

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmx1)

Operation Luna
10. The Citadel
Stranded in Earth's past, the Voice tries tempting Captain Jet Morgan and his crew out into the city of the aliens.
Futuristic tale set in 1965 written and produced by Charles Chilton.
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
Mitch David Williams
All Other Parts Deryck Guyler
Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.
The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.
This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00771pr)

Grudges
The adult, mature thing is to forgive and forget. So why is there a peculiar satisfaction to be held in holding a grudge, and why do so many politicians seem to nurture them?
Jude Collins, Laura Blumenfeld and Marcel Berlins, all expert grudge-holders, explore why truth and reconciliation sometimes seem inadequate.

SAT 01:00 Maugham's Eye View (b00m4ttw)

The Facts of Life
18 year old Nicky is expressly told 'not to gamble, lend money or see women' but on a trip to Monte Carlo he does all three...
Dirk Bogarde is the narrator for another of Somerset Maugham's short stories.
Nicky Paul Rhys
Henry Robert Lang
Melanie Melanie Hudson
Other parts played by:
Geoffrey Whitehead
David Collings
Stephen Critchlow
Patience Tomlinson
Denys Hawthorne
Roger May
Paul Jenkins
Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

SAT 01:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdn8)

5. The Truth Revealed
The Kaiser's plans gather pace and the mystery of the black wood is revealed.
And at last it's time for the man supposed to be Sir Everard Dominey to reveal his true identity.
Is he Sir Everard, or the Prussian von Ragastein?
David Robb stars in the conclusion of E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.
Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb
Prince Terniloff Tim Meats
Pelham/Parkins Howard Hoffmann
Lady Dominey Melinda Walker
Seaman William Hope
Williams Brian Gear
Mrs Marston Gwen Cherrell
Dr Harrison Garard Green
Middleton/Reynolds Paul Nicholson
Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights
Dr Schmidt Phillip Manikum
Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Director Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1985.

SAT 02:00 Wordaholics (b01s8mns)

Series 2
Episode 5
Gyles Brandreth chairs the word-obsessed comedy panel show. Milton Jones and Robin Ince compete against Natalie Haynes and Lloyd Langford for wordy supremacy.
The Letter of the Week is 'W'. Lloyd Langford hazards a guess as to what 'Welsh cricket' is while Natalie Haynes has to work out what 'Whistling breeches' are.
In a round about Australian slang Robin Ince tries to guess the meaning of 'guttergripper' while Milton Jones takes a stab at 'shypoos'.
All the panellists come up with some brilliant new toponyms and also reveal their pet-hate words.
Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.

SAT 02:30 Minor Adjustment (b0b2rjpy)

Basic Instinct
Richard and Sarah are summoned to see their daughter Kate's headmaster.
Six-part comedy series about the Stubbs family - cartoonist Richard, therapist Sarah and their daughters - Kate, aged 16 and three-year-old Amy who has Down's Syndrome.
Starring Peter Davison and Samantha Bond.
Written by son and father team, Andy and Eric Merriman - inspired by Andy's own four-year-old daughter, Sarah. Eric famously wrote legendary BBC comedy series 'Beyond Our Ken'.

Richard Peter Davison
Sarah Samantha Bond
Kate Claire Russell
Amy Sarah Merriman
Headmaster Brian Bowles
Julia Teresa
Mrs Morris Kay Stoneham
James David Cooper
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

SAT 03:00 HG Wells (m0001p3q)

Kipps
5. The Kippses
Artie Kipps, our heroic draper-turned-gentleman, is building a dream home for Ann. But is his fortune lost?
Conclusion of 1905 novel by HG Wells adapted by Micheline Wandor.

H G Wells Paul Daneman
Kipps Mark Straker
Ann Moir Leslie
Chitterlow Nickolas Grace
Miss Walshingham Kathryn Hurlbutt
Fanny Theresa Streaftefeld
Sid Michael Jenner
Masterman Nigel Anthony
Architect Brett Usher
Uncle John Hollis
Music by Ilona Sekacz.
Director: Martin Jenkins.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

SAT 04:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000mdng)

Innovative storytelling with Cathy Fitzgerald and Ross Sutherland
Amanda Litherland speaks to two innovative audio makers.
Ross Sutherland reveals some of the thinking behind his puzzling new fiction podcast 'The Golden House' - a mini series from Imaginary Advice stuffed full of codes and secrets.
Later, the award winning documentary producer Cathy Fitzgerald discusses her latest project 'Witness' in association with Amnesty International - a podcast which skilfully tells sensitive stories from some of the world's darkest places. Cathy also speaks about how she came to work in audio, and shares her advice on creating great listening, such as Life On Lockdown for Radio 4.

Then Podcast Radio Hour producer Chris Pearson joins Amanda to go through a few of your recommendations for innovative podcasts, including Giant, The Friendship File Podcast, and Totalus Rankium.

SAT 05:00 Alone (b0b0xbrt)

Series 1
Not Listening but Hearing
Will and Mitch's sleep is disturbed by some frankly outrageous noises coming from upstairs, which leads to an extremely awkward conversation with Louisa, who is in a new relationship.
Ellie has had her Miro print re-framed - she likes the new frame but is now worried it's not exactly the same print. And Morris is on jury duty which, to him, is basically a great chance to meet single women.
It's a busy week all round.

Sitcom, written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.
Mitch is a widower and part-time therapist who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living - supposedly temporarily - with Will, his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother.

Elsewhere in the building are schoolteacher Ellie who is shy, nervous and desperately missing her ex-boyfriend, overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa, and socially inept IT nerd Morris.

Mitch Angus Deayton
Ellie Abigail Cruttenden
Will Pearce Quigley
Louisa Kate Isitt
Morris Bennett Arron
Luke Roger May
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2018.

SAT 05:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b07v2ysz)

Series 4
A Dance to the Music of Tom
Episode 4 - A Dance to the Music of Tom. Mr and Mrs Wrigglesworth attempt to bond with the new neighbours. Meanwhile, Tom receives some worrying news.
Series 4 of Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups presents another hilarious helping of down-the-line adventures from Edinburgh Comedy Award nominated Tom. Listen in on Tom's weekly phone calls home to his Mum, Dad and Gran in Sheffield and get a glimpse into the triumphs and tribulations of the Wrigglesworth clan in all its dysfunctional glory.
Starring Tom Wrigglesworth, Paul Copley, Kate Anthony, Elizabeth Bennett.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle with additional material by Miles Jupp.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production.
SAT 06:00 Noel Coward - A Song at Twilight (b055zjzh)

The surprise emergence of an ex-mistress from his past proves threatening for Hugo Latymer, a grand old man of letters, and his wife Hilde.

The purpose of her visit turns out to be as shocking as it is dramatic - and threatens to destroy the couple's marriage...
Noel Coward's famous wit and observation of character are as sharp and entertaining as ever.

This was the Master's swansong in London's theatre land marking his farewell stage appearance in 1966 in his own play. Hugo Latymer Michael Denison

Hilde Latymer Jill Bennett

Carlotta Gray Dulcie Gray

Felix Sean Barrett

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (m0004f28)

Series 48

Malcolm Lowry, writer, nominated by Ian McMillan
Matthew Parris meets the poet Ian McMillan to find out about the life of his literary hero Malcolm Lowry.

Ian first discovered this twentieth century writer's work as a young sixth former searching for literary inspiration. He stumbled by chance upon the writer's most famous novel, Under the Volcano, and Lowry's lyrical lines have remained with Ian ever since.

Joining Matthew and Ian to discuss the life of this Merseyside writer is the artistic director of Liverpool's Bluecoat Theatre, Bryan Biggs. Together, they discuss the biography of this complex and intense man, a life that was full of sea-voyaging, shack-dwelling and heavy drinking.

Producer: Camellia Sinclair

SAT 08:00 Quote... Unquote (m0001d9c)

3/12/2018

Nigel Rees quizzes a host of celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.

With Roy Hudd, Greg Jenner and Sindhu Vee.

Since the first series in 1976, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian McKellen, Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote... Unquote stage.

Presenter: Nigel Rees

Producer: Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 08:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b07p6ksb)

Turkish Delight

The over-land expedition has reached Turkey, the land of Kismet, and gateway to the East.

