2q7)

Series 1

Why Why WI?

Comedy about the inept staff at an historic house. Starring Simon Callow and Jane Horrocks.

Every year, thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight (Simon Callow).

Can anyone save Plum House from irreversible decline?

Tom Collyer, sent from the Trust to do just that, seems to be the most likely candidate but the challenge is huge as he confronts the reality of winning round Peter Knight's handpicked team - the hopelessly out of touch deputy Julian (Miles Jupp), the corner-cutting gift shop manager Maureen (Jane Horrocks) intent on making profit from extremely cheap plum-themed merchandise, and maintenance man Alan (Pearce Quigley) who has heard the words "health" and "safety" but never in the same sentence.

In this opening episode, the museum's preparations for the annual WI visit include hiding away valuable artefacts as, according to Peter, some members are prone to stealing them.

And Julian gives a disastrous lecture on the life and work of George Pudding.

Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna

Peter Simon Callow

Maureen Jane Horrocks

Julian Miles Jupp

Tom Tom Bell

Alan Pearce Quigley

Emma Louise Ford

Mary Kate Anthony

Jean Sandra Maitland

Directed and Produced by Paul Schlesinger

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.

SAT 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jnmp)

Series 5

Hancock's School

Inspired by Bill and supplied by Sid, the lad turns his home into a centre of learning.

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 March 1958.
SAT 13:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpk)
Death on the Nile
Episode 1
Hercule Poirot embarks on an Egyptian cruise, but the Belgian detective's voyage proves to be far from smooth sailing.
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot
From the thriller first published in 1937 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach
Pennington Stratford Johns
Joanna Southwood Joanna Monro
Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke
Monsieur Blondin Sean Baker
Jacqueline de Bellefort Amanda Barton-Chapple
Simon Doyle Robert Daws
Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton
Rockford Ed Bishop
Emma Woodvine as Rosalie Otterbourne
Rosalie Otterbourne Shirley Dixon
Thomas Cook Agent Timothy Alcock
Waiter Chris Pavlo
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
SAT 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpl9)
Death on the Nile
Episode 2
Hercule Poirot senses the atmosphere of evil afloat, as Jackie's vendetta continues.
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Colonel Race Donald Sinden
Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach
Pennington Stratford Johns
Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke
Simon Doyle Robert Daws
Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton
Jacqueline de Bellefort Amanda Barton-Chapple
Mrs Otterbourne Shirley Dixon
Rosalie Otterbourne Emma Woodvine
Miss Van Schuyler Irene Sutcliffe
Cornelia Teresa Gallagher
Fanthorp Robert May
Richetti Ioan Meredith
Ferguson Robert Portal
Guide Ben Thomas
Steward Christopher Scott
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
SAT 14:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpl)
Death on the Nile
Episode 3
Feeling a great sense of impending doom, Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's holiday cruise is turning into a nightmare afloat.
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Colonel Race Donald Sinden
Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach
Pennington Stratford Johns
Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke
Simon Doyle Robert Daws
Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton
Jacqueline de Bellefort Amanda Barton-Chapple
Mrs Otterbourne Shirley Dixon
Rosalie Otterbourne Emma Woodvine
Miss Van Schuyler Irene Sutcliffe
Cornelia Teresa Gallagher
Fanthorp Robert May
Richetti Ioan Meredith
Joanna Southwood Joanna Monro
Monsieur Blondin Sean Baker
Louise Colleen Prendergast
Simon Doyle Robert Daws
Dr Bessner Keith Drinkel
Rockford Ed Bishop
Steward Christopher Scott
Thomas Cook Agent Timothy Alcock
Waiter Chris Pavlo
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
SAT 14:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpm)
Death on the Nile
Episode 4
A grisly discovery leaves Hercule Poirot baffled.
But the main murder suspect couldn't possibly have committed the crime?
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Poirot
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Colonel Race Donald Sinden
Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach
Pennington Stratford Johns

Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke
Simon Doyle Robert Daws
Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton
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Richetti Ioan Meredith
Joanna Southwood Joanna Monro
Monsieur Blondin Sean Baker
Rockford Ed Bishop
Ferguson Robert Portal
Steward Christopher Scott
Stewardess Janet Maw
Thomas Cook Agent Timothy Alcock
Waiter Chris Pavlo
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
SAT 15:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpmw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]
SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00srmz)
Tim Key and Susan Calman
Comedy performer and poet Tim Key and stand-up comedian Susan Calman talk to Sue MacGregor about favourite books by Ross Raisin, Steve Martin and Barbara Vine.
God's Own Country by Ross Raisin
Publisher: Penguin
Born Standing Up: A Comic Life by Steve Martin
Publisher: Pocket Books
A Fatal Inversion by Barbara Vine
Publisher: Penguin
First broadcast in Radio 4 in June 2010.
SAT 16:00 Willy Russell - Shirley Valentine (b00wmw3)
Shirley Valentine is a middle-aged Liverpool housewife, who reveals her innermost thoughts and fears in a manner that is both inarticulate and poignant.
Once an incorrigible anti-establishment rebel, Shirley now chafes under the plodding insensitivity of her husband, Joe and the stultifying pace of her suburban routine.
Her life enters a new and exciting phase when, after her best friend, Jane, wins an all-expenses-paid vacation to Greece, Shirley is given the opportunity to travel to faraway places without her husband; she begins to see the world, and herself, in a different light.
Written by acclaimed writer Willy Russell.
Meera Syal stars as Shirley Valentine.
After a much lauded run at London's Menier Chocolate Factory the play transferred to The Trafalgar studio to continued success. After the theatre run finished on 30th October 2010, Meera walked straight into the studio to record the one woman play for BBC Radio.
Based on the original Menier Theatre production directed by Glen Walford.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Pacific production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b05gqch9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076sc9)
Quintessential Phase
Fit the Twenty-Sixth
Arthur and Ford are reunited on the distant and backward planet of Lamuela.
Written by Douglas Adams
The Book William Franklyn and Peter Jones
Voice of the Bird/Lintilla Rula Lenska
Arthur Dent Simon Jones
Ford Prefect Geoffrey McGovern
Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey
Trillian Susan Sheridan
Tricia McMillan Sandra Dickinson
Random Sam Bëart
Marvin the Paranoid Android Stephen Moore
Fenchurch Jane Horrocks
Old Thrashberg Griff Rhys Jones
Bartender Roger Gregg
Vogon Helmsman Michael Cule
Thor Dominic Hawksley
Grebulon Leader Andy Taylor
Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz and Wowbagger Toby Longworth
Grebulon Lieutenant Michael Fenton Stevens
Elvis Philip Pope
The Newsreader Neil Sleet
Max Quordpleen Roy Hudd
Runner Tom Maggs
Agrajag Douglas Adams
Announcer John Marsh
Music by Philip Pope and Paul 'Wix' Wickens
Adapted and Directed by Dirk Maggs
Produced by Helen Chattwell and Bruce Hymans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.
SAT 18:30 The Man in Black (b0180hnl)
Series 4
The Beaten Track
Mark Gatiss introduces Dawn King's tale of a young couple ignoring warnings on a New Zealand getaway.
Aaron Adam Billington
Louise Kirsty Oswald
Motel Owner Jonathan Forbes

Sandy Clare Corbett
James Christopher Webster
More horrifying 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.
Director: Jeremy Mortimer
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.
SAT 19:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (b0bntd2l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b017x0wb)
Goodwill
Mark Watson continues his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden.
As broadcast live with an audience in December 2011 - Mark will be asking the big questions that are crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - in a dynamic and thought provoking new format he opens the floor to the live audience and asks them to jump into the conversation via texts and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.
Quite a few years ago Matt Damon and Robin Williams went Good Will Hunting. Now Mark and co finish the job by finding it, as the final edition of the series takes on a festive aspect.
What is goodwill? How can we incorporate it into our lives? Is it better than ill-will? (SPOILER: it is).
Producer: Lianne Coop.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
SAT 22:30 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b07k0dfn)
Series 1
Malaysia
The gang heads off to Malaysia to find Phil's legendary criminal uncle, Pak Belang.
Critically-acclaimed sketch trio, Daphne, pull out all the stops in a dazzling array of peculiar characters, whacky scenarios, dodgy remarks, curious observations, minor altercations and major peacemaking - served on a bed of catchy little numbers with a live nine-piece band.
Written by and starring: Jason Forbes, Phil Wang & George Fouracres
Featuring Sir Willard White, Emma Sidi and David Elms.
Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter
Musical Director: Freddie Tapner
Piano: Freddie Tapner
Drums: Ben Hartley
Bass: Rob Grist
Percussion: Ben Burton
Trumpet: Michael Maddocks
Tenor Sax: Greg Sterland
Trombone: Elliot Pooley
Violin: Hannah Bell
Cello: Nick Squires
Production Coordinator: Hayley Sterling
Producer: Matt Stronge
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2016.
SAT 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01hxy6)
Series 2
Junk Mail
Sony Award-winning comic Tom Wrigglesworth performs the last in his series of open letters.
Now he's taking issue with his local curky house and their addiction to junk mail.
Tom also tracks the development of advertising and marketing - a development trajectory which has now led us to the rather ridiculous stage where we can be "Facebook friends" with Jacob's Crackers.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp.
Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.
SAT 23:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)
Series 2
2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'
'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'
'My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?'
Sarah Millican is 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 of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion,
Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.
Sarah Sarah Millican
Marion Ruth Bratt
Terry Simon Deye
IRache Isy Suttie
Ian William Andrews
Jeff Kevin Eldon
Clive Malcolm Tierney.
Written by Sarah Millican.
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020

SUN 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b0076sc9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 The Man in Black (b0180hnl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00srnz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Willy Russell - Shirley Valentine (b00wmxw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b05qch9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 07:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 07:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq9g)

The Unknown

David Jason and company explore fork bending, time travel and things that go bump in the night.

