

**SATURDAY 02 JANUARY 2021**

**SAT 00:00 Mad Monkton by Wilkie Collins (m000qngx)**  
 '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.'  
 Has the youngest son Alfred inherited the hereditary madness that's said to blight the Monkton family?  
 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 March 1976.  
**SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00cqh5)**  
 Winning Ugly  
 Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series. He is joined by prospective MP Wilfred Emmanuel Jones, writer Susannah Jovitt 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.  
**SAT 01:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qngn)**  
 1. Tip-Off  
 Andy is an ecology journalist who finds himself receiving a curious tip-off about a gold raid.  
 Starring Nick Chilvers.  
 John Fletcher's six-part thriller serial taking in global power struggles, smuggling and the dangers of uranium.  
 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  
 Director: Brian Miller.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.  
**SAT 01:30 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.  
**SAT 02:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (b08x9813)**  
 5. Marathons  
 The idea of taking on unusual sporting challenges appealed to Eddie Izzard – so she took to 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.  
**SAT 02:15 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.  
**SAT 02:30 Natural Histories (b08wp3gh)**  
 Cow  
 Brett Westwood investigates the peaceful, hefty, cud-chewing beasts which have been by our side for thousands of years.

Discover 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 July 2017.  
**SAT 03:00 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 Colm 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.  
**SAT 03:50 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.  
**SAT 04:00 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.  
**SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b00g2djj)**  
 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.  
**SAT 05:00 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 gals Myrtle and Pearl.  
 Can they catch the spy? And will it prove to be the big break Dot's been waiting for?  
 Pilot by Ed Harris for the rollicking wartime comedy set in the Cabinet War Rooms.  
 Dot ... Fenella Woolgar  
 Myrtle ... Kate O'Flynn  
 Pearl ... Roslyn Hill  
 Millicent ... Jane Slavin  
 Peabody ... David Acton  
 Ken ... Stephen Crichtlow  
 Director: Jessica Brown  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.  
**SAT 05:30 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 Conningham  
 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  
**SAT 06:00 DS Vogel - Body on the Heath (m000qxmw)**  
 The young man found on London's Putney Heath had his throat cut from ear to ear.  
 It seems as if it could be suicide though it's not an easy way to kill yourself. But who is he, and if he did kill himself, what drove him to such a dreadful death?  
 Sergeant Vogel finds it difficult to find any satisfactory answers.  
 Douglas Livingstone, Nigel Hawthorne and Colette O'Neil star in Bill Lyons's police thriller.  
 Detective Sergeant Vogel ... Douglas Livingstone  
 Detective Superintendent Fraser ... Nigel Hawthorne  
 Sergeant Mann ... Walter Hall  
 PC Jackson ... Michael Harbour  
 Maureen Vogel ... Diana Bishop  
 Pathologist / Vogel ... Bruce Purchase  
 Hairdresser / Waiter / Carpark Attendant ... Alan Dudley  
 Laura Holland ... Colette O'Neill  
 Annie Viccars ... Valerie Murray  
 Eric Hills ... Christopher Bidmead  
 David Simon ... Steven Pacey  
 Mr Holland ... David Graham  
 David Simon ... Steven Pacey  
 Other parts by Irene Sutcliffe and Michael Tudor Barnes.  
 Director: Jane Morgan  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1976.  
**SAT 07:30 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 Permidher Khatkar.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.  
**SAT 08:00 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.  
**SAT 08:30 Rent (b007522v)**  
 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.  
**SAT 09:00 The BBC Tour (b04d0k17)**  
 Savoy Hill, Broadcasting House, Lime Grove, TV Centre, Maida Vale and Bush House are just some of the iconic BBC buildings brought alive by Nick Baker in this fascinating tour of the archives from 1922 to the present.  
 After the Queen opened the new extension to London Broadcasting House in 2013, regular guided public tours took place. Sculptor Eric Gill's statue of Prospero and Ariel over the 1932 art deco front entrance sparked controversy over part of the latter's anatomy. BBC buildings have made news ever since. The BBC's first home in Savoy Hill was described by DG Lord Reith as a miserable sort of place, but for ten years it broadcast a variety of talks and even some agonisingly slow Wimbledon commentaries.  
 Lime Grove in Shepherd's Bush was bought by the BBC in 1949 to temporarily house its fledgling TV service, but it remained in use for 42 years. Ludovic Kennedy shares its history.  
 BBC TV Centre is recalled by perhaps the most celebrity vox pop ever assembled.  
 Cerys Matthews visits the BBC music studio in Maida Vale.  
 Terry Waite returns to Bush House, former home to BBC World Service which sustained him during his Lebanon captivity.

Members of the public experience the BBC Broadcasting House tour (discontinued in 2016) and BBC Head of History Robert Seatter shares all the facts.

Producer: Marilyn Harris

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Testbed and first broadcast in August 2014.

**SAT 12:00 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

María ..... 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.

**SAT 12:30 Babbblewick Hall (b04mhc03)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Squire Fenton Babbblewick 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 Babbblewick is still the squire of his inherited estate.

Nicholas Le Provost ..... Squire Fenton Babbblewick

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.

**SAT 13:00 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.

**SAT 13:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg0)**

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.

**SAT 14:00 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.

**SAT 14:30 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.

**SAT 15:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jxgg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 today]

**SAT 15:30 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.

**SAT 16:00 DS Vogel - Body on the Heath (m000qxnw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b06ts10b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 18:00 Jerome K Jerome - The Dancing Partner (b08tj7rs)**

"All I ask of a partner is that he shall hold me firmly, take me round steadily, and not get tired before I do."

When a group of young women complain about a lack of dance partners, a toymaker gets creative...

Jerome K Jerome's eerie tale adapted by Michael and Mollie

Hardwick.

Papa Geibel .... James Hayter

Brendl .... Rolf Lefebvre

Trudi .... Sheila Grant

Olga .... Shirley Cooklin

Colonel Lens .... Peter Pratt

Hans/Fritz .... Malcolm Hayes

Irma .... Patricia Clapton

Hoffmeier .... Anthony Hall

Wensel .... Austin Trevor

MacShaunassy .... Allan McClelland

Special effects by the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Music arranged and conducted by Denya Barlow.

Signature tune by Ron Grainer.

Producer: Charles Lefeaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1963.

**SAT 18:30 Edgar Allan Poe (b03bv04c)**

The Oblong Box

A passenger on a summer voyage to New York is curious about an artist, his new wife and his strange luggage.

An Edgar Allan Poe mystery, first published in 1844.

Read by James Aubrey

Producer: James Runcie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

**SAT 18:45 Absent Friends - The 7th Dimension (m000r3gd)**

Toby Hadoke remembers the performers, producers and writers from the world of sci fi, horror & fantasy whom we've lost in 2020.

Including David Prowse, Dame Diana Rigg, Honor Blackman,

David Collings, Earl Cameron, Sean Arnold & Vincent

Marzello.

Produced by Moy McGowan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

**SAT 19:00 The BBC Tour (b04d0k17)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007wp39)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Tom Caine awakes one morning to discover he can't stop singing at inappropriate moments. As a result, he loses his job

and his girlfriend Sadie.

Who are the strange bunch of musicians following him around? Why can't anyone else see them? Will Tom reach the high notes?

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggs ..... Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse ..... Dr Boone

Mika Simmons ..... Sadie

Phil Cornwell ..... Bouche

Michael Roberts ..... Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon ..... Jake

Nick Romero ..... Monty De Vere

Emma Clarke ..... Miss Lie

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquil MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew

McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

**SAT 22:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04vr5j8)**

Series 2

Turning Cheeks

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

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**SAT 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b07bfmw)**

Series 7

Stockport

"Welcome to Stockport - Home of Stockport College"

Mark Steel returns for a seventh series of the award winning show that travels around the country, researching the history, heritage and culture of six towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness, and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.

In the first programme, Mark visits the Greater Manchester town of Stockport, once the centre of the hatting industry.

He takes a trip on the infamous 192 bus, visits the world famous hat museum and tries to get to the bottom of how one of its suburbs ended up with an infestation of marauding peacocks.

In this series Mark visits Stockport in Greater Manchester, Colchester in Essex, Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Lynton in North Devon and the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Sterling

Producer ... Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.

**SAT 23:30 4 at the Store (b00d7jrz)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Simon Bligh hosts more stand-up from London's Comedy Store.

With:

Alan Carr

Richard Morton

Gina Yashere

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

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**SUN 02:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:30 Hercule Poirot (b007jxg9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jxgg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 01:30 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

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**SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b06ts10b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Believe Me by Eddie Izzard (Omnibus) (b08wz59s)**

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.

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Omnibus of five parts 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.

**SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000qyjt)**

Hank Marvin

Guitarist Hank Marvin chooses Lonnie Donegan's Rock Island Line and Allan Holdsworth's Joshua.

**SUN 07:20 Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (Omnibus) (b08ed2sj)**

Episode 2/2

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.