It's just the place for Joan to discover romance and Trigger to catch up on all the kebabs he's missed since leaving Romford.

The five travellers take on with their expedition to Kathmandu Series written by Mike Yeaman and David Naphine.

Simon David Haig

Mechanic Peter Serafinowicz

Petra Michelle Chadwick

Callum Forbes Masson

Trigger Richard Ridings

Joan Sarah Crowden

Ellie Lolly Susi

Joan's Lover Jonathan Keeble

Callum Forbes Masson

Guide Andrew Branch

Producer: Lisa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

SAT 09:00 Not The World Cup in Brazil (b0499kgw)

The media is full of stories about Premiership footballers, the highest earners who command attention on and off the field. But for most players and fans, football isn't about glamour. It's the stuff of everyday life.

Like the supporter who has seen his team play every match, home and away for 40 years and the 75 year old who loves the game so much he still ventures out in all weathers three times a week just to score a goal. These people are the beating heart and soul of football, the men and women who are often forgotten as the media keeps its focus on the top players and clubs.

The 6 Music DJ Steve Lamacq co-presents the programme. As a lifelong Colchester United supporter he knows only too well the hardships football can bring, a cycle that regularly breaks the hearts of its loyal band of fans. Inexpert analysis comes from the comedian and football sceptic Robin Ince. Can Steve persuade Robin that football should become part of his life?

The programme features the best from the BBC archives, including John Motson. He takes a wry look at Ample Arthur Cartwright, a player whose career was blighted by a love of palaeontology while The Likely Lads Bob and Terry spend a desperate day trying to avoid hearing the result of a game until the highlights are shown on TV later in the evening.

We follow the fortunes of a parks team, hear from the woman who regularly turned out for all male sides and travel to Robben Island in South Africa to meet the men who used football as a way of fighting apartheid.

Not The World Cup In Brazil, which was made in 2014, is a millionaire player and club owner free zone and hears from the ordinary people who believe football is a sport not a balance sheet.

SAT 12:00 Shushi! (b06b36w6)

Series 1

Top Shelf

Alice and Snoo have to resort to some rather unconventional means to get people into the library. A very low shelf, a book about zombies, a hosepipe ban and some hummingbirds bring the public flocking in.

Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.

And forever popping into the library is Dr Cadogan, celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie. Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man. Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission to close down inefficient libraries.

Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.

Written by Morwenna Banks, Rebecca Front and Arthur Mathews

Alice Rebecca Front

Snoo Morwenna Banks

Simon Neilson Ben Willbond

Dr Cadogan Michael Fenton Stevens

Dean Simon Greenall

Deaf Action Man Gus Brown

Wifi Customer Philip Pope

Vikram Seth Customer Georgie Fuller

Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2015.

SAT 12:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076c0t)

Series 1

The Finger of Fate

Foggerty is a confirmed bachelor in search of peace and quiet, but fate has other plans in store for him in the rather large shape of Dolly Fortescue.

Jonathan Coy stars as WS Gilbert in the first series of his short stories dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

WS Gilbert Jonathan Coy

Foggerty Stephen Moore

Dolly Alison Steadman

Guard Martin Hyder

Missionary Ian Masters

Playwright and humourist, Sir William Schwenck Gilbert

(1836-1911) is best known for his comic opera collaborations with Sir Arthur Sullivan, which first captivated audiences across the English-speaking world in the late 19th century.

Director: Sally Avenis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

SAT 13:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)

1. Old Friends Meet

Early in 1914, two men meet in the wilds of German East

Africa - one is a German, the other an Englishman.

Both men are roughly the same age, both share a similar background and each man looks almost identical to the other. This similarity gives Leopold von Ragastein a perfect opportunity...

David Robb stars in E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.

1920 novel dramatised in five parts by Barry Campbell

Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Dr Schmidt Phillip Manikum

Mangan William Eedle

Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights

Seaman William Hope

Duchess of Worcester Anne Jameson

Duke of Worcester Garard Green

Capt Bartram Graham Pountney

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

SAT 13:30 The Great Impersonation (m000m9yd)

2. The Homecoming

A chance meeting of two former 'lookalike' schoolfriends in German East Africa, results in the death of one of them. The other returns to England, under the name of Sir Everard Dominey.

On this espionage mission, he aims to take up a powerful position in society, as the country moves towards inevitable conflict with Germany.

David Robb stars in E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.

Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Seaman William Hope

Prince Terniloff Tim Meats

Princess Temiloff Angela Phillips

Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights

Mangan William Eedle

Middleton Paul Nicholson

Mrs Marston Gwen Cherrell

Parkins Howard Hoffmann

Lady Dominey Melinda Walker

Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

SAT 14:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdbl)

3. Lady Dominey

Pursued by the passionate Princess Eiderstrom, the man claiming to be Sir Everard Dominey returns to 'his' ancestral home in Norfolk, where he has a lucky escape.

The Kaiser then demands a meeting...

David Robb stars in E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.

Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Parkins / Stillwell Howard Hoffmann

Mangan William Eedle

Mrs Marston Gwen Cherrell

Lady Dominey Melinda Walker

Dr Harrison/Duke of Worcester Garard Green

Seaman William Hope

The Kaiser/Middleton Paul Nicholson

Duchess of Worcester Anne Jameson

Prince Terniloff Tim Meats

Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights

Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

SAT 14:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdp7)

4. The Messenger

Things start to unravel for spy Leopold von Ragastein as he battles to keep two women happy.

News arrives from Africa...

David Robb stars in E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.

Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Lady Dominey Melinda Walker

Nurse/Duchess Anne Jameson

Parkins/Pelham Howard Hoffmann

Dr Harrison Garard Green

Heggs/Ludwig Miller Mark Straker

Middleton Paul Nicholson

Prince Terniloff Tim Meats

Seaman William Hope

Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights

Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

SAT 15:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdn8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b00vcvbr)

Edwina Currie and Colin Tweedy

Sue MacGregor is joined by the former Conservative minister

Edwina Currie and Colin Tweedy, Chief Executive of The Building Centre to discuss books by Zoe Heller, Kenneth Clark and John Preston.

The Believers by Zoe Heller

Publisher: Penguin

Civilisation: A Personal View by Kenneth Clark

Publisher: John Murray

The Dig by John Preston

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

SAT 16:00 Noel Coward - A Song at Twilight (b055jzjh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (m0004f28)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Vanessa Rosenthal - The Drover's Path (b0076q43)

Based on real-life family history, a chilling ghost story set on a remote Yorkshire sheep farm in 1890. Vanessa Rosenthal's dark drama stars Jeff Hordley.

John Whitam Jeff Hordley

Percy Metcalf Malcolm Hebden

Robert Whittam/Thomas Omerod Kenneth Alan Taylor

Ellen Whittam/Edith Whittam Elianne Byrne

Arthur Cunliffe/Edward Ormerod Matthew Lewney

Young Ellen/Young Edith Catherine Jenkins

Young John Oliver Hudson

Signature tune: Wench All

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

SAT 19:00 Not The World Cup in Brazil (b0499kgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)

Series 1

East End Mafia

Linda gets her neighbour's Jack the Ripper letters authenticated and falls foul of the dodgy East End Mafia, headed by the elusive and notorious Don Estelle.

Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.

Linda Linda Smith

Chris Chris Neill

Betty Margaret John

Worra Femi Elufowoju Jr

Other parts played by Jeremy Hardy.

Special guest star: Don Estelle.

With Peter Donaldson as the radio announcer and Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SAT 22:30 Rhod Gilbert's Bulging Barrel of Laughs (b00tml87)

Episode 2

Hear Rhod Gilbert rant on road rage, plus Rhod's Confessions where Lloyd Langford reveals an unusual passion for Star Wars figures and see if Greg Davies can tempt you with his Indecent

Proposal.

Plus Sarah Millican takes a weekly look at The Six Stages of Woman.

Guest comedian is Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Russell Kane.

With live music from Athlete, including hits Superhuman Touch and Half Light.

Producers: Julia Mckenzie and Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2010.

SAT 23:30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience (b044p64l)

Series 4

Episode 3

Hugh Dennis, Steve Punt, Robert Newman and David Baddiel skewer bonfire night and confront Vidal Sassoon.

Starring the double double-acts of David Baddiel and Rob Newman and Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

With Mark Hurst.

