

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER 2020

SAT 00:00 Robert Louis Stevenson - Markheim (m000qlnl)

"Murder is no special category. All sins are murder as all life is war. I have no interest in evil acts - only in evil men."
When Markheim makes a fateful decision, a stranger offers his support. But who is he and why is he helping?
Written by Tom Wright - based on the short story by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Markheim Tom Watson

Stranger Malcolm Hayes

Deader Martin Heller

Producer: Gordon Emslie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1971.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00chy5f)

Boasting

Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series. He is joined by Toby Young, author of How to Lose Friends and Alienate People, and Camilla Wright, aka Poppitch, to consider whether it is possible to be successful in the modern era without a great deal of self-promotion.

SAT 01:00 A Charles Paris Mystery (b085bf8l)

The Cinderella Killer

4. They're Behind You

With the body count rising amongst the cast of the Panto, the line 'they're behind you' is beginning to take on a sinister meaning.

But Charles' skills amount to far more than shaking his booty as an Ugly Sister, he finds time to confront the killer too. Concluding episode starring Bill Nighy as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.

By Jeremy Front - based on Simon Brett's novel

Charles Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Danny Sean Baker

DCI Naylor Lorelei King

Gloria Elizabeth Bennett

Kitty Kirsty Oswald

Larry Nick Underwood

Terry Jason Barnett

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

SAT 01:30 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk)

The Sittaford Mystery

5. The Second Seance

Mr Rycroft decides that only by re-enacting the séance which announced the murder of Captain Trevelyan, will the identity of his killer finally be revealed.

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring Geoffrey Whitehead as Inspector Narracott.

Inspector Narracott Geoffrey Whitehead

Emily Trefusis Melinda Walker

Charles Enderby Stephen Tompkinson

Major Burnaby Norman Bird

Ellwood Jack May

Martin Dering David Goudge

Mr. Rycroft John Moffat

Ronnie Garfield Nigel Greaves

Mrs. Willett Susan Westeryby

Violet Willett Victoria Carling

Brian Pearson Charles Simpson

Caroline Percehouse Margaret Courtenay

Mrs. Curtis Barbara Atkinson

Sergeant Pollock Vincent Brimble

Mr. Dacres David King

Beatrice Alice Arnold

Jennifer Gardner Anna Cropper

Brian Pearson Charles Simpson

Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

SAT 02:00 Maigret (m0001rzn)

A Maigret Christmas

Episode 5

On Christmas Day, as the snow begins to fall in Paris, Inspector Maigret receives two unexpected visitors. A young girl claims to have seen Father Christmas in her room, behaving strangely and cutting a hole in the floor. He agrees to investigate.

What is Madame Martin hiding? And what will become of Colette? Can Maigret discover the truth?

Sir Derek Jacobi concludes a classic Inspector Maigret mystery by Georges Simenon.

Translated by David Coward.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SAT 02:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b088jj6o)

Aunt March Settles the Question

Winter brings snow and the bitter cold to New England and deep and worrying times for the family. Jo turns to Laurie for support.

Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Meg Natasha J Barnes

Jo Julianna Jennings

Beth Bryony Hamah

Amy Samantha Dakin

Mrs March Tara Ward

Mr March John Bowler

Laurie Alex Lanipekun

Mr John Brooke Finlay Robertson

Aunt March Joanna Monro

Hannah Alison Belbin

Mrs Hummel/Mrs Moffat Karen Bartke

Sallie Gardiner Natasha Crowley

Annie Moffat Keziah Joseph

Ned Moffat Luke MacGregor

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SAT 02:30 Beatles Christmas (b018g6ws)

Let It Be - Christmas! When it came to celebrating the season, the chart-topping Fab Four pulled out all the stops to get festive for their fans.

The Beatles - John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr - made special fun-packed recordings for fan club members, panto appearances and their Boxing Day TV film 'Magical Mystery Tour'.

Alexei Sayle explores how the Liverpool legends' fan club messages were recorded with comments from the man who wrote the scripts, their publicist Tony Barrow. The featured recordings reflect the changing stages of the Beatles career and creativity.

Back stage capers are also revealed from their two seasons in panto. Christmas 1963 saw them undertake 16 shows in full costumes - with 21 shows the following year.

Alexei also hears how their 'Magical Mystery Tour' film was made and came to debut on BBC 1 on Boxing Day.

Featuring singer Elkie Brooks, Barron Knights guitarist Peter Langford and film editor Roy Benson.

Producer: John Sugar

A Sugar production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2011.

SAT 03:00 Lucy Gannon - Angels at Partridge Cottage (b086098z)

Zoe and Magnus want to spend Christmas away from it all, but the ghosts in their cottage have more traditional ideas...

Hedli Nicklaus and Ellie Haddington star in Lucy Gannon's ghostly festive drama.

Zoe Hedli Nicklaus

Polly Ellie Haddington

Charlie Roger Hume

Magnus John Dixon

Gary Ken Cumberlidge

Sophie Bernadette Windsor

Producer: Philip Martin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1988.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007s27h)

Series 3

Lorraine Kelly

Breakfast TV queen Lorraine Kelly is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

On the panel: comedians Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Robin Ince and Will Smith.

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b007q9kc)

Series 2

Episode 2

Phonsie and his diminutive sidekick, columnist Stumpy Bonnar, battle to keep young Josie from the clutches of Packy McGoldrick, but have they met their match?

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1954, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty T.P. McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Josie Doherty Ciara McKeown

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

SAT 05:00 Clare in the Community (b0650619)

Series 10

Party On

The Sparrowhawk team hold a leaving do, and take the opportunity to reminisce.

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.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Megan Nina Conti

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Pippa Hayward

Libby Sarah Kendall

Joan Sarah Thom

Producer: Alexandra Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SAT 05:30 Knowing Knowing Me, Knowing You: Alan Partridge Documentary (b00800kh)

Multiple award-winning chat show host Alan Partridge opens his private keyhole and allows you to kneel at it.

This behind-the-scenes documentary charts one hectic week in the life of Alan Partridge and his production team as they make an edition of his hit chat show 'Knowing Me, Knowing You'.

And meet the man running the show, Glaswegian-Italian series producer, Mario Santini.

With thanks to Alan's chief researcher Steve Coogan.

Alan's assistants are Armando Iannucci, Patrick Marber, Doon MacKichan, Rebecca Front and David Schneider.

Producer: Sioned Wiliam.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

SAT 06:00 Joan Aiken - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (m000qlmj)

At the grand house of Willoughby Chase, Sylvia and Bonnie have been left in the care of the evil Miss Letitia Slighcarp. The two cousins struggle to escape the clutches of their devious governess, who has designs on stealing Sir Willoughby's fortune...

Jane Lapotaire stars in Joan Aiken's wolf-infested, acclaimed historical - set in the 19th century during the reign of King James III.

Miss Slighcarp Jane Lapotaire

Bonnie Emily Watson

Sylvia Abigail Docherty

Narrator John Rowe

Grimshaw John Turner

Sir Willoughby Gavin Muir

Lady Green Kristen Milward

Simon Tom Bevan

Pattern Jilly Bond

Aunt Jane Eva Stuart

James David Antrobus

Dr Field Ian Masters

Gripe Derek Waring

Dr Horne George Parsons

Diana Elaine Claxton

Emma Natasha Pyne

Lucy/Cook Becky Hindley

Dramatised by Eric Pringle

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

SAT 07:30 The Turtle Dove Pilgrimage (m00035zf)

Folk singer Sam Lee and William Parsons of the British Pilgrimage Trust, lead 11 pilgrims on a journey across Sussex tracing the origins of the iconic folk song 'The Turtle Dove'.

Over a 100 years ago, composer Ralph Vaughan Williams travelled through Ruspur, Sussex, collecting the stories and songs of the locals he encountered. He stopped at the Plough Inn, where he set up his Edwardian recording equipment to capture the songs of the pub's landlord, whose crackled voice and haunting melodies can still be heard today.

Vaughan Williams transformed one of the humble folk songs, The Turtle Dove, into a choral hit - extracting the song from Sussex and exporting it to the concert halls of London.

This Pilgrimage seeks to return the song to the land from which it was taken.

Moving through woods, churchyards and village halls, the pilgrims sing as they progress toward the Knapp rewilding estate, where they hope to sing The Turtle Dove to the last remaining colony of turtle doves in Sussex.

Along the way, the pilgrims muse on the meaning of pilgrimage in a secular age and the contemporary relevance of this ancient song.

Producer: Claire Crofton

A TBI production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.

SAT 08:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mb1r1)

Series 2

Episode 3

James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Danny Kelly and Clare Grogan to be put through their musical paces.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SAT 08:30 Life in London (b0121lz3)

An End to Life in London

With Bob "on the Fleet" for debts, Tom betrayed by Kate, and Jerry so fatigued that rustication is recommended, is this an end to the trio's adventures?

Some years on, an older, more reflective Egan ruminates on the heyday of Life in London.

Starring Greg Wise and Mark Gatiss.

Conclusion of Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.