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

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

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

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

**SUN 08:30 PG Wodehouse (b00b7b0p)**

What Ho! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning

Steeple Bumbleigh

Forced into a meeting he's been trying to avoid at the cottage, Bertie Wooster gets a warning.

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

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster .... Richard Briers

Stilton Cheesewright .... Michael Kilgariff

Boko Fittleworth ..... Jonathan Cecil

Edwin the Boy Scout ..... Denise Bryer

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

**SUN 09:00 The TV Lark (b019f7nb)**

Opening Night

Abandon ship! Take one naval crew - disembark them and drop anchor at a TV station - and you have 'The TV Lark'.

After four series of 'The Navy Lark', the BBC decided the comedy crew needed a new setting, so where better than brand new independent station, Troutbridge TV?

New Deputy Controller of Programmes, Henry Povey spots some familiar faces...

The Producer .... Stephen Murray

The Floor Manager .... Jon Pertwee

The Director .... Leslie Phillips

Deputy Controller, Henry Povey, .... Richard Caldicot

'Fatsy' Johnson .... Ronnie Barker

'Taffy' Goldstein/The Mayor .... Tenniel Evans

Controller, Gervais Batsford-Shaw .... Michael Bates

Janet .... Janet Brown

TTV Continuity Announcer .... Robin Boyle

Written by Lawrie Wyman

This series proved to be only a temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troutbridge - as they were soon back aboard 'The Navy Lark' - after 10 outings of The TV Lark.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1963.

**SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4cm)**

Series 2

A Hint of Calvados

After moaning to the Corporation, embittered writer Ed gets a job offer from the BBC.

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 Nickolds.

Featuring:

Stephanie Cole

Philip Jackson

John Fortune

Rita May

Geoffrey McGivern

Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Geoffrey Whitehead

Dan Tetsell

Matthew Holness

Martin Hyder

Chris Addison

Joanna Scanlan

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000qyjt)**

Comic Castaways

Rob Brydon

From Elvis Presley to Bruce Springsteen.

Comedian and actor Rob Brydon shares his castaway choices

with Kirsty Young.

Growing up in Port Talbot, South Wales, Rob discovered performing when he was a teenager and says he came alive when he was on stage: so much so that he left school with only a couple of O Levels.

For years, he made a comfortable but unfulfilling living recording voice-overs and working on a TV shopping channel.

He always dreamed of working in comedy, though, and eventually it was 'Marion and Geoff' and then 'Gavin and Stacey' that made him a household name.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

**SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lhbh3)**

Series 1

Birds of Paradise

Sir David Attenborough talks about the Birds of Paradise, a group of birds which evolved in the relative safety of New Guinea, allowing them to acquire adornments and feathered decorations so resplendent that they fooled the early explorers who discovered them.

Series of talks by Sir David on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in August 2009.

**SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0003ekq)**

Series 5

23 Weeks 6 days

Radiolab follows the story of a very premature baby and the questions her parents face. With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

A couple is stuck on the line between life and death, caught in a tug of war between two basic moral touchstones: doing no harm, and doing everything in our power to help.

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 2013.

**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000qyxs)**

Can yr Adar - Song of the Birds

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Can yr Adar - Song of the Birds featuring singer-songwriter Kizzy Crawford and composer, Gwilym Simcock who describe how they wove words and music out of the landscape and wildlife of Carnegafallt nature reserve in Mid Wales.

Kizzy Crawford returns to the RSPB nature reserve at Carnegafallt in Mid Wales, where she was inspired to create "Can Yr Adar - Birdsong" with pianist and composer, Gwilym Simcock, and members of Sinfonia Cymru. Kizzy and Gwilym share how they wove music out of Wales's own 'Celtic rainforest', and they open a window on the hidden processes of creation, collaboration and communication that gave birth to a brand new work of art.

Produced by Chris Taylor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

**SUN 12:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)**

Series 2

Case #47 - Crime Writing Doesn't Pay

Incompetent private detectives Max and Ivan are contacted by the very dull white goods instruction manual writer Robert R. Roberts, who wants them to investigate a series of copycat crimes based on the erotic crime fiction novels he writes under the pseudonym Scarlett Melange.

Their investigation takes them to the Peckam Flower and Vegetable show, where they fear the life of head judge Joaquin Zamorano is in considerable danger.

Along the way, they meet the one person on earth who might be more boring than Robert R. Roberts - his wife Roberta.

Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez

Max ..... Max Olesker

Ivan ..... Ivan Gonzalez

Robert R. Roberts aka Scarlett Melange ..... Jason Watkins

Roberta Roberts/Voice of the Audiobook ..... Lolly Adefope

Narrator/Malcolm McMichaelmas ..... Lewis MacLeod

Joaquin Zamorano/Impish Nutter ..... David Reed

Developed by John Stanley Productions

Produced by Ben Walker

A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

**SUN 13:00 Last Stories by William Trevor (Omnibus) (b0b4zwb6)**

Niamh Cusack, Hattie Morahan and Dermot Crowley read five stories taken from William Trevor's final and posthumous collection

It was published to coincide with what would have been his 90th Birthday.

The Piano Teacher's Pupil: Niamh Cusack reads a poignant story of give and take.

An Idyll in Winter: Hattie Morahan reads a story of a life lasting love.

The Crippled Man: Dermot Crowley reads a story about the end of patience.

Making Conversations: Hattie Morahan reads a tale of unrequited love and loss of nerve.

Giotto's Angels: Dermot Crowley reads a story of a man who finds comfort from angels.

Often described as the master of the short story, revered by his fellow writers and by his readers, these stories written in the last years of William Trevor's life contain all his hallmarks; his piercing observation of human life, his humanity, his elegant prose and his distinctive voice.

Abridger: Rowan Routh

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018

**SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b09hhwh4)**

Shazia Mirza

Comedian Shazia Mirza chooses Verdi's 'Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves' from the opera 'Nabucco' and 'Heroes' by David Bowie.

**SUN 14:20 Graham Greene - Monsignor Quixote (Omnibus) (b07nt0dq)**

Episode 1/2

Graham Green's comic 'entertainment', set in rural Spain a few years after the death of Franco.

Father Quixote makes a friend of an Italian bishop, with unexpected consequences.

Starring Bernard Cribbins.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

Father Quixote .... Bernard Cribbins

Sancho .... Philip Jackson

Teresa .... Susan Jameson

The Italian Bishop .... Sean Baker

The Spanish Bishop .... Brian Protheroe

Father Herrera .... Nick Underwood

Shop Assistant ..... James Lailey

Guardia 1 .... Sam Rix

Guardia 2 .... Sean Baker

Guardia 3 .... Tom Forrister

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**SUN 15:30 The Radio Detectives (m0002s6t)**

Series 2

As My Whimsy Takes Me

Author Dorothy L Sayers created the classic aristocratic amateur sleuth who appeared on radio as well as in books, films and on TV.

Professor Jeffrey Richards delves into the casebook of the elegance and stylish British gentleman detective.

With Ian Carmichael, Simon Brett and Jill Paton Walsh.

Second affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

**SUN 16:00 Ray Jenkins - Beyond The Book (m000qyjs)**

Frank Moss is a policeman. He thinks it's more important to catch villains than to do things by the book....

Alan Lake, Peter Vaughan and Alex Marshall star in Ray Jenkins' police thriller.

Frank Moss .... Alan Lake

Judge .... Patrick Barr

Det Chief Supt Knight .... Peter Vaughan

Det Chief Inspector Shirley .... Michael McStay

Stella Moss .... Alex Marshall

Harriet Moss .... Lysandre de la Haye

Athanasia / Schoolgirl .... Nicolette Joseph

Androu ..... Steve Pityas

Det Sgt Williams .... Norman Mitchell

Commander Beavons / President .... Brian Haines

Bender .... Barry Lowe

Set Supt Gaynor / Commander Davies .... Robert Gillespie

Commander Holton .... Peter Baldwin

Culshaw .... Brian Carroll

Danny Taylor .... Eric Mason

Friend .... John Hollis

Instrumental music arranged and played by Geroge Weigand and Robin Jeffrey.

Director: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980

**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000qyjs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**SUN 18:00 A Sting in the Tale (b0076jlc)**

2. Myrtle, Mahonia and Rue by Briony Glasco

In an attempt to escape her recurring nightmares, a young landscape gardener decides on a drastic course of action.

An eerie tale by Briony Glasco.

Myrtle .... Rachel Atkins

Getty .... Lydia Leonard

Mahonia .... Gbemisola Ikumelo

Rue .... Cherie Taylor-Battiste

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

**SUN 18:30 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxb)**

## 1. Arthur's Journey

Timid commuter, Arthur Vezin becomes too enchanted with a sleepy and strange French town and its people to leave.

He's slowly drawn more and more into their realm of secrets and talk of ancient memories...and is struck by how the people there resemble cats, both in looks and behaviour...

Algernon Blackwood's dark tale read in four parts by Philip Madoc.

Born in Shooter's Hill and educated at Wellington College, Algernon Blackwood had a varied career, farming in Canada, operating a hotel, and working as a newspaper reporter in New York City before moving to England and starting to write horror stories.