BBC Radio 1's alternative comedy with sketches, stand-up and the odd spot of audience participation.

Starting in 1989, the foursome's popularity sparked a BBC TV-transfer of the same name.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in November 1990

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**SUN 00:00 Vanessa Rosenthal - The Drover's Path (b0076q43)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 The Great Impersonation (m000m9yd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdp7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdn8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 A Good Read (b00vcvbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Noel Coward - A Song at Twilight (b055jzjh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (m0004f28)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:30 The Great Impersonation (m000m9yd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Saturday]

SUN 07:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 07:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdp7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:00 The Great Impersonation (m000mdn8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

SUN 08:30 Ray's a Laugh (b007js2p)

From 6/12/1949

Kitty suspects Ted is having an affair - and reporter George dons disguise.

Starring Ted Ray.

With Kitty Bluett, Peter Sellers, Patricia Hayes, Fred Yule and Leslie Perrins.

Ray's A Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.

Scripted by Eddie Maguire and Ted Ray.

Music from Bob & Alf Pearson and The Beaux and The Belles.

BBC Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.

Announcer: Kenneth Kendall

Producer: George Inns

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1949.

SUN 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0557k07)

Series 1

A Real Family Evening

Robin has won a scholarship to boarding school and this is the eve of his departure, so Jennifer is keen to make his last night at home a rather special one.

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

Trudie Roberta Tovey

Amanda Jill Riddick

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1969.

SUN 09:30 Rent (b04pxh5)

Series 2

Episode 5

When Paul delivers an ultimatum to Ruby, a visit to a fortune-teller with Maria tells them more than they bargained for.

Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about the struggles of Maria and Richard and their lodgers.
 Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard who take in lodgers.
 Maria Barbara Flynn
 Richard Patrick Barlow
 Amy Linda Polan
 Paul Toby Longworth
 Madame Terry Sally Grace
 With Sarah Parkinson, Vivienne Rochester, Joanna Brookes and Matthew Bell.
 Producer: Liz Anstee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03755ry)
 Cricketers
 Fred Trueman
 From Bizet to Shirley Bassey.
 Legendary England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman shares his castaway choices with Roy Plomley.
 Born in Stainton, Fred made his Yorkshire debut in 1949 and clocked up over 2,000 first-class wickets when he retired in 1969. He made an instant impact on his Test debut aged 21 in 1952 against India at Headingley. He was the first man to claim 300 wickets in Test cricket and finished with 307 from only 67 matches.
 Trueman was famed for his partnership for England with Lancashire's Brian Statham and was Yorkshire's spearhead during their dominance in the 1960s.
 A quick-witted and natural raconteur, he also worked as an expert analyst on the BBC's Test Match Special for 26 years until 2000.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010fd8x)
 Series 2
 Rats
 It might be surprising to hear, but Sir David Attenborough has made it known over the years that rats are not his favourite animal.
 In this piece, dedicated to his nemesis, Attenborough with great wit and skill tells us of the living nightmare he endured whilst on location in a place infested with them. If that wasn't enough, whilst making Life of Mammals, he devoted a whole programme to them - and to balance his own personal view went to an Indian temple where the rat is revered and even encouraged to swarm in vast numbers.
 But in a clever twist of the story, as is the hallmark of David Attenborough, in no uncertain way he tells us why they should be respected.
 Written and presented by David Attenborough
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (b0blj699)
 Series 4
 Deception
 Radiolab asks if it's possible for anyone to lead a life without deception? 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.
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (b0816pj7)
 John Clare: Under the Influence and Thinking on Their Feet
 BBC Radio 4's Poet in Residence, Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive with 'Under the Influence' and 'Thinking On Their Feet' - featuring the poetry of John Clare.
 * Under The Influence:
 Alison Brackenbury describes how her lifelong admiration of Northamptonshire poet John Clare has influenced her own verse. First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2009.
 * Thinking On Their Feet:
 Novelist Richard Francis walks in the footsteps of the poet John Clare and visits Helpston in Northamptonshire. Joined by academic and writer Simon Koveshi, they discuss John's life and work and how walking helped inspire his poetry. First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2002.
SUN 12:30 All Those Women (b09r7vd8)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 Emily's choosing her options, Jen's taking the plunge and applying for her first teaching job and Maggie's getting excited about the prospect of an adventure or two of her own.
 But will she be able to go away, or is Hetty hiding something?
 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 Chris Pavlo
 Derek Clive Rowe
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

February 2018.
SUN 13:00 You're Entering Rod Serling's The Twilight Zone (m0008yx7)
 October 1959, America was deep into the 'age of unease' as TV viewers took their first steps into 'another dimension, not only of sight & sound but of mind'. Their next stop, The Twilight Zone.
 Through these doors of perception they have forever dwelled in stories of pixelated shadow and substance. A black & white realm presided over by a neat little man in a sharp suit whose perpetual cigarette smoke forever curls upwards as he ushers you into his realm.
 The aliens are among us and due on Maple Street but maybe we are the monsters? Are we on earth and is it dying? Where is everybody? Why are they vanishing and is that death hitching a ride or knocking at my door looking uncannily like Robert Redford. And why is Captain Kirk screaming at that thing on the wing that no one else can see?!