With Sheila Steafel, Royce Mills and John Owen Edwards. Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and Professor Galbraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the universe and the meaning of life.

Scripted by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton, Barry Pilton and Alastair Beaton.

Music by John Owen Edwards

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.

SUN 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0552w74)

Series 1

A Drop of the Soft Stuff

The facts-of-life conversation is enough to drive Henry to drink.

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.

The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970. Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes. Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969.

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig

Henry Corner Francis Matthews

Mary Charlotte Mitchell

Mr Barratt Felix Felton

Trudi Roberta Tovey

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Amanda: Jill Riddick

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1969.

SUN 09:30 Bristow (b00cnhyq)

Series 1

Sun, Sea and Sabotage

The buying clerk's traditional summer plans are threatened by the arrival of a new boy at Chester Perry's.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow, the Chester-Perry buying clerk. He is but a small cog in a gigantic wheel... and he knows it.

Adapted from by Frank Dickens from his famous newspaper cartoon strip. Syndicated internationally, it ran for 51 years from 1961.

Bristow Michael Williams

Jones Rodney Bewes

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan

Fudge Jon Glover

Post Boy Simon Schatsberger

Check-in GirlKatie Odie

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)

Adventurers

Simon Murray

From Annie Lennox to Giacomo Puccini.

Adventurer and businessman Simon Murray shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

What many of us would struggle to do over three life-times he has managed in one - as a teenager, nursing a broken heart and determined to prove himself, he joined the French Foreign

Legion. Fighting in the Algerian war, he risked his life many times over; combat was at close quarters and was very bloody. Next, he set his sights on business - he ran some of the most well-known companies in South East Asia and was one of Chris Patten's key allies during the handover of Hong Kong. Then, in his 60s and looking for a new challenge, he chanced upon the idea of polar adventure, and went on to become the oldest person to walk unsupported to the South Pole.

But after all this, his greatest achievement, he says, is his marriage. Perhaps it's no surprise that his wife of 43 years, Jennifer, is the first woman to have flown a helicopter solo around the world. These days their three children try to curb their enthusiasm for dangerous pursuits. But, Simon snorts, the couple simply say: "we're not listening."

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

SUN 10:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)

The Train to Safety

Eva arrived in the UK as a child, fleeing Nazi persecution and hoping to be reunited at a later date with her family in Czechoslovakia . She shares her memories with the grandchildren of another Kindertransportee.

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

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0bfxfd2)

Series 4

Cities

Radiolab asks what makes cities tick? Can you measure a city's personality? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity.

Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.

First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2010.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000184s)

The Great Libraries - Aberystwyth

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and chooses The Great Libraries - The National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

From a series in which Joan Bakewell seeks out the most treasured poetry in some of the UK's great libraries. In this programme - The National Library of Wales Joan Bakewell journeys to Aberystwyth to look at some of the oldest Welsh poetry in existence.

With Rhidian Griffiths, Dr Maredudd ap Huw and Nia Mai Daniel.

Poetry read by Gwyneth Lewis.

Producer: Susan Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

SUN 12:30 All Those Women (b088jj62)

Series 2

Episode 4

Layla and Stu are having their new baby Barclay christened and have asked Maggie to be the godmother. She's thrilled. Jen's 'completely fine' with that.

Add in a newly released prison penal, some impulsive behaviour, and a free bar and inevitably it's not a party that runs very smoothly...

Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof.

All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to. Every week we join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.

Hetty Marcia Warren

Maggie Lesley Manville

Jen Sinead Matthews

Emily Lucy Hutchinson

Stuart Nick Underwood

Layla Katie Redford

Kenneth Sam Dale

Rosie Catriona McFarlane

Producer: Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2017.

SUN 13:00 I Did It My Way (b00s5lbn)

Andrew Sachs

Best loved as Spanish waiter Manuel in BBC TV's 'Fawlty Towers' - actor and writer Andrew Sachs chats to Peter Reed about his radio life and times.

Andrew shares his memories of specially selected programmes from across his years on the BBC airwaves:

* Father Brown Stories:

Actor and Alibi: GK Chesterton's clerical sleuth hopes that the farce is with him in solving a theatre-land mystery. Stars Andrew Sachs. From BBC Radio's popular crime series. (1986)

* Wiggly Park:

Bigwigs in the Park: The residents of the city park are under threat. All characters voiced by Andrew Sachs. From BBC Radio 5. (1994)

* The Revenge:

Written and interpreted by Andrew Sachs, this was the world's first radio drama without words. Featuring sound effects and 11 actors, all recorded on location. From BBC Radio 3. (1978)

* Running Away:

Andrew Sachs takes time out from writing his autobiography to enjoy a grand day out at the zoo, and a stroll down memory lane with Tim Samuels. From BBC Radio 4. (2008)

* Cash Me a Portrait:

Third play in a trilogy of plays about the world of Art by Andrew Sachs. Trudi Snape has inherited a portrait which may turn out to be a Da Vinci. From BBC Radio 4. (1985)

Producers: Sarah Wade & Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in March 2010.

SUN 16:00 Satyajit Ray - Feluda (b083qx3n)

The Mystery of the Elephant God

Drawn by the extravagant claims of a mysterious holy man who's swum 200 miles up the Ganges - Bengali sleuth, Feluda visits Benares, during the festival of Durga.

His detective skills are needed when a valuable statuette of Ganesh is stolen from a famous household. Could the holy man, or even arch enemy Meganlal Meghraj, be connected to the crime? Feluda, assisted by Topsh and Lalmoan, set out to unravel the puzzle.....

Satyajit Ray's adventure for the Bengali sleuth dramatised by Ray Grewal.

Feluda (Prodosh Mitter) Rahul Bose

Lalmoan Ganguly Anupam Kher

Meganlal Meghraj Dalip Tahil

Topsh Hari Balasubramanian

Machchli Baba Jackie Shroff

Umanath Ghoshal Anang Desai

Abhaycharan Ameen Sayani

Vikas Arghiya Lahiri

Inspector Tiwari Shahrookh Irani

Niranjan Atul Tiwari

Shashi Sumantra Ghosal

Ruku Hormuz Dadabhoj

Suraj Varun Murali

Specially recorded in Mumbai, India.

Director: Anne Edyvean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000184s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 All Those Women (b088jj62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Haunted (b01qrtnf)

Channel Crossing by Rosemary Timperley

Can a family holiday overcome all the issues that divide a bickering family?

Rosemary Timperley's chilling story dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Haunted is a series of tales of the supernatural.

Edward Peter Sallis

Jack Nicholas Lyndhurst

Frances Patsy Rowlands

Gregory Gregory de Polnay

Annabelle Sonia Fraser

Director: Derek Hoddnott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

SUN 18:30 The World of Daphne Du Maurier (b09t2f15)

The Chamois

When Stephen decides to fly to Greece, it's for one reason only. He's determined to rid himself of a secret fear - a fear so painful that he'll try anything to conquer it...

Christopher Cazenove stars in the first of a series of adaptations of Daphne Du Maurier's famous short stories.

Stephen Christopher Cazenove

Stephen's Wife Anna Cropper

The Storekeeper Alexis Gallnos

The Storyteller Gabriel Woolf

Zus Nikolas Janis

Dramatised by Michael Bartlett

Producer: Derek Hoddnott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1974.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0bfxfd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Satyajit Ray - Feluda (b083qx3n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 All Those Women (b088jj62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Tina C Goes Down Under: The Aboriginal Monologues (b00dshmq)

Alice Springs

Country music icon and 2008 presidential hopeful Tina C looks at the Australian obsession with country music and the relationship with the indigenous owners of the land. Tina visits the little people of this vast continent which is damn big and kinda empty.