He was very successful, writing 10 books of short stories and appearing on both radio and TV to tell them. He also wrote 14 novels and a number of plays, most of which were produced but not published. He was an avid nature lover and many of his stories reflect this.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Northern Ireland and first broadcast in 2005.

**SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m0003ckq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**SUN 20:00 Ray Jenkins - Beyond The Book (m000qyjk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000qyj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001xhb3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

**SUN 22:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jww5)**

7. From Nelson to Women's Emaciation

The emaciation of women.

Continuing the history of mankind.

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 June 1990.

**SUN 22:45 Hearing With Hegley (b03sb6t8)**

Series 2

Episode 7

Comedian John Hegley makes a spectacle of himself in Barnet with visionary poems and songs. With Nigel Piper. From 1998.

**SUN 23:00 The Museum of Everything (b00hg82b)**

Series 3

The Expo

Marvel at the meerkats, visit a new theme park... and one man must face 'The Curator'.

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 (b00ry9j0)**

Series 1

Trout Farm

John Weak discovers there's a "T" missing from the end of HR, when Human Resources has a communal hot flush over his witty entry on Deirdre Simmons's leaving card...

Alexander Armstrong stars as John Weak in Guy Browning's sitcom.

Randy, devious, sexist and worksy, John Weak puts the man into management.

John Weak ..... Alexander Armstrong

Hayley ..... Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters ..... Ron Cook

Phil Bellinger ..... Stephen Critchlow

Clare Barrett ..... Colleen Prendergast

Deidre Simmons ..... Susan Jameson

Simon Henshaw ..... Harry Myers

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Ray Jenkins - Beyond The Book (m000qyjk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000qyjk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qydh)**

2. Mixed Up

Can ecology journalist Andy escape the impact of a big business take-over battle?

Starring Nick Chilvers

John Fletcher's thriller serial taking in global power struggles, smuggling and the dangers of uranium.

Andy ... Nick Chilvers

Girl ... Aryon Mellor

Nigel ... Cornelius Garret

Julian ... Clive Francis

Shirley ... Diane Fletcher

Mike Monk ... Christian Rodska

BD ... Pavel Douglas

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

**MON 06:30 Dick Francis (b007jppx)**

Bolt

1. Threats and Menaces

Champion jockey Kit Fielding is engaged to Danielle de

Brescou the niece of his employer Princess Casilia.

The Princess recruits Kit to fend off Henri de Brescou, a

dangerous cousin trying to involve her in the armaments

business.

But Kit also has problems of his own...

Dick Francis's 1986 racing thriller dramatised in five-parts by

John Ashe.

Kit Fielding ..... Eric Allan

Princess Casilia ..... Sian Phillips

Danielle ..... Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri ..... John Bull

Greening ..... Jack May

Dusty ..... Christian Rodska

Thomas ..... Steve Hodson

Allardeck ..... Bill Wallis

Roland ..... Simon Carter

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

**MON 07:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b08575wj)**

Series 1

Potato Salad

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Tedder's

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

Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Trisha introduces Deepak to the delights of the British seaside.

Trisha.....Beattie Edmondson

Deepak.....Nikesh Patel

June.....Alison Belbin

Len.....John Bowler

Sal.....Catriona McFarlane

Nev.....Gavi Singh Chera

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 (m000q1t)**

Series 73

Lockdown Recording 2

Another lockdown recording of the nation's favourite wireless

entertainment sees Tony Hawks, Pippa Evans and Harry Hill

pitted against Sandi Toksvig, Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden

with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell provides piano

accompaniment.

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

**MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtn)**

Series 1

Steptoe a la Carte

After meeting Monique on his round, Harold's hoping he's

found true love with a French twist. But what will she make of

his dad Albert?

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 Steptoe .... Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Steptoe .... Harry H Corbett

Monique .... Gwendolyn Watts

The Butler .... Ian Burford

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 (b01nql85)**

Series 2

Education and Money

The lifestyle show hosts focus on "education" and "money".

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

Ravens.

Mike ..... Robert Duncan

Sue ..... Jan Ravens

With Roger Blake, Alistair McGowan, Sally Philips and Bill

Dare.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

**MON 09:00 Hidden Treasures (b055q39m)**

Harewood House

From gorgeous fashion creations to athlete wrestling with a

python.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz from the

Long Gallery at the Earl of Harewood's family home in West

Yorkshire.

With Henry Sandon, Sally Kevill-Davies, Tim Bentinck and

Kevin Baker.

Producer: Annie Bristow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**MON 09:30 Babbalewick Hall (b0075c76)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Squire Babbalewick is determined to buy a workhouse to turn it

into a school.

Starring Nicholas Le Prevost and Forbes Masson.

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

Nicholas Le Prevost ..... Squire Fenton Babbalewick

Molly ..... Maggie McCarthy

Augustus Snipe ..... Forbes Masson

Jack ..... Dave Hill

Barney ..... Benedict Sandiford.

Anne Giddy ..... Elizabeth Spriggs

Helen Giddy ..... Pat Coombs

Squire Blunt ..... Geoffrey McGivern

Music by Paul Mottra.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

**MON 10:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

A fast-moving comic double love story charting the

involvement of Irish penny-whistle player Sean Hennessy and

his fiddler father in the machinations that eventually lead to

married bliss for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Starring Paul Rhys and Andrew Scott.

Written by Michael Butt.

Mozart.....Paul Rhys

Sean.....Andrew Scott

Father.....Tony Rohr

Maria.....Samantha Spiro

Constanze.....Sophie Roberts

Aloisia.....Ella Smith

Mother.....Carolyn Pickles

Leopold Mozart.....Gerard McDermott

Director: David Hunter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

**MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000qydr)**

Series 7

Changing The World

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting

speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design)

stage.

Guy Raz explores what it takes to change the world for the

better. What motivates activism? How can each of us change

the world?

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

**MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07j5f1)**

Shaun Keaveny

BBC 6 Music presenter Shaun Keaveny chooses 'This Old Heart

of Mine' by the Isley Brothers and 'Purple Rain' by Prince.

**MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s5xtn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b01nql85)**

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**MON 13:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qydh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Dick Francis (b007jppx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 14:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007k05g)**

1. Little Water Wanderer

The birth and the beginning of an eventual cubhood in the

Devon countryside - seen through the eyes of a young otter.

Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter

life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**MON 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pf1bd)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Thrilling series set in 1890s Whitechapel. Welsh farm girl

Megan Evans comes to London to visit her brother who is

running the family's dairy business - but her brother is strangely

unwelcoming.

Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones

Luc Evans ..... Trystan Gravelle

Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch

Directed by Marc Beeby

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**MON 14:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)**

Exploring the legacy of musician and broadcaster Jack Jackson, who died in 1978, through the eyes of three generations of his family.

Kenny Everett said of him 'He was the first person to have fun on radio', but even though he inspired many broadcasters and musicians it is the incredible impact Jackson still has on his family.

This programme uncovers another Jackson dynasty overflowing with musicians, record producers and artists all striving to preserve his memory and make their own impression on the world. His two sons established a recording studio, used by artists such as Elton John, Tom Robinson and Motorhead. His daughter is a successful artist and designer and several of his grandchildren are forging effective careers in the music business - one of which co-founded production group 'Bimbo Jones' which has taken numerous number ones to the top of the dance charts. His great grand children are all encouraged to be musical.

Jackson's career in entertainment spanned fifty years. Jackson formed his band in the thirties and was a regular at London's Dorchester Hotel. He became a disc jockey in 1948 on the BBC Light Programme and his programmes featured a mix of linking his voice with comedy clips and popular music. According to his grandson Marc he was the first broadcaster in Britain to introduce the technique of sampling and to present a "clip show" programme.

He is also often cited as the man who gave the BBC the nickname 'Auntie' and the first voice heard on ITV.

Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**MON 15:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Bablewick Hall (b0075c76)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b08575wj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m000qlt1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006f90)**

1. The End Begins

It all begins with the end - the end of the world - almost.

It happens during a night of brilliant green flashes - meteors?

Perhaps - or satellite weapons. Who can say?

Survivor, Bill Masen recalls how the world was plunged into darkness with the dawning monstrous horror of ambulant plant life...

First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised in six parts by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson ..... Bill Masen

Freda Dowie ..... Elspeth

Barbara Shelley ..... Josella

Garard Green ..... Umberto Palanguez

Ralph Truman ..... Managing Director

Michael Deacon ..... Young Bill

Peter Pratt ..... Mr. Masen

Peter Baldwin ..... Walter Lucknor

Jan Edwards ..... Nurse

Rolf Lefebvre ..... House Surgeon

Haydn Jones ..... Publican

John Pullen ..... Radio Commentator

This compelling tale has been made into a film, two television series and three radio versions.

Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1968.

**MON 18:30 A Good Read (b011zms3)**

Laura Solon and Fleur Adcock

Harriett Gilbert discusses favourite paperbacks with writer

Fleur Adcock and comedian Laura Solon. Their choices include a

modern classic by Evelyn Waugh and two coming-of-age

novels, one set in France and the other in the north of England.

