









**TUE 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jwq)**

Murder in Mesopotamia  
Episode 2  
When a glamorous American starlet is found strangled, the Belgian sleuth has a hotel full of suspects to investigate. Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.  
Hercule Poirot ..... John Moffatt  
Coleman .... David Jarvis  
Amy Leatheran ..... Becky Hindley  
Miss Johnson .... Elizabeth Spriggs  
Mrs Mercado .... Elaine Claxton  
Emmott .... Peter Whitman  
Dr Leidner .... William Franklyn  
Dr Reilly .... Norman Rodway  
Louise Leidner .... Dorothy Tutin  
Father Lavigny .... John Hartley  
Captain Maitland .... Richard Todd  
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.  
Producer: Enyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.  
**TUE 07:00 Hazelbeach (b00lrnsnp)**  
Series 2  
Meat  
Likeable conman Ronnie organises a raffle whilst James seems to be having a bad hair day.  
Ronnie Hazelbeach..... Jamie Foreman  
Nick.....Paul Bazely  
James.....Neil Stuke  
By Caroline and David Stafford  
Director/producer.... Marc Beeby  
**TUE 07:30 Rob Newman (m000nc2f)**  
Rob Newman's Half-Full Philosophy Hour  
The New Forest Festival of Stoic Philosophy  
Award-winning comedian Rob Newman tells the story of the New Forest Stoic Philosophy Festival, and his part in its downfall.  
Written and performed by Rob Newman  
Produced by Jon Harvey  
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4  
**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jnm5)**  
Series 7  
The Great Bank Robbery  
All set for the Long Distance Bass Drum Race, Neddie Seagoon is duped into villainy. Stars Spike Milligan. From November 1956.  
**TUE 08:30 Any Other Business (b0140tzv)**  
Episode 6  
'Star Trek' fever erupts, as a German delegation tours the cultural delights of Chesbury.  
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 July 1995.  
**TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000nd17)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b0qrc)**  
Series 2  
Tommy Wants a Knighthood  
Comeback duo singer Tommy mounts his own campaign to be awarded an MBE.  
30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.  
Series 2 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.  
With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Mike Coleman and Edward Halstead.  
Music by Frido Ruth.  
Producer: Steve Doherty  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.  
**TUE 10:00 Drama (b07ff197)**  
George Bernard Shaw - Major Barbara  
Episode 2  
While Barbara is out in the East End trying to save souls and raise money for the Salvation Army, Undershaft tells Dolly the two things necessary for Salvation are money and gunpowder and once he's got the Army he'll have Barbara too.  
Is he, as Dolly suspects, an infernal old rascal?  
Barbara ..... Eleanor Tomlinson  
Adolphus (Dolly) ..... Jack Farthing  
Andrew Undershaft ..... Matthew Marsh  
Lady Britomart ..... Rebecca Front  
Stephen ..... Joel MacCormack  
Sarah ..... Scarlett Brookes  
Charles (Cholly) ..... Kieran Hodgson  
Morrison ..... Brian Protheroe  
Mrs Baines ..... Susan Jameson  
Jenny Hill ..... Nicola Ferguson  
Bill Walker ..... Ewan Bailey  
Snobby Price ..... Sargon Yelda  
Man ..... Sean Baker  
Woman ..... Adie Allen  
Concertina played by Colin Guthrie and the Cornet by Peter Ringrose.  
Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