Written and performed by Christopher Green

Additional voices by Julia Morris

Music production by Duncan Walsh Atkins.

Director Claire Grove.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

SUN 22:45 Bird Island (b04212xt)

Series 2

Episode 1

Ben, a young scientist working in Antarctica, tries to adapt to the loneliness by keeping a cheery audio diary on his Dictaphone.

In this episode, Ben is all consumed by a new cereal bar while Jane and Graham are completing the Penguin Census.

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Jane Katy Wix
 Beverley Alison Steadman
 Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.
 It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, but in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.
 Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014. i
SUN 23:00 Twenty Players (b06vfkjk)
 Series 2
 Lady Cassandra Moon
 Commentator Ted Lowe tells the story of billiards sensation, Lady Cassandra Moon.
 One of a series of features on fictional sporting heroes.
 Producer: Richard Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
SUN 23:15 Self-Storage (b0082dxc)
 Series 1
 Leaving
 Could the time have come at long last for Dave to leave behind his peculiar abode?
 Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.
 Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.
 Dave Reece Shearsmith
 Geoff Mark Heap
 Ron Tom Goodman-Hill
 Judy Rosie Cavaliero
 With Susan Earle.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
SUN 23:30 Clayton Grange (b01n1lxj)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 The team of brilliantly stupid scientists attempt to solve the global fuel crisis. With a hamster.
 This is Clayton Grange, top secret Scientific Institute with a government brief to solve the global fuel crisis, cheer people up and make war just a bit more gentle. Meet the scientists who are a bit rubbish at life. And not much better at science.
 Comedy by Neil Warhurst with extra material by Paul Barnhill.
 Saunders Anthony Head
 Geoff Neil Warhurst
 Roger Paul Barnhill
 Jameson Stephanie Racine
 Helen/Lionel Don Gilet
 Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse
 Director: ... Sally Aves
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

MON 00:00 Haunted (b01qrtnf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The World of Daphne Du Maurier (b09t2f15)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 I Did It My Way (b00s5lbn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Satyajit Ray - Feluda (b083qx3n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000184s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 All Those Women (b088jj62)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)
 5. Universal General Hire
 As the danger mounts, Hilary is forced to hang on for rescue from the sky. Stars Angela Pleasance and Nigel Anthony. Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure about a woman with exceptional computing skills starring Angela Pleasance.
 Hilary Angela Pleasance
 Beresford Rolf Lefebvre
 Cannon Nigel Anthony
 Jean Hilda Kriseaman
 Dr Reece John Pullen
 Mortimer Dinsdale Landon
 Le Noir Charles Hyatt
 Matron Margaret Wolfitt
 Williams Peter Tuddenham
 Dr Wormald Malcolm Hayes
 Girl Jo Manning Wilson
 Nurse Deborah Dallas
 Rick Andrew Sachs
 Michael Brian Hewlett
 Technician James Thompson
 Fernberg Kerry Francis
 Policeman / Guard Brian Haines
 Producer: John Tydemam
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
MON 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jpkt)
 A Caribbean Mystery
 Episode 1
 Amateur sleuth Jane Marple's peaceful island break is disrupted by a death - and a photo.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars June Whitfield as Miss Marple.
 From the thriller first produced in 1964 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Major Palgrave Windsor Davies
 Dr Graham John Rowe
 Canon Prescott David King
 Miss Prescott Jenny Lee
 Evelyn Hillingdon Carolyn Jones
 Edward Hillingdon Christopher Wright
 Lucky Dyson Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Greg Dyson Brian Parr
 Molly Kendall Alison Pettit
 Tim Kendall David Thorpe
 Victoria Amanda Gordon
 Jim Ellis Anthony Ofoegbu
 Raymond West Iwan Thomas
 Director: Eynud Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.
MON 07:00 Plum House (b07gfwz3)
 Series 1
 Perilously Poorly Peter
 Peter is forced to visit town, somewhere he hasn't been since Woolworths closed down, for a medical emergency.
 He leaves his hopelessly out-of-touch deputy Julian in charge who sees it as a perfect opportunity for him to finally make his mark on the place by, amongst other things, establishing his cafe Chez Julian, a hangout for 'Cumbrian Jean Paul Sartres'.
 Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna's comedy about the inept staff at an historic house starring Simon Callow and Miles Jupp.
 Every year thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight.
 Peter Simon Callow
 Maureen Jane Horrocks
 Julian Miles Jupp
 Tom Tom Bell
 Alan Pearce Quigley
 Emma Louise Ford
 Mary Kate Anthony
 Jean Sandra Maitland
 Directed and Produced by Paul Schlesinger
 A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00012bn)
 Series 24
 Episode 6
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
 Lucy Porter, Sean Lock, Zoe Lyons and Jack Dee are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as poison, heavy metal, painters and winter sports.
 Produced by Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4
MON 08:00 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)
 Avoiding Redundancy
 Pertwee is aghast to discover an oversight may end his naval career aboard HMS Troutbridge.
 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
 Mrs Povey Heather Chasen
 LS Goldstein Tenniel Evans
 The Padre Michael Bates
 AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
 Written by Lawrie Wyman
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1968.
MON 08:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jpyj)
 Marooned
 A visit to the pier theatre ends in disaster for Arthur Wilson and Miss Perkins.
 A seaside saga of pier perpetuation starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.
 Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Frank Pike Ian Lavender
 Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee
 Miss Perkins Vivienne Martin
 Derek Paul Russell
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles, based on the characters originally created by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1984.
MON 09:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)
 Episode 3
 Animal, vegetable or mineral?
 Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.
 Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Jeremy Hanley and

Helen Atkinson-Wood.
 Written by Michael Dines.
 Producer: Andy Aliffe
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998
MON 09:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04phtxy)
 Medieval Banquet
 The Dublin theatrical costumiers dress a medieval banquet in a ghostly castle.
 Christopher Fitz-Simon's five-part comedy.
 Dessie Doyle David Kelly
 Violet Doyle Pauline McLynn
 Antony Gogan Eugene O'Brien
 Mr McNamara Frank Kelly
 Fidelma Fitzpatrick Roma Tomelty
 High King Birdy Sweeney
 Cliona O'Sloothrahan Anna Byrne
 Cardinal Poggibonsi John Keyes
 Court Jester Paddy Scully
 Music played by John Trotter.
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Roland Jaquarollo.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.
MON 10:00 Drama (b06rf3mw)
 Inspector Chen Novels
 A Loyal Character Dancer
 Shanghai, early 1990s. A badly mutilated body turns up in Shanghai's Bund Park. It bears all the hallmarks of a triad killing.
 Then former dancer and party loyalist Wen Liping vanishes in rural China just before she was to leave the country. Her husband, a key witness against a smuggling ring suspected of importing aliens to the US, refuses to testify until she is found and brought to join him in America.
 The US immigration agency, convinced that the Chinese government are hiding something, send US Marshal Catherine Rohn to Shanghai to join the investigation.
 Inspector Chen, an astute young policeman with twin passions for food and poetry, is under political pressure to find answers fast. When Catherine Rohn joins him he must tread very carefully.
 Written by Qiu Xiaolong and dramatised by John Harvey
 Starring Jamie Zubairi as Inspector Chen.
 Chen Jamie Zubairi
 Yu Dan Li
 Catherine Rohn Pippa Bennett-Warner
 Party Secretary Li Daniel York
 Peiqin Sarah Lam
 Wen Liping Liz Sutherland
 Old Hunter David Hounslow
 Qian Caoalan McCarthy
 Lihua Sam Dale
 Qiao Debra Baker
 Liu Chris Pavlo
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.
 Qiu Xiaolong was born in Shanghai, China. As well as writing the award-winning Inspector Chen series of mystery novels, he is also the author of two books of poetry translations, Treasury of Chinese Love Poems (2003) and Evoking Tang (2007), and his own poetry collection, Lines Around China (2003). Qiu's books have sold over a million copies and have been published in twenty languages. He lives in St. Louis, USA with his wife and daughter.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m00019mr)
 Series 7
 Getting Better
 We expect a lot of our doctors, but they don't always have the best tools to treat us. This episode, TED speakers explore new ways to think about disease, diagnosis, and the delicate art of healing.
 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 2017.
MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00019mt)
 Soweto Kinch
 The saxophonist chooses 'Snake Hip Swing' by Ken 'Snake Hips' Johnson and 'Pffat Time' by Steve Williamson feat. Black Thought.
MON 12:00 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jpyj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jpkt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 14:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04phtxy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 15:00 Drama (b06rf3mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 TED Radio Hour (m00019mr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 16:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00019mt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 17:00 Plum House (b07gfwz3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00012bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k0v6)

Mort

Episode 1

Hopeless young peasant Mort is hired as an apprentice to Death, and taken to his home beyond time and space to begin his training.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld dramatised in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Starring Carl Prekopp as Mort, Geoffrey Whitehead as Death, Phillip Jackson as Albert, Clare Corbett as Ysabella, Philip Fox as Lezek, Jon Glover as Hamesh and Alice Hart as Princess Keli.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

MON 18:30 Big Drums on Little Carriacou (b0b50kx5)

Zakia Sewell returns to the home of her grandparents,

Carriacou, a small island off the coast of Grenada, to discover the Big Drum tradition - a dance ritual with its origins in West Africa and passed on through generations since the slavery era. Zakia's great grandfather, Williamson Lambert, and his two brothers were a legendary Big Drum group on the island. She tracks down family members to hear the story of his life and his music, talking to local drummers, dancers and historians and finding out how this tiny island in the Eastern Caribbean has maintained its connection to Africa for over 300 years.