Rod Serling, America's most famous TV playwright, astonished people with his announcement that he was to explore the realms of sci-fi and fantasy in a new anthology show. Like Dennis Potter starting up Dr Who. But Serling, an impeccable liberal haunted by war, racial strife and the possibilities of nuclear Armageddon smuggled stories of conscience, doubt and possibility into 5 seasons of a remarkable show that has never died and has been revisited for a fourth time with Jordan Peele as host. In truth, nothing can match a realm of the American weird that Serling made uniquely his own.
 Alan Dein hears from Serling's family, veteran directors Richard Donner and John Frankenheimer, actors Earl Holliman (star of the first ever episode) and Jean Marsh as well as the writers Jonathan Lethem and David Thomson and Black Mirror creator Charlie Brooker.
 Two Twilight Zone radio episodes accompany this three hour documentary.
 Producer: Mark Burman
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2019.
SUN 16:00 Gaston Leroux - The Perfume of the Lady in Black (m00016b4)
 France's most dangerous man, Frederic Larson, is finally laid to rest. But who is the mysterious woman at his graveside?
 Journalist, Joseph Rouletabille is intrigued but must look to his own past to solve the mystery...
 Starring Nicholas Boulton.
 Written by Gaston Leroux - author of The Phantom of the Opera - and dramatised by Stephen Sheridan from a translation by Margaret Costa.
 Rouletabille Nicholas Boulton
 Sainclair Charles Simpson
 Inspector Larson Geoffrey Whitehead
 Mathilda Suzanna Hamilton
 Rance/Uncle Marius Stephen Thorne
 Darzac/Steward Alastair Danson
 Beauvais/Captain David Timson
 Edith/Postmistress Alison Pettitt
 Director: David Blount
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (b0816pj7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 All Those Women (b09r7vd8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqts)
 2. The Forces Gather
 Radox the Green battles to gather an army against the encroaching Evil One.
 But as his mum gives him an ear-bashing - is Agar really a hero?
 Andrew Marshall and John Lloyd's epic Tolkien parody. Starring Paul Eddington, Paul Magee and Simon Callow.
 King Yulfrie the Wise Paul Eddington
 The Chronicler Patrick Magee
 Crown Prince Veganin Simon Callow
 Agar Christian Rodska
 Radox the Green Frank Middlemass
 Maliaodoc Hugh Thomas
 King Yulfrie's First Assistant Advisor David Ross
 Mother of Agar Miriam Margolyes
 Queen Elfreda Maggie Steed
 The High Bishop of Zylbor Aubrey Woods
 Golin Longshanks Jonathan Lynn
 Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.
SUN 18:30 The Man in Black (b00yw4bc)
 Series 3
 Lights Out by Christopher Golden & Amber Benson
 A group of women prisoners try to protect themselves from a malevolent force stalking the corridors at night...
 Mark Gatiss stars as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce Christopher Golden and Amber Benson's chilling tale.
 Sarah Jasmine Hyde
 Izra Vineeta Rishi
 Guard Joanna Monroe
 Gemma Leah Brotherhood
 Agnes Sally Orock
 The Ghosts Deeivya Meir
 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: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (b0blj699)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 20:00 Gaston Leroux - The Perfume of the Lady in Black (m00016b4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03755ry)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010fd8x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 All Those Women (b09r7vd8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 The Lach Chronicles (b07fg6v8)
 Series 3
 Goodnight Tokyo
 Lach was the King of Manhattan's East Village and host of the longest running open mic night in New York. He now lives in Scotland and finds himself back at square one, playing in a dive bar on the wrong side of Edinburgh.
 His night, held in various venues around New York, was called the Antihoot. Never quite fitting in and lost somewhere lonely between folk and punk music, Lach started the Antifolk movement. He played host to Suzanne Vega, Jeff Buckley and many others. He discovered and nurtured lots of talent including Beck, Regina Spektor and the Moldy Peaches- but nobody discovered him.
 In this episode, Lach remembers a time he played a gig in Tokyo. Things didn't go to plan.
 Written and performed by Lach.
 Sound design: Al Lorraine and Sean Kerwin
 Producer: Richard Melvin
 A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.
SUN 22:45 World of Pub (b007jlwx)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 The only regulars at Barry and Garry's East End boozery are late-night DJs and Trappist monks.
 Can dodgy Phil help boost custom?
 First of two comedy series written by Tony Roche.
 Dodgy Phil John Thomson
 Barry Phil Cornwell
 Garry Peter Serafinowicz
 Other parts played by Kim Wall and Debra Stephenson.
 Music: Bill Bailey
 Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1998.
SUN 23:00 Liam Williams: Ladhood (b06ptymb)
 Series 1
 Truants
 Liam Williams - a two-time Edinburgh Festival Award nominated comedian - shares his teenage misadventures in the Yorkshire suburbs.
 With evocative monologues by "Adult Liam" being interjected with flashback scenes from his teenage years, this four-part series was recorded in Leeds and stars teens from Yorkshire. Each episode delves into Liam's memories of his first fight, virginity loss, the best house party ever organised, and his marvellous outwitting of an entire teaching staff.
 This is the New Labour, post-mining, aspirational heartland, meeting 50 Cent and Generation Y ennuie, represented in a bourgeois radio format - by one of Britain's most exciting comedians.
 Adult Liam Liam Williams
 Young Liam Alfie Field
 Bradley Dixon Sam Shaw
 Cranney Matthew Hudson
 Ralph Fletcher George Richardson
 Craig Cheng Ken Cheng
 Mrs Pallister Amelia Lowdell
 Liam's Mum Debra Baker
 Liam's Dad Caolan McCarthy
 Mr Draper Ewan Bailey
 Mr Bishop Gerard McDermott
 Teacher 1 Evie Killip
 Producer: Amab Chanda
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2015.
SUN 23:30 The Skivers (b00hr7g8)
 Series 3
 Michael Winner
 Calm down, dear! Special guest Michael Winner joins Nick and Tim.
 Skilful sketch show written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.
 With Peter Bradshaw and Sally Phillips.
 Special guests: Michael Winner and Patrick Allen.
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020
MON 00:00 Hordes of the Things (b007jqts)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b00yw4bc)

Fraser and Runi Talwar.
 Producer: Richard Morris
 A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Hut 33 (b01j9hsk)
 Series 3
 Know Thyne Enemy
 It's 1942 and the war is not going well - so the codebreakers of Bletchley Park are under even more pressure than usual. Archie, Gordon and Charles try to think like Germans to predict the Enigma machine code...
 Stars Tom Goodman-Hill as Archie, Robert Bathurst as Professor Charles Gardner, Fergus Craig as Gordon, Alex MacQueen as 3rd Lt. Joshua Featherstonhaugh-Marshall, Olivia Colman as Minka and Lill Roughley as Mrs Best.
 Written by James Cary.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020**TUE 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmxh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b00vhgjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Maugham's Eye View (b00m9gqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b01073s1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Guess What? (b068bf83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076f18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mj9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 TED Radio Hour (m000mt9q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Relativity (b092p790)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m000mbly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 P Division (b007jx5x)

Condition Purple

Episode 1

Chief Inspector Donoghue's men are on the case when the body of a prostitute is found in Blythswood Square, in the heart of Glasgow's prosperous business quarter.

CAST:

DC King John Buick

Diana Kay Gallie

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

Dr Reynolds Gerard Slevin

Hazel Anne Marie Timoney

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

Karen Gaylie Runciman

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

Dino Alexander Morton

Published in 1989, this is Peter Turnbull's sixth P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Recorded in a BBC studio and on location in Glasgow.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

TUE 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b0107wtp)

Peril at End House

2. Accidents?

Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings attend Maggie Buckley's dinner party and make a startling discovery.

Agatha Christie's 1932 whodunnit.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hastings Simon Williams

Nick Buckley Gemma Saunders

Frederica Rice Suzanna Hamilton

Mr Croft Terence Edmond

Mrs Croft Richenda Carey

Charles Vyse Stephen Critchlow

Maggie Buckley Elizabeth Conboy

Jimmy Lazarus Sean Arnold

Actor John Moffatt [1922-2012] played Hercule Poirot in 25 BBC Radio productions.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

TUE 07:00 Shush! (b06c48pr)

Series 1

Mobile Library

An intruder, an ice-cream van and Daniel Barenboim make life difficult for Snoo and Alice as Simon constructs a deadly cornflakes-based trap.

Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.

And forever popping into the library is Dr. Cadogan, celebrity

doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie. Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man. Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission, a mission to close down inefficient libraries. Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.

Written by Morwenna Banks and Rebecca Front

Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 07:30 The Lenny Henry Show (m000mcz7)

Episode 3

Another helping of character-based sketch comedy from Lenny Henry, including more from Delbert and Winston who discuss getting out into the countryside after lockdown.

We also hear from Cecilia and Barrington, two elderly Jamaican friends, and about a new TV show Britain's Next Great Occultist. There's more adventures from Gavin Stone, the Special Forces soldier-turned-teacher, and we meet Paul and Madison, who run Brixton's best black studies book shop - if only it wasn't so close to Waterstone's.

Cast includes Lenny Henry, Vas Blackwood, George Fouracres, Llewella Gideon, Freya Parker and Cherrille Skeete.

Written by Lenny Henry and Max Davis, with Nathan Bryon and Tom Melia, Tasha Dhanraj, Kim Fuller, Athena Kugblenu, and Benjamin Partridge.

Music by Lawrence Insula.

Produced by Sam Michell.

A Douglas Road and Tiger Aspect production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jndr)

Series 7

Drums Along the Mersey

A newspaper claims Neddie Seagoon is set to inherit a million pounds. Stars Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From October 1956.

TUE 08:30 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

Episode 1

After the local elections, Chesbury is in uproar. The undefeatable have been defeated, while the unselectable have been elected - and it looks like the unspokeable will become Mayor...

Lucy Flannery's local government sitcom stars Nelson David, John Duttine, James Grout, Rosy Fordham, Nick Hardy,

Howard Lew Lewis, Toby Longworth, Jan Ravens, Vivienne

Rochester and June Whitfield.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000mcq2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k0g6)

Series 1

Holby City

The author needs a new roof, so his agent sorts him a pitch to write for TV. Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2005.

TUE 10:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mhlq)

My Brilliant Friend Part 2/2

From one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, My Brilliant Friend is the first in a quartet of books entitled The Neapolitan Novels. They are a forensic exploration of friendship between Lila and the story's narrator, Lena. This is no normal friendship, it's a friendship that loves, hurts, supports and destroys - and yet it is one that lasts a lifetime.

It begins in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighbourhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets two girls, Elena and Lila, learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone - or anything - else as their friendship, beautifully and meticulously rendered, becomes a not always perfect shelter from hardship.

It is the story of a nation, of a neighbourhood, a city and a country undergoing momentous change.

This first book centres on their childhood and adolescence.

Lena Monica Dolan

Lila Anastasia Hille

Lila (child) Grace Wingate

Lila (adolescent) Chloe Harris

Lena (child) Elisabeth McEvilly

Lena (adolescent) Daisy Tompkinson

From the book by Elena Ferrante, translated by Ann Goldstein.

Dramatised by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Directed by Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in August

2016.

TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m000bwxm)

Amelia Bullmore

It's time to turn to crime on Telling Tales, with the multi-talented Amelia Bullmore.

After studying drama at Manchester University, Amelia landed a role on Coronation Street. It was her first job on television and many memorable roles have followed, including Kay Hope,

Head of Sustainability in 2012, Alan Partridge's Ukrainian girlfriend Sonja, and DCI Gill Murray in Scott & Bailey.

After putting her writing on hold, Amelia was encouraged by Niamh Cusack to write a pilot, when she was pregnant. Though the resulting legal drama didn't get commissioned, it brought

Amelia to the attention of the team behind This Life. She wrote several scripts for the second series, becoming part of a team that won the Writers Guild Award for best TV drama in 1997. Amelia's move into crime began with another pilot for ITV: a drama about a fast-tracked female DCI in London, who is compromised by a personal secret. This pilot became a radio drama, set in Manchester and starring Maxine Peake, which eventually ran for five series on BBC Radio 4.

We hear a 45 minute drama from 2012, titled Craven: Looking For Mr King, in which Sue - the titular DCI - investigates a made-for-tabloid murder, involving a rich man, a sports car, and a well-known beauty spot.

Amelia talks about how acting informs her writing, and what she learned from working with the ground-breaking comedian Chris Morris, and later with Sally Wainwright on Scott & Bailey.

We also hear about Amelia's latest writing project, Traces, a crime thriller based in the world of forensics and based on an original idea by the best-selling Scottish author Val McDermid. It re-unites Amelia with Red Productions, who brought Craven to life for Radio 4.

Made for Radio 4 Extra.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jndr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 P Division (b007jx5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b0107wtp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00j26h0)

Series 1

Episode 2

James Walton's pop music history quiz with Andrew Collins,

Tracey MacLeod, Carol Decker and David Hepworth. From

December 2004.

TUE 14:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k0g6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mhlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Telling Tales (m000bwxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 17:00 Shush! (b06c48pr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 The Lenny Henry Show (m000mcz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmyk)

Operation Luna

12. A Rocky Send Off

After travelling through time, could Captain Jet Morgan and his crew be bound for home at last?

Futuristic tale set in 1965 as first broadcast in 1953.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch David Williams

Other parts by David Jacobs and Deryck Guyler.

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Though first heard in 1953, the original recordings were wiped.

Re-recording first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in

1958.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0076md4)

Series 4

Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

So little is known about the life of J S Bach, yet his music opens up a world of imagination. His Concerto in D minor is often

described as being like a conversation between two lovers.

David Gregory of the City of Birmingham Symphony

Orchestra, rock guitarist Steve Hackett, and Terry Waite CBE,

are among those moved by the music of the two violins as they

imitate, interrupt and overlap each other in one of Bach's most

sublime creations.

Taking part:

Mr and Mrs David Gregory

Terry Waite

Simon Heighes

Fionnagh McKenzie

Steve Hackett

Lara St John

Gillian Teadley

Producer Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jndr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Any Other Business (b012rb49)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 P Division (b007jx5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b0107wtp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m000bwxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 The Lenny Henry Show (m000mcz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Great Unanswered Questions (m000mhlh)

Series 1

Episode 1

Northern Irish comedian Colin Murphy and his cohorts in a series where the most ridiculous of questions are tackled, with an attempt to provide the correct or at the very least, a funny answer. Could there be a city under the sea? Could pigs fly? Regular guests, scientist Dr David Booth and up-and-coming comedian and computer geek Matthew Collins, are joined by special guest Jo Caulfield.

Produced by Jackie Hamilton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

TUE 23:00 The Consultants (b0076prd)

Series 2

Episode 3

When warding off dark lords, salad is acceptable. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2003.

TUE 23:30 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (b07mxv86)

Series 1

Episode 1

Super-sharp everywoman Angela Barnes tackles life and love and, with the help of an audience, packs herself a fantasy coffin.

Remembering her larger-than-life father - a gregarious character, sex shop manager, naturist, and a big fan of caravans and pranks - Angela celebrates his 'carpe diem' approach to life, and his motto "You Can't Take It With You".

When her father died very suddenly in 2008, Angela and her family proved him wrong and stuffed his coffin with sentimental keepsakes for his final journey.

In this series, Angela does the very same thing and asks her loved ones to nominate objects that they would choose to send on with her as mementoes of their time together, which she keeps in a suitcase full of memories, acting as prompts for contemplative, heart-warming and captivating comedy.

Angela Barnes is a vivacious, critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Maidstone, Kent. After a career in health and social care, at aged 33 she decided to pursue a long held ambition and give comedy a go. Within a couple of years, Angela and her witty worldview had won the 2011 BBC New Comedy Award by a public vote, secured a weekly star slot in Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and appeared on numerous radio and television shows including Loose Ends, The Now Show and writing credits on her beloved The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), Russell Kane's Whistle Stop Tour (BBC Radio 2), Mock The Week (BBC 2) and Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 3).

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2016.

TUE 23:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007jzy5)

Series 1

The Musical Evening

Mrs Naughtie performs the Dance of the Seven Voles. Stars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Alison Steadman. From December 2002.

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020**WED 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space****(b007jmyk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels**(m000mhlq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Telling Tales (m000bwxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Shush! (b06c48pr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The Lenny Henry Show (m000mcz7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 P Division (b007jx62)

Condition Purple

Episode 2

The police post-mortem has shown that prostitute, Stephanie Craigellachie had an 'I belong to Dino' tattoo. But who is Dino and what did he have to do with her murder?

CAST:

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

Karen Gaylie Runciman

DC King John Buick

DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher

Tuesday Noon Alex McAvoy

Mr Keyes Robert Trotter

Mrs Olive Keyes Kay Gallie

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

Dino Alexander Morton

Published in 1989, this is Peter Turnbull's sixth P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b01084hc)

Peril at End House

3. Nick's Secret

Hercule Poirot discovers the identity of the body - and then turns his attention to some old letters.

Agatha Christie's 1932 whodunit.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hasting Simon Williams

Nick Buckley Gemma Saunders

Frederica Rice Suzanna Hamilton

Ellen Hilda Schroder

George Challenger Andrew Wincott

Police Inspector David Thorpe

Actor John Moffatt [1922-2012] played Hercule Poirot in 25

BBC Radio productions.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

WED 07:00 Clare in the Community (b03s754k)

Series 9

Driven to Extremes

Episode Four - Driven To Extremes

Clare is facing a disciplinary tribunal after a seemingly straightforward job goes awry. Can she convince the panel of her professionalism? At home, Brian tries to cheer up a despondent Nali.

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

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

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

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer Alexandra Smith.

WED 07:30 Phil Ellis Is Trying (m000mb2z)

Series 3

Billy Bonker and The Cup A Soup Factory

When Phil and Johnny discover golden sachets in their Cup A Soup packets, they embark on a fantastical tour of the Cup A Soup factory hosted by reclusive owner Billy Bonker, who is opening the gates for the first time in 40 years. Phil cannot believe his luck. He's desperate to meet Billy Bonker and enter his magical world where, they say, the taps run minestrone. If only the other people on the tour weren't so intent on getting themselves killed. Meanwhile, Polly has enlisted Ellie to go on a double date with two so-called celebrities, who may or may not be trying to scam them. Even so, it's still worth going. After all, who can turn down a date with a celebrity? It's every normal person's dream...

Cast includes:

Phil Ellis as Phil

Johnny Vegas as Johnny

Amy Gledhill as Polly

Katia Kvinge as Ellie

Jason Barnett as Captain Birdseye

And

Terry Mynott as Klaus Von Flump/Mr Kipling

With special guest star Mark Lamarr as Billy Bonker

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

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)

Series 5

The Grappling Game

The Lad Himself and Miss Pugh go to the wrestling, with a shock result!

Starring 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 April 1958.

WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)

Series 2

Hot Water

With more love entanglements, Izzy is finding life back in England rather confusing.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With Mike Grady as Dick,

Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Rosemary Martin as Aunt

Vinny, David Robb as Charles and Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn.

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something

teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

An eight-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984

novel. The second of three series that ran from 1987 to 1993.

Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.

WED 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m0001hk0)

Nigel Rees quizzes a host of celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.