Pierce Egan ... Geoffrey McGivern

Theodore Holt ... Giles Taylor

Corinthian Tom ... Greg Wise
George Sala ... Ben Graves
Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss
Fanny Margaret ... Cabourn Smith
Bob Logic ... James Bachman
Corinthian Kate ... Amanda Abbingdon
Original music by Ben Walker
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.
SAT 09:00 Nasty Women (b09ptz3w)
Ever since Donald Trump dubbed Hillary Clinton a 'nasty woman' during a presidential debate, women the world over embraced the term as a battle-cry.
They responded not only with a viral campaign on social media but with Nasty Woman T-shirts, perfumes and cocktails. This spirited response chimes with a long tradition of feisty female comedians on the radio.
In this three-hour showcase from the BBC Radio Theatre in London, Jan Ravens charts the story of female comedy.
In a sometimes frank discussion, Jan and her guests - Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Lauren Pattison and BBC radio commissioning editor, Sioned William- introduce five classic episodes to illustrate the journey from character comedy to satire:
Featuring:
* Sarah Millican's Support Group
* Goodness Gracious Me
* Bridget Christie Minds The Gap
* Dead Ringers
* Mae Martin's Guide to 21st Century Addiction.
Producer: Mohini Patel
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January 2018.
SAT 12:00 The Goon Show (m0001p37)
Series 10
A Christmas Carol
Charles Dickens's classic tale for Christmas but with several twists.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
Jack Train
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1959.
SAT 12:30 The Missing Hancocks (b06s87ls)
Series 2
The Trial of Father Christmas
The Anthony Hancock Strolling Players present a cautionary tale of Christmas as it might be.
Between 1954 and 1959, BBC Radio recorded 102 episodes of Galton and Simpson's classic sitcom Hancock's Half Hour. But 20 went missing from the BBC archives, and had not been heard since their original transmission... until these faithful re-imaginings.
After a highly acclaimed first series, another five were lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at London's BBC Radio Theatre.
Tony Hancock Kevin McNally
Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon
Sid James Simon Greenall
Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian
Andre Melly Susy Kane
With Simon Greenall and John Finnemore
Newly recorded score by the BBC Concert Orchestra
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson
Produced by Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson
Originally broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on 21 December 1955.
Recreated for broadcast by BBC Radio Comedy for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in December 2015.
SAT 13:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)
The Sittaford Mystery
1. The Message
A blizzard has hit England.
In the tiny village of Sittaford, on the fringes of Dartmoor, a party of six is gathered in Sittaford House, home of Captain Trevelyan. He's rented the house out for the winter and is staying in a nearby village. As evening draws in, a séance is proposed.
But it reveals something far more sinister than they'd all anticipated...
Starring Geoffrey Whitehead and Barbara Atkinson.
First published in 1931, Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised in five parts.
Inspector Narracott Geoffrey Whitehead
Mrs. Curtis Barbara Atkinson
Major Burnaby Norman Bird
Mrs. Willett Susan Westerby
Violet Willett Victoria Carling
Mr. Rycroft John Moffat

Mr. Duke Michael Graham Cox
Ronnie Garfield Nigel Greaves
Sergeant Pollock Vincent Brimble
Doctor Warren Michael Kilgariff
Evans Donald Gee
Jim Pearson Stephen Garlick
Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.
SAT 13:30 Agatha Christie (b007jlgg)
The Sittaford Mystery
2. An Arrest for Murder
A séance at the remote Sittaford House has revealed the murder of Captain Trevelyan.
But who could have killed a man who didn't have an enemy in the world...?
Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunit.
Inspector Narracott Geoffrey Whitehead
Evans Donald Gee
Mrs. Belling Jo Kendall
Major Burnaby Norman Bird
Williamson David Gouge
Kirkwood John Gabriel
Charles Enderby Stephen Tompkinson
Beatrice Alice Arnold
Mrs. Gardner Anna Cropper
Sylvia Dering Susan Sheridan
Jim Pearson Stephen Garlick
Emily Trefusis Melinda Walker
Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.
SAT 14:00 Agatha Christie (b007k07y)
The Sittaford Mystery
3. Emily Goes to Work
James Pearson has been arrested for the murder of his uncle.
But his fiancée Emily is determined to prove his innocence.
Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunit.
Inspector Narracott Geoffrey Whitehead
Emily Trefusis Melinda Walker
Charles Enderby Stephen Tompkinson
Mrs. Belling Jo Kendall
Mrs. Willett Susan Westerby
Violet Willett Victoria Carling
Mrs. Curtis Barbara Atkinson
Major Burnaby Norman Bird
Maid Jane Slavin
Cab Driver Vincent Brimble
Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.
SAT 14:30 Agatha Christie (b007k097)
The Sittaford Mystery
4. A Recipe for Ginger Cake
Emily suspects that the Willetts, - who've rented Sittaford House, - are somehow involved in the murder of Captain Trevelyan.
But how can she get into the house?
Geoffrey Whitehead stars in Agatha Christie's whodunit.
Inspector Narracott Geoffrey Whitehead
Emily Trefusis Melinda Walker
Charles Enderby Stephen Tompkinson
Mrs. Curtis Barbara Atkinson
Mr. Rycroft John Moffat
Ronnie Garfield Nigel Greaves
Caroline Percehouse Margaret Courtenay
Dora Jane
Violet Willett Victoria Carling
Mr. Dacres David King
Beatrice Alice Arnold
Jennifer Gardner Anna Cropper
Brian Pearson Charles Simpson
Dramatised and directed by Michael Bakewell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.
SAT 15:00 Agatha Christie (b007k0bk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 15:30 A Good Read (b011p60h)
Chris Smith and Mavis Cheek
Harriett Gilbert and her guests - politician, Lord Chris Smith and novelist, Mavis Cheek - discuss their favourite books by Robert Macfarlane, Frances Kay and Jackie Kay.
Trumpet by Jackie Kay
Publisher: Picador
The Wild Places by Robert Macfarlane
Publisher: Granta Books
Micka by Frances Kay
Publisher: Picador
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SAT 16:00 Joan Aiken - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (m000qlmj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 The Turtle Dove Pilgrimage (m00035zf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Charles Dickens (b09k8r00)
The Story of the Goblins who Stole a Sexton
A less than merry grave-digger is persuaded to change his ways.
Sir Ralph Richardson and Wilfred Brown star in this tale from 'The Pickwick Papers' by Charles Dickens.
Storyteller Ralph Richardson
King of the Goblins Wilfred Brown
Music composed and conducted by Christopher Whelen.
Goblins: The Ambrosian Singers.

Adapted and produced by Charles Lefeaux.
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1962.
SAT 18:30 Michael Robson - The Spirit of the House (b09k8q2f)
Dick and Alison retire after 30 years in the Far East, to realize their dream of an English home.
On Christmas Eve, however, this dream becomes a nightmare without end...
Ghostly drama written by Michael Robson.
Dick Lennox Bernard Brown
Alison Lennox Sheila Grant
Wedderburn Norman Bird
George Evans David Goodland
Daphne Evans Carole Boyd
The Revered Colet Ian Dudley
Director: Gerry Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.
SAT 19:00 Nasty Women (b09ptz3w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b06vk8xv)
Series 8
Walsh, Dubner, Bramwell
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Sarah Millican welcome:
* Holly Walsh, comedian and would-be medieval scholar
* Stephen J. Dubner, co-author of Freakonomics, a best-selling book that turned our understanding of economics on its head
* Dr David Bramwell, author, comic, and adventurer whose book The No 9 Bus To Utopia recounts his year-long pilgrimage in search of a Better Life.
The Museum's Guest Committee speculate on what drove medieval monks to draw obscene doodles on sacred manuscripts; why a mind-reading microchip could see the end of civilisation as we know it; and an interesting theory about who all those streakers were at 1970s sports events.
Researchers: Anne Miller and Molly Oldfield of QI.
Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.
SAT 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mvr2w)
Series 3
Episode 6
Walter continues to be suspicious of his wife's attempts at reconciliation, and the Crumb-Loosely's long-distance relationship steers towards the rocks.
Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David Nobbs's sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.
Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins
Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond
Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern
Eva Tattle Juklia Deakin
Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
Gloria Brindle Helen Atkinson-Wood
Vicar Stephen K Amos
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
SAT 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pp6xb)
Series 2
Showbiz
Sarah Siddons, Richard Burton and Caradog (Cor Mawr).
Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.
With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.
Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.
Producer: Sharif Shahwan
First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in January 2013.
SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b007jw7y)
Series 2
Episode 1
Simon Blich hosts a Christmas flavoured stand-up comedy show, with Luke Ponte, Mitch Benn and Ian Moore. From December 2001.

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SUN 01:00 Agatha Christie (b0081rx2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
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(m000qlmj)

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 A Maigret Christmas (Omnibus) (m0001st9)
 On Christmas Day, as the snow begins to fall in Paris, Inspector Maigret receives two unexpected visitors.

A young girl claims to have seen Father Christmas in her room, behaving strangely and cutting a hole in the floor. He agrees to investigate...

Sir Derek Jacobi reads a classic Inspector Maigret.
 Written by Georges Simenon & translated by David Coward.
 Omnibus of five parts abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Producer: Mair Bosworth
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b09btkgl)
 Imtiaz Dharker

Poet Imtiaz Dharker chooses Babu Sanjho Ishare from Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi sung by Kishore Kumar and Heroes by David Bowie.

SUN 07:20 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (Omnibus) (b008cghp)
 Episode 1

It is the time of The American Civil War and in New England the March family are facing a frugal Christmas without their father. Four young women forging their path into the adult world, tell of the challenges of a woman's life in a male dominated society. Each of them is very different but in all four of the March sisters the 'All-American girl' emerges for the first time. Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom, in new version dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Meg Natasha J Barnes
 Jo Julianna Jennings
 Beth Bryony Hannah
 Amy Samantha Dakin
 Mrs March Tara Ward
 Mr March John Bowler
 Laurie Alex Lanipekun
 Mr John Brooke Finlay Robertson
 Aunt March Joanna Monro
 Hannah Alison Belbin
 Mrs Hummel/Mrs Moffat Karen Bartke
 Sallie Gardiner Natasha Cowley
 Annie Moffat Keziah Joseph
 Ned Moffat Luke MacGregor

Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale
 As the episodes progress we learn more about each of the sisters. They love and value each other but a couple of them are really feisty and there are lots of funny incidents. All the ups and downs of family life are realistically drawn. There are truly heartbreaking moments during the story too. This new dramatisation by Rhiannon Tise has a pacy, updated and energetic feel to it. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy each take a turn in telling the story and this focus gives a much stronger voice to each of the sisters. And to give a male dynamic to the piece, Laurie, their neighbour and friend, also takes up the narration at particular moments too.