**TUE 11:00 Telling Tales (m0006sck)**

John Finnemore  
John Finnemore always wanted to write for radio and, since that first commission, his output has been prolific.  
He created the popular sitcom Cabin Pressure, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam, and the long-running Souvenir Programme sketch series, which is now in its eight series.  
Along the way, he's picked up multiple awards, seen a cast member become a Hollywood star, and taken control of the Radio 4 airwaves, as the Lord Of Misrule for Twelfth Night 2017.  
John has added comedy two-handers to his CV, with two series of Double Acts, taken Souvenir Programme out on the road (retitled John Finnemore's Flying Visit), and even finds time to create the occasional cryptic crossword.  
This programme features an episode of Double Acts, titled The Queen's Speech. A Pozzitive Production for BBC Radio 4, which first broadcast in 2017.  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.  
**TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jnm5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**TUE 12:30 Any Other Business (b0140tzv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**TUE 13:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nmrv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**TUE 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jwq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**TUE 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00f1rj)**  
Series 3  
Episode 1  
Martin Young hosts the famous people quiz. With Francis Wheen, Fred Housego, Sue Cook and Annabel Giles. From January 2000.  
**TUE 14:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b0qrc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**TUE 15:00 Drama (b07ff197)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**TUE 16:00 Telling Tales (m0006sck)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**TUE 17:00 Hazelbeach (b00lrnsnp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**TUE 17:30 Rob Newman (m000nc2f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**TUE 18:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js82)**  
Episode 2  
After aspiring poet Saul Judd and his family win a competition, strange events happen.  
Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in, and under, Bath.  
Robert Glenister ..... Saul Judd  
Sharon Duce ..... Elise Judd  
Freddie Jones .... The Scribe  
Kate Binchy .... The Scribe's Wife  
Constance Chapman .... Haensel Sethria  
John Telfer .... Prince Bladud  
Trevor Cooper .... Rough Peasant  
Sam Dastor .... Karim el Heal  
June Barrie .... The Chairwoman  
Timothy West .... Selwyn Fist  
Liz Goulding .... Rita  
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.  
Music realised by Robin Lever.  
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.  
**TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0076xj6)**  
Series 5  
Widor's Toccata  
Widor's Toccata display of fireworks at the organ is a favourite for married couples to exit the church by in the UK. From March 2006.  
**TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jnm5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**TUE 19:30 Any Other Business (b0140tzv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**TUE 20:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nmrv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**TUE 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jwq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**TUE 21:00 Telling Tales (m0006sck)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**TUE 22:00 Rob Newman (m000nc2f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**TUE 22:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01mhwx5)**  
Series 2  
Episode 2  
Justin's still living with his father-in-law, still working with his ex-wife and still calling on his Gran for her words of wisdom. This week he also has to cope with trying to get elected as a school governor, trying to find a new job and trying not to miss Justin Jr's school play.  
Justin ..... Justin Moorhouse  
Gran ..... Anne Reid  
Lisa ..... Christine Bottomley  
Man in bar ..... Jim Poyser  
Bryn ..... Lloyd Langford  
Ray ..... Paul Copley  
Miles ..... Rob Rouse  
Woman in bar ..... Victoria Brazier

Tanya ..... Victoria Elliott  
by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser  
Producer: Steven Canny  
In one version of his life, Justin is a loveable celebrity who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything.  
In the more realistic 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.  
And at home? Well, it's chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin jnr. So he's back on the market. 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 such a good thing.  
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.  
Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.  
**TUE 23:00 Woof (b0bh5hpw)**  
True Tales of Romance and Failure  
It's All in a Name  
Bittersweet comic real life stories written and performed by Chris Neill with Martin Hyder and Isy Suttie.  
This week - none of us are getting any younger and is kitchen matchmaking on the cards?  
Written by Chris Neill  
Starring: Chris Neill, Isy Suttie and Martin Hyder  
Producer: Steve Doherty  
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2018.  
**TUE 23:15 The Pin (b06kbgbd)**  
Series 1  
Episode 2  
Join Alex and Ben in their weird twist on the double-act sketch show. Strap in for a 15 minute delve in to a world of oddness performed in front of a live studio audience.  
The Pin are an award-winning comedy duo, and legends of Edinburgh festival. They deconstruct the sketch form, in a show that exists somewhere between razor-sharp smartness and utterly joyous silliness.  
After a sold-out run in Edinburgh, and a string of hilarious performances across BBC Radio 4 Extra, BBC 3, Channel 4, and Comedy Central, this is The Pin's debut solo show for Radio 4. Join them as they celebrate, make, collapse and rebuild their jokes, each other, and probably the radio too.  
For fans of Adam and Joe, Vic and Bob, and Fist of Fun - a show of absurd offerings from two loveable idiots.  
Produced by Sam Bryant.  
First broadcast in Radio 4 in 2015.  
**TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jmb2)**  
Series 3  
Another Country  
The professor believes societies evolve and mature. Satan introduces him to Bill Clinton. Starring Andy Hamilton. From March 1999.

**WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020**

**WED 00:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js82)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 00:30 Soul Music (b0076xj6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 01:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nmrv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jwq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 02:00 Who Goes There? (b00f1rj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 02:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b0qrc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 03:00 Drama (b07ff197)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 04:00 Telling Tales (m0006sck)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 05:00 Hazelbeach (b00lrnsnp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 05:30 Rob Newman (m000nc2f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 06:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nwdq)**  
3. The Cottage  
A thriller serial in six episodes by Edward Boyd.  
Can lawyer Peter Calman discover who wrecked his office and what his new German client really wants?  
Peter Calman ..... David Ashton  
Dunsmore ..... Gregor Fisher  
Jenny ..... Stella Forge  
Old Hansford ..... Ian Stewart  
Receptionist ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Scholl ..... Brown Derby  
Mary ..... Doreen Cameron  
Dr Webber ..... Sandy Neilson  
Directed by Patrick Rayner, BBC Scotland  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.  
**WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jlx8)**

Murder in Mesopotamia  
Episode 3  
Suspects-a-plenty, along with witchcraft and a secret love-letter for the Belgian sleuth to investigate.  
Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.  
Hercule Poirot .... John Moffatt  
Richard Carey .... Gavin Muir  
Amy Leatheran .... Becky Hindley  
Dr Reilly .... Norman Rodway  
Dr Leidner .... William Franklyn  
Sheila Reilly .... Cathy Sara  
Miss Johnson .... Elizabeth Spriggs  
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.  
Producer: Enyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.  
**WED 07:00 Barbara Nice (m000nlrd)**  
Series 1  
Drawdown  
When Barbara discovers Ken could drawdown on his pension and they could start living the life of their fantasies, she puts the pressure on him to stop being a tight-fisted curmudgeon and release the cash. He resists and Barbara goes on strike until he relents. When she finally persuades Ken to take financial advice and he's pleasantly surprised at the outcome, she unleashes a Ken she hadn't expected and the consequences prove disruptive for them both.  
Barbara Nice: Janice Connolly  
Ken Nice: John Henshaw  
Mary: Angela Curran  
Financial Advisor: Josephine Enright  
Producer Rebecca Papworth A BBC Studios Production.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2017.  
**WED 07:30 Ability (m0003z8c)**  
Series 2  
Doing a Runner  
Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad. Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.  
In this second series of the award nominated comedy, Matt is still sharing a flat with his best mate, Jess. He is still in love with her but, much as she likes him, she is still not in love with him. She does however, fancy Matt's rubbish carer, Bob (Allan Mustafa). Well just a tiny bit anyway. Not that she would ever admit it. After all, Bob is even more lazy and useless at most things than she is.  
But Bob is willing. And although domestic duties are not really his forte, he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. And over the last year or so the three of them have been through a lot together - well a lot of drinking and hangovers anyway.  
Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of the 2018 Britain's Got Talent winner, Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy. Like his sitcom creation, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. He is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid. Prior to BGT, Lee won the BBC New Comedy Award in 2014, has written and performed four full Edinburgh shows and has just completed a major sell out tour of the UK.  
Katherine Jakeways, the co-creator and co-writer of Ability, is a multi-award nominated writer. She has written North by Northamptonshire, Guilt Trip and All Those Women for BBC Radio 4 as well as numerous radio plays. She has also written for Crackanory and The Tracey Ullman Show for TV.  
The series is set in Newcastle and many of the cast last played together as children in Biker's Grove.  
Cast includes:  
Matt.....Lee Ridley – aka Lost Voice Guy  
Bob.....Allan Mustafa  
Jess.....Sammy Dobson  
Matt's Inner Voice.....Andrew Hayden-Smith  
A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4  
**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008v13d)**  
Series 5  
The Sleepless Night  
The lad tries to get a good night's sleep, but everybody else keeps him awake.  
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 June 1958.  
**WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01)**  
Series 2  
The More the Merrier  
Charles learns of Izzy's torrid past, when her friends join them for a holiday.  
Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. With David Robb as Charles, Neil McCaul as Bill, Marty Cruickshank as Maria, Dafydd Hywel as Gwyn, Phyllida Nash as Louise, Mike Grady as Dick and Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael.  
Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.  
An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.  
**WED 09:00 Dilemma (b01rg1jn)**  
Series 2  
Episode 6  
Sue Perkins puts Miles Jupp, Isa Guha, Annie Nightingale and Sarah Kendall through the moral and ethical wringer.  
Amongst the dilemmas facing the panel, Sue asks BBC Radio 1 DJ Annie whether she'd sell embarrassing recordings of media mogul, Rupert Murdoch.  
Devised by Danielle Ward.  
Producer: Ed Morrish.  
**WED 09:30 North East of Eden (b01g97mq)**  
Voyage of the Bobby Vee  
Marcia joins in with local activities on the remote island, but Mrs Peevis isn't happy with the new addition to her lifeboat team.  
Rebecca Front and Joan Sims stars in Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on Paradise Island off the coast of Northumbria.  
Doctor Marcia Hulme .... Rebecca Front  
Auntie Annie .... Joan Sims  
Mrs Peevis .... Jean Southern  
Hjorst .... Niall Ashdown  
Joseph .... James Garbutt  
William .... Sammy Johnson  
Ralph Gates .... Stephen Thinkeld  
William ..... Sammy Johnson  