Harriett Gilbert's choice: The Greengage Summer by Rumer

Godden

Publ. Pan

Laura Solon's choice: Decline and Fall by Evelyn Waugh

Publ. Penguin Modern

Fleur Adcock's choice: Bilgewater by Jane Gardam

Publ. Abacus Books

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

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**MON 22:30 Comedy Club Extra (m000qyfo)**

Comedy Catalysts - Series 2

Comedy Catalysts - Jessica Fostekeew

The multi award-winning comic Harriet Kemsley invites her peers to celebrate the trail blazing comedians who inspired them to pick up the mic.

In this second series, broadcast across the week in Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, four of the UK's top stand-up comedians share how their comedy heroes informed their stand-up styles, and changed their lives.

This episode features Jessica Fostekeew celebrating her hero, the anarchic and charismatic alternative comedian, Rik Mayall.

Also featuring:

Jen Brister on French and Saunders

Josie Long on David O'Doherty

Shazia Mirza on Richard Pryor

Harriet Kemsley is an award winning comedian, writer,

podcaster, and host of the Comedy Club on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Produced by Anne-Marie Luff, Made for 4 Extra

**MON 22:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b00jzzg3)**

Series 2

The Fitness Club

The Laird challenges Dougal to swim, cycle and run in a MacAthlon. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From

March 2004.

**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000qnkb)**

Series 104

Best of 2020

Andy Zaltzman gives 2020 the treatment it deserves in this compilation episode of News Quiz highlights from planet earth's latest annus horribilis.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production

**MON 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b007jvlw)**

Series 2

Episode 1

George and Beverley decide to feign their deaths to see how their children will cope with the grief.

He wants to write a book about it all and she hopes they'll realise how much they miss them, so that they can become one big happy reunited family.

But will their plan actually work?

Second series of Gerard Foster's comedy drama

George ..... Geoffrey Palmer

Beverley ..... Angela Thorne

Alex ..... Gerard Foster

Rose ..... Miranda Hart

Hosana ..... Debra Stephenson

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

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3. Quiz

Can ecology journalist Andy Smith discover who is smuggling refined uranium out of Britain? Now he must quiz his former colleague, Nigel, about what goes on in Natural International ...

Nick Chilvers stars in John Fletcher's thriller serial.

Nigel ... Cornelius Garrett

Anne ... Caroline Blakiston

Julian ... Clive Francis

Kite ... Gregory de Polnay

Sir Jack ... Conrad Phillips

Grey ... Rex Holdsworth

B.D. ... Pavel Douglas

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

**TUE 06:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)**

Bolt

2. Horses Begin to Die

Henri de Brescou, bent upon obtaining authority from the French Government to make plastic guns, threatens Roland, Princess Casilia's frail and elderly husband.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding ..... Eric Allan

Princess Casilia ..... Sian Phillips

Danielle ..... Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri ..... John Bull

Roland ..... Simon Carter

Dusty ..... Christian Rodska

Thomas ..... Steve Hodson

Allardeck ..... Bill Wallis

Wykeham ..... William Eedle

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

**TUE 07:00 Showstopper (b00y8yjn)**

4. Super Heroes

Showstopper! The Improvised Musical is a brand new comedy in which the Showstopper team create a hilarious improvised musical on the spot - with the 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.

Produced by Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**TUE 07:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m000qvtp)**

Museum of New Year's Curiosity

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and the Museum's latest curator Alice Levine are joined by past curators Sally Phillips and Dan Schreiber and Senior Lecturer in Social and Cultural Artificial Intelligence Dr Kate Devlin.

The episode was recorded remotely in December 2020.

The Producer was Anne Miller.

The Exec Producer was Victoria Lloyd.

The Production Coordinator was Mabel Wright.

Edited by David Thomas.

A BBC Studios Production

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)**

Ill Met by Moonlight

Neddie Seagoon is sent to capture the German general who commands the island of Crete. Stars Spike Milligan. From

March 1957.

**TUE 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jsb8)**

Series 3

Episode 5

Ken and Sandy both suffer marital problems, but at least they've won Pink Len's ad account. Stars Martin Jarvis. From November 1986.

**TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000qnkb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

**TUE 09:30 Drama (m0001mv2)**

Looking for Oil Drum Lane

A dramatisation of Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's comedy writing partnership - from Tony Hancock's departure to striking gold with Steptoe and Son. Starring Marc Wootton, Phil Cornwell, Barry Castagnola, James Hurn and Toby Longworth.

Weaving comedy archive and newly written scenes, the show follows the tortuous search for Oil Drum Lane, the fictional address of Steptoe and Son. The programme commemorates the passing of Ray Galton in October 2018.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson met in a tuberculosis sanatorium in 1948. They became friends through a shared passion for radio comedy. To amuse themselves, they broadcast their own sketches over the hospital radio. After sending their material to famous comedy writers of the day Denis Norden and Frank Muir, Alan and Ray were encouraged to post some scripts to the BBC. An unexpectedly positive response left the fledgling writers ecstatic.

Soon they became regular sketch writers for the BBC. They met Tony Hancock and rose to the top of their profession.

But when Hancock decided to go it alone Galton and Simpson were devastated and left high and dry.

The team was then commissioned by the colourful head of light entertainment at the BBC, Tom Sloane, to write ten comedy plays - but the loss of Hancock generated an impenetrable writer's block - until they hammered out a pilot sit-com that became Steptoe and Son.

Ray Galton.....Marc Wootton

Alan Simpson.....Barry Castagnola

Tony Hancock/Wilfred Brambell.....James Hurn

Harry H Corbett.....Phil Cornwell

Tom Sloan.....Ian Pearce

Duncan Wood.....Toby Longworth

Other parts were played by the cast.

Written by Ian Pearce.

Script Editor - Nick Romero.

Directed and Produced by Andrew McGibbon.

A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2018.

**TUE 10:00 HG Wells (b08fdkdl)**

Ann Veronica

## Episode 1

Spirited and fiercely intelligent, Ann Veronica is a 21st Century woman in an Edwardian Hobble skirt. She runs away from her stiflingly conventional home and her domineering father to make a fresh start in London. A lively and surprising story; not least because it's created by H.G. Wells.

Ann Veronica ..... Amy Hoggart  
Mr Stanley .... Geoffrey Whitehead  
H.G. Wells .... Bill Nighy  
Manning .... Toby Hadoke

Aunt Molly .... Ruth Alexander-Rubin  
Constance .... Emily Pithon  
Miss Miniver .... Victoria Brazier  
Ramage .... Jonathan Keeble  
Teddy .... Ashley Margolis

Produced and directed by Pauline Harris  
Dramatised by Ellen Dryden

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First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b082szm7)**

Being Bored: The Importance Of Doing Nothing

Is boredom under threat? There are more TV channels than we can count. Smartphones keep us engaged around the clock, and the constant white noise of social media coerces us to always 'interact'. In fact, there is so much to stimulate our everyday lives in this digital age that we need never be bored ever again. So do we still need to be bored? And what would we miss if we did eliminate boredom completely from our lives?

The happily bored Phill Jupitus takes a creative look at our attitude to this misunderstood emotion. He will examine what boredom is, and how it has influenced our leisure time, our workplaces, our creativity and our evolution. Phill will examine its impact on comedy, art, music, and television, taking us from punk to prison, from J. R. R. Tolkien to Sherlock Holmes, from Danish sex clubs to London's 'Boring Conference'.

This will be a lively look at the simple, very real and essential emotion of boredom, and a stout defence of the right to sometimes just sit down and do nothing.

Interviews include - the Reverend Richard Coles, the writer Natalie Haynes, the artist George Shaw, the comedy writer & producer Robert Popper, the psychologist Peter Toohy, the punk musician Gaye Black (formerly of The Adverts), the psychologist Sandi Mann, the BBC newsreader Simon McCoy, Dr Teresa Belton and the social media entrepreneur Jodie Cook.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007k06r)**

2. Confused and Alone

The young cub becomes confused when his mother abandons him, but a new friend awaits.

Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**TUE 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pgvjj)**

Series 1

## Episode 2

As young Welsh woman Megan Evans begins to learn about the family's dairy business and life in 1890s Whitechapel she also begins to suspect that her brother is hiding something.

Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones  
Luc Evans ..... Trystan Gravelle  
Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch  
Moses Lipski ..... Brian Protheroe  
Annie Riley ..... Alice Haig  
Madog Prys ..... James Lailey

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby.

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**TUE 14:30 Steve the Sweep (b03vgf45)**

Steve Carver learns the trade of a chimney sweep.

As more and more house holders open-up fireplaces and install wood-burning stoves - partly in an attempt to counter rising energy prices - chimney sweeping has become something of a recession-busting business.

The busiest time of year is the run-up to Christmas and it was during this frantic time in December of last year that Steve Carver shadowed two Cambridgeshire chimney-sweeps for a week: Lawson Wight, a sweep of fifteen years' experience, and Ralph While-Paddon, more of a new-comer.