* Writer and novelist Monica Ali

* Broadcaster and journalist Henry Kelly

* Actress and impressionist Jan Ravens

This is the 54th series of the popular humorous celebrity quotations quiz.

In almost forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Larry Adler, Ian KcKellen, Peter Cook, Kingsley Amis, Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote Unquote stage.

Presenter: Nigel Rees

Producer: Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2018.

WED 09:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b01pkmq0)

The Truck Stops Here

The travellers have reached... um, well, actually they're lost in the middle of Uzbekistan. Stars David Haig. From July 1996.

WED 10:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mlfx)

The Story of a New Name Part 1/2

From one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, Elena Ferrante, the continuing story of Lila and Lena, two bright young girls who have grown up in the tough, rough streets of post war Naples. Striving to make a better life for themselves, they work hard at school but Lila is stopped in her tracks when forced to give up her education and work for the family shoe making business.

It's not long before their worlds are pushed apart and Lila ends up marrying a local businessman and son of the murdered local loan shark Don Achille.

Lena Monica Dolan

Lila Anastasia Hille

Lena (adolescent) Daisy Tompkinson

Lila (adolescent) Chloe Harris

Rino Tom Varey

Carmela Harriet Waters

Marcello Luke Williams

Michele Lee Rufford

Stefano Adam Long

Pasquale Joseph Palmer

Nino Sarratore Sam Lupton

Antonio Josh Bolt

Marisa Claudia Jolly

Pinuccia Kathryn Drysdale

Gigliola Bessie Carter

Nadia Bessie Carter

Ada Nelly Harker

Enzo Brian Fletcher

Toast Master David Collings

Lena's Mum Jane Whittenshaw

Professor Galiani Sara Markland

Girl Sara Markland

Armando Josh Dylan

Boy Josh Dylan

Voice Josh Dylan

Written by Elena Ferrante

Dramatised by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Producer: Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in January 2017.

WED 11:00 Angela Barnes' Cold War Secrets (m000mlfz)

2. Bunkers and Jigsaws

Comedian Angela Barnes is an ardent nuclear bunker enthusiast with a passion for all things Cold War. Angela's Edinburgh show - Fortitude - featured nuclear bunkers heavily and whilst at The Festival, Angela performed her show in a decommissioned Cold War bunker in Fife.

Featuring a perfect blend of archive and studio interviews,

Angela Barnes' Cold War Secrets explores this fascinating, frightening and relevant period in modern history. Over three episodes, she uses both factual and comic archive to reveal what we didn't know then but we do know now, the show brings a unique and surprising insight into the Cold War - from bunkers and other civil defence plans, to the Royal Observer Corps, numbers stations and the secret police services behind the Iron Curtain.

Angela speaks to 'Stasiland' author Anna Funder, 'German Comedy Ambassador', Henning When and Edinburgh Comedy Award-winner John Robins.

Programmes featured:

'Beyond the Fringe'

'Broadcasts from the Bunker'

'The Stasi Jigsaw Puzzle'

Producer: Adnan Ahmed for BBC Studios

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January

2019 as part of a three-hour showcase.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 P Division (b007jx62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b01084hc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Quote... Unquote (m0001hk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b01pkmq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 15:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels

(m000mlfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 Angela Barnes' Cold War Secrets (m000mlfz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 17:00 Clare in the Community (b03s754k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Phil Ellis Is Trying (m000mb2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space**(b007jmz0)**

Operation Luna

13. Set Course for Earth

After blasting off, Captain Jet Morgan and his crew try to make sense of their mammoth trip through time.

Conclusion of the futuristic tale set in 1965 as first broadcast in 1953.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Basso

Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch David Williams

Other parts by David Jacobs and Deryck Guyler.

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Though first heard in 1953, the original recordings were wiped.

Re-recording first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1958.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b0938p7x)

Series 13

In Motion

Escape artists, losing control of your body and losing yourself in

water - Josie Long takes a twilight stroll across Hampstead

Heath while she presents stories of movement.

Pond

Featuring Jessica J Lee

Movement

Featuring Ian Waterman

Produced by Rachel Simpson

Original interview recorded for the Empathy Museum

Lake

Featuring Jessica J Lee

Einstein

Produced by Rikke Houd

Sea

Featuring Jessica J Lee

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

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WED 20:00 P Division (b007jx62)

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WED 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b01084hc)

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WED 21:00 Angela Barnes' Cold War Secrets (m000mlfz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Phil Ellis Is Trying (m000mb2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 The Secret World (b01mk55k)

Series 3

Episode 1

The impression show that imagines alternative lives for famous people. Each episode takes place over one day, with stories unfolding and overlapping from morning to night.

In this third series the team of Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Julian Dutton, Duncan Wisbey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Jessica Robinson is joined by Debra Stephenson.

In this series, Professor Brian Cox finds himself the object of excessive female attention, from, amongst others, Kirsty Young and the Queen. Al Pacino reveals his alternative life as a balloon twister. Ed Miliband spends a whole day trying to get a batman costume for his son, Peter Sallis discovers a new form of energy, and President Obama becomes a pearly king.

The show is written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton, and Duncan Wisbey.

It's produced by Bill Dare.

Episode synopsis for ep 1

In this episode, the Arch Bishop of Canterbury tries Tweeting for the first time, with disastrous results. Professor Brian Cox finds himself stalked by various women, including the Queen. Al Pacino is a balloon twister, and Princess Anne reveals her secret life as a trainpotter.

WED 23:00 Chain Reaction (b008274b)

Series 4

Catherine Tate interviews David Tennant

Chat show in which one week's interviewee becomes the next week's interviewer. Catherine Tate takes the host's chair as she talks to - or mercilessly teases - David Tennant.

WED 23:30 The Harpoon (b007k4t8)

Series 2

Episode 3

Evolution's epic story is revealed in this nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure story papers. With Peter Baynham. From August 1992.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**THU 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space****(b007jmz0)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Phil Ellis Is Trying (m000mb2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 P Division (b007jx64)

Condition Purple

Episode 3

While Dino remains as elusive as ever, the team continue their search for fresh evidence in the hunt for the killer of prostitute, Stephanie Craigellachie.

CAST:

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

DC King John Buick

DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher

Collette Louise Beattie

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

First Woman Wilma Duncan

Second Woman Mammie Stirling

Dino Alexander Morton

Published in 1989, this is Peter Turnbull's sixth P Division

novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b010928t)

Peril at End House

4. A Box of Chocolates

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings head to

London to meet up with Chief Inspector Japp.

Agatha Christie's 1932 whodunit.

CAST:

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Captain Hastings Simon Williams

Frederica Rice Suzanna Hamilton

George Challenger Andrew Wincott

Nick Buckley Gemma Saunders

Mr Croft Terence Edmond

Mrs Croft Richenda Carey

Charles Vyse Stephen Critchlow

Doctor Mark Holloway

Chief Inspector Japp Bryan Pringle

Actor John Moffatt [1922-2012] played Hercule Poirot in 25

BBC Radio productions.

Dramatist: Michael Bakewell

Director: Emynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

THU 07:00 The Missing Hancocks (b06rx8jh)

Series 2

A Visit To Russia

Between 1954 and 1959, BBC Radio recorded 102 episodes of Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's comedy classic Hancock's Half Hour. The first modern sitcom, it made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Galton and Simpson on one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.

Sadly, 20 episodes of the show went missing from the BBC archives, and had not been heard since their original transmission, until this series of faithful re-imaginings. These episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre, featuring a stellar cast. This episode: 'A Visit To Russia'. With East/West relations in crisis, Tony takes it upon himself to launch his very own diplomatic mission...

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, and with the classic score newly recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra. 'A Visit To Russia' was first broadcast on the Light Programme on 14th December 1955.

CAST:

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Sid James Simon Greenall

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Andree Melly Susy Kane

Produced by Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson.

A BBC Radio Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC

Radio 4 in December 2015.

THU 07:30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes**(m0008wnq)**

Happy All The Time

Marian Keyes is a publishing sensation - her works of fiction

(Rachel's Holiday, The Break and others) have sold in their millions, across the globe. In this new series, Marian reads selections from her non-fiction writing whilst in conversation with her friend the actor Tara Flynn. This week's theme is Happy All The Time. Alongside the craic, Marian reads "Foreign Country" from her collection Under The Duvet and "Negative Thinking" from Making It Up As I Go Along.