Producer: Kathy Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.  
**WED 10:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00snl4p)**  
Episode 1  
17th century Exmoor in Devon: John Ridd meets Lorna Doone (and they fall in love) and we meet the murderer Carver Doone, the highwayman Tom Faggus and the miser Uncle Benn.  
RD Blackmore's popular and enduring romance dramatised by Barry Letts.  
John Ridd .... David Schofield  
Lorna Doon .... Alison Pettit  
Mother .... Janet Dale  
Tom Faggus .... Cornelius Garrett  
Uncle Ben .... James Warrior  
Carver Doone .... Kim Durham  
Young Lorna .... Charlotte Grattidge  
Jeremy Stickle .... Graham Padden  
Lizzie Ridd .... Sunny Ormonde  
Young Lizzie .... Laura Berry  
Annie Ridd .... Katherine Mount  
Young Annie .... Samantha Dowling  
Gwenney .... Susan Jeffrey  
John Fry .... Ian Brooker  
Counsellor Doone .... Graham Colclough  
Charlie Doon .... David Perks  
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Brian Lighthill  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.  
**WED 11:00 Unsung Heroines (m000nlrg)**  
1. Annie Russell-Maunder, Beryl Burton, Flo Bilton, Jayaben Desai, Sulpicia, Sophia Jex-Blake  
History is full of incredible women who did amazing things. And yet, even though their legacy is still felt today, their names aren't on the tip our tongues. We've all heard of Florence Nightingale and Amelia Earhart - but what about Annie Russell Maunder, Jayaben Desai or Josephine Butler? They're much less well known, yet they all made significant and enduring contributions to our world.  
The writer and comedian Viv Groskop has been trawling the BBC radio archives to find out about a kickass sisterhood that refused to stay at home when that's what was expected of them. We meet the pioneering physician, Sophia Jex Blake; the Nobel laureate environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, the social reformer, Caroline Norton; the champion cyclist, Beryl Burton; we take a trip to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to learn about its founder, Mary Tealby. And many more.  
Viv also invites contemporary women to nominate their favourite unsung heroines - so we hear from Clare Balding, Cathy Newman, Samira Ahmed, Natalie Haynes, Gemma Cairney, Angela Barnes and Jessica Fostekeew about the females they call phenomenal.  
From ancient Rome to the 21st Century, Viv Groskop brings inspiring women out of the shadows and into the spotlight.  
Producer - Moy McGowan  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 13:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nwdq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**WED 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jlx8)**  
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**WED 14:00 Dilemma (b01rg1jn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**WED 14:30 North East of Eden (b01g97mq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**WED 15:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00snl4p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**WED 16:00 Unsung Heroines (m000nlrg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**WED 17:00 Barbara Nice (m000nlrd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Ability (m0003z8c)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 18:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8d)**  
Episode 3  
Haensel Sethria warns Elise Judd, and Saul Judd is summoned to meet Selwyn Fist.  
Hazel warns Elise to protect her family and Saul is summoned again to meet Selwin Fist.  
Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in, and under, Bath.  
Robert Glenister .... Saul Judd  
Sharon Duce .... Elise Judd  
Freddie Jones .... The Scribe  
Kate Binchy .... The Scribe's Wife  
Constance Chapman .... Haensel Sethria  
Gordon Reid .... Priscus  
Michael Stroud .... Stranger  
Jonathan Tafler .... Landlord  
Timothy West .... Selwyn Fist  
John Abineri .... Roman Officer  
Jonathan Adams .... The Guardian  
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.  
Music realised by Robin Lever.  
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.  
**WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b09gg8tk)**  
Series 14  
The Insider  
Josie Long hears stories from within hidden worlds - a doctor living in quarantine, the founder of a time travellers convention and a radio DJ offering a lifeline to prisoners.  
On The Inside  
Featuring Bruce Aitken  
Produced by Eliza Lomas  
The Time Traveller's Convention  
Produced by Jeff Emtman  
Originally made for KCRW's Here Be Monsters  
Music by The Black Spot  
<https://www.hbnpodcast.com>  
Quarantine  
Featuring Dr Adaora Okoli  
Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft  
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall  
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4. first broadcast in November 2017.  
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**WED 22:00 Ability (m0003z8c)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 22:30 Late (b00762p3)**  
From Grieving to Cross-Dressing  
An unwitting son takes his grieving mother to see "Mamma Mia"; a provincial theatre director talks about his latest play, a business woman stumbles on her husband indulging a secret obsession....  
Bleak, funny and confusing tales of urban life, after dark.  
Stars Paul Merton, Meera Syal, Liz Smith, Julian Clary and Richard Wilson.  
Scripted by Mandy Wheeler, Joss Bannathan, Rob Colley and Paul Merton.  
Music by Robert Katz.  
Producer: Sarah Parkinson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.  
**WED 22:45 Jigsaw (b04zfz7)**  
Series 2  
Episode 2  
Award-winning stand-up comedians Dan Antopolski, Tom Craine and Nat Luurtsema combine their talents to piece together a rapid-fire and surreal sketch show.  
Produced by Colin Anderson.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.  
**WED 23:00 Rubbish (b00853km)**  
Series 2  
Liar  
And why are you late? Disillusioned recycling officer Martin has his patience tested when a game gets out of hand.  
Series two of Tony Bagley's sitcom set in a local government office.  
Stars Reece Dinsdale as Martin, Neil Dudgeon as John, Pippa Haywood as Sarah, Matthew Cottle as Barney, Kevin Eldon as Scott, Katy Brand as Tristana, Oriane Messina as Karen and Claire Bartlett as Marie.  
Producer: Claire Bartlett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.  
**WED 23:30 Party (b00r717j)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
Satirical sitcom by Tom Basden about a group of young idealists trying to set up a new political party.  
Simon ..... Tom Basden