Louisa May Alcott's Little Women is highly autobiographical, and in Jo's character Alcott portrays a strong-minded and independent woman, determined to control her own destiny in a little town in New England at the height of the American Civil War.
 The Dramatist, Rhiannon Tise, has written nine radio plays. Her first won the Richard Imison Award. Her most recent dramatisation work was Georgy Girl for the British New Wave Season. She is currently developing a 3 part drama for television. Rhiannon's East Prussian paternal ancestors arrived in America around the same time Little Women was written so she has a passion for both the novel and America of that time because of her own family history.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse (b00b41fq)

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning
 Florence Craye

Trapped in the Hampshire hamlet of Steeple Bumpleigh, Bertie Wooster meets an old flame.
 PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Adapted in seven-parts by Chris Miller.
 Jeeves Michael Hordern
 Bertie Wooster Richard Briers
 Florence Craye Bronwen Williams
 Stilton Cheesewright Michael Kilgariff
 Salesman Bruce Bennett

Producer: Simon Brett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.

SUN 09:00 Winston (b00g1hb2)
 Winston at Christmas

Nancy has always had lovely family Christmases. So happy. So loving. So.... But then she discovers Winston filling his pillowcases with all the food from the fridge.
 Festive episode of Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy series.
 Starring Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Christmas Day, 1991.

SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k44m)

Series 2
 Our Man In Berkhamsted
 Embittered writer Ed's got a dental dilemma and is ranting over a literary festival.

Welcome to the comical world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.
 Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolls.

Featuring:
 Stephanie Cole
 Philip Jackson
 John Fortune

Rita May
 Geoffrey McGivern
 Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Sally Grace
 Geoffrey Whitehead

Dan Tetsell
 Alice Lowe
 Simon Greenall
 Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000ql52)

Absent Friends
 Alan Parker

From Otis Redding to Edward Elgar.
 Acclaimed film director Alan Parker shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.

When Alan's Buggy Malone came out in 1975, it marked the beginning of a very successful and sometimes controversial career.

Films like Midnight Express, Fame and The Commitments underlined his versatility - winning him countless awards all over the world.

Desert Island Discs was created by Roy Plomley.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lt16w)
 Series 1
 Salamander

Sir David's first pet was a fire salamander, given to him by his father on his 8th birthday.

He also gave his own son a salamander on his 8th birthday, the legacy of which is very much alive and kicking today.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m00035vm)
 Series 5

Looking Back
 Radiolab takes an intimate peek into the life, and death, of those who came before.

Our desire to find our beginnings has led to unprecedented discoveries. Here are three stories that provide an intimate peek into the life, and death, of those who came before.

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.
 From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2015.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000ql55)
 Stopping By Woods

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects 'Stopping By Woods' by Robert Frost.

The poem 'Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening' was written about nightfall on the shortest day of the year, though it was actually put to paper at dawn on June 21st, 1922 - the longest day. This has always puzzled Kenneth Steven, a poet captivated by Robert Frost's seemingly effortless mastery of rhyme, metre, language and imagery.

Kenneth Steven visits the poet's home in Shaftesbury, Vermont, now a museum. He talks to the curator there, Carole Thompson, and a pair of Frost scholars, Lea Newman and David Sanders, and he walks the very woods that are possibly evoked by the horseman who pauses to watch the snow settle, despite having "promises to keep/And miles to go before I sleep".

He makes a pilgrimage to Frost's final resting place in a New England cemetery - his gravestone covered in glinting pennies left by fellow pilgrims - and he reveals compelling new insights into the origins and impact of the poem which Frost himself considered his "best bid for remembrance".

Producer: Alan Hall
 A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2011.

SUN 12:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)
 Series 2
 Case #96 - Community Disservice

The return of acclaimed double-act Max and Ivan as incompetent private detectives for hire.
 Joanna Lumley guest stars.

The detectives investigate a series of mysterious thefts which threaten the very future of Nunhead Community Centre.
 Assisted by the permanently tired caretaker Gerry, they track the chief suspect, washed-up former B-Movie actress Lavinia Moncrief and eventually have to go undercover to infiltrate her

bizarre acting classes. Also featuring bell ringers, hypnotism and a mutant komodo dragon.

Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez.
 Max Max Olesker
 Ivan Ivan Gonzalez

Lavinia Moncrief Joanna Lumley
 Gerry Glossop David Reed
 Andromedo David Reed

Battle re-enactor David Reed
 Narrator Lewis Macleod
 Malcolm McMichaelmas Lewis Macleod

Souless property developer Lewis Macleod
 Janet from the council Lolly Adefope
 Bell-ringer Lolly Adefope

Developed by John Stanley Productions
 Producer: Ben Walker
 A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

SUN 13:00 Clutch, Throttle, Brake by Christopher William Hill (Omnibus) (b08d8cn2)

Christopher William Hill's comedy drama is about driving lessons, dominant mothers and unexpected friendships. Nat, a harassed middle-aged teacher, who sees her life rapidly drifting away from her, is desperate to pass her driving test on the anniversary of her father's death. It is his money that has helped pay for her instruction.

Ken, her much older driving instructor, has understandable doubts about his pupil's chances. But he also finds himself increasingly drawn to his client. Their unlikely friendship develops over the course of Nat's final week before her test - despite, or perhaps because of, the distractions provided by Nat's needy and larger-than-life mother.

Omnibus of five parts.
 Ken Bill Paterson
 Suki Alison Steadman

Nat Samantha Spiro
 Waitress Nicole Bartlett
 Original Music: David Chilton

Director: Gordon House
 A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2017.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000ql57)
 Sophie Kinsella

Writer Sophie Kinsella chooses "500 Miles" by The Seekers and F Couperin "Les Baricades Mysterieuses" played by Angela Hewitt.

SUN 14:20 The Age of Bowie by Paul Morley (Omnibus) (b07mq17j)

Paul Morley was 13 when he first heard the music of David Bowie, played late at night by BBC Radio 1 DJ John Peel.

Before long, Bowie was taking the 1970s by storm and changing the face of pop music with his Ziggy Stardust tour, and Morley was a dedicated schoolboy fan.

Many years later, Morley would be an artistic advisor for the V&A museum's acclaimed Bowie exhibition, 'David Bowie '85'.

In this personal account of the life, musical influence and cultural impact of his teenage hero, Morley explores Bowie's constant reinvention of himself and his music over a period of five extraordinarily innovative decades.

Morley describes how when he first heard Bowie's music his world 'suddenly became something else', and explores Bowie's childhood and his early attempts to make his name.

Omnibus of five episodes.
 Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
SUN 15:30 Attila The Hen (b00zsd5b)

Natalie Haynes has heard some dark rumours about the true habits of the hen.

So she's meeting some of the people and poultry involved in the fashion for keeping urban chickens.

With her own chicken knowledge limited entirely to their lives in Ancient Rome, Natalie seeks information from chicken breeders and keepers.
 But perhaps the most keen insight is from ornithologist Mark Cocker, who explains how things look from the chickens' own perspective...

Producer: Christine Hall.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 16:00 Martin Jameson - Radio Daze (m00054wd)
 At an event in support of the British Hungarian Society, actor Bob Rodwell is handed a radio script by a mysterious stranger.

Martin Sinclair stars in Martin Jameson's psychological thriller. Set in 1956 at the BBC's Broadcasting House in London.

Bob Rodwell Malcolm Sinclair
 Anyalka Larissa Kounznetsova
 Louis MacNeice Gerard Murphy

Reggie Smith Jonathan Hyde
 Laurence Gilliam Andrew Woodall
 Aubrey Dutton John Rowe

Verity Gill Avril Clark
 Ted/ Newsreader Jon Glover
 Roy/ Blake Philip Fox

Mim Alice Hart
 Continuity announcer ... Bertie Carvel
 Director: Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000ql55)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jgf)

1. No Conferring by Jonathan Holloway
Your starter for ten-sion.

A Christmas bonding week in an isolated moorland cottage for the 1983 University Challenge team from Bracewell College, Cambridge, goes horribly wrong...

Spine-tingling tale written by Jonathan Holloway.

Derek Damian Lynch

Dilly Lydia Leonard

Ernest Kenny Blyth

Donald Peter Darney

Emily Jaimi Barbakoff

With Bamber Gascoigne and Jeremy Paxman as themselves.
Director : David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

SUN 18:30 JB Priestley - The Demon King (b007jqny)

The Boxing Day panto was going to be a flop - even for Bruddersford.

But then the Demon King came on...

Ian Wallace stars in JB Priestley's vintage comic drama.

Adapted by Michael Hardwick and Mollie Hardwick.

Kirk Ireton/Demon King Ian Wallace

Dulcie Farrar/Fairy Queen Marjorie Westbury

Alice/Principal Boy Sheila Grant

Johnny Wingfield George Merritt

Horace Rudd Frederick Treves

Lionel Sampson David Valla

Tom Burt Godfrey Kenton

Jonty Webster John Baddeley

With Andrew Irvine, Sian Davies, Dorrit Welles, Frank

Partington, Barbara Mitchell and Timothy West

Other parts played by members of the BBC Drama Repertory Company

Special effects by the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Signature tune composed by Ron Grainer

Music composed, arranged and conducted by Christopher

Whelen

Producer: Charles Lefeaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1962.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m00035vm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 20:00 Martin Jameson - Radio Daze (m00054wd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000q152)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lt16w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jwv5)

6. The Interregnum & The Age of Turmoil

Tales of Cromwell, Roundheads versus Cavaliers and William of Orange to name but a few.

The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent -

Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim

Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With guest star Peter Barker.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

SUN 22:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0082c3x)

Series 2

Episode 6

Love and football to hairy carpets; the Luton Laureate

celebrates life's rich pageant in poetry and song. From

September 1998.

SUN 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00h8q28)

Series 3

And the Winner Is...

It's Awards Night!

Can the Crayon Museum beat off the challenger, the World of

Pencils?

Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins

and Dan Tetsell.

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SUN 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rs8gz)

Series 1

Knowing Your Unions

Mean marketing director, John Weak discovers there's nothing

legally binding about a legally binding contract.

Alexander Armstrong stars as John Weak in Guy Browning's

sitcom.

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man

into management.

John Weak Alexander Armstrong

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Gary Peyton Ewan Bailey

Giles Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

MONDAY 28 DECEMBER 2020

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 JB Priestley - The Demon King (b007jqny)

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MON 01:00 Clutch, Throttle, Brake by Christopher William Hill (Omnibus) (b08d8cn2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000q157)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Martin Jameson - Radio Daze (m00054wd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000q155)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082gyz)

1. The Poetical Policeman

Mr JG Reeder has the mind of a criminal, using it to uncover the peculiar circumstances surrounding a bank robbery, the death of the night-watchman and the part in the plot played by his beautiful daughter.