Presenters: Tara Flynn and Marian Keyes

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000mlj9)

Series 4

Episode 3

Kenneth Horne travels back in time, and Hornerama looks at London.

With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden, Bill Pertwee and Announcer, Douglas Smith.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne', 'Beyond Our Ken' hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Cecil Snaith, Stanley Burkinshaw and Rodney and Charles.

Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Written by Eric Merriman

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1960.

THU 08:30 Yes Minister (b007jltg)

Series 2

The Greasy Pole

Blending jobs with chemicals makes an explosive mixture for MP Jim Hacker.

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

CAST:

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Woolley Derek Bowldes

Joan Littleler, MP Brenda Blethyn

Sir Wally Macfarlane Freddie Earle

Professor Henderson Jerome Willis

Lord Crichton Geoffrey Toone

Lady Crichton Helena Breck

The Protector Helen Atkinson Wood

Newsreader Moira Stuart

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1984.

THU 09:00 Booked (b0075h53)

Series 6

Episode 5

Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary quiz with Arthur Smith, Stuart Maconie, Sophie Howard and Linda Smith. From July 1999.

THU 09:30 Rent (b04pffy0)

Series 2

Episode 6

Paul and Ruby are thinking of moving out, and Maria needs more space.

Lucy Flannery's sitcom about the struggles of Maria and Richard and their lodgers.

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy and Toby Longworth as Paul.

With Vivienne Rochester.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

THU 10:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels**(m000mljc)**

The Story of a New Name Part 2/2

From one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, Elena Ferrante, the continuing story of Lila and Lena, two bright young girls who have grown up in the tough, rough streets of post war Naples. Lila finds it hard to forgive her husband Stefano. Meanwhile Lena continues her higher education and is determined to make a difference with her life and escape the clutches of Naples - but at the expense of her friendship with Lila.

Lena Monica Dolan

Lila Anastasia Hille

Lena (adolescent) Daisy Tompkinson

Lila (adolescent) Chloe Harris

Rino Tom Varey

Carmela Harriet Waters

Michele Lee Rufford

Stefano Adam Long

Pasquale Joseph Palmer

Nino Sarratore Sam Lupton

Antonio Josh Bolt

Pinuccia Kathryn Drysdale

Ada Nelly Harker

Enzo Brian Fletcher

Nunzia Becky Hindley

Donato Sarratore Sam Dale

Old Professor Sam Dale

Gigliola Bessie Carter

Bruno James Joyce

Interviewer James Joyce

Pietro Ferdinand Kingsley

Mariosa Claudia Jolly

Professor Airotta David Collings
 Adele Sylvestra Le Touzel
 Guard Nicholas Boulton
 Examiner Jane Whittenshaw
 Written by Elena Ferrante
 Dramatised by Timberlake Wertenbaker
 Producer: Celia de Wolff
 A Pierer production for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in January 2017.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03755ry)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010fd8x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000mlj9)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b010928t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Booked (b0075b53)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes (m0008wnq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 JCW Brook - Blob (m000mljf)
 George and Sylvia are enjoying afternoon tea in their Herefordshire garden, when an unexpected visitor drops in.
 George.....Peter Jeffrey
 Sylvia.....Betty Huntley-Wright
 Oats.....Anthony Higginson
 Blob.....Michael Cochrane
 Written by J C W Brook
 Producer Gerry Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1975.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b064z4sw)
 Series 37
 Vicky Pryce on Melina Mercouri
 Matthew Parris's guest is Vicky Pryce, the Greek born economist, who attracted media headlines on her conviction over speeding points incurred by her former husband, Chris Huhne.
 Vicky has chosen the film star turned politician, Melina Mercouri who believed culture to be as important as money or power - if not more so. As Minister for Culture, she promoted Greece's cultural heritage and fought for the return of the Elgin Marbles. Some consider one her greatest achievements to be the founding of the European Capital of Culture.
 Expert witness is Adrian Wootton OBE, Chief Executive of Film London and Victoria Solomondis contributes
 Producer Maggie Ayre
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

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THU 22:00 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes (m0008wnq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Jake Yapp Saves Humanity in 28 Minutes (b087p7m4)
 Satirist Jake Yapp attempts to save humanity from its ills through the power of stand-up and sketch comedy.
 In this pilot episode Jake turns his attention to the pernicious evil of TV advertisements, breaking down the five main formats used to peddle us products.
 Performed by Jake Yapp, George Fouracres and Susan Wokoma
 Written by Jake Yapp with additional material from Liam Beirne and Robin Morgan
 Produced by Joe Nunney
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2017.

THU 23:00 Knowing Me, Knowing You (b007jxgz)
 Episode 4
 A-ha! Alan Partridge welcomes the Duchess of Stranraer, impressionist Steve Thompson and MP Sandra Peaks.
 Classic chat from On the Hour's supreme sports reporter and his guests from the world of theatre, politics and emotional tragedy.

With thanks to his researchers: Steve Coogan, Patrick Marber, Rebecca Front, Doon Mackichan and David Schneider.
 Producer: Armando Iannucci
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.
THU 23:30 Desolation Jests (b0858k31)
 Episode 2
 David Jason stars with John Bird, Rory Bremner and Jan Ravens in David Renwick's dark sketch comedy that takes a post-apocalyptic and distinctly counter-factual look at the history of laughter....
 This week JP Doom interviews Viktor Schmelling about his career in comedy from his humble beginnings as a joke writer for the Queen through to his current role as Emeritus Professor of Princeton University's Faculty of Laughter. His message - life is horrible - you better learn to see the funny side.
 Among the classic comedy sketches Schmelling singles out for posterity are the atheist episode of Sunday Worship; an old lag and his pet orang-utan; and 1950's cult The Demob Mob's remarkable episode on Hitler, liquorish allsorts and the awesome power of the non-sequitur.

Cast:
 David Jason
 John Bird
 Jan Ravens
 Rory Bremner
 Christopher Timothy
 Adie Allen
 James Lailey
 Nick Underwood
 Produced by Gareth Edwards
 Production Coordinator: Sophie Richardson
 A BBC Studios Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

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FRI 06:00 P Division (b007jx68)
 Condition Purple
 Episode 4
 As the search for Dino and Jimmy 'The Rodent' Purdue continues, Donoghue receives a report of another murder. 'P Division' closes in...

CAST:
 DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane
 DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach
 Karen Gaylie Runciman
 DC King John Buick
 DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher
 Tuesday Noon Alex McAvoy
 Mr Keyes Robert Trotter
 Mrs Olive Keyes Kay Gallie
 WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross
 Dino Alexander Morton
 Published in 1989, this is Peter Turnbull's sixth P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.
 Recorded in a BBC studio and on location in Glasgow.
 Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.
 Producer: Hamish Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.
FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b0109bht)
 Peril at End House
 5. The End of the Story
 Hercule Poirot summons everyone to End House. Can the Belgian sleuth finally unmask the murderer?
 Agatha Christie's 1932 whodunit.
 CAST:
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Captain Hastings Simon Williams
 Frederica Rice Suzanna Hamilton
 George Challenger Andrew Wincott
 Nick Buckley Gemma Saunders
 Mr Croft Terence Edmond
 Mrs Croft Richenda Carey
 Charles Vyse Stephen Critchlow

Chief Inspector Japp Bryan Pringle
 Jimmy Lazarus Sean Arnold
 Actor John Moffatt [1922-2012] played Hercule Poirot in 25 BBC Radio productions.
 Dramatist: Michael Bakewell
 Director: Eynyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
FRI 07:00 Alone (b0b1tblr)
 Series 1
 Just Say No