Ralph was in the army for nearly thirty years, leaving as a Lieutenant-Colonel, and enjoys the relatively stress-free life that sweeping allows. However, as Steve discovers, it is all relative: removing birds' nests, knowledge of building regulations and the inner-workings of stoves are all part of a highly-responsible job that both Lawson and Ralph believe should require proper qualifications and regulation - something that, as yet, isn't the case in the UK.

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**TUE 15:00 HG Wells (b08fddk1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Who Goes There? (b0075yw8)**

Series 4

Episode 2

Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego with guests Gyles Brandreth and Sheridan Morley.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

**TUE 16:30 Drama (m0001mv2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Showstopper (b00y8yjn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m000qvtp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fxb)**

2. A Light in the Night

'London was a city of the blind, the capital of a blind country in a blind world.'

Bill Masen finds a new companion, but can they survive the chaos of their surroundings?

First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson .... Bill Masen

Barbara Shelley .... Josella Playton

John Wyse .... Blind Man

John Pullen .... Radio Commentator

Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1968.

**TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00mg3yv)**

Series 8

The Look of Love

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Hal David discusses writing The Look of Love with Burt Bacharach, for the soundtrack of the spoof 1967 James Bond film Casino Royale. This classic track, sung by Dusty Springfield, provided the musical backdrop for a love scene between Peter Sellers and Ursula Andress.

Dusty Springfield's former backing singer, Simon Bell, remembers being on stage at the Albert Hall when Dusty laughed her way through a performance of the song, and musician Jonathan Cohen describes how the samba rhythm underscoring Dusty's smooth vocals combine to make this an enduringly popular love song.

It has been covered many times by artists including Isaac Hayes, Gladys Knight and the French singer Mireille Mathieu. This programme hears from people whose personal memories of love and loss are forever linked with The Look of Love.

Contributors:

Sue Clarke

Wally Welling

Simon Bell

Trevor Foster

Jonathan Cohen

Hal David

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jnxg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jsb8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qyxx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b082szm7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000qvtp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 22:30 Comedy Club Extra (m000qy11)**

Comedy Catalysts - Series 2

2. Jen Brister on French & Saunders

The multi award-winning comic Harriet Kemsley invites her peers to celebrate the trail blazing comedians who inspired them to pick up the mic.

In this second series, broadcast across the week in Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, four of the UK's top stand-up comedians share how their comedy heroes informed their stand-up styles, and changed their lives.

This episode features Jen Brister celebrating the groundbreaking partnership of French & Saunders Also featuring:

Jessica Fostekew on Rik Mayall.

Josie Long on David O'Doherty

Shazia Mirza on Richard Pryor

Harriet Kemsley is a comedian, writer, podcaster, and host of the Comedy Club on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Produced by Anne-Marie Luff, Made for 4 Extra

**TUE 22:45 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03vczgx)**

Episode 1

Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler provides

disappointment for cavemen and a cheap alternative to liquor. With Fiona MacDonald.

Producer: Mark Savage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

**TUE 23:00 James Acaster's Findings (b04ny97q)**

Series 1

2. Fruit

Triple Foster's nominated comedian James Acaster presents the results of his research.

This week, he's been investigating 'Fruit'. With Nathaniel Metcalfe ('Fresh from the Fringe') and Bryony Hannah ('Call the Midwife').

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

**TUE 23:15 Expenses Only (b07krkyg)**

2. Graphics

Put away your P45, you're not going to need it - it's Expenses Only. Our two young interns Tim and Miranda face facetious directors, frustrating commutes and flirtatious trumpets as they begin the first week of their internship in London within the fickle world of art and graphic design.

Expenses Only is a narrative sketch show by writer Alex Lynch, centred around internships and the world of work experience. In each episode, the show's two leading twenty-something protagonists, Tim (enthusiastic worker) and Miranda (jaded graduate), attempt to break into a different industry through a series of increasingly challenging placements.

The series is made up of an ensemble cast and is also tied together using 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.

Cast:

Tim... Rasmus Hardiker

Miranda... Lucy Beaumont

Narrator... Robert Glenister

Player... Kathryn Bond

Player... Simon Bubb

Player... Beth Goddard

Player... Matt Green

Player... Simon Greenall

Player... Christine Kavanagh

Player... Paul G Raymond

Player... Lorna Shaw

Player... Kellie Shirley

Player... Tom Glenister

Recorded live 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 on BBC

Radio 4 in July 2016.

**TUE 23:30 Mark Tavener - Absolute Power (b007t3kk)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Prentiss McCabe try to save New Labour from total voter humiliation. Starring Stephen Fry and John Bird. From January 2001.

**WEDNESDAY 06 JANUARY 2021**

**WED 00:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids**

(m0006fxb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00mg3yv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qyxx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007k06r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 Steve the Sweep (b03vgf45)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 HG Wells (b08fdkd1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0075w8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Drama (m0001mv2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Showstopper (b00y8yjn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m000qvtp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qyx8)**

4. Danger

As the take-over battle intensifies, journalist Andy Smith finds himself in danger.

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

Julian ... Clive Francis

Kite ... Gregory De Polnay

Sir Jack ... Conrad Phillips

Grey ... Rex Holdsworth

Shirley ... Diane Fletcher

Anne ... Caroline Blakiston

Stanley ... Nick Brimble

Rogers ... Trevor Nichols

Other parts played by Richard Curnow

Directed by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

**WED 06:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)**

Bolt

3. Hostile Intelligence

Danielle de Bescou is followed and terrified by two men in hoods, while two of Princess Casilia's finest racing horses are slaughtered with a bolt gun.

Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding ..... Eric Allan

Princess Casilia ..... Sian Phillips

Danielle ..... Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri ..... John Bull

Roland ..... Simon Carter

Dusty ..... Christian Rodska

Wykeham ..... William Eedle

Lord Vaughanley ..... Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi ..... Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt ..... Margaret Robertson

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

**WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b03bsb9c)**

Series 1

Two Parties

by Jack Docherty

A new sitcom about three couples sailing off in to the sunset. And sinking. This week two parties provide a particular challenge.

Producer ..... Steven Canny

Jack Docherty

Jack has an exceptional record of making stand-out comedy. He first performed at the 1980 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with the comedy sketch group The Bodgers and went on to write for radio and television including: Spitting Image, Alas Smith and Jones, Vic Reeves Big Night Out, Absolutely, The Lenny Henry Show, Max Headroom, Weekending, The News Huddlines and a ton of other things.

He has also performed in a huge variety of comedy shows including in The Comic Strip Presents, The Morwenna Banks Show, Monarch of the Glen, Red Dwarf V, The Old Guys and Badults. He has also featured in the Radio 4 comedies Baggage and Mordrin MacDonald - 21st Century Wizard and has appeared on various comedy panel shows including Have I Got News For You and It's Only TV But I Like It. Jack presented his own show The Jack Docherty Show which ran for 2 years on Channel 5.

**WED 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qm0q)**

Series 2

Just the Way You Are

Conversations from a Long Marriage is a two-hander comedy, starring Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam, as a long-married couple who met in the Summer of Love and are still passionate about life, music and each other. We listen to – and empathise with - their dangling 'conversations' covering everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sourdough bread.

In episode one, Roger gives Joanna a masterclass in dishwasher

stacking while Joanna instructs him on how to wave goodbye to departing guests. As the turbulent year turns, Joanna makes some New Year Resolutions - for Roger - and suggests their marriage needs a re-boot. 'Out the door?' is his response. Written by Jan Etherington. Produced and directed by Claire Jones.

A BBC Studios Production.

Reviews for series 1 were excellent, including:

'Sublimely funny, touching series. Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam have had illustrious acting careers but can they ever have done anything better than Jan Etherington's two hander? This is a work of supreme craftsmanship.' Simon O'Hagan. RADIO TIMES

'Conversations.... Is the delicious fruit of Jan Etherington's experience of writing lots of TV and radio comedy (previously with husband Gavin Petrie), blessed by being acted by Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam. They are lifelike and likeable. Comedies about likeable people are not common. Treasure this one, produced by Claire Jones.' Gillian Reynolds. SUNDAY TIMES

**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rnlv)**

Series 6

The Fete

The lad rashly agrees to tempt Sir Laurence Olivier to open the East Cheam Garden Fete.

Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Wilfred Babbage, Jack Watson and Hugh Morton.

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 December

1959.

**WED 08:30 Up the Garden Path (b008f3kh)**

Series 3

Gooseberries and Fools

Can a relationship with her ex-pupil Razors be the best thing for teacher Izzy?

Imelda Staunton stars as Isabelle 'Izzy' Comyn.

With Mike Grady as Dick, Marty Cruickshank as Maria,

Nicholas Le Prevost as Michael, Phyllida Nash as Louise, Rene

Zagger as Razors, Sion Probert as Gwyn, Neil McCaul as Bill

and Judith Jacob as Linda.

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

A six-part radio sequel first adapted from Sue Limb's 1984

novel. The last of three series which ran from 1987 to 1993.

Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

**WED 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mjktm)**

Series 2

Episode 5

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 Stewart Lee and David Quantick 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 (b05pb40g)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Maria needs a day out, so Paul has to look after the baby - but can he be trusted?

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

Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Linda Polan as Amy, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby, Dave Lamb as Paul, Sally Grace as the Mother and Sarah Parkinson as the

Checkout Girl.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

**WED 10:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**

Ann Veronica

Episode 2

This witty and lively tale sees Ann Veronica living alone in London in her quest for liberation but it's an uphill struggle; she has to fight off the sexual advances of a so called friend, discovers the love of her life is married, and gets arrested and imprisoned for a suffragette raid on the House of Commons.

Ann Veronica ..... Amy Hoggart

Mr Stanley ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

H.G. Wells ..... Bill Nighy

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Manning ..... Toby Hadoke

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First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**WED 11:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyx8)**

1. The Python Years

In a completely different broadcast from London's BBC Radio Theatre John McCarthy meets with Michael Palin to celebrate the actor-adventurer's remarkable life and career as heard on BBC radio.

Michael Palin has been a Python, a world traveller, author, actor and screenwriter, and often described as "Britain's Nicest Man". However one area which is often overlooked from his long and impressive career are his fascinating radio contributions.

Featuring extracts from his mighty canon of work including his famous diaries, interviews about his comedy and travel work, documentaries and dramas.

Recorded in front an enthusiastic audience, we discover Palin's love for radio as we hear a treasure trove of archives on an eclectic mix of subjects and plenty memories of Monty Python.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December

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**WED 14:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007jvc4)**

3. First Winter

As the winter storms arrive in Devon, fish are increasingly hard to find through the ice.

Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**WED 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pgwg3)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Thriller set in 1890s Whitechapel. Meg makes some unpleasant discoveries about the family's dairy business and her brother reveals a devastating secret.

Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones

Luc Evans ..... Trystan Gravelle

Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch

Annie Riley ..... Alice Haig

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby.

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First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**WED 14:30 Too Many Books (b01351q2)**

It's something that most of us have to do, from time to time: get rid of old books. People moving house, someone whose partner has died, those simply needing more space in the kitchen find that their bookshelves just aren't big enough.

Sarah Cuddon examines the difficult decisions behind the seemingly mundane choices we make when deciding which books stay and which books go.

Amongst the people she talks to are Brian, who lives in Dorset. One shelf at a time, he wades through, weighing up a Delia Smith against a book about Spike Milligan. Does it stay on the shelf? Should it go in the box? Angel is contemplating a vast and varied collection of valuable volumes left after the death of her husband. Whilst Trevor in South East London peruses each title, skimming, pausing to reflect on his attachment to Boswell, Hunter S Thompson and James Lee Burke. They all stare at their shelves and start making painful decisions, based on their

human relationship with individual books. What will happen to them? Are they destined for ebay? A high end auction? Or to get rained-in in a sad-looking plastic bag outside a charity shop?

Sarah visits Britain's largest second hand bookshop. Every book has to justify its shelf space and Sarah discovers the fate of thousands of unwanted ones.

Arriving early, pavement bookseller Mike assesses the clutter and junked belongings at a car boot sale.

As the stories unfold, we learn that the reasons people hold on to them are as individual as the books.

Presenter: Sarah Cuddon  
Producer: Tamsin Hughes  
A Testbed production  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.  
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3. Conference and Confusion  
'There's a light... someone's trying to get the sighted people together - we're not alone!'  
Bill and Josella join an army-led group, but their plans for a new community falter...  
First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.  
Gary Watson .... Bill Masen  
Barbara Shelley .... Josella Playton  
Anthony Viccars .... Colonel Jaques  
Peter Sallis .... Coker  
Freda Dowie .... Elspeth  
Victor Lucas .... Doctor Varless  
Michael McClain .... Michael Beadley  
Nigel Graham .... Ivan Simpson  
Marjorie Westbury .... Miss Barr  
Michael Deacon .... Mac  
Jan Edwards .... Lucy  
James McManus .... Alf  
Hilda Kriseman .... Child  
Anthony Jackson .... Other  
Pauline Letts .... Other  
Christopher Bidmead .... Other  
Music composed by David Cain.  
Producer: John Powell.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.  
**WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b09xjw3m)**  
Series 15  
Into the Woods  
From tree climbing to getting lost in the forest, Josie Long ventures into the woods.  
Featuring Sook-Yin Lee on the wild forest of her childhood, the musician and radio producer Phil Smith on the love and freedom of clambering amid the branches, and a mother and daughter losing themselves amongst the trees.  
Climb  
Featuring Jochen Raiss and Leah  
Produced by Phil Smith  
Lost  
Featuring Rachel and Carolyn Lloyd  
Produced by Andrea Rangelcroft  
Behind My House  
Music by Sook-Yin Lee  
Produced by Sook-Yin Lee  
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall  
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.  
**WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rnw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 19:30 Up the Garden Path (b008f3kh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 20:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qyx8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 20:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 21:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyxd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qm0q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 22:30 Comedy Club Extra (m000qyxl)**  
Comedy Catalysts - Series 2  
3. Josie Long on David O'Doherty  
The multi award-winning comic Harriet Kemsley invites her peers to celebrate the trail blazing comedians who inspired them to pick up the mic.  
In this second series, broadcast across the week in Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, four of the UK's top stand-up comedians share how their comedy heroes informed their stand-up styles, and changed their lives.  
This episode features Josie Long celebrating the Irish comedian

David O'Doherty and his "low energy musical whimsy"  
Also featuring:  
Jessica Fosteck on Rik Mayall.  
Jen Brister on French and Saunders  
Shazia Mirza on Richard Pryor  
Harriet Kemsley is a comedian, writer, podcaster, and host of the Comedy Club on BBC Radio 4 Extra.  
Produced by Anne-Marie Luff, Made for 4 Extra  
**WED 22:45 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03zx9pg)**  
Episode 2  
Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler discovers ancient Egyptian music and what the Dutch think of British pubs.  
With Fiona MacDonald.  
Producer: Mark Savage  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.  
**WED 23:00 Lobby Land (m0006v00)**  
Series 2  
Vis-à-Vis  
Topical sitcom following life in Westminster through the eyes of Sam Peakes, a young political editor at a clickbait website, as she tries to make sense of the madness engulfing British politics. Starring Yasmine Akram, Charlie Higson, Cariad Lloyd, Dan Tetsell and Daniel Lawrence Taylor.  
Sam Peakes ..... Yasmine Akram  
Tom Shriver MP ..... Charlie Higson  
Mia Phillips ..... Cariad Lloyd  
Gideon Burnside ..... Dan Tetsell  
Nathan Edmonds ..... Daniel Lawrence Taylor  
Written by Jon Harvey, Sarah Dempster and Christopher Davies.  
With additional material by Laura Major.  
Production Co-Ordinator ..... Tam Shilham  
Script Editor ..... Dan Tetsell  
Executive Producer ..... Lucy Armitage  
Editor ..... Jerry Peal  
Producer ..... Jon Harvey  
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.  
**WED 23:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rlnhp)**  
The Kitchen  
Comedian Alun Cochrane has a 25 year mortgage which he can only pay off by being funny. In this series he takes us on a room by room, stand up tour of his house.  
He has a fridge that beeps at him when he doesn't move quickly enough and a fire alarm he can't reach. His relationship with his house is a complicated one.  
A hoarder of funny and original observations on everyday life, Alun invites us to help him de-clutter his mind and tidy his ideas into one of those bags that you Hoover all the air out of and keep under your bed. This show will help Alun and his house work through their relationship issues and prevent a separation that Alun can ill afford; at least not until the market picks up anyway.  
Performers: Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn  
Writers: Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton  
Producer: Carl Cooper.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

## THURSDAY 07 JANUARY 2021

**THU 00:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fxl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 00:30 Short Cuts (b09xjw3m)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 01:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qyx8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 01:30 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007jvc4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pgwg3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:30 Too Many Books (b01351q2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 03:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00mjktm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:30 Rent (b05pb40g)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:00 Start/Stop (b03bsb9c)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qm0q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 06:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz0d)**  
5. Capture  
As journalist Andy Smith discovers who is smuggling uranium, will he escape mortal danger?  
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  
Rogers ... Trevor Nichols  
Stanley ... Nick Brimble  
Julian ... Clive Francis