Carriacou is tiny, just 12 square miles, but, because of its size and relative isolation during the slavery era, the songs, dances and rhythms of West Africa - carried to the island by enslaved Africans - were played out with little restriction and continued to survive. They were inscribed with the sounds and songs of older tribes to which they belong - Ibo, Congo, Temne, Mandinka, Chamba and Kromanti.

The Big Drum tradition weaves past with present - music and memory with spirituality. The stories in the songs provide an alternative history to the colonial records, and for islanders and their descendants, including Zakia, a vital connection to a deeper past.

A Cast Iron Radio production for BBC Radio 4

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MON 19:00 The Navy Lark (b049b1nq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 It Sticks Out Half a Mile (b007jpyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 20:30 Miss Marple (b007jpkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m00019mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00019mt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00012bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Lemn Sissay's Homecoming (b055tkr9)

Addis Ababa

We all leave. We all migrate from childhood to adulthood, from village to town to city, from single to married. We all hate and love where we are from. We are all immigrants of time. There are problems with home and a need to leave. There is a love of home and a need to leave. Goodbye is who we are.

In Lemn Sissay's Homecoming, Lemn Sissay explores what "home" means through stand-up, poetry and conversation. It's surely not just a physical location - it's the people, the memories, the feeling. It's not home if you don't belong there, it's just where you live.

The first of these two shows was recorded at the Ghion Hotel, in Addis Ababa. Addis is a place that Lemn feels at home in - but why? He wasn't born there, doesn't live there, and can't even speak the language. Helping Lemn understand this are two Ethiopians who were brought up in Europe but who, unlike Lemn, moved back to Addis in adulthood; a social anthropologist who is an Ethiopian with a famous English name; and his own sister, who is Addis born and bred.

Lemn Sissay is the author of five collections of poetry. He has also written plays for stage and BBC radio. He was the first poet to write for the Olympics 2012 and received an MBE from the Queen for Services to Literature. He is associate artist at the Southbank Centre, and an (hon) doctor of letters. His radio documentary Child of the State was nominated for the 2010 Sony Awards. If you should google "Lemn Sissay" all the returning hits will be about him. There is only one person named Lemn Sissay in the world.

Written and performed by Lemn Sissay,

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

MON 23:00 Summer Comedy Festival (m00012rn)

Episode 1

Expect a summer festival with a difference as some of the nation's favourite comics turn curators and host a virtual festival featuring their favourite performers from the worlds of comedy, literature and spoken word. They'll be in control of everything (even the weather) as we're taken along for the ride to not only hear some great performances but also to get an insight into the cultural radars of our celebrity hosts.

In episode 1, Miles Jupp is our host as he takes us around his bespoke festival site to meet Val McDermid in the literary tent,

Abandon on the music stage and TMS' very own Alison Mitchell in the Cricket Tent (of course there's a cricket tent, it's Miles Jupp we're talking about). Paul Sinha also attempts to run a quiz in the Trivia Tent and stand-up legend Simon Munnery entertains from a field.

Producer: Richard Morris

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Sound: Chris McLean

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Ian D Montfort Is: Unbelievable (b01qw8kh)

Series 1

With guest Joe Swash

Ian D Montfort is a celebrity spirit medium and psychic, and star of a brand new series for Radio 2. A comedy character created by Tom Binns (the man behind hapless hospital radio DJ Ivan Brackenbury) Ian D Montfort has been a hit at the last three Edinburgh festivals with his combination of magic and laughter.

In each radio show Ian makes contact with the celebrity 'spirit guides' secretly chosen by audience members and reveals personal stories that make them laugh-out-loud one moment and gasp in surprise the next. Each episode features a different celebrity guest who gets a 'private' reading from Ian. This episode stars former EastEnders actor and King Of The Jungle Joe Swash who has his palm read by Ian.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2013.

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2020

TUE 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k0v6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Big Drums on Little Carriacou (b0b50kx5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jpkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04phtxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Drama (b06rf3mw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m00019mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00019mt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Plum House (b07gfwz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00012bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m000187w)

6. The Cross of Light

Hilary is getting closer to the facts, but will she be able to face the truth? Stars Angela Pleasance and Nigel Anthony.

Angela Pleasance, Nigel Anthony and Margaret Wolfitt star in a six part thriller about a young woman with computing skills

being drawn into a spy adventure.

Written by Christopher Bidmead

Produced by John Tydemann

Hilary Angela Pleasance

Beresford Rolf Lefebvre

Cannon Nigel Anthony

Jean Hilda Kriseman

Mortimer Dinsdale Lenden

Maximilian Harold Kasket

Dr Reece John Pullen

Fernberg Harry Francis

Matron Margaret Wolfitt

Dr Wormald Malcolm Hayes

Esther Patricia Gallimore

Keredic / Waiter John Rye

Nurse Deborah Dallas

Rick Andrew Sachs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1970.

TUE 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jplb)

A Caribbean Mystery

Episode 2

After Major Palgrave's sudden death, Miss Marple wonders whether it was murder...

An Agatha Christie crime thriller first published in 1964.

CAST:

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Mr Rafiel George A. Cooper

Dr Graham John Rowe

Esther Walters Yvonne Edgell

Miss Prescott Jenny Lee

Evelyn Hillingdon Carolyn Jones

Edward Hillingdon Christopher Wright

Molly Kendall Alison Pettit

Tim Kendall David Thorpe

Greg Dyson Brian Parr

Victoria Amanda Gordon

Jackson Andrew Wincott

Davenport David Brooks

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

TUE 07:00 Hazelbeach (b008crhw)

Series 1

Party

Ronnie organises a disastrous birthday party and Nick finally finds his father's will.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy stars Jamie Forman as Ronnie, Paul Bazely as Nick, Tracy Wiles as Chloe, John Dougall as James and Liza Sadovy as Andrea.

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

TUE 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08x9f9t)

Series 6

Of Mice and Men: A Can of Worms

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller with more words of wit and wisdom. This week, urban myths, the truth and what it means to be called a liar in Of Mice and Men. Also, A Can of Worms, a story about overheard conversations and the right way to eat pie.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jn76)

Series 6

Tales of Old Dartmoor

Prison governor Neddie Seagoon relocates his inmates to the south of France. Stars Harry Secombe. From February 1956.

TUE 08:30 Albert and Me (b04b6dbs)

Series 2

High Society

Single dad Bryan attends a garden fete and impresses the guest of honour.

Robert Lindsay plays single parent Bryan Archer, struggling to find work and raise his baby son.

In the original 1977 series, Bryan was played by the late Richard Beckinsale who tragically died in 1979. After a six-year hiatus, the series returned with Bryan's mother and baby Albert played once again by Pat Coombs.

With Diana King as Mrs Willis, Marica Warren as Vera, Gordon Kaye as Edward, Sarah Berger as Lady Samantha and Michael Bilton as the Vicar.

Incidental music by Max Harris

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1983.

TUE 09:00 Summer Comedy Festival (m00012rn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009sdcy)

Series 1

Episode 6

Comeback singing duo Tommy and Sheila hit stormy waters performing on a cruise ship.

Winners of the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr are back in the limelight. The only snag is they can't stand the sight of each other...

Mike Coleman's sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd. With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Joshua Henderson and Chris Pavlo.

Singers: John Barr and Lisa Peace.