This first of four stories provides useful insight into the past of Mr JG Reeder, whose novel methods bring the criminals of 1920s London to justice.

Read by David Horovitch.

Edgar Wallace is best known for his popular detective and suspense stories which earned him the title, "King of the Modern Thriller."

Although created at roughly the same time, Mr JG Reeder is the diametric opposite of Sam Spade, Philip Marlow and Mike Hammer. He is a shabbily dressed, diffident civil servant who

prefers a cup of tea and a slice of seed cake to a shot of something stronger.

Reeder is a uniquely English detective. An apparent fuddy-duddy working in some obscure capacity in the Public Prosecutor's office, he actually has a razor-sharp intellect and is a super-sleuth. He solves his mysteries because he fully understands the "criminal mind".

Abridged for radio by Neville Teller.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

MON 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxfw)

One. Two Buckle My Shoe

Episode 1

The terrified Belgian detective pays a visit to his dentist. But he can hardly anticipate the gruesome events to follow ...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

First published in 1940 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Alfred Tom George

Morley Matthew Devereaux

Miss Sainsbury Seale Joanna McCallum

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Georgina Morley Caroline Wildi

Gladys Nevill Sophie Arnold

Reilly Stephen Tomkinson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

MON 07:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b084wmb)

Series 1

Coffee Chiffon

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's

comedy, set in a 1960s bedsitter - inspired by Katharine

Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Trisha is persuaded to cater for a double date.

Trisha.....Beattie Edmondson

Deepak.....Nikesh Patel

Jill.....Natasha Cowley

Mike.....Finlay Robertson

Stuart.....Luke MacGregor

June.....Alison Belbin

Len.....John Bowler

Tony.....John Dougal

Katharine Whitehorn.....Karen Bartke

Director: Emma Harding.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qj6n)

Series 73

Lockdown Recording 1

A second lockdown recording of the nation's favourite wireless entertainment sees Marcus Brigstocke, Rachel Parris, Miles

Jupp take on Rory Bremner, Jo Brand and Andy Hamilton with

Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano

accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s3cgl)

Series 1

The Diploma

Harold Steptoe drops a bombshell by quitting the family rag and bone business for a new career as a TV repair man.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association

with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert

Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series

on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H. Corbett

Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by

Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

MON 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nlp10)

Series 2

Home

The lifestyle show hosts have revelations on the "home" and "commune living".

Series 2 of Bill Darré's sitcom stars Robert Duncan and Jan

Ravens.

Mike Robert Duncan

Sue Jan Ravens

With Roger Blake, Alistair McGowan, Sally Philips and Niall

Ashdown.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b054z4kp)

Petworth House

A reclining marble sculpture, a very peculiar chair, and some weird and wonderful objects from the kitchen.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz from the North Gallery of Petworth House in West Sussex - crammed

with works of Turner, William Blake, Reynolds and

Gainsborough.

With Eric Knowles, Clive Farahar and Hilary Kay.

Producer: Annie Bristow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

MON 09:30 Babblerick Hall (b04mhc03)

Series 2

Episode 1

Squire Fenton Babblerick is convinced that he is a composer of genius. His servants are less sure.

Starring Nicholas Le Prevost and Forbes Masson.

Series two of Scott Cherry's sitcom set in the 18th-century.

Fenton Babblerick is still the squire of his inherited estate.

Nicholas Le Prevost - Squire Fenton Babblerick

Molly - Maggie McCarthy

Augustus Snipe - Forbes Masson

Jack - Dave Hill

Barney - Benedict Sandiford.

Gluck - Michael Troughton.

Mrs Maddison - Sara Coward

Mr Maddison - John Baddeley.

Music by Paul Mottra.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

MON 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)

1. Suspicions

Mr Dockwrath, attorney by profession and a tenant of Orley

Farm, is convinced there are suspicious circumstances regarding

the inheritance of the estate, and he's determined to prove it.

Starring Tim Pigott-Smith, Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup.

First published in 1861, Anthony Trollope's compelling,

emotional tale is a treasure trove of splendidly disreputable

lawyers, young lovers, the beautiful Lady Mason and the

honourable Sir Peregrine Orme.

Dramatised in three parts by Martyn Wade

Anthony Trollope Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme Amanda Root

Lucius Mason Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival Robert Maskell

Mrs Furnival Joanna Monro

Mr Dockwrath Sam Dale

Miriam Dockwrath Janice Acquah

Joseph Mason Jonathan Taffler

Mr Moulder Stephen Critchlow

Mr Kantwise Pual Rider

Felix Graham Gunnar Cauthery

Augustus Staveley Robert Lonsdale

Matthew Round Dan Starkey

Series 7

Bias and Perception

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Guy Raz explores how bias can distort our thinking, our listening and our beliefs. How can we fight our unconscious thoughts?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b093m4gp)

John Cooper Clarke

The Bard of Salford chooses Bing Crosby and Al Jolson's The Spaniard Who Blighted My Life and Nick Lowe's Peace, Love and Understanding.

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s3cgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nlp10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082gzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxfw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08vxt0l)

1. Childhood

When Eddie Izzard was six, she and her brother Mark lost their mother. That day, she lost her childhood too.

From early childhood memories of happy days running with a gang of local kids, doing naughty-ish things in Bangor, County Down, to months of loneliness and isolation at boarding school, Eddie Izzard has experienced loss in a way that no child should at such a tender age. And this, as well as struggling both with dyslexia and also trying to understand her gender and sexuality issues at a time when they were not openly discussed, leads to a fascinating insight into the early life of one of Britain's most idiosyncratic and cerebral of performers.

Eddie takes us on a journey through her life - one during which she has discovered much about herself along the way, and come to terms with not fitting into the box that most of us like to put people in.

With a nod to the surreal humour and disarming candour of her shows, and some occasional digressions, Believe Me tells the story of a child losing their mother yet who's risen to become a star of comedy and drama, a leading advocate of total clothing rights, and an extreme runner of marathons.

Written and read by Eddie Izzard

Director: Lizzie Davies

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.

MON 14:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b08b7rv4)
The First Wedding

Three years have passed since we were last with the March girls. War is now over and John Brooke is safely home. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to Meg and John's wedding.

Continuing Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Laurie Alex Lanipekun

Mrs March Tara Ward

Meg Natasha Barnes

Jo Julianna Jennings

Amy Samantha Dakin

Aunt March Joanna Monro

Mr Brooke Finlay Robertson

Mr March John Bowler

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

MON 14:30 Natural Histories (b08x998f)

Blackbird

From their beautiful song that ushers in the spring to our rhymes of birds stuffed in pies, Brett Westwood explores the cultural significance of the blackbird.

With Mark Cocker, Hanna Tuulikki and poems by Bertolt

Brecht, Seamus Heaney and Adam Zagajewski.

Reader: Anton Lesser.

Producer: Tim Dee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

MON 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b01102gl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:00 Hidden Treasures (b054z4kp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Babbewick Hall (b04mhc03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b084wmzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qj6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Lost Stradivarius by J Meade Falkner (m000519j)

1. The Cupboard

As Oxford student John Maltravers plays ancient violin music, a hidden cupboard is revealed in his rooms.

Read by Joanna David.

Written in 1895 by J Meade Falkner, this brilliant novella is by turns enchanting and terrifying.

Set in the 1840s, it follows John Maltravers, a well-to-do student at Oxford whose innocent love of music is destined to

lead him under a malevolent influence.

Abridged from four parts by Doreen Estal.

Author J Meade Falkner also wrote the smuggling classic 'Moonfleet'.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in August 2008

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b011vdwl)

Bill Paterson and Dea Birkett

Harriett Gilbert and her guests - actor Bill Paterson and travel writer Dea Birkett - discuss favourite paperback books by Bernhard Schlink, John Steinbeck and Richard Holme.

The Reader by Bernhard Schlink

Publisher: Phoenix

Cannery Row by John Steinbeck

Publisher: Penguin Modern Classics

Footsteps by Richard Holmes

Publisher Harper Press

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

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MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000qj6q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (b093m4gp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qj6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 2000 Years of Radio (b06fwync)

Series 2

Olympic FM

"Welcome back, and the roads are jammed with Gods flying into Olympia."

The time's just coming up to 776 BC, and it's all aboard the Canker Cart with DJ Suzanne Canker for the first Olympic Games in Greeland with the British Athletics team.

More extraordinary archive radio recordings from the past two millennia of the wireless

Written and performed by Claire Downes, Hazel Grian, Al Holloway, Ben Kozo, Stuart Lane and Patrick McNamara.

Producer: Sean Grundy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

MON 22:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k154)

Series 2

Fame Idol

Hamish and Dougal are extremely anxious to enter Fay

MacAdemy - the famous Highland talent Contest.

Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen

famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I

Haven't A Clue.

With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper,

Mrs Naughtie, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.

Hamish Barry Cryer

Dougal Graeme Garden

Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman

The Laird Jeremy Hardy

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m000qj6x)

Christmas Specials 2020

Episode 3

This special was recorded on Sunday 20th December.

In a change to the usual format, the show listens-in to how the great and good are spending Christmas. Much like everyone

else? Maybe not...

Mark Drakeford finds a new way of addressing the people of

Wales, while Nigel Farage thinks now's the right time for a pub

crawl.

Topical satire from Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis McLeod,

Debra Stephenson and Duncan Wisbey.

The writing squad for the series: Nev Fountain and Tom

Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden and Tom Coles,

Sarah Campbell, James Bugg, Jeffrey Aidoo, Alex Hardy, and

Lewis Cook.

Producer: Bill Dare. A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music

(b00cqhs5d)

Series 2

Journey to the Centre of Rick

Mitch Benn and his team must be miniaturised and inserted into

Rick Wakeman to prevent impending war.

It's a voyage told through song. Do not adjust your set.

With Robin Ince, Alfie Joey, Tasha Baylis and Kirsty Newton.