Kite ... Gregory De Polnay  
Anne ... Caroline Blakiston  
Sir Jack ... Conrad Phillips  
Grey ... Rex Holdsworth  
Directed by Brian Miller.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.  
**THU 06:30 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)**  
Bolt  
4. The Killing Game  
Prince Litsi faces terror, hanging by his finger tips from the top of the old stand at Bradbury race-course.  
Dick Francis's racing thriller dramatised by John Ashe.  
Kit Fielding ..... Eric Allan  
Princess Casilia ..... Sian Phillips  
Danielle ..... Elizabeth MacGovern  
Roland ..... Simon Carter  
Dusty ..... Christian Rodska  
Wykeham ..... William Eedle  
Hodges ..... Gerry Hinks  
Prince Litsi ..... Sam Dastor  
Beatrice Bunt ..... Margaret Robertson  
Allardeck ..... Bill Wallis  
Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994  
**THU 07:00 Mr Muzak (b095qcyj)**  
Series 1  
Rock the Boat  
Richie Webb stars as performance shy cocktail pianist Nigel Penny.  
Nigel Penny's attempts to live his life in the background have been thwarted by the surprise arrival of his entrepreneurial half-brother, Pav (Paul G Raymond) who is desperate to find gigs for Nigel and his musical partner, wannabe singer Rachel (Jess Robinson).  
Despite his protestations of sea-sickness, Pav books Nigel to accompany Rachel as the entertainment on a floating barge at an event hosted by Belinda (Vicki Pepperdine), an old acquaintance of Nigel's. Meanwhile Stan (Dave Lamb) is yearning to return to his homeland.  
Directed by Nick Walker  
Audio Production by Matt Katz  
Written and produced by Richie Webb  
A Top Dog production for Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.  
**THU 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (m000qmpv)**  
Series 4  
New Year Resolutions  
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 four highly successful series, the final batch of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.  
Tonight's episode: Hancock announces his list of New Year Resolutions, and is confident he can stick to them. Bill Kerr is equally confident that this is a money-making opportunity. 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 Susy Kane, and with a special guest appearance by Paul Merton. New Year's Resolutions was first broadcast on the 4th January, 1956.  
Produced by Neil Pearson & Hayley Sterling.  
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 (m000qz0g)**  
Series 4  
Episode 20  
Kenneth Horne goes behind the scenes – and Hornerama looks at History.  
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 March 1961.  
**THU 08:30 Wally Who? (b08rbhbg)**  
The Whiz Kid  
"I should have gone into big business years ago Eric. This is going to be a new era for me. No more fishing around in the pedal bin for used teabags. I'll be able to employ people to do that for me."  
Can Wally Thornton convince his pals that his business ideas are more than just pipe dreams?  
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 2 in November 1982.

**THU 09:00 Genius (b008jdz)**  
Series 2  
Sid Waddell

Perforated bread and counselling with a twist.  
Dave Gorman asks Darts commentator Sid Waddell 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 October 2006.

**THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4lq)**  
Series 2  
The Operation

Will pain inspire the writer's novel - or will he just moan in his hospital bed? Stars Christopher Douglas. From January 2006.  
**THU 10:00 Drama (b08cr6wm)**  
A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Episode 1

Archie Panjabi (The Good Wife, The Fall) and Rebecca Front (War and Peace, Dr Thorne) star with Clare Perkins in this much-loved gothic treat.  
'It's only an accident that I'm not you, and you're not me.'

A Little Princess starts with a schoolgirl. But it's not a school story. Frances Hodgson Burnett's tough tale shows us a London full of foreign wealth and child poverty. That's why for over a century, its shocking story and unforgettable young characters have influenced everything from Angela Carter to anime.

And Kate Clanchy's radical new dramatisation discovers the Indian heart of Sara Crewe. When Sara is rich, she is treated just the same as other girls. But when she is not rich - exactly who is she? And why has she been brought to England?

Sara Crewe ..... Archie Panjabi  
Becky Perkins ..... Clare Perkins  
Miss Minchin ..... Rebecca Front  
Young Sara ..... Nishi Malde  
Young Becky ..... Polly Allen  
Captain Crewe ..... Tom Forrester  
Miss Amelia ..... Adie Allen  
Lavinia ..... Rebecca Hamilton  
Little Lottie ..... Jocelyn MacNab  
Ermengarde ..... Lucy Hutchinson  
Mr Barrow ..... Jonathan Forbes  
Ram Dass ..... Sagar Radia  
Mrs Herbert ..... Elizabeth Bennett

Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.  
**THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000qyt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxbh3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

**THU 12:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qz0g)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 12:30 Wally Who? (b08rbhg6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz0d)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 14:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007jvcb)**

4. Prey  
Spring arrives in the Devon countryside, with the smell of man and the cry of a she-otter.  
Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.  
Producer: Elizabeth Allard  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**THU 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pj820)**  
Series 1

Episode 4  
When Meg learns the truth about her brother's involvement with gangster Moses Lipski, she realises that she will have to do something to save both him and the family business.

Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones  
Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch  
Luc Evans ..... Trystan Gravelle  
Annie Riley ..... Alice Haig  
Moses Lipski ..... Brian Protheroe  
Iolo Jones ..... Nick Underwood  
by Gregory Evans  
Directed by Marc Beeby.

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**THU 14:30 Curb your Judaism (b015n6q1)**  
Comedian and writer David Schneider investigates why British Jewish comedy has lagged behind compared to its much more self-confident American equivalent. Mention Jewish humour in this country and the first names that spring to mind would most

likely all be American: Mel Brooks, Woody Allen, Jackie Mason, Larry David, Jerry Seinfeld and so on.  
It's been well-documented how Jews have dominated the US entertainment industry but in the UK, says Schneider, it's been a different story. He investigates why Jewish comics and writers have lagged behind and whether, with the airing of two new Jewish sitcoms on British television, 'Grandma's House' and 'Friday Night Dinner', the tide is finally turning. Does this mean a greater sense of self-confidence for British Jewish comic identity and for the community as a whole, or just a greater acceptance of Jewishness in mainstream media?

Schneider speaks to Robert Popper, the writer of 'Friday Night Dinner', and to Dan Swimer who co-wrote 'Grandma's House' about how both shows were keen to avoid Jewish stereotypes and portray families with universal appeal. Writers Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran talk about their difficulties in getting a Jewish sitcom commissioned in the past and how they decided to write Jewish characters instead, such as Dorian in 'Birds of a Feather'.

Meera Syal discusses the contrast with British Asian comedy and why it's been so successful, while David Baddiel considers how political correctness has impacted on Jewish comedy in this country. Finally Schneider speaks to one of Britain's most successful Jewish comedians Matt Lucas, who says he's now ready to explore his own ethnicity further with his sitcom project 'Four Generations'.

Presented by David Schneider  
Producer: Simon Jacobs  
A Unique Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.  
**THU 15:00 Drama (b08cr6wm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:00 Genius (b008jdz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b007k4lq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Mr Muzak (b095qcjy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 17:30 The Missing Hancock's (m000qmpv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 18:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fdh)**

4. Dead End  
'How am I supposed to find supplies like this - chained to a lot of blind men?'

Bill is forced to help a group of blind survivors. Will he ever find Josella, again?  
First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson .... Bill Masen  
James McManus .... Alf  
Michael Deacon .... Mac  
Jan Edwards .... Lucy  
Peter Sallis .... Coker  
Hilda Kriseman .... Miss Durrant  
John Pullen .... Stephen Brennell  
Wilfred Carter .... Sid  
Rosalind Shanks .... Vera  
Ann Murray .... Woman  
Music composed by David Cain.  
Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

**THU 18:30 Great Lives (b06vkdz3)**

Series 38  
Susan Calman on Molly Weir

Matthew Parris invites his guests to nominate the person who they feel is a great life. Comedian Susan Calman chooses the Scottish actress Molly Weir who began her long career on radio before moving into television and becoming one of the first Scottish female voices on national media in the 1950s.

Producer: Maggie Ayre & Perminder Khatkar.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Wally Who? (b08rbhg6)**  
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**THU 20:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz0d)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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**THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxbh3)**  
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**THU 22:00 The Missing Hancock's (m000qmpv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 22:30 Comedy Club Extra (m000qz0l)**  
Comedy Catalysts - Series 2

4. Shazia Mirza on Richard Pryor  
The multi award-winning comic Harriet Kemsley invites her peers to celebrate the trail blazing comedians who inspired them to pick up the mic.

In this second series, broadcast across the week in Radio 4 Extra's Comedy Club, four of the UK's top stand-up comedians share how their comedy heroes informed their stand-up styles, and changed their lives.

This episode features Shazia Mirza celebrating the phenomenal American comedian Richard Pryor  
Also featuring:  
Jessica Fostekeew on Rik Mayall.

Jen Brister on French and Saunders  
Josie Long on David O'Doherty  
Harriet Kemsley is a comedian, writer, podcaster, and host of the Comedy Club on BBC Radio 4 Extra.  
Produced by Anne-Marie Luff. Made for 4 Extra  
**THU 22:45 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b040hrx4)**  
Episode 3

Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler samples the archives and enjoys some Marabut music and a jolly Japanese ditty With Fiona MacDonald.

Producer: Mark Savage  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

**THU 23:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vlnhb)**  
January and February

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.

As the New Year begins, great thinkers like Barack Obama, John Prescott and Barbara Cartland turn their thoughts to new beginnings.