A sitcom, written by Moray Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.
 Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living - supposedly temporarily - with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother.
 Elsewhere in the building are schoolteacher Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is shy, nervous and desperately missing her ex-boyfriend, overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd Morris (Bennett Aron).
 In Just Say No, Mitch's inability to say no causes problems when he agrees to go for drinks with Ellie and a friend of hers, Marie (Hilary MacLean), who is keen to meet him, and then agrees also to help out Morris by making up a four for a dinner party on the same evening.
 Louisa meanwhile has a big casting opportunity and, perhaps unwisely, enrolls the services of Will to help her film a scene. An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
FRI 07:30 Dot (b08pdx15)
 Series 2
 Teeth
 by Ed Harris
 Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel. The fellas are going squiffy over Myrtle's new gnashers, and as Hollywood beckons, how will Dot take the news she is no longer the star of her own show? Ed Harris' rollicking war time comedy set in the personnel department of the Cabinet Rooms.
 Stars Fenella Woolgar.
FRI 08:00 Share and Share Alike (m000mlmz)
 Age of Concern
 Jack's vast experience with the opposite sex comes in handy when brother Leslie needs convincing that lost youth doesn't necessarily mean the end to all hopes of tasting the flesh-pots.
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles
 Jack.....Michael Robbins
 Lesley.....Hugh Paddick
 Janice.....Elizabeth Morgan
 Ron.....Dennis Bond
 Vivien.....Karin MacCarthy

Producer John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.
FRI 08:30 Patterson (m000mln1)
 Episode 3
 Comedy drama in eight parts, about an English literature lecturer Dr Andrew Patterson, who takes up a new post on a bewildering university campus
 Written by Malcolm Bradbury and Christopher Bigsby
 Patterson.....Lewis Fiander
 Professor Misty.....Richard Vernon
 Jane.....Judy Parfitt
 Melissa.....Maureen Lipman
 Amy Spade.....Maggie Steed
 Mary.....Frances Jeater
 Victor.....Hugh Thomas
 Bannerji.....Tariq Yunus
 Jake.....Philip Davis
 Sandra.....Liza Hayden
 Cuthbertson.....Richard O'Callaghan
 Producer Geoffrey Perkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1981.

FRI 09:00 Wordaholics (b01sdmd2)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 Gyles Brandreth presides over the comedy panel game where, this week, Susie Dent and Lloyd Langford compete against Dave Gorman and Natalie Haynes to find out which team is the most passionate and knowledgeable about words.
 This week Susie Dent reveals two of her favourite now-defunct words from Samuel Johnson's Dictionary are 'pandiculation' (to stretch while yawning) and 'snirtle' (to laugh in a quiet and restrained manner); Dave Gorman comes up with a new cliché to replace 'Curiosity Killed the Cat'; Natalie Haynes tells us what the Cockney rhyming slang 'a Basil' refers to and Lloyd Langford is asked the meaning of 'dumppoke' from the 1903 dictionary, 'Hobson Jobson - A Glossary of Anglo Indian Colloquial Words and Phrases' (a book which Susie Dent claims is 'a very good read').
 Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle
 Producer: Claire Jones.
FRI 09:30 Minor Adjustment (b0b3jncg)
 At the End of the Rainbow
 Richard gets exciting news from Hollywood and his wildest dreams seem about to come true.
 Six-part comedy series about the Stubbs family - cartoonist Richard, therapist Sarah and their daughters - Kate, aged 16 and three-year-old Amy who has Down's Syndrome.

Written by father and son team, Eric and Andy Merriman - inspired by Andy's own four-year-old daughter, Sarah. Eric famously wrote legendary BBC comedy series 'Beyond Our Ken'.

CAST:

Richard Peter Davison
 Sarah Samantha Bond
 Kate Claire Russell
 Amy Sarah Merriman
 Joel Bennett Kerry Shale
 Nick Kim Wall
 Dr Thompson Rachel Preece
 Charlotte's Mother Patience Tomlinson
 Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

FRI 10:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mln3)

Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay Part 1/3

The third book in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan novels, charting the lifelong relationship between two girls, Lila Cerullo and Elena Greco, who grew up together in the slums of post-War Naples.

Elena, having escaped to Milan after the publication of her first book, struggles to find the courage to live, parent and write again after her marriage to her increasingly dismissive husband Pietro.

Lila, meanwhile, also struggles to rise above her social conditions and desperately tries to find a way to better herself in whatever way she can. By day she suffers the daily abuse and exploitation at work in the local sausage factory and by night she works hard with her partner, Enzo, to make a difference with her life by studying hard the ever-changing face of technology.

Struggling with periods of mental darkness, she also wrestles with being a parent and finding the time to be true to herself.

Eventually she is encouraged by a group of old friends and young students to admit her anger at the social adversity and abuses suffered by the women at work in the factory and to stand up and shout about it.

As always, amid the troubles, the two women turn to each other, gaining either strength or weakness from the other, not always to happy effect.

Lila Cerullo Anastasia Hille
 Elena Greco Monica Dolan
 Father Richard Tate
 Old Professor Richard Tate
 Nino Sarratore Daniel Flynn
 Adele Sylvestra Le Touzel
 Pietro Ferdinand Kingsley
 Mother Jane Whittenshaw
 Elisa Nelly Harker
 Ada Nelly Harker
 Gino Tom Bevan
 Michele Daniel Ryan
 Carmela Louise Calf
 Mariarosa Claudia Jolly
 Juan James Joyce
 Bruno James Joyce
 Franco Simon Scardifield
 Sylvia Marisa Abela
 Pasquale Nicholas Gleave
 Enzo Carl Prekopp
 Teresa Caroline Gruber
 Filippo Nicholas Boulton
 Tarratano Nicholas Boulton
 Dario Tom Glenister
 Professor Galiani Sara Markland
 Nadia Jayne McKenna
 Armando Josh Dylan
 Edo Fred Haig
 Peppe Joe Bolland
 Student Phoebe Marshall
 Student Joe Bolland
 Student Marisa Abela
 Student Declan Mason
 Student Nicholas Armfield

Dramatised for radio by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Directed by Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4. First broadcast in June 2017.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000mln5)

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

FRI 12:00 Share and Share Alike (m000mlmz)

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FRI 13:00 P Division (b007jx68)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01sdmd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Minor Adjustment (b0b3jneg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Elena Ferrante - The Neapolitan Novels (m000mln3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000mln5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 17:00 Alone (b0b1tblr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Dot (b08pdx15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 David Calcutt - The Daughter of the Sea (b07zfmwh)

A seal leaves the ocean and turns into a woman. Ishmael falls hopelessly in love. She agrees to marry him - on one condition. Adapted from traditional sources by David Calcutt. Starring Mary Wimbush as the Old Woman, Susan Mann as the Girl, Stephen Tomlin as Ishmael and Moir Leslie as the Seal-woman.

Seal-woman's song by Sue Harris

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Nigel Bryant

First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00771wy)

The Power of Positive Thinking

Does looking on the bright side bring you good luck? Is 'Seize the Day' the proper motto for a satisfying life? Or should we accept our limitations and embrace negativity?

Psychologist Richard Wiseman, philosopher Julian Baggini and journalist Lucy Cavendish explore whether the glass is half full or half empty. Dominic Arkwright chairs the discussion.

Producer Jolyon Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

FRI 19:00 Share and Share Alike (m000mlmz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Patterson (m000mln1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 P Division (b007jx68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b0109byt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000mln5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Dot (b08pdx15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b06d29by)

Series 1

Episode 4

Members of the cast of Channel 4's hugely popular sketch show Absolutely reunite for a brand new series on BBC Radio 4. Pete Baikiie, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes are back together with all new material. They revisit some of their much loved sketch characters for four half hour shows, whilst also introducing some newcomers to the show.

In 2013, the group got back together for the Sketchorama: Absolutely Special for BBC Radio 4 which subsequently won a BBC Audio Drama Award in the Best Live Scripted Comedy category.

The fourth and final episode of the series will feature another meeting of the highly confused Stoneybridge Town Council as well as pearls of nonsense from Calum Gilhooley, Edinburgh's most boring man, and the ever popular Little Girl, telling us what is true about teenagers. Frank Hovis makes an appearance, there will be more stories from those who were nearly there in The People's War, talking Facebook will return and we'll meet an angsty Actor who is very concerned about the length of his co-star's credits.

Produced by Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy.

An Absolutely/Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b0153pml)

Series 4

Giles Coren

Marcus Brigstocke invites restaurant critic and die-hard carnivore Giles Coren to be a vegan for a week. From September 2011.

FRI 23:30 King Cutler (b008yt5q)

King Cutler V

Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler present offbeat humorous songs, stories and poems. With Craig Murray-Orr. From February 1990.