Written by Mitch Benn and Robin Ince.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005

TUESDAY 29 DECEMBER 2020

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(m000519j)

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2. The Troupe

Intrigued by the arrival in London of a transatlantic visitor he knows to have managed a troupe of actors, Mr JG Reeder tries to get to the bottom of a jewellery fraud.

Read by David Horovitch

Mr JG Reeder's novel methods bring the criminals of 1920s London to justice.

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Abridged for radio by Neville Teller.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

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One, Two Buckle My Shoe

Episode 2

The Belgian sleuth's dentist has been found shot dead in his surgery.

Chief Inspector Japp reckons there are several very plausible suspects...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule

Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Gladys Nevill Sophie Arnold

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey

Howard Raikes Robert Portal

Frank Carter Dominic Colchester

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

TUE 07:00 Showstopper (b00y2sjt)

3. Scout Camp

The Showstopper team are here to create a hilarious improvised comic musical on the spot!

Featuring songs, plot and characters based entirely on

suggestions from the live studio audience.

The cast includes Pippa Evans, Ruth Bratt, Dylan Emery, Lucy

Trodd, Sean McCann and Oliver Senton.

It's curtain-up on the musical world of cub scouting....

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qjh5)

Meet Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive email, trying to survive in a

world where the media seems to be run by idiots and charlatans.

It's nearly Christmas, and Ed needs a room at the inn. The Lock

Keeper's Arms, that is. But first, he's got to deal with Scrooge.

ED REARDON.....CHRISTOPHER

DOUGLAS

PING.....BARUNKA

O'SHAUGHNESSY

JAZ MILVAIN.....PHILIP

JACKSON

JAKE.....SAM

PAMPHILON

ELI.....LI

SA COLEMAN

AUDIOBOOK.....NICOLA

SANDERSON

LANDLORD.....COLIN

MCFARLANE

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jith)

Series 7

Insurance: The White Man's Burden

Neddie Seagoon tries to set fire to the English Channel to claim

the insurance.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
Jack Train
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Pat Dixon
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1957.
TUE 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007js81)
Series 3
Episode 4
Freshly wed ad man Ken receives a wedding invite and faces upset at a photo shoot.
Martin Jarvis stars in Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising.
Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
Sandy Christopher Godwin
Freddie Lockwood West
Ambrose Paul Jesson
April Shelley Thompson
Larry Childs William Hootkins
Loretta-Jane Duff Toni Coyne
Dawn Sally Watts
Mr Cheater James Griffiths
Sally Jane Leonard
With Miriam Margolyes, John Shrapnel, David Tate, Sally Grace, Enn Reitel and Anton Rogers.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.
TUE 09:00 Dead Ringers (m000qj6x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Married (b0080qdc)
Series 2
War of the Worlds
It is a fight to the death as Robin finally meets his doppelganger.
When two universes collide, there can be only one winner.
Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.
Robin Hugh Bonneville
Lesley Josie Lawrence
Dirk Stephen Frost
Ned Sam Bradley
Maxine Ann Gosling
Manicurist Vicki Pepperdine
Piano Man Simon Roberts
Arthur Smith Himself
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.
TUE 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b00g9f9q)
2. Romance
Romance is in the air for the young folk staying at Noningsby, the country home of Judge and Lady Staveley.
Lady Mason accepts Sir Peregrine's invitation to spend Christmas at The Cleeve, and, in the Moulder household, there is business to consider.
Starring Tim Pigott-Smith, Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup.
Anthony Trollope's compelling, emotional novel dramatised by Martyn Wade.
Anthony Trollope Tim Pigott-Smith
Lady Mason Samantha Bond
Sir Peregrine Ronald Pickup
Peregrine Orme Dan Stevens
Mrs Edith Orme Amanda Root
Lucius Mason Jonathan Christie
Sophia Furnival Lydia Leonard
Mr Furnival Robert Maskell
Lady Staveley Pamela Miles
Madeline Staveley Manjeet Mann
Augustus Staveley Robert Lonsdale
Felix Graham Gunnar Cauthery
Mr Dockwraith Sam Dale
Miriam Dockwraith Janice Acquah
Joseph Mason Jonathan Tafler
Mr Moulder Stephen Critchlow
Mrs Moulder Jane Whittenshaw
John Kenneby Inam Mirza
Mr Kantwise Paul Rider
Matthew Round Dan Starkey
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.
TUE 11:00 Carry On Up The Archive (m000ql4j)
Jim Dale celebrates the legendary Carry On films with archive interviews of his co-stars rescued from the bottom of dusty vaults.
Featuring: Barbara Windsor, Charles Hawtrey, Hattie Jacques, Joan Sims and Jack Douglas.
We reunite Sid James' children with his last ever interview and the local radio presenter who was once described by Kenneth Williams as "an idiot" in his published diaries has a chance to reappraise a rediscovered recording of their awkward conversation.
Producer: Richard Lato.

First broadcast on BBC Local Radio in 2019.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jthh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007js81)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082gzy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08x96gs)
2. Discovery
After meeting an old family friend who came to a gig in Sweden, Eddie gains insight into her relationship with her mother through some precious old home movies.
In this memoir, Eddie takes us on a journey through her life - one during which she discovered much about herself along the way, and come to terms with not fitting into the box that most of us like to put people in.
With a nod to the surreal humour and disarming candour of her shows, and some occasional digressions, Believe Me tells the story of a child losing their mother yet who's risen to become a star of comedy and drama, a leading advocate of total clothing rights, and an extreme runner of marathons.
Written and read by Eddie Izzard.
Director: Lizzie Davies
Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.
TUE 14:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b08b7vyl)
Amy's Adventures
Meg is busy with family life. Beth is as lovely and caring as always and Jo is making a small but independent living writing stories.
Amy is now Aunt March's companion and becoming an accomplished young lady but things are about to change for her in a way she would never have imagined.
Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.
Amy Samantha Dakin
Jo Julianna Jennings
Aunt March Joanna Monro
Mrs March Tara Ward
Laurie Alex Lanipekun
Beth Bryony Hannah
Aunt Carol Catriona McFarlane
Fred Luke Macgregor
Mr March John Bowler
Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
TUE 14:30 The Bronze Age Man of Jodrell Bank (b043x86j)
Writer, Alan Garner lives in a medieval building on a Bronze Age site, within a mile of the Jodrell Bank radio telescope.
Alan explains how this has inspired his writing for over 50 years. He describes how it gives him a unique sense of place, and a perspective on the passage of time reflected in his book trilogy, and which first propelled him to fame with the children's classic fantasy story, The Weirdstone of Brisingamen in 1957.
Martin Goodman, Professor of Creative Writing at Hull University, visits Jodrell Bank with Garner to find out more about the timeline the author traces from the Bronze Age artifacts found around his home, through to the contemporary exploration of space which the telescope undertakes today.
Garner takes inspiration from making these connections and expresses them through his fantasy stories.
Goodman also re-visits the locations which make Garner's books so memorable by heading to Alderley Edge - an outcrop of rock in Cheshire, with dramatic views of the Pennines. The physical features of this landscape, such as stones and hidden places have been given a mythical dimension by Garner, who explains how the Edge has cast a spell over him since his childhood.
Producer: Philip Reeve
A City Broadcasting production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2014.
TUE 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b00g9f9q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 Dilemma (b03xf0gm)
Series 3
Episode 6
Sue Perkins puts Bridget Christie, Michael Rosen, Laura Dockrill and Adil Ray through the moral and ethical wringer.
After a series of finely-balanced dilemmas are posed, Sue cross-examines them on their answers.
Devised by Danielle Ward.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.
TUE 16:30 Married (b0080qdc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Showstopper (b00y2sjt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qh5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 The Lost Stradivarius by J Meade Falkner (m000ql4n)
2. Adrian
Hiding his discovery, John Maltravers outwardly woos

Constance, but starts falling under Adrian's sinister spell.
Read by Joanna David.
Set in the 1840s, J Meade Falkner's brilliant novella tells the story of a well-to-do Oxford student whose innocent love of music is destined to lead him under a malevolent influence.
Abridger: Doreen Estall
Producer: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in August 2008.
TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00mbk4)
Series 8
Allegrì's Miserere
Allegrì wrote the chord sequence for his Miserere in the 1630s for use in the Sistine Chapel during Holy Week.
It then went through the hands of a 12-year-old Mozart, Mendelssohn and Liszt until it finally reached England in the early 20th century and got fixed into the version we know today.
The soaring soprano line that hits the famous top C and never fails to thrill has become a firm favourite for concert audiences around the world.
Textile designer Kaffe Fassett, writer Sarah Manguso and conductor Roy Goodman explain how they have all been deeply affected by this beautiful piece of music.
With Peter Phillips.
Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.
Producer: Rosie Boulton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 22:00 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qh5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 The Secret World (b03mj1yd)
Series 4
Episode 6
Peter Sallis lays down a track for Lady Gaga's new album.
Chancellor Merkel plays 'snog marry avoid' and Ed Miliband learns to boogie.
It can only be the strange goings on in the show that shines a light on the private lives of public people.
With:
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Jon Culshaw
Julian Dutton
Lewis MacLeod
Jess Robinson
Duncan Wisbey
Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton and Duncan Wisbey.
Produced and created by: Bill Dare.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
TUE 23:00 James Acaster's Findings (b04n611k)
Series 1
1. Wood
James Acaster presents the results of his research into a variety of subjects.
First off, he's been investigating 'Wood'.
With Nathaniel Metcalfe, and Bryony Hannah.
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
TUE 23:15 Expenses Only (b07jzxdj)
1. Advertising
Put away your P45, you're not going to need it – it's Expenses Only.
Two young interns Tim and Miranda face heated hot-seating, intense lunch runs and jingle-themed backstabbing as they compete for the same internship in the acronym-obsessed world of advertising.
Alex Lynch's narrative sketch show is centred around internships and the world of work experience.
In each episode, the show's two leading 20-something protagonists, Tim (enthusiastic worker) and Miranda (jaded graduate), attempt to break into a different industry through a series of increasingly challenging placements.
With an ensemble cast tied together with linking sketches, signature ad-breaks and the Narrator who, with his deadpan delivery and wry commentary, guides us through the schadenfreude and chaos that unravels across an episode.
Tim... Rasmus Hardiker
Miranda... Lucy Beaumont
Narrator... Robert Glenister
With:
Kathryn Bond
Simon Bubb
Beth Goddard
Matt Green
Simon Greenall
Christine Kavanagh
Paul G Raymond
Lorna Shaw
Kellie Shirley
Tom Glenister

Recorded at Bush Hall, London.