Voiced by Jan Ravens, Alistair McGowan, Lewis McLeod, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Dolly Wells.  
Written by Craig Brown.  
Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.  
**THU 23:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b0952b1r)**

Series 7  
Begrudging a Crunchie

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

Set in a Scots-Asian corner shop, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags sees a return of all the shop regular characters, and some guest appearances along the way, from the likes of Sean Biggerstaff, Mina Anwar, Greg McHugh and Simon Greenall. In the final episode of the series, Malcolm surprises Ramesh by announcing she wants to become a Foster carer.

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!

Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions  
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

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**FRI 00:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fdh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:30 The Missing Hancock's (m000qmpv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz19)**

6. The End?  
Ecology journalist Andy Smith is now entirely in Sir Jack Watson's power - can he escape?

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  
Stanley ... Nick Brimble  
Anderson ... Trevor Nichols

Anne ... Caroline Blakiston  
Shirley ... Diane Fletcher  
Directed by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.

**FRI 06:30 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)**  
Bolt

5. Nemesis for Two  
Champion jockey Kit Fielding gets wind that Henri de Brescou

plans to kill more horses. Kit is determined to put a stop to this needless slaughter.

Conclusion of Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Kit Fielding ..... Eric Allan  
Princess Casilia ..... Sian Phillips  
Danielle ..... Elizabeth MacGovern  
Roland ..... Simon Carter  
Wykeham ..... William Eedle  
Prince Litsi ..... Sam Dastor  
Henri ..... John Bull  
Greening ..... Jack May  
Thomas ..... Steve Hodson  
Beatrice Bunt ..... Margaret Robertson  
Allardeck ..... Bill Wallis  
Dramatised by John Ashe.

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

**FRI 07:00 Dot (b0714033)**

Series 1

The Astonishing Adventures of Agent Whiff-Whaff

Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel who

are getting squiffy over Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff.

Bertie wants Dot promoted, but can Dot handle life on the other side of the hallway?

Rolling wartime comedy by Ed Harris - set in the personnel department of the Cabinet War Rooms.

Dot ..... Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle ..... Kate O'Flynn

Peg ..... Freya Parker

Millicent ..... Jane Slavin

Peabody ..... David Acton

Agent Bertie Whiff-Whaff ..... Adie Allen

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

**FRI 07:30 Big Broadcast (m000qlqd)**

Series 4

Sex

Neil Brand's musical caper set in a Chicago radio station in 1937. When the station is threatened with closure by the League of Decency, Katharine Hepburn responds in style.

Cast

Katharine Hepburn ..... Susannah Fielding

Cary Grant ..... Ian Conningham

Arthur Clarke ..... Neil McCaul

Barbara Meek ..... Bettrys Jones

Ramona Fairfax ..... Heather Craney

Jerry Soundguy ..... Hasan Dixon

Preston Lanister ..... Clive Hayward

Danny Folly ..... Franchi Webb

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 (b007jmck)**

Bare Necessities

The bumbling bureaucrats hit obstacles galore when deciding a new route for a motorway...

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.

With Norma Ronald, John Graham, Ronald Baddiley and Joan Sanderson.

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 Second Thoughts (b007jx4k)**

Series 2

Overtaken By Events

Hannah's driving her mother round the bend, while son Joe is discovering girls.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyshott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith, James Bolam as Bill, Celia Imrie as Hilary, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe.

Series two of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

**FRI 09:00 The Personality Test (b007tckc)**

Series 3

Edwina Currie

Ex-MP, novelist and broadcaster Edwina Currie tests a panel about herself. With Sue Perkins and Robin Ince. From July 2007.

**FRI 09:30 Ballylenon (b00gddtk)**

Series 2

Episode 4

After "overhearing" that Reverend Hawthorne is leaving Ballylenon for a larger congregation, telephone operator Vera McConkey loses no time in communicating the good news to the local newspaper, The Vindicator.

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.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick, Ciara McKeown as Josie Doherty and Gerard Murphy as Rev Samuel Hawthorne.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

**FRI 10:00 Drama (b08dmrzz)**

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Episode 2

Archie Panjabi (The Good Wife, The Fall) and Rebecca Front (War and Peace, Dr Thorne) star with Clare Perkins in this much-loved gothic treat.

'It's only an accident that I'm not you, and you're not me.'

A Little Princess starts with a schoolgirl. But it's not a school story. Frances Hodgson Burnett's tough tale shows us a London full of foreign wealth and child poverty. That's why for over a century, its shocking story and unforgettable young characters have influenced everything from Angela Carter to anime.

And Kate Clanchy's radical new dramatisation discovers the Indian heart of Sara Crewe. When Sara is rich, she is treated just the same as other girls. But when she is not rich - exactly who is she? And why has she been brought to England?

Sara Crewe ..... Archie Panjabi

Becky Perkins ..... Clare Perkins

Miss Minchin ..... Rebecca Front

Young Sara ..... Nishi Malde

Young Becky ..... Polly Allen

Ram Dass ..... Sagar Radia

Mr Carrisford ..... James Lailey

Mr O'Neill ..... Nick Underwood

Miss Amelia ..... Adie Allen

Mrs Brown ..... Elizabeth Bennett

Lavinia ..... Rebecca Hamilton

Ermengarde ..... Lucy Hutchinson

Anne ..... Kirsty Oswald

Produced and directed by Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)**

Interviews to inspire

Amanda Litherland revisits the Podcast Radio Hour archive to see what budding podcasters can learn from some of her most inspirational guests:

Ira Glass talks about the beginnings of This American Life.

Dame Kelly Holmes discusses the challenge of moving from interviewee to interviewer.

Clare Balding highlights the importance of getting a great idea on its feet.

Jay Rayner talks about the joy of conversation over a good meal.

George The Poet reveals how he combined disciplines to create the award winning Have You Heard George's Podcast.

Jessie Ware and her mum Lennie talk about the much loved Table Manners.

David Dimpleby shows how it's never too late to start your own series

And Stephen Fry expresses his love for podcasts as a unique medium to feed our curiosity.

**FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jmck)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx4k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 14:00 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (b007jvch)**

5. The Chase

As the otter basks in the sun, a pack of hounds catch his scent, sparking a great chase.

Nicholas Farrell reads Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter life, first published in 1927.

Abridged in five episodes by Sally Marmion.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**FRI 14:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b07pjkhm)**

Series 1

Episode 5

To save both her brother and the family's dairy business Meg must risk everything and confront the dangerous Moses Lipski.

Thriller set in 1890s Whitechapel.

Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones

Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch

Luc Evans ..... Trystan Gravelle

Moses Lipski ..... Brian Protheroe

Annie Riley ..... Alice Haig

by Gregory Evans

Directed by Marc Beeby.

In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**FRI 14:30 Take Two - Joan Baez (b007mhw0)**

Richard Coles presents a discussion series looking at collaborations between two musicians.

Richard Cole, Martin Carthy and Michael Gray discuss the king and queen of the folk revival in the early 1960s, Dylan and Baez who were the darlings of the emerging civil rights movement until Dylan turned his back on the folk scene, and on Baez, to play his distinctive style of electric blues-rock.

Produced by Adam Fowler.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**FRI 15:00 Drama (b08dmrzz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 The Personality Test (b007tckc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Ballylenon (b00gddtk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:00 Dot (b0714033)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Big Broadcast (m000qlqd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 John Wyndham - The Day of the Triffids (m0006fx1)**

5. World Narrowing

'The utter loneliness was beginning to get on my nerves.'

Killer plants are on the rampage across the countryside. Bill sets off in search of Josella but finds a new companion...

First published in 1951, John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel dramatised by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson ..... Bill Masen

Barbara Shelley ..... Josella Playton

Jill Cary ..... Susan

Freda Dowie ..... Mary

David Brierley ..... Dennis

Margaret Robertson ..... Joyce

Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

**FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00ct1fy)**

Making Your Mind Up

Dominic Arkwright, Dr David Lewis, Christine Webber and Michael Blastland discuss our decision-making process. From June 2008.

**FRI 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jmck)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx4k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 20:00 Some Mother's Son (m000qz19)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000hwpk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Big Broadcast (m000qlqd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b008j2v3)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Chesney throws a festive party for his colleagues. Cerebral sketch show with Neil Edmond and Justin Edwards. From December 2004.

**FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01pp5vg)**

Series 5

Dave Gorman

Marcus Brigstocke invites comic Dave Gorman to try new experiences, including horse-riding and a strip club. From January 2013.

**FRI 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00v730v)**

Series 1

The Toothbrush Moustache

Richard Herring reclaims objects that we've grown to hate. This week he's reclaiming the toothbrush moustache on behalf of comedy - taking it back from Hitler to give to its rightful owner Charlie Chaplin. Based on his Edinburgh show Richard examines why a particular piece of facial hair can evoke revulsion in all who see it when in fact the person first associated with it was one of the funniest people on the planet. He grows his own toothbrush moustache and hears what passers by make of it, talks to a German moustache expert about Hitler's vanity and describes how wearing it on the day after the BNP won seats in the last European election strengthened his resolve to continue his campaign. The show was recorded in front of an audience.

Producer ..... Alison Vernon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.