Music by Frida Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

TUE 10:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007jpr7)

Miss Honeychurch, Giotto and Too Much Beethoven

1905: Cousins Lucy and Charlotte arrive at the Pensione Bertolini in Florence to discover they've not been given their promised rooms.

EM Forster's 1908 novel dramatised in four parts by David Wade.

Stars Cathy Sara as Lucy Honeychurch, Sheila Hancock as Charlotte Bartlett, John Moffatt as Mr Emerson, Gary Cady as George Emerson, Stephen Moore as Mr Beebe, Barbara Jefford as Miss Lavish, Anna Cropper as Miss Alan and David Collings as Mr Eager.

Pianist: Terence Allbright

Director: Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0007080)

Phoebe Judge

Phoebe Judge is the host and creator of two independently-produced shows, Criminal and This Is Love, which are part of the Radiotopia podcast network. Her favourite thing in the world is to ask questions.

Phoebe got her start in radio in 2007, covering a Nantucket

murder trial whilst still an intern. Since then, she's reported from all over the world, and produced and hosted shows on National Public Radio.

When Phoebe decided to make Criminal, with Lauren Spohrer, the podcasting landscape was very different - Serial hadn't yet launched never mind become a cultural phenomenon. They began making Criminal in their free time, finding real characters - scammers, soundrels and crime fighters - and asking why they do what they do.

In 2018 Phoebe celebrated the 100th episode of Criminal, with the tale of Martin McNally, whose decision to hijack a plane led to an extraordinary series of events. She also launched a second podcast, This Is Love, on Valentine's Day.

The podcast shares tales of love, in all its varieties, and the third season led Phoebe to Italy, where she spent ten days capturing cats, priceless violins, and communities who share a passion. We play the first episode, Ugly Club, in which Phoebe heads to the small town of Piobbico, where everyone is a member of the Club dei Brutti.

Presented and produced by Ali Gardiner.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2019.

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TUE 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00kfwbs)

Series 2

Episode 1

Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of those who made it into the history books - and those who only enjoyed 15 minutes of fame...

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis When and Fred Housego with guests Polly Toynbee and Miles Kington.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 14:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009sdcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

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TUE 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (b08x9f9t)

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TUE 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k134)

Mort

Episode 2

Death sends his apprentice Mort to collect three lives, but the lad takes a fancy to one of them - a princess.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Starring Carl Prekopp as Mort, Geoffrey Whitehead as Death, Phillip Jackson as Albert, Clare Corbett as Ysabel, Alice Hart as Princess Keli, Adam Godley as Cutwell, John Rowe as the Abbot, Sheila Mitchell as Ammeline, Jon Glover as the stallholder and Liz Sutherland as the Maid.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 18:30 Modern Day Griot (b01jhb34)

How are modern musicians re-imagining the role of the West African griot? Traditionally griots belong to particular West African families who act as oral historians, advisors, storytellers and musicians for their culture. Now a generation of artists living in the West, who have African roots, are learning musical techniques from the masters but creating songs and stories with contemporary relevance.

In a programme rich in musical sounds and poetic storytelling, writer Gaylene Gould explores what it means to be a griot today. When modern culture uses the term as a shorthand - what does it mean to call someone a griot?

Hereditary griot Seckou Keita, leads a music workshop at a primary school, teaching harp-like instrument the Kora. At the age of 10, Tunde Jegede travelled from England to Gambia to train with a master kora player. He now collaborates with both orchestras and the hip-hop artist HKB FiNN - who has changed the way he approaches writing lyrics and embraced the griot label. Sona Jobarteh, Tunde's sister, is a hereditary griot. She gives Gaylene a lesson in kora playing and discusses how her sex affects the role and why she is reluctant to call herself a griot.

Award winning poet and performer Inua Ellams has been performing at the National Theatre and Malian musician Fatoumata Diawara sells out gigs internationally- both are called griot by their fans but aren't entirely comfortable with the label. Fatoumata believes she couldn't address topics like female circumcision as a griot. London based spoken word artist Zena Edwards explains why she wants to honour the tradition.

Reflecting on the importance of the tradition in its purest form, Tunde Jegede says "every time a griot dies it's like a library burning down."

Producer Claire Bartleet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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TUE 22:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01c1g35)

Series 2

Adelaide

Weirdness awaits the comedian in the Australian city, with men in leotards and locals with something to hide. From May 2003.

TUE 23:00 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01214ng)

Series 1

Episode 4

Sitcom by Justin Moorhouse & Jim Poyser starring Justin, Anne Reid and Paul Copley. A Manchester DJ tries to balance love, work, life and everything else without much success. This week house-hunting causes all sorts of difficulties.

Anne Reid Gran

Christine Bottomley Lisa

Jim Poyser Lisa's boyfriend

Justin Moorhouse Justin

Lloyd Langford Bryn

Paul Copley Ray

Susan Cookson Tanya

Producer Steven Canny

In one version of his life, Justin is a well-known local Manchester radio DJ who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything. In another version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street. And he's the man who hopes for everything. The truth lies somewhere in between.

And at home? Well, naturally, his private life is chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin jnr, and is in the process of taking him to the cleaners. So he's back on the market. As is his house - so he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington. Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be a good thing.

Despite all this mess, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity, "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Everyone Quite Likes Justin is written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser. Justin is a comedian who sells out gigs across the country. He has also written plays and a previous show for Radio 4. Jim Poyser is a writer and producer of enormous experience in both radio and television.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

TUE 23:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00wdh4m)

Series 2

Episode 4

A right-wing intervention and must-have board games. Stars Kevin Bishop, Stephen K Amos and Doon Mackichan. From December 2010.

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WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007tbyx)

Paul Temple and the Conrad Case

The Man From Munich

The suave detective goes on the trail of an English girl, who has gone missing from a Bavarian finishing school. Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

CAST:

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes Richard Williams

Herr Brechschaft Jeffrey Segal

June Jackson June Tobin

Charlie James Beattie

Mrs Wheldon Virginia Winter

with Beatrice Ormond, Judy Bailey, Frank Partington, Peggy Gow and John Graham.

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

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.

WED 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jplv)

A Caribbean Mystery

Episode 3

Tensions start to grow on the holiday island as a murder investigation gets underway.

An Agatha Christie crime thriller first published in 1964.

CAST:

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Evelyn Hillingdon Carolyn Jones

Edward Hillingdon Christopher Wright

Lucky Dyson Tracy-Ann Oberman

Greg Dyson Brian Parr

Molly Kendall Alison Pettit

Tim Kendall David Thorpe

Victoria Amanda Gordon

Jim Ellis Anthony Ofoegbu

Inspector Weston David Bannerman

Davenport David Brooks

The Cook Chris Pavlo

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

WED 07:00 Mum's on the Run (b00tmtjb)

Episode 3

Mum's on the Run is a modern-day twist on the single-family situation. It follows the hectic life ("What life?") of single mum, Jen. Mother of two, Master of none - Jen seems to spend most of her time as an unpaid chauffeur to a 15 year-old teenage existentialist son, Toby, and a tonally challenged recorder-practising 11 year-old daughter, Felicity, whilst also coping with the jazz musician ex-husband, the fiercely competitive and annoying downstairs neighbour and a huge crush on her son's history teacher.

Episode 3 - When Jen starts trying to date again, things are bound to go awry. She manages to get involved in a complicated online mix up which involves the neighbours and the kids' teacher.

Jen Romni Ancona

Mr. Rigby John Gordon Sinclair

Shelley Alexis Zegerman

Vivienne Christine Kavanagh

Felicity Amy Dabrowa

Toby Alexander Heath

Radio DJ/Waiter Lloyd Thomas

Adam Caleb Hughes

Written by Alexis Zegerman

Directed by Dawn Ellis

WED 07:30 Women Talking About Cars (b084xr59)

Series 1

Sarah Millican

Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews some of the country's most remarkable women about their lives via the cars they have known. This week Sarah Millican reminisces about her Dad's long lost Granada and describes a traffic jam that lead to some desperate measures...

With car descriptions read by Josette Simon.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqy)

Series 5

Around the World in 80 Days
The lad accepts a bet when challenged to copy Phileas Fogg's trip - but in far less time.

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 March 1958.

WED 08:30 After Henry (b007k47s)

Series 3

Guilty Secrets

'She does have her sensitivities. And this... for a woman ... any woman ... even my mother - I'd have thought it would strike at the whole image she has of her entire marriage.'

Sarah tidies up husband Henry's study four years after his death.

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 Paul

Sirr as Rod.

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV

, Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV

network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1987.

WED 09:00 Dilemma (b0183rb5)

Series 1

Episode 5

Sue Perkins puts John Finnemore, Danielle Ward, Alun Cochrane and Dame Ann Leslie through the moral and ethical wringer in the show where there are no "right" answers - but some deeply damning ones...