Creator / Writer: Alex Lynch

Additional material by Charlotte Michael

Director: Celia De Wolff

Executive Producer: Peter Hoare

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00n1jbg)

Series 5

Alistair McGowan interviews Simon Callow

Impressionist, comedian and actor Alistair McGowan chats to actor, writer, and director, Simon Callow CBE.

Chain Reaction is the tag talk show, where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next episode.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

WEDNESDAY 30 DECEMBER 2020

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

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WED 05:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qjh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082h2b)

3. The Green Mamba

The emeralds of Suliman are stolen in North Africa and brought to London.

But the "mamba" (Mr JG Reeder) sets out thwart the thieves' plans as he hounds a notorious gangland villain...

Read by David Horovitch

Mr JG Reeder's novel methods bring the criminals of 1920s London to justice.

Created by Edgar Wallace, he is a uniquely English detective.

An apparent fuddy-duddy working in some obscure capacity in the Public Prosecutor's office, he actually has a razor-sharp intellect and is a super-sleuth.

Mr JG Reeder solves his mysteries because he fully understands the "criminal mind".

Abridged for radio by Neville Teller.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

WED 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg5)

One, Two Buckle My Shoe

Episode 3

Mystery still surrounds the death of the Belgian detective's dentist.

Was it suicide - or murder..?

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey

Georgina Morley Caroline Wildi

Mrs Olivera Joanna McCallum

Selby Trevor Rawlins

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b03bg4vk)

Series 1

Barbecue

Three couples sail off into the sunset. And sink.

Jack Docherty's sitcom about love, marriage and despair.

Starring Jack Docherty, Charlie Higson, Katherine Parkinson,

John Thomson, Fiona Allen and Kerry Godliman.

With their marriages in various states of disrepair - a Barbecue proves painful for everyone.

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Fiona Fiona Allen

David Charlie Higson

Evan John Thomson

Alice Katherine Parkinson

Producer Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

WED 07:30 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000qknw)

Episode 4

'Hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) along with 'tak' (the word for 'thank you' that we learnt from watching Borgen and other Scandi dramas) is one of the few Danish words to have become known to us in the UK.

It's a word that means comfort, contentment and cherishing the simple pleasures in life. In lifestyle magazines it's faux fur throws, cups of hot cocoa and scented candles; but to the Danish it has simpler and less commercial roots. As these cold Winter nights draw in after a difficult year of scant comfort, it feels like we all need some hygge and legendary Dane, Sandi Toksvig, will do her best to bring it to you.

Broadcasting from her wooden cabin near a lake deep in the Danish countryside Sandi will explore the concept of "hygge" with Professor Brian Cox who finds comfort in physics, piano playing and mulled wine and comedian Zoe Lyons who would like nothing more than to clear out ditches all day.

Guests for the series are Grayson Perry, Alan Davies, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Bridget Christie, Clive Myrie, Professor Brian Cox, Sindhu Vee, Zoe Lyons and presenters and podcasters Rose and Rosie . We look forward to you joining Sandi in her cabin (there will be mulled wine).

Host...Sandi Toksvig

Producer...Julia McKenzie

Material for Sandi's opening script... Charlie Dinkin and Simon Alcock

Production Coordinator...Carina Andrews

Sound Recordist and Editor...Rich Evans

A BBC Studios Production

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jppj)

Series 6

Sid's Mystery Tours

Sid persuades the lad to become a director of his guided tours company, but there's a snag!

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Warren Mitchell, Mavis Villers and Errol McKinnon.

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 November 1959.

WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b0089kjs)

Series 3

New Men

Izzy moves into a new flat and faces a new term, but will she find a new man?

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.

Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.

An 6-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The last of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Dick Mike Grady

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Louise Phyllida Nash

Razors Rene Zagger

Marianne Deborah Findlay

Gwyn Sion Probert

Brown Geoffrey McGivern

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

WED 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mdy19)

Series 2

Episode 4

James Walton and the music quiz for all the young, and not so young, dudes.

Team captains Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by Dave Gorman and Mary Anne Hobbs to be put through their musical paces.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 09:30 Rent (b00752zv)

Series 3

Episode 1

The new baby needs a name and Richard doesn't want to reveal one of his.

Series 3 of Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

The Barrister Sally Grace

The Judge Brian Bowles

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

WED 10:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b00ghrhb)

3. Secrets

Lady Mason has confessed to her terrible secret and her chance of marriage with Sir Peregrine has been shattered.

Will her secret be exposed at the trial and will her beloved son lose Orley Farm?

Starring Tim Pigott-Smith, Samantha Bond and Ronald Pickup. The conclusion of Anthony Trollope's compelling, emotional novel

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Anthony Trollope Tim Pigott-Smith

Lady Mason Samantha Bond

Sir Peregrine Ronald Pickup

Peregrine Orme Dan Stevens

Mrs Edith Orme Amanda Root

Lucius Mason Jonathan Christie

Sophia Furnival Lydia Leonard

Mr Furnival Robert Maskell

Mrs Furnival Joanna Monro

Lady Staveley Pamela Miles

Judge Staveley Chris Pavlo

Madeline Staveley Manjeet Mann

Augustus Staveley Robert Lonsdale

Felix Graham Gunnar Cauley

Mr Dockwraith Sam Dale

Joseph Mason Jonathan Taffler

Mr Moulder Stephen Critchlow

Mrs Moulder Jane Whittenshaw

John Kenneby Inam Mirza

Chaffanbrass Malcolm Tierney

Miss Biggs Jill Cardo

Judge Dan Starkey

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

WED 11:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000qm8r)

I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again

Sue Perkins chooses another comedy cracker from Christmases past:

* I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again: Christmas Special

It's panto time at Dreary Lane. Oh yes it is!

Starring Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden (as the ugly sisters)

Plus Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, David Hatch and Jo

Kendall.

Written by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden.

From BBC Radio 2 - December 1968.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2005.

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WED 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg5)

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WED 14:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08x9f74)

3. Signs

Eddie Izzard always knew something wasn't quite right with her reading and writing, but diagnosis of dyslexia came late.

She was also a late-starter with relationships.

In this memoir, Eddie takes us on a journey through her life - one during which she's discovered much about herself along the way, and come to terms with not fitting into the box that most of us like to put people in.

With a nod to the surreal humour and disarming candour of her shows, and some occasional digressions, Believe Me tells the story of a child losing their mother yet who's risen to become a star of comedy and drama, a leading advocate of total clothing rights, and an extreme runner of marathons.

Written and read by Eddie Izzard.

Director: Lizzie Davies

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.

WED 14:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b08bb0q1)

Jo and Laurie

As the family gather to celebrate Laurie's graduation from college, Jo is aware that Laurie has something he is desperate to say to her.

Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Jo Julianna Jennings

Laurie Alex Lanipekun

Mr March John Bowler

Mrs March Tara Ward

Professor Bhaer Gunnar Cauley

Mrs Kirke Karen Bartke

Kitty Natasha Cowley

Minnie Keziah Joseph

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

WED 14:30 The Secret Power of Trees (b01p7fgv)

Britain's woodlands were planted for timber or hunting but nowadays you're as likely to find ex-prisoners or mentally ill elderly folk in the woods.

With the rise of "social forestry", woodlands have come to be seen as therapeutic and healing, and not just by new age eco types. In Japan, doctors take seriously the practice of "forest air bathing", and claim all kinds of health benefits from simply being in the woods.

Ian Marchant explores whether trees really do have miraculous

powers and asks what happened to the idea of forests as scary places, full of evil spirits and outlaws.

Producer: Jolyon Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

WED 15:00 Anthony Trollope - Orley Farm (b00ghrhh)

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WED 17:30 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000qknw)

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WED 18:00 The Lost Stradivarius by J Meade Falkner (b00cywfd)

3. The Secret

Absent in Italy, John Maltravers sends a letter summoning

Sophia to Naples, where she learns a terrible secret.

Read by Joanna David.

Set in the 1840s, J Meade Falkner's brilliant novella tells the story of a well-to-do Oxford student whose innocent love of music is destined to lead him under a malevolent influence.

Abridger: Doreen Estall

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in August 2008.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b09wsfnc)

Series 15

Cinema

Josie Long hears stories drawn from the silver screen. Luke Skywalker helps Joe Dunthorne reckon with his own mortality, the writer Ross Sutherland explores the hidden history of the audience and Amanda Foster offers an insight into the life of a stuntwoman.

Luke Deathbringer

Featuring Joe Dunthorne

Body Double

Featuring Amanda Foster

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft

Hollywood Forever

Featuring Ross Sutherland

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b001s6bt)

Series 1

Episode 4

South Londoner Arthur invites Stewart Lee and Reginald D Hunter round, with music from Sophie Ellis-Bextor. From July 2009.

WED 23:00 Great Unanswered Questions (b00vhfnv)

Series 2

Episode 6

On the One Show Jason Manford has many questions to ask but none can be as informative, educating or entertaining as the questions he attempts to answer on this show with fellow comedian Colin Murphy, Dr, David Booth and Matthew Collins.

Produced by Jackie Hamilton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

WED 23:30 Mark Maier - Six Geese A-laying (m000qm8w)

A comedy set on a hot, slow, and frustrating train journey from London to Edinburgh on New Year's Eve.

Who will win the "tannoy contest" among the buffet-car staff? Will Alan and Frank get a kidney for transplant to Newcastle on time?

With Dave Lamb, Zoe Lyons, Mark Maier, Dan Maier, Laura Shavin, Catherine Tate and Benedict Wong.

Written by Mark Maier.

Producer Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

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THU 05:00 Start/Stop (b03bg4vk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000qknw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082hw0)

4. The Strange Case

A wealthy government minister is defrauded of a large sum of

money and suspects his wastrel nephew.