The Brothers Faversham  
Leonidas Faversham  
The story of Victorian Britain's most reckless living explorer. The comedy trio's swashbuckling family romp. From January 2008.  
**THU 23:30 Concrete Cow (b04t6vjy)**  
Series 2  
Marriage  
A couple are forced to put an exact price on love, a hi-fi obsessive goes too far and Turing needs IT support...  
Second series of the four-part sketch show in which anything is possible.  
Starring Robert Webb, Beth Chalmers, Catherine Shepherd, Steven Kynman, Abigail Burdess and Chris Pavlo.  
Written by James Cary.  
Producer: Adam Bromley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

## FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2020

**FRI 00:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js8q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b068w44x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nw8b)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jlx5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Genius (b00rvcm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 Millport (b0076bn3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00snrxb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000nljf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**FRI 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011jx7v)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]  
**FRI 05:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03q69c1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06z5240)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nwf5)**  
5. Dungeness Bay  
Peter Calman's investigation is hampered when he runs into police superintendent Bullivant. Scottish thriller with David Ashton.  
Peter Calman .... David Ashton  
Dunsmore .... Gregor Fisher  
Douglas .... Robert Paterson  
Receptionist .... Tamara Kennedy  
Walter Hansford .... Ronald Aitken  
Bullivant .... Arthur Boland  
Brill / Clerk .... Finlay Welsh  
Directed by Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1984.  
**FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jly9)**  
Murder in Mesopotamia  
Episode 5  
Determined to pinpoint the American starlet's killer, the Belgian sleuth invites everyone on his list of suspects to a picnic.  
The gripping conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.  
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell  
Hercule Poirot .... John Moffatt  
Coleman .... David Jarvis  
Captain Maitland .... Richard Todd  
Mrs Mercado .... Elaine Claxton  
Sheila Reilly .... Cathy Sara  
Dr Reilly .... Norman Rodway  
Dr Leidner .... William Franklyn  
Richard Carey .... Gavin Muir  
Amy Leatheran .... Becky Hindley  
Producer: Eynid Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.  
**FRI 07:00 Jack & Millie (b0b9yw79)**  
Series 1  
Death & The Maven  
When Film Club Leo dies suddenly, Jack and Millie have to make a choice between good behaviour and cheesecake, in this comedy about an older couple trying to grapple with an elusive name, a missing Bette Midler, a rogue knish and a married lifetime's-worth of verbal sparring.  
So Millie's son Melvin has given her a new tablet with a voice recorder?  
So suddenly Jack and Millie have decided to record everything that happens to them? And for this, we should be grateful?  
Well Yes! Because this is a new comedy show written by Jeremy Front (writer of the Charles Paris mysteries for Radio 4) and starring Jeremy Front and Rebecca Front as Jack and Millie Lemman, an older couple who are fully engaged with contemporary life while being at war with the absurdities of the modern world.  
Written by Jeremy Front  
Produced by David Tyler  
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 07:30 Love in Recovery (m0001xtf)**  
Series 3  
The Coat  
Third series of the award-nominated comedy drama set in Alcoholics Anonymous. Written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery. Stars Rebecca Front, John Hannah, Sue Johnston, Paul Kaye and Johnny Vegas.