Hypothetical situations involve old ladies shoplifting, gentlemen "pocket-patting", unqualified doctors and fake psychics. The panel also debates which figure least deserves their place in history out of Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, and David Attenborough.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

WED 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rzqpw)

Series 3

The Police Farce

Robert Wilson is acting in a disorderly manner.

CAST:

Robert John Sinclair

Desmond Gary Waldhorn

Sue Gina McKee

with Toby Longworth, Simon Slater, Jon Glover, Millie Tiffin,

Harriet Thorpe and Andrew Berkeley

Diane Messias: Producer

Paul Mayhew-Archer: Script Writer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.

WED 10:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007jpty)

Good Men and Violets

Lucy Honeychurch has witnessed a murder in Florence, but George's actions disturb her more...

EM Forster's 1908 novel dramatised in four parts by David Wade.

Stars Cathy Sara as Lucy Honeychurch, Sheila Hancock as Charlotte Bartlett, John Moffatt as Mr Emerson, Gary Cady as George Emerson, Stephen Moore as Mr Beebe, Barbara Jefford as Miss Lavish, David Collings as Mr Eager and Andrew Branch as Phaeton.

Pianist: Terence Allbright

Director: Glyn Dearman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

WED 11:00 Billy Bragg's Changing Times (m0001929)

Episode 1

These are fractious times. But there have been fractious times before. And of all the ways of looking at history, the instinctive reactions of artists, specifically musicians, to changing times, is one of the most fascinating.

From Hamish Henderson to Tom Robinson, the Sex Pistols to U2, and more recently Radiohead and Stormzy, protest music has come a long way.

In this programme, Billy Bragg takes time to savour and share the stories of great moments where musicians were inspired by unfolding events to protest, to perform and to preach of an alternative way.

Along the way there will be contributions from authors, artists and academics who have seen technology transform the way in which people create and listen to protest songs. And there will be a chance to hear from those producing protest music in the era of Brexit, Trump and fake news.

Featured programmes:

'Songlines: Freedom Come All Ye' [07/07/2009 BBC Radio Scotland]

'Which Side Are You On?: The Golden Age of Protest Songs' [28/09/2016 BBC R2]

'Is Protest Music Dead?' [26/01/2016 BBC R1 & R1 Extra]

Producer: Dan Quick

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2019

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WED 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k1c1)

Mort

Episode 3

Death has fun in the real world, leaving his daughter Ysabell and Mort in charge of the life-collecting business.

The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Narrated by Anton Lesser.

Starring Carl Prekopp as Mort, Geoffrey Whitehead as Death, Phillip Jackson as Albert, Clare Corbett as Ysabell, Alice Hart as Princess Keli, Adam Godley as Cutwell, Philip Fox as Keeble and Jon Glover as the Landlord.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

WED 18:30 Singing the Stones (m0002zqj)

Kirsti Melville hears from indigenous people about the importance of the ancient rock carvings and songlines in Murujuga or the Dampier Archipelago in Australia.

It's been described as "the largest outdoor art gallery on the planet". The rock carvings here on the Dampier Archipelago tell the story of fifty thousand years of human existence - of how the Yaburara people who created the art lived and how the world changed around them. Kirsti discovers how the carvings act as the "score" for one of the earliest songlines, starting here in Murujuga – the indigenous people's name for the Dampier Archipelago and Burrup Peninsula - and travelling right through to Uluru, the heart of Australia.

The Yaburara people carved more than a million drawings into the red rocks. They give a detailed record of both sacred and secular life. There are flightless birds, fish and turtles, giant kangaroos, creation spirits, complex human figures and the, now extinct, thylacine. The rock art is profoundly connected to beliefs and ceremonies still practised today.

But, over the past fifty years, this immense site of human history has been threatened by massive industry. Within a stone's throw of this ancient rock art there are petrochemical plants, a giant gas hub and one of Australia's busiest ports.

Now, after years of lobbying, Aboriginal traditional custodians, archaeologists and government are, for the first time, working together to push for World Heritage listing. Will this sacred site finally receive the protection it deserves?

Produced by Kirsti Melville

An ABC and Cast Iron Radio Production for BBC Radio 4

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WED 22:30 Comedy's Coming Home (m000192c)

Jocelyn Gee

BBC Three's Miss Jocelyn Gee takes a trip into her native Nigeria to see if her brand of humour can make local comedy fans laugh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 2002.

WED 23:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (b07btfg7)

Series 6

Operation Voldemort Scrape-Away

The hit series returns for a sixth series with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. Written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli.

Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Julia Deakin and Mina Anwar.

In this episode, Malcolm and Ramesh's relationship steps up a gear, and Dave dips his toes into the delight of online dating apps.

Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick, Dave.

Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!

Written by Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jyzh)

Pundemonium!

It's Pundemonium! Former Loose Ends alumni Dan Freedman and Nick Romero's very own comedy extravaganza. From August 1998.

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THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jtpv)

Paul Temple and the Conrad Case

Concerning Elliot France

The smooth detective's car is forced into a Bavarian ditch and a helpful driver stops.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

CAST:

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Madame Klein Dorothy Holmes Gore

Denis Harper John Bryning

Elliot France James Thomason

June Jackson June Tobin

Madame Klein Dorothy Holmes Gore

Elliot France James Thomason

Gerda Hilda Schroder

Denis Harper John Bryning

Elsa, The Countess Dekker Joan Matheson

Dr Conrad Rolf Lefebvre

Herr Brechtschaft Jeffrey Segal

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

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.

THU 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmc)

A Caribbean Mystery

Episode 4

With the island's murder tally now standing at two, the spinster sleuth needs an ally.

An Agatha Christie crime thriller first published in 1964.

CAST:

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Mr Rafiel George A. Cooper

Dr Graham John Rowe

Miss Prescott Jenny Lee

Esther Walters Yvonne Edgell

Evelyn Hillingdon Carolyn Jones

Edward Hillingdon Christopher Wright

Molly Kendall Alison Pettit

Tim Kendall David Thorpe

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

THU 07:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)

Series 2

Episode 3

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire. A visiting choir sets hearts aflutter amongst the ladies of Wadenbrook, while Mary's dad, Norman, has an adventure of his own.

written by Katherine Jakeways produced by Victoria Lloyd

John Biggins.....Keith

Mackenzie Crook.....Rod

Felix Dexter.....Arnold

Kevin Eldon.....Jonathan / Ken

Shelia Hancock..... Narrator

Jessica Henwick.....Helen

Katherine Jakeways..... Esther / Jacqui

Felicity Montagu.....Jan

Geoffrey Palmer.....Norman

Lizzie Roper.....Angela

Penelope Wilton.....Mary

Rufus Wright.....Frank

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 07:30 ReincarNathan (m000126f)

Series 2

Beaver

Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife returns for a second series with Daniel Rigby and Diane Morgan, and guest-starring Sally Phillips.

In episode 3, Nathan is brought back to life as a beaver in Sweden. He meets fellow beaver Elsa (Sally Phillips) and together they try to build an ambitious lodge to shelter the community over winter. Unfortunately, Nathan is useless at DIY and ends up cutting corners – with fatal results. Will he ever learn to do the right thing and make it back to human again?

Cast:

Diane Morgan - Jenny

Daniel Rigby - Nathan

Freya Parker – Sven, Sven's Wife

Sally Phillips – Elsa, Beaver Union Rep

Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Parker

Music composed by Phil Lephed
 Producer: Harriet Jaie
 Studio Production: Jerry Peal
 A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 Series 4
 Episode 12
 Kenneth Horne is making Fleet Street headlines - and pays a visit to Julian and Sandy's Bona Private Detective Agency. 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. Marty departed after series 3.
 Scripted by Barry Took, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer. Music by the Max Harris Group.
 Producer: John Simmonds
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.
THU 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq77)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 The sofa-bound daytime presenters look at families and relationships. Stars Robert Duncan and Julia Hills. From April 1996.
THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m0001923)
 Series 5
 JRR Tolkien
 James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Sebastian Faulks, Harry Ritchie and Nigel Williams. From April 2002.
 Author of the week: JRR Tolkien.
 Reader: Beth Chalmers.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.
THU 09:30 Bristow (b00cq588)
 Series 1
 Stranger on a Train
 The buying clerk helps his colleague, Jones, to plan an escape from Chester Perry
 CAST:
 Bristow Michael Williams
 Jones Rodney Bewes
 Fudge, Mr Frost, Station Master and the Stranger on the Train Jon Glover
 Miss Sunman Katie Odie
 Post Boy and Godfrey Simon Schatsberger
 Tea Lady Sarah Huntley
 Music: John Whitehall
 Written by Frank Dickens.
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.
THU 10:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qx2z)
 A Proposal and a Bathing Party
 Lucy Honeychurch returns to England much changed after her disturbing trip to Italy.
 EM Forster's 1908 novel dramatised in four parts by David Wade.
 Stars Cathy Sara as Lucy Honeychurch, Sheila Hancock as Charlotte Bartlett, John Moffatt as Mr Emerson, Stephen Moore as Mr Beebe, Julia McKenzie as Mrs Honeychurch, Roger May as Freddy Honeychurch, Nathaniel Parker as Cecil Vyse, Gary Cady as George Emerson, Tessa Worsley as Mrs Phipps, Derek Waring as Sir Harry Otway, Sara-Jane Derrick as Minnie Beebe, Jonathan Keeble as Floyd and Pauline Letts as Mrs Vyse.
 Pianist: Terence Allbright
 Director: Glyn Dearman.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
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THU 16:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 16:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 17:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 ReincarNathan (m000126f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k112)
 Mort
 Episode 4
 Death has disappeared, leaving his apprentice Mort, his daughter Ysabel and Albert the cook to carry on the life-collecting operation.
 The fourth of Terry's Pratchett's comic fantasy stories set on Discworld dramatised by Robin Brooks.
 Narrated by Anton Lesser.
 Starring Carl Prekopp as Mort, Geoffrey Whitehead as Death, Phillip Jackson as Albert, Clare Corbett as Ysabel, Alice Hart as Princess Keli, Adam Godley as Cutwell, Philip Fox as Rincewind and Jon Glover as the Duke.
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
THU 18:30 Plumbers and Penguins (b00wr6qk)
 To mark the centenary of the conquest of the South Pole there's another chance to hear the stories of some of the tradesmen who live and work on Antarctica. In the summer of 2009, British Antarctic Survey very publicly recruited 43 plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, electricians and doctors to spend 18 months working on their most southerly research stations - promising "the most exhilarating experience of a lifetime". Chris Eldon Lee discovers what actually happened to the new recruits. Almost 2000 tradesman applied to be parted from their white vans and sent into whiteout conditions. Doctors were also hired to care for their welfare in such extreme conditions. Mark Green, a 48-year-old Bristol plumber, was sent to Halley Research Station on the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula. His job is to keep water supplies flowing at temperatures of minus 50 Celsius. 30-year-old Claire Lehman, a recently qualified Wiltshire GP, was posted to Rothera, on the western shore of the Peninsula.
 Like everybody else in Antarctica, both have had to learn brand new skills to help keep their Bases going. Mark finds himself abseiling down precipitous crevasses and learning to be a sea-ice driver's mate. Claire is refuelling planes and supplying all the field scientists with freshly baked Christmas Cakes.
 Producer: Chris Eldon Lee
 A Culture Wise Production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00tb9j7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq77)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Paul Temple (b007jqpv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 20:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)
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THU 21:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)
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THU 22:00 ReincarNathan (m000126f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Tina C (b007711n)
 State of the Union Tour
 Stockholm
 Arriving in Sweden, the country singer wants to investigate just what is Europe? Stars Christopher Green. From November 2006.
THU 22:45 Mission Improbable (b01p0s15)
 Series 1
 Jungle!
 A brand new series of fast-paced mini-adventures written by and starring Anna Emerson, Lizzie Bates and Catriona Knox, known collectively as The Boom Jennies.
 Prompted by the pine-fresh fragrance of zoo keeper Amelia's new perfume, adventure journalist Jane is reminded of a story her uncle Norman once told her about a rare midnight orchid found only in the Guatemalan jungle. This is no ordinary flower, but one that gives off a scent with such aphrodisiac properties it makes the person wielding it utterly irresistible. That's more than enough to convince perennial singleton Lucy that it is high time they all headed to South America. There follows a roller coaster ride of an adventure taking in waterfalls, crocodiles and a gang of ruthless drug smugglers. But our heroes remain unbowed. Each and every challenge thrown at them is met head-on with courage, determination and deeply inappropriate footwear.
 Jane.....Catriona Knox
 Lucy.....Lizzie Bates
 Amelia.....Anna Emerson
 Norman.....Paul Ryan
 Written by Anna Emerson, Lizzie Bates and Catriona Knox
 Audio production by Matt Katz
 Produced by Dave Lamb and Richie Webb
 A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.
THU 23:00 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b0076f1p)
 Series 2
 Security Bard
 It's pound shop territory for the wordsmith as he helps a security guard win his true love. Stars James Quinn. From May 2003.
THU 23:15 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b01cws2l)

Series 1
 About Work
 Tell Nathan Caton Nothing tells the story of young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who becomes the first in his family to graduate from University - only to opt for a career in comedy - much to his family's frustration. They want him to get a 'proper job' using his architecture degree.
 Each episode is designed to show the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his family as he pursues his career against their wishes. The series is a mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with fictionalised scenes from his family life.
 In Episode Three; Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing About Work, Nathan is persuaded to work at his Dad's office.
 Cast
 Nathan Nathan Caton
 Grandma Mona Hammond
 Mum Adjoa Andoh
 Dad Curtis Walker
 Mr Brimson Don Gilet
 Paul Ola
 Lingerie Customer / Boss Chizzy Akudolu
 Written by: Nathan Caton
 Additional material by: Ola and Maff Brown
 Script Editor: James Kettle
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell.
THU 23:30 Listen Against (b00t5mb)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 The programme that looks back at a week's worth of radio and TV that never happened. Michael Burke becomes trapped in the Moral Maze, and Any Answers gets a game show makeover. Presented by Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes.
 Produced by Sam Bryant and Jon Holmes.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

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FRI 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b007k112)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Plumbers and Penguins (b00wr6qk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jqpv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 The Write Stuff (m0001923)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Bristow (b00cq588)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qx2z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0813n7x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
FRI 04:45 Multi Story Shorts (m000bdpm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0184vh8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 ReincarNathan (m000126f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jq5v)
 Paul Temple and the Conrad Case
 Hotel Roemer
 A fresh cocktail stick clue sees Paul and Steve head to the suppliers in Oberammergau.
 Francis Durbidge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC Radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
 CAST:
 Paul Temple Peter Coke
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 Steve Marjorie Westbury
 Fritz Gunter George Hagan
 Elliot Franer James Thomason
 Denis Harper John Bryning
 Elsa, The Countess Dekker Joan Matheson
 Mrs Wheldon Virginia Winter
 Dr Conrad Rolf Lefebvre
 Herr Brechschaft Jeffrey Segal
 Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbidge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heelled world of cocktails and fast cars.
 Producer: Martyn C. Webster
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959.
FRI 06:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmx)
 A Caribbean Mystery
 Episode 5
 After two murders and an attempted suicide, amateur sleuth Miss Marple battles to find a link.
 An Agatha Christie crime thriller first published in 1964.
 CAST:
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Mr Rafael George A. Cooper
 Tim Kendall David Thorpe
 Molly Kendall Alison Pettit
 Esther Walters Yvonne Edgell