Then he's murdered, so Mr JG Reeder sets out uncover the

truth.

Read by David Horovitch

Mr JG Reeder's novel methods bring the criminals of 1920s

London to justice.

Created by Edgar Wallace, he is a uniquely English detective.

An apparent fuddy-duddy working in some obscure capacity in

the Public Prosecutor's office, he actually has a razor-sharp

intellect and is a super-sleuth.

Mr JG Reeder solves his mysteries because he fully understands

the "criminal mind".

Abridged for radio by Neville Teller.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

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

THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg9)

One, Two Buckle My Shoe

Episode 4

A month after the death of Poirot's dentist, a corpse has been

found with its face horribly mutilated - yet another of his

patients...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule

Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Helen Montresor Joanna McCallum

Agnes Teresa Gallagher

Howard Raikes Robert Portal

Reilly Stephen Tomkinson

Mrs Adams Amanda Walker

Gladys Nevil Sophie Arnold

Frank Carter Dominic Colchester

Original music composed by Tom Smail.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

THU 07:00 Mr Muzak (b094hm69)

Series 1

We've Only Just Begun

Richie Webb stars as performance shy cocktail pianist Nigel

Penny.

Nigel Penny's attempts to live his life in the background are

thwarted by the surprise arrival of his entrepreneurial half-

brother, Pav (Paul G Raymond). Pav hooks Nigel up with

desperate wannabe singer Rachel (Jess Robinson) and strong-

arms the pair onto the books of his fledgling entertainment

agency.

With a gig at a Carpenters-themed wedding on the horizon,

Nigel has to contend not only with his job at an Italian

Restaurant run by a probably-not-an-actual-Italian, but also with

Pav's mysterious new Ukrainian friend, Stan (Dave Lamb), and

some disturbing news about his new musical partner.

Directed by Jim North and Matt Katz

Written and Produced by Richie Webb

A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

THU 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (m001ksd)

Series 4

Department Store Santa

The Missing Hancocks recreates those episodes of the classic

Hancock's Half Hour that have been wiped or lost from the

archive.

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of

Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful

comedy-writing partnerships in history. But 20 episodes of the

show were missing from the BBC archives. Now, after three

highly successful series, another batch of those episodes have

been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC

Radio Theatre.

Tonight's episode: Hancock and Kerr are forced to stop

claiming unemployment benefits by the Ministry Of Labour, so

the Lad Himself takes on a job as Santa in Sid's department

store.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, and with the classic

score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, the show stars

Kevin McNally, Kevin Eldon, Simon Greenall, Robin Sebastian

and Margaret Cabourn-Smith. The Department Store Santa was

first broadcast on the 14th December, 1954.

Produced by Neil Pearson & Paul Sheehan.

Written by Ray Galton & Alan Simpson

Music recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by

Levon Parikian.

A BBC Studios Production.

THU 08:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qmqh)

Series 4

Episode 19

Dressing gown trouble for Kenneth Horne – and Homerama

looks at New Towns.

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

Smith, 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 February 1961.

THU 08:30 Wally Who? (b08qmdc2)

Just The Way You Are

Wally Thornton reckons it's time to ditch his old mates for

more cultural pursuits.

Starring Tony Brandon as Wally.

With Chris Ellison, John Jardine, Nick Maloney and Rosalind

Knight.

Tony Brandon's BBC career was mainly as a disc-jockey for

Radio 1 and 2 from 1967-1982, but as an actor, he also

recorded the comedy series 'The Family Brandon' and 'Wally

Who?'.

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Theme and incidental music by Debbie Katz.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 1982.

THU 09:00 Genius (b008gh91)

Series 2

Chris Addison

Buying socks in threes and happy chickens?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Chris Addison to choose the

public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest

chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius

inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4cm)

Series 2

A Hint of Calvados

After moaning to the Corporation, the embittered writer gets a

BBC job offer Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2006.

THU 10:00 David Greig - The Swansong (m000qmtk)

A young woman sits by a pond with only a bottle of gin for

company - until a handsome stranger waddles out of the rushes

and whisks her off for a magical and memorable night on the

town.

David Greig's story is a contemporary variation on the legend of

Leda and the Swan.

Lydia Vicki Masson

Swan Michael Nardone

Dario John Kazek

Betty ... Isabella Jarrett

Stork ... Eric Barlow

Director Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000ql52)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001t16w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qmqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Wally Who? (b08qmdc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082hw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg9)

[Repeat of

Rhiannon Tise.
 Jo Julianna Jennings
 Laurie Alex Lanipekun
 Beth Bryony Hannah
 AmySamantha Dakin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
THU 14:30 The Quietest New Year on Earth (b055j1k)
 Black-clad security men stalk the streets hunting down people making noise and silencing them.
 No music, no laughter, no engines, no computer games.
 Instead maybe a barking dog, a fly buzzing against a window pane, or a mother stifling a child's cry. In the paddy fields the crickets, the frogs and the beetles chirrup on, but the roads are empty, the skies free from vapour trails.
 No human noise at all. Just silence.
 This is not a scenario from some chilling science-fiction tale, but New Year's Day on the Hindu island of Bali, where Nyepi, as the day is known, is welcomed in by a day of silence - a day to fool the evil spirits into believing that everyone has gone and their work is done.
 Of course, in one of the fastest growing property markets in the world, there is pressure for change, as overseas visitors exert more influence, and Muslim influence from the Indonesian mainland increases. But somehow Nyepi still has a powerful hold on the lives and imaginations of the Balinese, as the entire population falls silent for 24 hours – an island population known for one of the noisiest music traditions in the world - gamelan.
 It's a tradition that most locals take part in gladly, taking a chance to contemplate the year to come and using the time to meditate - whilst increasingly tourists are drawn to experience this unique atmosphere. Would you prefer a day of contemplating or a hangover to start the New Year?
 From the exorcisms the night before, through the day of silence itself, we hear the tensions mount – till the morning after.
 Producer: Sara Jane Hall
 With additional material gathered by Maria Bakkalapulo - reporter
 Niall Macaulay - field recordist
 Wayan Tiliak - assistant and translator
 John Stanmeyer - audio contributor, Melasti and Ogoh Ogoh
THU 15:00 David Greig - The Swansong (m000qmtk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Genius (b008gh91)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4cm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Mr Muzak (b094hm69)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 The Missing Hancock's (m0001ksd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Lost Stradivarius by J Meade Falkner (b00cz5rg)
 4. The Return
 As John returns from Italy, his friend Gaskell tries to penetrate how he fell under Adrian's malign spell. Concluded by Joanna David.
 Written in 1895 by J Meade Falkner, this brilliant novella from the author of the smuggling classic 'Moonfleet' is by turns enchanting and terrifying.
 Set in the 1840s, it follows John Maltravers, a well-to-do student at Oxford whose innocent love of music is destined to lead him under a malevolent influence.
 Abridger: Doreen Estall
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2008.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b06ts10b)
 Series 38
 Martin Jennings on Charles Sargeant Jagger
 In this episode, you might not know the name of the Great Life but you have probably walked past his work. At London's Hyde Park Corner - the 'Royal Artillery Memorial' stands – a huge stone monument.
 Charles Sargeant Jagger was arguably the first British sculptor to try to capture the horror of war. A full-sized gun – a 9.2 howitzer protrudes from the top; four masculine soldiers surround the base – one a corpse.
 Martin Jennings also a British sculptor, nominates Jagger as his Great Life. Along with the expert, art historian Ann Compton, they tell Matthew Parris how the First World War shaped and made Jagger. The producer is Perminder Khatkar.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
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THU 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b007k078)
 Christmas Special 2002
 Knocking on Heaven's Door

Satan's epic quest ends as he meets Death, St Peter and his rottweilers - and Davina McCull.
 Continuing Andy Hamilton's two-part festive special from Hell.
 Starring Andy Hamilton as Satan, James Grout as The Professor, Jimmy Mulville as Thomas, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Claire Skinner as Hope. With Philip Pope, Felicity Montagu and Michael Fenton Stevens.
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.
THU 23:00 Pleased to Meet You (b018j8cb)
 A Very Dora Christmas
 Episode 2
 Find out what, or rather who, saucy Dora Dale is roasting on an open fire. Stars Jake Yapp and Martin Kelner. From December 2011.
THU 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0938c6y)
 Series 7
 Cumulus Nimbus
 Seventh series of the hit comedy with more shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave. Written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli.
 Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Sean Biggerstaff, Mina Anwar, Greg McHugh and Simon Greenall. In this episode, Alok's former best friend at school returns to Lenzie to host a film audition. Fraser Linlithgow (Sean Biggerstaff) is now a big hit in Hollywood, and Alok is keen to cash in on his fame.
 Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick, Dave.
 Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!
 Ramesh: Sanjeev Kohli
 Dave: Donald Mcleary
 Sanjay: Omar Raza
 Alok: Sushel Kumar
 Fraser Linlithgow: Sean Biggerstaff
 Bishop Briggs: Michael Redmond
 Mr Hepworth: Tom Urie
 Paella Fieldings: Kate Brailsford.
 Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions
 A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.