Love in Recovery follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Johnny Vegas is Andy, the sweet but simple self-appointed group leader. Sue Johnston plays straight talking Julie, who's been known to have the odd relapse here and there - and everywhere. Rebecca Front is the snobby and spiky Fiona, an ex-banker who had it all and then lost the lot. John Hannah is Simon, a snide journalist who's not an alcoholic - he got caught drink driving, his boss made him attend the meeting, but he fell in love with Fiona and stayed. And, despite her best efforts, she fell in love with him too. Paul Kaye is Danno, a down and out two-bit chancer with a shady past but a lot of heart, who's desperate to turn his life around.

As we follow their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and, most importantly, tell their stories.

In this second episode, Julie has a bone to pick with Danno, and Andy has finally met a woman - but she's not all she seems.

Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found, as most people do, support from the unlikeliest group of disparate souls, all banded together due to one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.

Love in Recovery doesn't seek to represent an AA meeting exactly as it might happen in real life, but to capture the funny stories, the sad stories, the stories of small victories and of huge milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and most importantly, the many highs and lows in the journey of recovery.

Cast:  
Fiona..... Rebecca Front  
Simon..... John Hannah  
Julie..... Sue Johnston  
Danno..... Paul Kaye  
Andy..... Johnny Vegas  
Alice..... Aimee-Ffion Edwards

Written and created by Pete Jackson  
Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield

A King Bert production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 08:00 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)**  
The Forbidiens Hijack Troutbridge  
When the crew of HMS Troutbridge are taken on an unexpected voyage - who can save them?  
Starring Leslie Phillips as the Sub-Lieutenant, Jon Pertwee as the Chief Petty Officer, Stephen Murray as the Commanding Officer, Richard Caldicot as Captain Povey, Heather Chasen as Natasha, Tenniel Evans as the Admiral, Michael Bates as Igor and Lawrie Wyman as AS Tiddy.  
Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge. The Navy Lark ran for an impressive thirteen series between 1959 and 1976.  
Scripted by Lawrie Wyman.  
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

**FRI 08:30 Patterson (m000nmkh)**  
Episode 8  
With his disastrous personal life Patterson is living in temporary digs. Misty promotes him but there is revolution around the corner. Final part of campus comedy.  
Writer: Malcolm Bradbury  
Writer: Christopher Bigsby  
Cast:  
Patterson: Lewis Fiander  
Professor Misty: Richard Vernon  
Jane: Judy Parfitt  
Melissa: Maureen Lipman  
Mary: Frances Jeater  
Valerie Candle: Leueen Willoughby  
Mrs Vice-Chancellor: Irene Prador  
Probity: Jack May  
Cuthbertson: Richard O'Callaghan  
Victor: Hugh Thomas  
Bannerji: Tariq Yunus  
Landlady: Patricia Hayes  
Vice-Chancellor: John Barron  
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins  
First broadcast on BBC Radio Three in April 1981.  
**FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b00n02yq)**  
Series 2  
Claire Rayner  
Agony aunt Claire Rayner quizzes a panel about herself.  
With Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Will Smith and Robin Ince.  
Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.

Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield  
Devised and produced by Aled Evans.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.  
**FRI 09:30 Ballylenon (b007k4qt)**  
Series 1  
Episode 3  
Vera's eavesdropping days are threatened by the Irish town's new automatic telephone exchange.  
Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.  
Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Anna Manahan as Peg Sweeney, Kevin Flood and Robert Patterson.  
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes  
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.  
**FRI 10:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00sp1f1)**  
Episode 3  
When Lorna is taken to London, John fears he's lost her forever. Meanwhile Carver Doone has murderous plans....  
Conclusion of RD Blackmore's popular and enduring romance set on 17th-century Exmoor.  
Starring David Schofield as John Ridd, Alison Pettit as Lorna Doone, Janet Dale as Mother, Kim Durham as Carver Doone, Graham Padden as Jeremy Stickles, Cornelius Garrett as Tom Faggus, Sunny Ormonde as Lizzie Ridd, Katherine Mount as Annie Ridd, Susan Jeffrey as Gwenny, David Perks as Charlie Doon, Graham Colclough as Counsellor Doone and Jonathan Wyatt as King James.  
Dramatised by Barry Letts.  
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Brian Lighthill.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.  
**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000nmkl)**  
Presenters recommend their favourite podcasts and speak to the people who make them.  
**FRI 12:00 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 12:30 Patterson (m000nmkh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nwf5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jly9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00n02yq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 14:30 Ballylenon (b007k4qt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**FRI 15:00 RD Blackmore - Lorna Doone (b00sp1f1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**FRI 16:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000nmkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**FRI 17:00 Jack & Millie (b0b9yw79)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 17:30 Love in Recovery (m0001xtf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 18:00 Bruce Bedford - The Gibson (b007js93)**  
Episode 5  
Saul and Elise make a grim discovery in the nursing home. Bruce Bedford's time-hopping supernatural thriller serial set in, and under, Bath.  
Robert Glenister .... Saul Judd  
Sharon Duce .... Elise Judd  
Freddie Jones .... The Scribe  
Kate Binchy .... The Scribe's Wife  
Timothy West .... Selwyn Fisk  
Zoe Hicks .... Miss Dewhurst  
Katy Carmichael .... Tracky  
Constance Chapman .... Haensel Sethria  
Bill Bellamy .... Leaflet Man  
Original music composed by Thomas Johnson.  
Music realised by Robin Lever.  
Special effects: Dick Mills (Radiophonic Workshop)  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Andy Jordan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.  
**FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b007wh27)**  
Neither a Borrower Nor a Lender Be  
Dominic Arkwright, William Leith, Rosie Millard and Terence Blacker discuss debt and lending to your friends. From August 2007.  
**FRI 19:00 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 19:30 Patterson (m000nmkh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 20:00 Edward Boyd - Curlew in Autumn (m000nwf5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 20:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jly9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000nmkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**FRI 22:00 Love in Recovery (m0001xtf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 22:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b007jnyr)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
Mel and Vicki battle to keep the show going despite constant interruptions from the Dirty Sloanes and the Goatee Beard



Men's Group.

Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With Martin Hyder and Jim North.

Script editor: Graeme Garden

Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

**FRI 23:00 Flight of the Conchords (b00dnlkz)**

The Fans Proposition

The Kiwi band face fan propositions. Improvised musical comedy by Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement, with Rob Brydon. From September 2005.

**FRI 23:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b045c0j2)**

Series 1

Oil

How do you make economics funny? How do you put the comedy in commodity? Simon Evans has the answer in this new series which asks us to get involved in investment.

Rather than being cowed by an apparently complicated and overwhelming system, Simon jumps right in. He takes as his focus four commodities which are so intrinsic to our lives they have an almost elemental significance - land, gold, oil and grain. Yet, despite the fact we encounter them everywhere we look, very few people have been able to build a fortune on them.

All that's about to change as, Simon enlists help from the experts. Each week he will be joined by Tim Harford, Merryn Somerset Webb and a guest specialist as they examine the chequered social and economic histories of these commodities.

By looking at four such fundamental products, Simon brings us to a closer understanding of how global economic forces have a far-reaching and often surprising impact on our lives.

In this episode, Simon looks at commodities markets in oil or petrolium. How is it produced? Why is this trade different to others? Is our over-reliance on it dangerous?

Performed by ..... Simon Evans, with regular guests Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset-Webb, and to talk about Oil markets, Paul Horsnell.

Written by ..... Simon Evans with Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton

Researcher ..... Matthew Oldham

Producer ..... Tilusha Ghelani

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