Evelyn Hillingdon Carolyn Jones
Edward Hillingdon Christopher Wright
Lucky Dyson Tracy-Ann Oberman
Jackson Andrew Wincott
Canon Prescott David King
Dr Graham John Rowe
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell
Director: Emyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.
FRI 07:00 Michael Frayn's Matchbox Theatre (b06r8cjk)
Episode 3
Michael Frayn: the most comic philosophical writer of our time. An all-star cast has great fun with his hilarious view of us all. People talking. To each other, to themselves. To no one. Trying to communicate. To explain.
In Episode 3, a controlling theatre director (Alex Jennings) thinks he can direct anything. Lloyd Owen and Rosalind Ayres talk to each other on their mobiles, yards apart. Patricia Hodge and Roger Allam can't agree on how to deal with household repairs. And Matthew Wolf decides to take a short break from this very programme. Ian Ogilvy, Julia McKenzie, Julian Sands and Sophie Winkleman attend an unusual Memorial, and Janie Dee and Richard Sisson enjoy a musical invitation list. Martin Jarvis lectures on being 'quite clear'.
So no worries about queuing up to get a drink in the interval or finding the loo. We're on the radio - the theatre of the listener's imagination. Sit back and enjoy.
Episode 3 cast: Alex Jennings, Patricia Hodge, Roger Allam, Rosalind Ayres, Mathew Wolf, Ian Ogilvy, Julia McKenzie, Sophie Winkleman, Julian Sands, Janie Dee, Richard Sisson, Martin Jarvis
Written by Michael Frayn
Producer: Rosalind Ayres
Director: Martin Jarvis
A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 07:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lxh3r)
Series 2
Johannesburg
When Carolyn makes a foolish bet with her pilots, what better place for a race against time than a sleepy Spanish airfield? Plus we learn about the thermodynamic properties of boiled sweets and the kinetic thrust of white wine.
Starring
Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey John Finnemore
Senor Quintanilla Michael Fenton-Stevens
Diego Javier Marzan
Written by John Finnemore.
Produced & directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00yzb5d)
A Rotten System
Chaos erupts when Number 2 and Mildred overhear a doctor mention Number 1's "complaint".
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
With Norma Ronald, Joan Sanderson and John Graham.
Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.
Producer: Edward Taylor,
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1969.
FRI 08:30 King Street Junior (b00tk76w)
Series 1
Crime and Punishment
Sam Simmons is truly unruly, but Mr Brown uncovers more than just a bad school attitude. Stars Peter Davison. From April 1985.
FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b00m5tks)
Series 1
Gyles Brandreth
The broadcaster, author and ex-MP quizzes a panel about himself. With Alan Carr, Sue Perkins and Lucy Porter. From July 2006.
FRI 09:30 Romantic Friction (b0075w4v)
Episode 1
Lovelorn romance writer Anna is up against a deadline for her latest potboiler, a tale of love, suffering and jealousy. But her creative juices don't seem to be flowing as, after years of having a purely fictional love-life, she's met a real-live man. She's also constantly thwarted by her characters, who keep leaping off the page into her living room to challenge her about their plotlines.
Michelle Read's 4-part comedy-drama stars Samantha Bond as Anna, Hugh Bonneville as Brian, Beth Chambers as Deirdre, Adjoa Andoh as the Fertility Doll and Michael Fenton Stevens as The Book.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.
FRI 10:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qvqf)
The Triumph of Phaeton
Engaged to Cecil Vyse but haunted by her dreams of George

Emerson, Lucy Honeychurch feels muddled...
EM Forster's 1908 novel dramatised in four parts by David Wade.
Stars Cathy Sara as Lucy Honeychurch, Sheila Hancock as Charlotte Bartlett, John Moffatt as Mr Emerson, Stephen Moore as Mr Beebe, Julia McKenzie as Mrs Honeychurch, Roger May as Freddy Honeychurch, Nathaniel Parker as Cecil Vyse, Gary Cady as George Emerson, Sara-Jane Derrick as Minnie Beebe, Jonathan Keeble as Floyd, Anna Cropper as Miss Alan and Andrew Branch as Phaeton.
Pianist: Terence Allbright
Director: Glyn Dearman.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000196x)
Anti-racist activism, binge-worthy documentaries and other new listens.
Amanda Litherland and Scott Bryan recommend great new podcasts and speak to creators.
Firstly, some binge-worthy documentary and real life podcasts: The Town That Didn't Stare (Nick Hilton & Podot)
Rabbit Hole (The New York Times)
Real Dictators (Noiser)
The Reality of Reality TV with Fleur East (Planet Radio)
We hear from Shade podcast creator Lou Mensah about her series of discussions around creativity and anti-racism.
And a selection of other notable new listens:
The Joe Wicks Podcast (BBC Sounds)
When Someone Great Is Gone (Lizzy Lee-Poulton and Transmission Roundhouse)
The Harrowing (Storyglass)
Crossbread (ABC)
FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00yzb5d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 King Street Junior (b00tk76w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Paul Temple (b007jqj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00m5tks)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 14:30 Romantic Friction (b0075w4v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 15:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qvqf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000196x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 17:00 Michael Frayn's Matchbox Theatre (b06r8cjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 17:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lxh3r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Earthsea (b0bn5qb4)
Series 2
A Bad Thing
On the island of Gont, Tenar saves a remarkable young girl from certain death. She also makes a dangerous enemy.
Ursula Le Guin's enduring fantasy saga - based on the novel Tehanu adapted by Judith Adams.
Published between 1968 and 2001, the five novels and short story collection of Ursula Le Guin's Earthsea cycle (A Wizard of Earthsea, The Tombs of Atuan, The Farthest Shore, Tehanu, The Other Wind and Tales from Earthsea) are re-told across 12 episodes. In the first series, the first three novels were re-told, and series two takes in Tehanu, The Other Wind and the short story Dragonfly.
As a girl, Tenar, was taken from her home and family on the island of Atuan to become Arha, the Priestess Ever Reborn, guardian of the ominous Tombs of Atuan. Deep within the Tombs, Ged and Tenar met and became unlikely allies, escaped from Atuan, and brought peace to the troubled archipelago.
Now in her late middle age, widowed and with grown up children, Tenar runs a farm on the island of Gont. She has not seen Ged for many years.
Ged was born on Gont, with innate magical talent and a reckless nature. He trained in wizardry on the island Roke, where he released a terrible shadow into the world and then risked his life to restore the balance. He grew to become Archmage on Roke and the greatest wizard on all of Earthsea. When the evil wizard Cob attempted to cheat death and live forever, Ged found him and closed the breach between life and death. In doing so, he lost his powers of magic.
Set on a vast archipelago of islands, where magic is a central part of life, they tell the stories of Tenar and Ged.
Tenar ... Nina Wadia
Ogion ... Michael Bertenshaw
Tehanu ... Laura Elphinstone
Therru ... Rosie Boore
Moss ... Elizabeth Counsell
Aspen ... John Lightbody
Handy ... Ryan Early
Therru's father ... Stephen Hogan
Clearbrook ... Sean Murray
Kalessin ... Emma Handy
Senini ... Lauren Cornelius
Apple ... Kerry Gooderson
Fisherman ... Ryan Whittle
Original music by Jon Nichols
Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 18:30 Shooting Through to Alice (m0001970)
Ali Ballantyne travels across Australia on The Flying Scotsman, as part of the country's bicentenary celebrations. From 1990.
The famous railway engine was taken to Australia as part of the country's bicentenary celebrations in 1988-89.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b00yzb5d)
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FRI 19:30 King Street Junior (b00tk76w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Paul Temple (b007jqj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Miss Marple (b007jpmx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000196x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 22:00 Cabin Pressure (b00lxh3r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Tony Law: 21st Century Adventurer (b09by2t2)
Fearless adventurer Tony Law leads an intrepid team attempting to recover the Lost Girdle of the Amazons.
Tony Law is a celebrity explorer, in the mould of Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Several years ago, he wrote a book about his adventures which, combined with the proceeds from a handful of specially funded expeditions, has bankrolled his operation ever since. He's a big fan of razzle-dazzle and derring do, a man who wants to be perceived as a hero.
As a young man, Tony discovered the stories surrounding his great-grandfather, Anton Lawless, and his grandfather, Antonio Lawless. The Lawless family were renowned explorers, but Tony's accountant father was ashamed of the family's unorthodox past, changed the family name to Law (no-one wants an accountant called Lawless), moved to Canada and hid the family history from the young Tony.
Tony's discovery of his grandfather's past gave his life a sudden purpose and spurred him on to follow in Anton and Antonio's footsteps, and, if possible, outdo them. Tony both stars in and narrates the show, in which he is joined by a set of adventurers he has employed to help him on his various quests.
The team comprises Martha (Adjoa Andoh), a survival expert; Janet (Nina Wadia), the 40-something Botanist who's just got out of an awful marriage and finally decided to put her Open University Floral Biology degree to good use; Alan (John-Luke Roberts), the group's transport officer and an old-fashioned right-winger who is delighted to have a shot at (what he sees as) rebuilding the British Empire.
Written by Gareth Gwynn and John-Luke Roberts. Produced by Lindsay Fenner.
FRI 23:00 Mitch Benn Specials (b068xdrj)
Mitch Benn Has Left the Building
Elvis is one of the most impersonated men in history. But it's a surprising complex persona to inhabit.
Mitch Benn explores the man behind the phenomenon called 'Elvis'...
Humble Southern boy or bejewelled megalomaniac emperor? Fearless rebel or gormless yes-man? Pioneer and innovator or showbiz sell-out? Rock and roll's greatest triumph or its most tragic waste? From the early rock and roll years, to Mr. Presley post-army; food addiction; and his Las Vegas residency in THE SUTT...With a glorious mix of musical parodies and trivia, Mitch Benn is going to find out.
Written by and starring Mitch Benn
Producer: Alexandra Smith/Ed Morrish.
FRI 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01b5yyr)
Series 1
Adventurers
Adventurers Henry Morton Stanley, the 1958 Wales World Cup team and Alfred Russell Wallace face the vote. From February 2012.