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FRI 00:00 The Lost Stradivarius by J Meade Falkner (b00cz5rg)
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FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b06ts10b)
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FRI 01:00 The Mind of Mr JG Reeder (b0082hw0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08x97tr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b08bb9d4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 The Quietest New Year on Earth (b055j1k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 David Greig - The Swansong (m000qmtk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Genius (b008gh91)
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FRI 04:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4cm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Mr Muzak (b094hm69)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 The Missing Hancock's (m0001ksd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qngn)
 Episode 1
 Andy is an ecology journalist who finds himself receiving a curious tip-off about a gold raid.
 Starring Nick Chilvers, a thriller in six parts, taking in global power struggles, smuggling and the dangers of uranium, written by John Fletcher.
 Andy ... Nick Chilvers
 Sir Jack ... Conrad Phillips
 Grey ... Rex Holdsworth
 Kite ... Gregory de Polnay
 Julian ... Clive Francis
 Shirley ... Diane Fletcher
 Mike Monk ... Christian Rodska
 Lizzie ... Sheila Grant
 Directed by Brian Miller.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.
FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxgg)

One, Two Buckle My Shoe
 Episode 5
 With a killer still at large, the Belgian detective finds inspiration in the words of a psalm sung by the village church choir.
 Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
 Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson
 Frank Carter Dominic Colchester
 Alistair Blunt Philip Franks
 Jane Olivera Amanda Waring
 Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey
 Howard Raikes Robert Portal
 Original music composed by Tom Smail.
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
FRI 07:00 Dot (b055gcl6)
 Pilot
 Dot's had quite enough of making tea in the Cabinet War Rooms. When she finds a cryptic message in the newspaper she enlists the help of her pals Myrtle and Pearl. Can they catch the spy? And will it prove to be the big break Dot's been waiting for?
 Dot Fenella Woolgar
 Myrtle Kate O'Flynn
 Pearl Roslyn Hill
 Millicent Jane Slavin
 Peabody David Acton
 Ken Stephen Critchlow
 by Ed Harris
 Director/Producer Jessica Brown
 Ed Harris has written extensively for radio. In 2013 he won the Radio Academy Award for Best Drama for his War time thriller, 'The Resistance of Mrs Brown'. In 2011 he won the Writer's Guild Award for 'Troll' and was nominated for the Prix Europa for his play for BBC Radio 3: 'The Wall'.
 Fenella Woolgar won the Clarence Derwent Award for her role in 'Hedda Gabler' at the Old Vic and most recently played Margaret Thatcher in 'Handbagged' at the Vaudeville Theatre, London.
 Kate O'Flynn won the Critics Circle Award winner 2013 Most Promising Newcomer for 'Port' at the National Theatre, she also received an Evening Standard Nomination.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.
FRI 07:30 Big Broadcast (m000qhh5)
 Series 4
 Politics
 Neil Brand's musical caper set in a Chicago radio station in 1937. When a local property magnate uses the Hour of Charm to run for office, only a Hollywood star can stop him.
 Cast
 Katharine Hepburn Susannah Fielding
 Robert F. Winkler Ian Cunningham
 Arthur Clarke Neil McCaul
 Barbara Meek Bettrys Jones
 Ramona Fairfax Heather Craney
 Jerry Soundguy Hasan Dixon
 Preston Lanister Clive Hayward
 Singer Helen Neeves
 Singer Nancy Cole
 Singer Christopher Bowen
 Singer Jimmy Holliday
 Foley Alison Craig
 Written and composed by Neil Brand
 Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm8g)
 Bye Bye Mildred
 The bumbling bureaucrats' secretary is set to be lured away...
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
 With Norma Ronald, John Graham, Gordon Clyde and Jo Manning Wilson.
 Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.
 Producer: Edward Taylor.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1970.
FRI 08:30 King Street Junior (b007szmh)
 Series 2
 Sports Day
 As both pupils and staff get in training for school sports day, headmaster Mr Beeston receives a cryptic note.
 Created and written by Jim Eldridge.
 Ten series of this comedy about King Street Junior School ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
 Eric Brown Peter Davison
 Mr. Beeston James Grout
 Mr. Holiday Tom Watson
 Mrs. Stone Margaret John
 Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
 Mr. Long Paul Copley
 Mrs. Rudd Vivienne Martin

Danny ... Leon Hamilton
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.
FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)
 Series 3
 Andrew Neil
 Broadcaster and former Sunday Times Editor Andrew Neil is in the hot seat posing questions all about him.
 On the panel: comedians Sue Perkins, Caroline Quinlan, Robin Ince and Will Smith.
 Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every week. All the questions are about the host.
 Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.
 Devised and produced by Aled Evans.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
FRI 09:30 Ballylenon (b00g2djy)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 With clergy rumours buzzing - Vera McConkey's extra busy in the telephone exchange
 Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1954, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.
 Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
 Phonsie Doherty ... T.P. McKenna
 Muriel McConkey ... Margaret D'Arcy
 Vera McConkey ... Stella McCusker
 Vivienne Boal ... Aine McCartney
 Guard Gallagher ... John Hewitt
 Stumpy Bonnar ... Gerard McSorley
 Packy McGoldrick ... Charlie Bonnar
 Josie Doherty ... Ciara McKeown
 Rev Samuel Hawthorne ... Gerard Murphy
 Mr. Mawhinney ... Harry Towb
 Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 10:00 The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse (m000r630)
 Experience the world of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together, in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love.
 The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse was written and read by Charlie Mackesy.
 The music was by Max Richter and Isobel Waller-Bridge.
 It was produced by Colin Roche and mixed by Eli Block, with sound design by Ivor Manley
 This is a shortened version of the Penguin Audio Production of The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse audiobook.
FRI 10:50 Inheritance Tracks (b093m4gp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 on Monday]
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000qngt)
 Positive Podcasts for 2021
 Amanda Litherland and Greg Cochrane recommend inspirational listening to start the year.
 Firstly, a pick of 2020s best - timeless series which are well worth getting stuck into.
 Hana Walker-Brown, executive producer at Broccoli content joins to discuss the hit show Anthems - each episode containing positive personal philosophies.
 Also recommended from 2020:
 The Golden House (Rossutherland)
 Rabbit Hole (New York Times)
 Vent Documentaries (VilCE and Brent Council)
 The Log Books (Tash Walker, Adam Zmith and Shivani Dave)
 The Sink (BBC Sounds)
 Then a look forward to building a brighter, better 2021 with some podcasts that offer hope for the future.
 Jon Richardson and the Futuernauts (Ed Gillespie and Mark Stevenson) join to discuss their show which focuses on changes we can make to create a better world.
 Also:
 How To Vaccinate The World (BBC Radio 4)
 Brave New Planet (Pushkin)
 Armchair Adventures (Made By Mortals & Hearts and Minds)
FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jm8g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 King Street Junior (b007szmh)
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FRI 13:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qngn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxgg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08x9813)
 5. Marathons
 The idea of taking on unusual sporting challenges appealed to Eddie Izzard - so she took on a gruelling regime of running back to back marathons throughout the length of the UK
 In this memoir, Eddie has taken us on a journey through her life - one during which she's discovered much about herself along the way, and come to terms with not fitting into the box that most of us like to put people in.
 With a nod to the surreal humour and disarming candour of her shows, and some occasional digressions, Believe Me tells the story of a child losing their mother yet who's risen to become a star of comedy and drama, a leading advocate of total clothing rights, and an extreme runner of marathons.

Written and concluded by Eddie Izzard.
 Director: Lizzie Davies
 Abridged and produced by Jill Waters
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.
FRI 14:15 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (b08bbg1j)
 Harvest Time
 Meg has her family and Amy is enjoying her life abroad but Jo's heart aches with a ceaseless longing for what she has lost. The concluding episode of Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.
 Jo ... Julianna Jennings
 Mrs March ... Tara Ward
 Mr March ... John Bowler
 Meg ... Natasha Barnes
 Professor Bhaer ... Gunnar Cauthery
 Amy ... Samantha Dakin
 Laurie ... Alex Lanipekun
 Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
FRI 14:30 Natural Histories (b08wp3gh)
 Cow
 Brett Westwood investigates the peaceful, hefty, cud-chewing beasts which have been by our side for thousands of years. In Natural Histories we find out what Shakespeare made of this special relationship, hear Dinka songs from the intense cattle-based cultures of South Sudan and travel to a Leicestershire dairy where robots do the milking. It's a pastoral scene and a violent one too: the fearsome virility of the bull in the poetry of Lorca, sacred cows prompting vigilante violence in India, and a Greek tyrant who would bake his victims alive in a giant metal bull, its resonance turning their cries to moos. From all this bovine history it's clear that the domestication of the cow has fundamentally changed human society.
 Producer: Melvin Rickarby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
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FRI 17:30 Big Broadcast (m000qhh5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Wilkie Collins - Mad Monkton (m000qngx)
 Has the youngest son Alfred inherited the hereditary madness that's said to blight the Monkton family?
 'I see the figure of a dark-complexioned man, standing up, with his head uncovered. One of his hands, still clutching a pistol, has fallen to his side; the other presses a bloody handkerchief to his mouth. And thus I have seen him ever since the moment of his death.'
 Wilkie Collins's classic story adapted for radio by Michael Robson.
 Alfred Monkton ... John Castle
 Piers Fortune ... Gary Bond
 Ada Elmslie ... Sandra Freeman
 Damian ... Lewis Stringer
 Captain Rounce ... Geoffrey Matthews
 Devised and directed by Derek Hoddinott
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1976.
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00cqh5)
 Winning Ugly
 Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series.
 He is joined by prospective MP Wilfred Emmanuel Jones, writer Susannah Jowitt and former rugby international Brian Moore, who played on the losing side in the World Cup Final in 1991 and remains haunted by the event.
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FRI 22:00 Big Broadcast (m000qhh5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b007k32d)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Chesney fixes the alphabet, which has a leaky 'e'. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.
FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01phhb3)
 Series 5
 Meera Syal
 Guests experience new things and give their verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke. It's always fascinating to discover what the guests think of their new experience, but also to find out why they've waited so long to do it. Poet Benjamin Zephaniah had never seen a Bond movie or had a cup of builder's tea - so he'll be

discussing his first Bond experience over tea and scones. Meera Syal had never been to a football match. Percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie had never seen the Olympics Opening Ceremony, despite featuring in it, and she has her first experience of Downton Abbey. Comedian Dave Gorman tries going to a strip club and reads his first Dickens. Perhaps most astonishing of all, actor and comedian Les Dennis swallows his first ever piece of cheese.
 Produced by Bill Dare.
FRI 23:30 Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies (b03gg7rd)
 Nationalism
 Andrew looks at Nationalists, from a variety of movements, who are easy to demonise. So very, very easy.
 But rather than do that - and it really is very easy - Andrew will explore the reasons for joining such organisations and the logical outcomes of their policies.
 Andrew Maxwell is one of the UK's most informed and fearless stand ups. In this series of one-off stand up shows, he uses his trademark intelligence and political incisiveness to dig behind the clichés and assumptions about four possible threats to British society: food, the internet, drugs and Nationalism.
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